Dear Parents

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association was held last Wednesday evening. Congratulations to those parents who accepted positions on the P&C Executive for this year. Kier Shorey (President), Astrid Addicoat-White and Tammy Hitch (Vice Presidents), Anita Zass (Secretary) and Werner D (Treasurer). Yvonne Gardner has accepted the position of Operations Manager for the P&C.

Our P&C is an important part of our school and has been responsible for many of the facility improvements at Edge Hill. The P&C is the major contributor to the construction of a new Innovation Centre for our school. Plans are currently being finalised for this exciting project and we expect construction in the middle of the year. The Innovation Centre will provide the impetus and space for our school to respond to exciting new curriculum initiatives.

Last Friday Michael Harris attended the National Excellence in Teaching Australia (NEiTA) Awards in Melbourne. As the 2015 Australian finalist and representative to International Space Week in Huntsville Alabama, Mr Harris was guest presenter at the 2016 National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Mr Harris is our expert teacher who helps us as we focus on making sure that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is part of our students’ learning.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the working bee on Sunday morning. Our Kitchen Garden project is off to a great start. All the garden beds are now established and the irrigation system installed. It has been a great term for our Year 4 students as they enthusiastically participated in the gardening and kitchen activities. The activities are designed to engage students in their learning and support many of our curriculum priorities.

Our last school activity for this term is the Fluoro Fun Run on Friday morning. This is a fun way for students in Years 1-6 to finish the term and replaces the traditional Cross Country race. Prep students will also have the chance to perform some of the songs and rhymes they have learnt recently as part of the Easter Hat Parade. Parents are invited to attend both activities on Thursday morning.

Congratulations to all 90 of our lucky Easter Raffle winners!!

Please keep an eye on the school over the holidays and if you see anything suspicious call School Watch on 13 17 88 or the Police on 13 14 44.

School will recommence on Monday 11 April.

Wishing all our families a safe and restful vacation.

Paul Campbell
Principal
PREP:
We are very excited to share our achievements this Term during the many parent teacher interviews held in recent weeks. We are also so very excited about our Easter Bonnet Parade this Thursday. Looking forward to seeing you there. A big rabbit sized thank you to families for your wonderful support of your Prep students this Term and happy, happy holiday from your teachers.

YEAR 1
1F showing their self portrait clay sculptures on parade.

YEAR 2
Year 2 Students of the Week

YEAR 3
It has been a big term for Year 3. Thank you to all the parents who have come in for parent interviews. We hope that you all have a safe and happy break—see you next term.

YEAR 6
Congratulations to our Year 6 students! They have shown amazing leadership skills and certainly stepped up to the curriculum demands required of them. Pop art rotations are being thoroughly enjoyed and will continue into next term. Just a few reminders: camp permission notes are due tomorrow so we can finalise numbers. Also, please ensure your child is enrolled for high school as soon as possible. Have a fantastic Easter break!

Today we welcomed a special visitor to EHSS. Mr Kawasaki was our assistant Japanese language teacher in 2001. Now he teaches English language in his home town Hiroshima. He still remembers fondly his time at Edge Hill and dropped by to say Konnichiwa! Here he is working with some students from 4B.

Home Stay Families Needed
In Term 3, we will be hosting a group of students from Kobe, Japan here at Edge Hill. If you would like to be involved as a host family, please contact me by email rstein85@eq.edu.au or by calling in to the Japanese classroom. In the past, host families have found hosting students to be a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience. It gives children the opportunity to practice their Japanese language, but also to learn about the culture of another country.

Around the Classroom

Japanese News

Kitchen Garden

Edge Hill State School

Online
Did you know you can view our weekly newsletter online?
Go to edgehillss.eq.edu.au
Go to the Calendar and News tab
Click on Newsletters
We have the last year’s worth of Newsletters archived on the site, so no need to panic if your paper copy disappears!!
You will find lots of other great information on the school site as well.

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.

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

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.

