Welcome to the 2016 school year. We trust that everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are refreshed ready for what is set to be an exciting year at Edward. Students and teachers began last week and have quickly settled back into routine. Classes for 2016 were allocated yesterday and literacy groups will be formed on Thursday. This year we welcome our Kindergarten students and a number of new students and their families to our school. We all extend a warm welcome to our new enrolments and their families, and wish them well as they settle into our school community.

Schools in our network are this year welcoming a newly appointed Director, Mr Troy Mott. Mr Mott is currently visiting schools across our network, eager to meet with Principals, staff and students. We are looking forward to showing the Director around our school in Week 5 and sharing with him the wonderful learning and opportunities that this school is able to provide for students.

2016 Classes

This year, Edward PS is operating 7 home classes and 11 literacy groups.

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Mrs Evans, Mrs McKinnon, Mrs Young and Mrs Druitt form the support teaching team for literacy groups.

Library : Mrs Druitt
Technology : Mrs Young
Learning Support : Mrs McKinnon

School Times

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Student Information & Permissions

At the beginning of each year, there are student information and permission notes that need to be reviewed and renewed. This package will be sent home to each family and we ask that parents carefully read through each of the items included and respond as requested and where necessary.

While parents will have already given a number of permissions for students when they enrolled, the Department requires that some information and permissions are updated each year.

Your child’s safety is our priority. Please check the permission and information documents, and complete where necessary and return to the school.

Student Routines

There are times when arrangements for student travel to and from school need to change and parents are reminded to advise the school of any variations to the normal routines in place for their children - via a written note or by telephoning the school office.

It is advisable for parents to inform children of changes to their routine as well, where possible. This helps to minimise distress and confusion.

Students are to arrive at school between 8.30-8.50am. If you have appointments and need your child to be at school earlier, please contact the Principal to make arrangements. There is no supervision of students prior to 8.30am or after 3.00pm.

Student Health Needs

Students with specific health care needs (e.g. Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, etc.) are required to supply the school with an updated management plan and details of medication each year.

Please make sure any medication sent to school as part of a Health Care Plan is ‘in date’ and that the school has prescription administration and Emergency Response details.
Attendance & Absences

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of six and seventeen years of age (or the age at which the child completes Year 10 and goes on to participate in approved education, training and/or paid work) are required to attend school regularly. (Education Reform Act 1990)

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to make sure that their children attend school every day.

Students need to be at school unless they are sick, injured, there is a special religious ceremony or there is a serious family incident.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, the correct procedure is to write a note to the teacher letting them know the reason for the absence as soon as the child returns to school. A phone call is acceptable. Arrival at school after 10am requires parent explanation.

If your child arrives late to school (after 9.00am) or you are collecting your child before the end of the school day (prior to 3.00pm), you must call to the office and explain the reason for lateness or leaving. These details will be entered in the official attendance records. Students are issued with a late arrival/ early dismissal slip to hand to the teacher.

The school records attendance and absences, and will monitor attendance regularly. Parents and carers will be contacted if absences are unexplained or in instances of frequent full day or partial day absences, including children being regularly late to school.

The school also has a duty to manage frequent absences due to illness. Strategies will be developed to ensure regular attendance at school of students with health conditions or wellbeing issues as they arise. Parents or caregivers will be contacted so that an appropriate Health Care and Learning Plan can be devised that will ensure the ongoing growth in learning of the child.

Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility. Regular attendance is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. EPS will look to work in partnership with parents to address any attendance issues. Please contact the Principal to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about your child’s attendance.

Food at School

As a school, we manage a number of different health needs through school processes and individual care plans.

All school families are asked to remind children that they are only to eat the food you pack or order for them. With the prevalence of food allergies, children eating food not prepared or intended for them can have serious health consequences.

Teachers do monitor students at school while they eat, but we ask that families also teach this important health and safety message.

Students are encouraged to eat fruit and drink water during the day and parents support in minimising high-sugar content food is requested.

Please speak to your child’s teacher or the Principal with any health concerns you may have for your child.

Kindergarten 2016

This year we have 21 Kindergarten students beginning school. Well done to them all on a great start. They are keen and happy to be at school, and have enjoyed some fun learning activities in their first few days.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday 17 February, commencing at 3.00pm, class teachers will be holding the initial parent-teacher interviews for the year. These interviews will give parents the opportunity of sharing relevant and important information about their children so that teachers are well informed to cater for individual student needs.

Parents and carers are asked to complete the appointment request form accompanying this newsletter and to return it to school. The school will confirm appointment times by sending a notification home with students.

