Dear Parents

Last Thursday School Leaders and Class Councillors received their badges at a special parade. Congratulations to all our student leaders. Thank you to our school choir for entertaining us and for singing the National Anthem. Thanks also to Eoghan Kuiper for his cello solo. Special guests at the parade were Christina Lee and Joshua Gardner, Year 12 students and School Captains at Cairns State High School. Christina and Joshua are past students of our school and we were privileged to have them address our students.

The other eventful happening on Thursday was an emergency evacuation as the school received an anonymous threat. Students and staff responded to the emergency evacuation siren and evacuated to the school oval. The Police were soon on the scene and allowed us to resume school when they completed a thorough search of school buildings. I was very proud of how the school responded to this emergency. Thank you to the Police for their efficient response and also to IGA Brinsmead who helped us organise water for our students.

As part of the emergency evacuation procedure our school office is unattended so consequently we are not able to receive phone calls or contact parents. We were able to post to Facebook to let parents know what was happening. Our Facebook message about the emergency evacuation had over 7000 views. Please like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EdgeHillSS) so that you are in contact with the school. When school returned to normal a text message was sent to all parents. If you did not receive a text message you should check that the school has your latest contact details. Even though we use an automated messaging program it still takes quite a while to send a text message to over 800 phone numbers.

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held this Wednesday evening commencing at 7.30PM in the Staff Room. The P&C is an important part of our school and I know we are all very appreciative of those parents who take on a leadership role. You are invited to attend the meeting.

Parent Interviews are being held over the coming weeks. I encourage you to take advantage of the interviews to meet with your child’s teacher. If you are not able to attend the interview at this time please contact the teacher to make an alternative time. As we come to the last 2 weeks of this term please support the P&C Easter Raffle. Prizes and raffle tickets can be left at the Office.

Thursday 24th March is the last day of term; Prep students will hold an Easter Bonnet Parade and Years 1-6 will take part in the Fluro Fun Run and Cross Country. School will resume on Monday 11th April.

Thank you for your support this term and I trust you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Easter Vacation.

Paul Campbell
Principal
**Vacation Care**

Please contact the OSHC office ASAP if you still need to book your child in for Vacation Care. Limited spots available.

**Easter Raffle**

Thank you so much to everyone who has already returned their P&C Easter Raffle tickets to the office. A very special thank you to those families who have bought some Easter goodies for our prize hampers. All donations and raffle tickets are to be returned to the office by Monday the 21st March. All students returning their book of raffle tickets will receive a small Easter gift from the office.

**School Banking**

There are rewards not redeemed by students doing school banking each week. After 10 deposits a reward item is offered to encourage regular banking.

If it has been a while since your child/children have collected their reward could you ask them to call into the Resource Centre and see Mrs Skinner who can order their selection.

**Enrol Now For Prep 2017**

If you have a child in your care who was born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 you need to enrol them in Prep for 2017.

Please come in to the office to register your child as enrolments will be closing soon for 2017. If you would like to discuss the enrolment process for Prep or have any other enrolment questions contact our Prep Deputy Principal Kathy Street or our Enrolment Officer Dannielle Henderson.

**EHSS Triathlon Academy**

The Inaugural EHSS Tri Academy is well under way with 25 students from year 3-6 involved! The students train 3 times per week Monday, Thursday & Friday before school and/or during school, with qualified Triathlon coaches focussing on the four disciplines of Triathlon: Swim, Bike, Run and Transition! In Term 2 the aim is for these students to represent Edge Hill State School in various “Iron Kids” events in and around Cairns!

**Cairns District Sports**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have gained selection in the Cairns District School Team for their respective sports!!! These students now have the opportunity to gain selection in the Peninsula Regional team for their chosen sport at their upcoming Regional Championships.

**AFL**

Kellan Forward, Jack Veitch, Ryan White
Mitchell Clements, Max Kennedy,

**Basketball (Boys)**

Jayden Buenaflo, Rafael Grant

**Basketball (Girls)**

Lotti Nai

**Rugby League**

Nick Maguire

**Football (Boys)**

Oliver Berry, Max Kennedy, Joe McDonnell

**Football (Girls)**

Reece Tyson

**What:** EHSS EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**When:** THURSDAY FREE DRESS FUN RUN

**When:** THURSDAY, 24 March

(LAST DAY OF TERM 1)

9am – 11am (approx.)

**Who:** Yr 1 – Yr 6 students

**Where:** SENIOR OVAL

**Cost:** GOLD COIN (all monies raised goes towards purchasing sporting gear.)

**Sport's News**

**Fun Run Training**

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

**Musical Notes**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS!**

This is the last week for Library borrowing for Term 1. All books are due back next week.

## Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 orders are closing this week so make sure you don’t miss out by ordering ASAP!
**Tuck Shop**

Orders must be handed in to Tuckshop before 9am—OR—you can order online at flexischool.com.au

Menus are available online on the school website and via the QSchools App. Thank you to everyone who gets their orders in on time each day.

Have you tried one of our new yummy menu items yet? Freshly made pizza scrolls are a very yummy and popular choice!!

Congratulations to last week’s winner of our Flexi Draw: Tyrone Matapere 5D

To enter simply tear off your order sticker & put it in the Lucky Box in the Tuckshop.

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**P&C Corner**

pandc@edgehillss.eq.edu.au

Being a part of our school P&C is a great way to be involved in your child’s school experience. The P&C is a great way to find out what is going on around the school—and be a part of the decision making process.

There are many ways that you can help out throughout the year. By joining our Helping Hands email group you will receive updates and details on opportunities to help out around the school. Just email pandc@edgehillss.eq.edu.au

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 7:30pm in the Staffroom.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held before the AGM at 6:30pm.

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**Around Our Community**

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**Chinese Classes**

Tuesdays
3:20pm—5:00pm
RT room in E Block
$20 per class

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**School Hoops is coming to your school!!**

**BOYS and GIRLS - Yr 2 to 5 - TERM 2 (week 1-7)**

Program Cost: $85

Come and learn the rules, practise skills, and have fun playing basketball in this exciting and interactive 7 week program.

Cam and I have over 10 years experience running fun clinics and are passionate about teaching young players the game of basketball.

We can’t wait for School Hoops in term 2!

**REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE ADMIN OFFICE**

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**Triple P**

Takes the guesswork out of parenting

When it comes to raising kids, everyone has an opinion. There are so many ideas out there. So how do you know what’s best and what works? The Queensland Government is taking the guesswork out of parenting, supporting parents and carers with the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.

Did you know you can access the Triple P program online? http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-ukan/home/?cdsid=sontjqsghunfkhrhsqmhffgjtkogj

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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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Address: ________________________________________

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**SCHEDULE 2 - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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

Name: _______________________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Mobile: __________________________ Email: __________________________

New membership: Yes/No (circle one) Renewal Membership: Yes/No (circle one)

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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23 Anderson St
Manunda, Cairns

Mon-Thu 8:30am – 6:00pm
Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm
Sat 8:30am – 2:00pm
Sun 9:00am – 1:00pm

WHILST WE ARE UNABLE TO ENDORSE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES WE THANK THOSE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR SCHOOL. WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES WITH YOUR CUSTOM WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU READ THEIR ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.