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- Last Sunday parents, Year 4 teachers, students and Jim Visiononi (Edge Hill State School Ancillary Staff Member) rolled up their sleeves and set to work digging a complex trenching system for the Kitchen Garden. There was tremendous community spirit and sense of achievement as everyone wiped the sweat from their brow having moved copious amounts of soil, laid several metres of irrigation pipe, backfilled the trench and filled newly made garden beds.

- It was all in preparation for next term’s planting, harvesting and cooking delicious fresh, home grown produce in the Edge Hill State School Kitchen.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS! All student loans are due back this week.

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!

Fluoro Fun Run
WHAT: EHSS Fluoro Fun Run
THURSDAY FREE DRESS FUND 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.)
Thank you to everyone who attended our meetings last week. We would like to congratulate the new Executive Committee for 2016:

**President** — Kier Shorey

**Vice Presidents** — Astrid Addicott-White and Tammy Hitch

**Treasurer** — Werner Drescher

**Secretary** — Anita Zass

A very big thank you to our whole school community for supporting our annual Easter Raffle. Thank you to everyone who have returned sold raffle tickets—and a very special thank you to everyone who has sent in Easter goodies for our prizes. We have been able to put together over 80 prizes!!! We hope that this makes for many happy winners!! A special thank you to C Me Swim School who kindly donated swimming lesson vouchers and swim equipment that make up our first prize along with some Easter goodies. We are always grateful for the support of our local businesses. Our raffle this year has helped us raise close to $5,000!!! Have a wonderful holidays—we look forward to your support in Term 2—with our Mother’s Day Stall, Big Family Breakfast and Book Fairs.

**P&C Corner**

pandc@edgehillss.eq.edu.au

**Tuck Shop**

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

**No slushies available on Thursday the last day of Term.**

Thank you to two Super Dads—Damien and Olly who have been coming in and giving us a hand.

Congratulations to last week’s winner of our Flexi Draw:

Sarah Walker 6A

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

**Around Our Community**

**School Hoops**

School Hoops is coming to your school!!

**BOYS and GIRLS** - Yr 2 to 7 - 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.

Can 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**

**Will Tri Coaching**

Junior Triathlon Development Program

Ages 7—14

4th—7th April

9am to 11am

Edge Hill State School

Cost—$105 for non club members, $95 for club members

Contact:

Bill Evans 0458 122 404

Mary-Anne Elkington 0488 223 641

**Confidence Workshops**

Taylor Made Confidence Workshops will be starting at the Edge Hill Progress Hall 406 Meyers St Edge Hill on Monday the 18th of April. The Term will run for 10 weeks with the last class being on Monday the 20th of June. The total cost for the term is $170 but if you refer a friend or book in two or more people you will receive 25% off – so this can be siblings or team up with a school friend etc – that brings it down to $127.50 per child! Please contact Natalie Taylor to book 0466574991 or natalie@taylormadeconfidence.com.au

**Chinese Classes**

Term 2

Wednesdays 3:30—5pm

RT room in E Block

$20 per class (10% discount if full term paid ahead. Family discounts also apply)

For further information contact Julya Cai on 0451 018 801 or cjulya@hotmail.com

**Well Women’s Clinic**

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

Cairns North Health Facility – Tuesday 5th April

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**Daphne’s Before and After School Care**
- Will open on Saturdays in 2016!!
- Before School Care can start from 6:00am
- After School Care can go past 6pm
- Breakfast and Afternoon Tea included
- Can also pick up from home & drop off at home
- Full CCB and CCR available
  Mobile: 0449 712 231

**FINDING AT EHSS GREEN SHED**
MON + WEDS 5PM
PHONE TONY: 04 0211 4754

**Edge Hill Bowls Club**
Cnr Woodward & Jensen Street Edge Hill
Club Open 7 days 11am until late
Bistro 181 Opens 6pm for Dinner
Tuesday until Saturday
For all Function Enquiries Phone: 07 4053 1036
email: manager@edgehillbowls.com.au

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