Assembly

Our first Friday assembly will be held this week when our incoming school and sports’ house leaders will be inducted. Other assemblies for term 1 are scheduled for week 6 (4 March), week 8 (18 March) and week 10 (1 April). Look out for more information

Canteen Roster

Welcome back to Edward School canteen for 2016. I feel I have found my feet in the job now and would like to make some subtle changes. The menu I hope is easier to read but unfortunately some prices have increased in line with other schools and our cost of running the canteen. I need more volunteers so I can reduce time. My busiest times are serving at recess, lunch and at 12.15pm to 1.15pm to pack and get lunches to classes. Extra help at these times would be appreciated on any day. There is a calendar in the canteen for you to nominate times on that you may be able to volunteer on a regular day.

It is in our Policy and Procedures that children are welcome. A volunteer Children’s Check is needed and this can be done on-line with front office help if needed. The canteen is a happy place and your children love to see you there. Thanking you in advance.

Shirlee Jennings - Canteen Co-ordinator
Swimming Practice for Students in Years 3-6
(and students in Year 2 turning 8 this year that can competently swim 50m)

Students have begun swimming practise for our annual swimming carnival. The two grading sessions are on Tuesday 9th February and Monday 15th February from 1-3pm. Drink bottle, bathers, towel, sunscreen, rashie vest, a broad rimmed hat and covered in shoes are needed to walk to and from the pool. Cost is $2.00 per session or season ticket.

Holiday Works

Many parents may have already had the opportunity to see the renovations completed during the summer vacation. The old hall has a new look with windows and a glass door replacing the old wooden doors which have been there. These changes add great appeal to the appearance of the building. Next year we will endeavour to update the side facing the street. Other classrooms also had the old glass louver windows replaced, adding to the appearance of these buildings.

School Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 16th February at the Deniliquen Pool. It will commence at 9.30am. Students are to arrive at school as normal on the day. The class rolls will be marked before walking to the pool.

All students from Years 3 to 6 are to attend the school carnival. The Year 2 students aged 8 this year who can swim a length of the 50m pool are eligible to participate.

The District Swimming Carnival to be held in Hay on Thursday 25th February, 2016.

Students need to bring swimmers, a towel and hat for the carnival. Packed lunch and drink must be brought from home or order from the canteen at school (these lunches will be delivered to the pool).

Sensible casual clothing in house colours can be worn.

It will be school as normal for students in Kinder, Year 1 and most Year 2 students.

Please let the school or Mrs Young know if you are able to assist with the running of the Carnival on Tuesday. Your help will be very much appreciated and will assist staff to ensure the carnival runs smoothly and safely.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property, especially jumpers at the school. Please come along and check to see if your child is missing any items of clothing before racing out to buy something new when the mornings start to get chilly.
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**Vacancies for the 2016 BIS Clinic**

ADHC Deniliquin Behaviour/Psychology Consultation Clinics

Bookings are now OPEN for Feb – July 2016

The ADHC Behaviour/Psychology Consultation Clinic aims to provide an opportunity for families and carers to discuss any behavioural concern. The focus of the clinic is an early intervention. Discussing different strategies may eliminate the need for more formal behaviour intervention or psychology support.

The clinic is run by a Behaviour Support Practitioner and a Psychologist.

We currently have vacancies for the July/August Clinics. If you are interested each appointment is for 90 minutes with a limited number of 3 appointments available at each clinic.

Who should attend?

Parents/carers – the person with a disability who is the focus of the discussion does not attend the clinic.

Case Manager/Support Workers for the family

Please find the selection criteria below

This clinic is open to all individuals in the community who are and are not ADHC clients, but who meet the broader disability criteria. A school can refer a child who is not an ADHC client but does meet the broader criteria.

The broader criteria relates to individuals who have an intellectual, physical, neurological or sensory disability and require significant personal help and support. If you need more information on the criteria, please contact Catherine Tinkin Behaviour Therapist from the library on 0260570400

If you have any families interested in attending this clinic, can you please make sure they contact me ASAP.

To make an appointment, please contact

Peeta Smith Phone: 0358 810900 (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday – between 9am & 3pm) or e-mail peeta.smith@sacs.nsw.gov.au

Please forward onto all relevant staff.

Regards

Peeta Smith
Administration Assistant - Deniliquin, Aging, Disability & Home Care, NSW Department of Family & Community Service

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Please think of the environment before printing this email.

