Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 6 and the great learning it brings. I would like to talk about being prepared for school and taking the opportunities our school provides.

Stating the obvious, school preparation starts the night before with a reasonable time to bed and therefore a good night’s sleep. Breaking the fast with a suitable breakfast is also essential. Personal hygiene and school uniform are next on the list—and our students look great in their uniform. Uniforms are a sense of pride for all.

Having a healthy lunch and bringing the right gear is necessary to having a positive learning experience. This gear may include extra hair styling for school photos, swimming gear, musical instruments, something special for an excursion and of course a positive attitude and a smile on the dial. We also need to be prepared with homework completed and regular reading done. Every day counts and being prepared ensures every day is a new and productive adventure.

Taking the opportunities our school offers will vary according to your child’s needs. Obviously the classroom and our curriculum offers a huge range of learning and problem solving. Some other opportunities include our music groups (choirs, bands, orchestras and ensembles), our Art Room that will be opening soon, the Legotorium, Triathlon Academy, Interschool Sport for Year 6, camps, Japan Study Tour, hosting international visitors, cross country training, Pokemon Club, before school tennis in Term 1, Basketball in Term 2, Cheerleading, Auskick, Swim Club . . . and the list goes on.

We have a great community and our school offers much to our students and to the community at large. Thanks for your support of your child and of school in general.

Be prepared and take the opportunity to enjoy.

Kevin Holden
Deputy Principal

Youkoso Irasshaimashita

Last week we welcomed Yumi, Ryosei and Moeka to our school. Yumi, Ryosei and Moeka are spending their university holidays volunteering in our Japanese program as assistant language teachers. They will be working with Nono Sensei and Stevenson Sensei over the next few weeks, right across the school.
### Around the Classroom

**PREP**

Thank you families for getting class photo payments to us by the due date (today). We are introducing and explicitly teaching the letters $s$ and $M$ this week. You might like to play the fun game of spotting the letters and saying the sounds in your everyday environments while driving, shopping or reading the school newsletter together!

We are also introducing the first few sight words in class in preparation for next Term when sight word homework begins. You might find these when you’re out and about as well: I, a, is, of, it.

**YEAR 1**

The Year 1’s continue to work hard at school learning English, Maths, History, Science, Handwriting, Spelling and all of the specialist areas. You may find that your child is coming home from school very tired because of the increased workload. Even though we stress the importance of homework and how this will aid in your child’s learning, we do understand that due to tiredness and other family reasons it may not always be achievable. We do not want homework to become an arduous task at home therefore if your child requires extra time to complete their homework please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**YEAR 2**

**Students of the Week**

**YEAR 3**

Year 3 students are very busily writing persuasive texts. Some of the language they are using is very sophisticated. We are really proud of their achievements. Keep up the great writing! In History students have been learning about celebrations and commemorations in our society such as Australia Day and Anzac Day. 3C completed a personal timeline listing the significant events that have happened in their lives.

**YEAR 4**

The first rotation of both the kitchen and garden sessions have been completed. It was very enjoyable for teachers, students and volunteers, with only a few hiccups along the way! This time we are making pasta and two different sauces, with each group having their own jobs to do. We can not express enough gratitude to the volunteers who have given their time to help us out with this project - very much appreciated.

**YEAR 6**

On Thursday students got to tell Tinky what they thought. Their ideas will form part of our Technolo- gy unit this semester. Students thought that future Cairns pubs should have a magnetic skateboard park and a tourist playground that is green and clean. The creativity didn’t stop there with their presentations being a highlight. Students conveyed their message through raps, descriptive paragraphs, plays, choreographed songs and even poetry!

The next step in our technology journey is our scouting trip to our closet public space, Centenary Lakes. Have you returned your permission slip? Can you come and walk with us? Year 6 into Year 7 information nights continue this week with Cairns State High on Wednesday night. Trinity Bay information night held last week was well attended and well regarded by the students. Enrolment packs are handed out at the information night.

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### Japanese News

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### Book Club

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**Issue #2** Orders are due in by Friday 11th March.

**I ❤ Book Club**

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### Sports News

**Fun Run Training**

Wednesday Afternoons and Fridays 8:15am – 8:50am

**Tennis**

Thursdays 7:30am Sports Shed $70 / term
Call Jaqui 0427 507 145

**Netball**

Wednesdays 3:15—4:15pm Sports Shed $90

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### Edge Hill Kitchen Garden

HELP! We are still looking for volunteers for our kitchen and garden classes. If you have an hour or two on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning and would like to work with a small group of students in the kitchen or garden, we would love your help. Our garden classes go from 9:30am and kitchen from 9:30-11am. You do not need skills in either area, just an enthusiasm to work with our great students. Please contact Marnie O’Neill (monei19@eq.edu.au) by email, in person or with a note through your class teacher.

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### Student Banking Program

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend
Edge Hill State School P&C Association Annual General Meeting 7:30pm
Following the P&C Monthly Meeting at 6.30pm
Wednesday 16th March, School Staffroom
Nominations for Executive positions for the Association can be made on the form below and forwarded to the
P&C Secretary (via the school office) or can be made/seconded on the night
NOMINATION FORM FOR P&C EXECUTIVE 2016
I wish to nominate the following person, or be nominated for, the position of:

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SCHEDULE 2 - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

EHSS P&C Membership Application. Please complete and return this form to the school office:

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I agree to be bound by the constitution on the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________


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