A PBL SCHOOL - Positive Behaviour for Learning - WE VALUE

**Our School's Core Values**

All school staff members are focussed on making sure students are happy and comfortable at school, and ready to learn. Core school values of **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Safety** underpin all that happens at school. These values help to define the positive behaviours that are expected in all students so that they engage in effective learning and build healthy friendships.

Students begin the year learning about these core values, and what the values mean in the different settings at school, e.g. in the classroom, out playing, visiting the office or in the library.

More information about these values and the importance of positive behaviours for learning will be included in future newsletters.

**Induction Assembly**

Last Friday, School Leaders, including School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Vice Captains were inducted at a special assembly. Congratulations to these students. We are confident that they will fulfil their roles admirably.

**School Captains:** Tom Bradley and Maisy Edwards  
**School Leaders:** Lily Green, Darcy McManus, Tayissa Nethercote, Jackson Jefferies, Arizona Buckley, Georgia McCullough

**House Captains:**  
Falkiner - Jake East, Paige Wesierski  
Peppin - James Bridge, Annie Harvey  
Lawson - Brock Redden, Matilda Glowrey  
McLean - Henry Michael, Alexis Hattwell

**House Vice Captains:**  
Falkiner - Louise Behsmann, Kiah Edwards  
Peppin - Joshua Checkley, Eliza Bermingham  
Lawson - Jessie Hart, Alisha Gardiner  
McLean - Izayah Gazzara, Hayley May

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**Parent Teacher Interview**

Class teachers will be holding initial parent-teacher interviews **THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT**. These interviews give parents the opportunity to share relevant and important information about their children so that teachers are well informed to cater for individual student needs. Class teachers have agreed to be available from **3.15 to 7.45pm tonight** and there are still a few vacancies available. Please make contact with the school immediately if you would like to see what is available for today. Alternatively, parents can request an appointment at another time through direct negotiation with the class teacher.

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**Literacy Groups**

Last week, students were placed into literacy groups which operate from 9 to 11 am Monday to Thursdays. There are 11 literacy groups running K to 6 this year, providing for focused planning and instruction of student learning. These groups are flexible, as students can move between groups throughout the year in support of their needs. The learning support team coordinates these moves based on teacher assessment of student performance.

**PSSA Tennis Trials**

Last Friday, six students represented Edward Public School at the PSSA Tennis Trials at the Deniliquin Lawn Tennis Courts. Eliza Bermingham, Bonnie Everett, Matilda Glowrey, Annie Harvey, Henry Michael and Jackson Muldoon-Leetham all displayed great skills and etiquette on the day. Congratulations to them all on their determined effort and enthusiasm. Annie has also been selected as a first reserve for the girls squad. Well done.

Thanks also to Mrs Glowrey for transporting the students on the day.
School Swimming Carnival

Wow! What an amazing day yesterday’s swimming carnival was. Lots of enthusiastic participation happened in both pools with many fantastic performances. Many students swam distances and strokes they had never done before just to score extra house points. The point score at the end of the day saw Peppin as the winning house, followed by Lawson, McLean and Falkiner. Congratulations to our age champions for 2016.

Senior Girl  Tayissa Nethercote
R/up          Maisy Edwards
Senior Boy   Tom Bradley
R/up          Darcy McManus
11 Year Girl Darcy McManus
R/up          Annie Harvey
11 Year Boy  Darcey Robinson-Davis
R/up          Josh Checkley
Junior Girl  Bonnie Everett
R/up          Erica Hayes
Junior Boy   Luke Todd
R/up          Noah Bradley

Those students qualifying for the District carnival at Hay will receive separate notes.

Sporting School Program—Swimming

Students in years 3 to 6 will receive a separate note today regarding this special opportunity being made available to our students through this program. Parents are asked to return permission notes to the school. Students who are not swimming will still be required to walk to the pool and will be supervised there.

Special thanks to Mrs Druitt for organising and coordinat- ing this opportunity for our students.

Traffic Regulations in School Zones

As the school year begins, parents and community are reminded to take care when driving in school zones.

School zones are in place to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which these apply.