Deniliquin Film Society Presents:

Cinema Paradiso

Friday 12th Feb 2016

Running time: 155 or 123 minutes (shortened for international release)

Genre: Drama, Romance, Art House

Director: Giuseppe Tornatore

Cast: Philippe Noiret, Salvatore Cascio, Marco Leonardi, Jacques Perrin

Release Date: 17 November 1988

Country: Italy

Reviewed at: https://www.bfi.org.uk/films/2013/docs/12/cinema-paradiso-review

If ever a movie came from the heart, it was Giuseppe Tornatore’s nostalgic Cinema Paradiso (1988) now getting a re-release to celebrate its silver jubilee. A successful but jaded film director recalls his Sicilian childhood. He was a cheeky scamp called Totò (Salvatore Cascio) helping out in the cinema booth, learning to love movie magic and becoming a friend to the old projectionist Salvatore (Philippe Noiret), in a special place whose movies were censured by the local priest, and whose interior was designed to look like a church, with an altar under the screen. Cinema Paradiso is much loved, though I have occasionally been the man in the Italian cartoon: the reviewer who confessed to finding Cinema Paradiso a bit sugary and the kid really annoying.

Are you a parent of a young person?

Do you sometimes feel like a broken record?

If you have young people between 12 and 18 years of age, join us for a free program that will help you better understand the young people in your house!

The program ‘Understanding Adolescents’ talks about practical parenting tips that work, and information such as:

- Asking the question – is it serious?
  - What’s worth reacting to and what’s not,

- How to hold those difficult conversations more successfully,

- Understanding adolescence:
  - A time of reconstructions, redeveloping social landscapes, brain snaps and body make-overs, and

- Understanding your job as a parent of a teenager-observer, advisor, negotiator, director.

When: 3 sessions: Thursday 17th, 24th & 31st March

Where: Intereach, Deniliquin

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Sound interesting?

Contact: Libby Barker
Interreach Parenting Support

Phone: (03) 5890 5252 Please leave a message with your name & number. Or email libbyb@interreach.com.au

www.interreach.com.au
Parent Name/s ______________________________________________________________________

Please identify which teachers you would like to speak with in relation to your child or children.

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Parents and carers are asked to nominate preferred times for interviews. Confirmation of times will be forwarded home. Every effort will be made to accommodate requested times – to the best of our ability.

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### Edward Public School Canteen Menu 2016

#### Recess Specials

**Monday**  
Garlic Bread  
50¢  
Egg Sandwich  
50¢  
Tiger Toast  
50¢  
Carrot & Salary Sticks  
20¢

**Tuesday**  
Pizza Bread  
80¢  
Garlic Bread  
50¢  
Rice Cakes  
50¢

**Thursday**  
Half Salad Wrap  
$2.50  
Egg Sandwich  
50¢

#### Cold Lunches

**Sandwiches**
- Ham, Chicken, Egg  
  $3.00  
- Cheese or Tomato  
  $2.50  
- Vegemite  
  $2.00  
- Ham, Chicken, Tuna, Cheese  
  $4.00  

**Salad**

**Extras**
- Rolls, Gravy  
  50¢  
- Toasted or hot  
  20¢  
- Sauce  
  25¢

**Salad Plates**
- Plain Salad  
  $4.00  
- Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Egg  
  $5.00  
- Salad

**Wraps**
- Chicken or Ham Salad  
  $4.50  
- Cheese or Egg Salad  
  $4.00  
- Chicken Tenders w/lettuce, mayo, sweet chilli  
  $4.50

#### Hot Lunches

- Dino Snacks  
  $3.50  
- Chicken Wedges  
  $3.50  
- 2 min Noodles  
  $2.50  
- Baked Potato, Bacon, Cheese, Sour Cream  
  $4.00  
- Traveller Pie  
  $3.00  
- Party Pie  
  $1.20  
- Sausage Rolls  
  $2.50  
- Ham & Cheese Pizza  
  $2.50  
- Ham, Cheese, Pineapple  
  $2.50

**Dim Sims**  
80¢

#### Drinks

- 250ml Flav Milk  
  $2.00  
- Fruit Box  
  $1.50  
- Water  
  $1.50

#### After Lunch Snacks

- Paddle Pops  
  $1.50  
- Frozen Sour Bars  
  70¢  
- Creamy yoghurt  
  70¢  
- Potato Chips  
  $2.00

**Bags size should be no less than 30cm x 27cm.** *(Available from school $1.50 for 30 bags)*

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**If you get to school later than 9am, take your lunch order straight to canteen**

The Canteen can only operate with continued support from the school community. Volunteers are always welcome. See Shirlee at Canteen for roster times.
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