Students are crossing roads before and after school, and could be engaging in learning on and beside the road at any time. Please take care and keep an eye out for our students. Remember to follow the speed signs on roads adjacent to schools.

Parents are reminded to use the marked school crossings at all times. Do not walk or call your child across the road from other points or from between parked cars.

Students using the school crossings are supervised at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to also set an example and use the crossing.

Students must wear a helmet if riding a bike or scooter to school. Bikes and scooters must be walked across the crossings and in the school grounds at all times.

Students not taking care to abide by these guidelines will be reminded of these safety rules, and will be asked not to ride their bike or scooter to school if such unsafe behaviour persists.

Parking: Police can be quite vigilant in enforcing parking restrictions around the school. Parents are encouraged to check all signage before parking and leaving their cars, to ensure that they are not in breach of any time restrictions. The fines can be rather hefty if caught!

Student Information & Permissions – Yellow Form

Each year there are student information and permission notes that need to be reviewed and renewed. This yellow form was 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.

Thank you to the families that have already returned this form. If you are still to do so, could you please return as soon as possible.

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.

Removing Head Lice and Nits

The school has had several reports of Head Lice since returning from the holidays.

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous.

Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


To help in reducing the spread of headlice in our school, parent support is requested in ensuring that any hair longer than collar length is securely tied up whilst at school. Plaiting or braiding is preferred where possible.

Book Club

Issue 1 of book club has gone home today. All orders need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 23rd February 2016. No late orders can be accepted.

Canteen Roster

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Thank you to those who have read the new menu and sent in the appropriate orders and money. Lunch bags are 30 bags for $1.50 at the office or canteen.
On behalf of the Edward Parents and Citizens Association, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families to the Edward School Community. We are proud to have a very active, dedicated P&C working with the teaching and administrative staff to make Edward a great learning environment for all of our children.

Edward P&C meetings are a great opportunity to find out more about the activities of the school and give feedback. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday March 8th at 7pm in the staff room. ALL WELCOME! We also run the Canteen, the Uniform Shop and organise fundraising activities to buy resources such as Ipads, readers, classroom fridges and to support children in regional representation.

One of the easiest and best ways to help the P&C is volunteering in the canteen on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. Shirlee in the canteen would love you help!!

The first event for the year is the Edward on the Edward Music festival to be held Saturday 12th March. We hope that all of you will support this evening by purchasing tickets for you and lots of your friends. Tickets are available at the office. (see the flier in this newsletter).

We encourage each of you to be involved and to support our events wherever possible and we look forward to seeing you at school events such as assemblies, sports carnivals and special event days such as our Ride-a-thon and Jump Rope for Heart day.

Warm regards,
Felicity Michael, President, Edward P&C
COMMUNITY NEWS

EDWARD P.S P&C FUNDRAISER

MARCH 12
LILLY POND, POICHTERS ST.
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:
ADULTS
$20
MARCH 12
@ THE POINT
LILLY POND, POICHTERS ST.
SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE WITH ADULT
2PM-7.30PM
FROM MARCH 1: $25
PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED
TICKETS FROM EDWARD PS & PEPPIN PLANNERS

Want to join our new Playgroup?

Do you have a child under school age?
Do you need to get out of the house!
Join us every Thursday morning at Edward School "old hall".

Where: Edward Public School- Old Hall, Butler St
Deniliquin

When: 25th Feb 2016

Time: Every Thursday: 9am-11am
Every week of the school term.

Bring some fruit to share; a light morning tea will be provided for parents.

Sound Interesting?
Noelene Edwards
Intereach Family Worker
Ph: 0356905254 or text 0428 815291

www.intereach.com.au

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 talking 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: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Sound interesting?
Contact: Libby Barker
Intereach Parenting Support
Phone: (03) 5890 5252 Please leave a message with your name & number. Or email libbyb@intereach.com.au
www.intereach.com.au

BILLABONG BOG RUN

Sunday March 6th 2016
Jerilderie Racecourse
Gates open 8:30am
First runners 9:00am
Juniors $20 pp
Adults $40 pp
You can find us on facebook
Email billabongbogrun@hotmail.com to register