Dear Parents

It looks like we might have wet weather for the Cairns Show which will be held this week. Friday is our Show Holiday so there will be no school. If you are at the Show check out our school display. Mr Harris has organised the display to highlight some of the work he has been doing with students as part of the construction and engineering aspect of our STEM focus.

This year our focus for the Premier’s Reading Challenge is ‘The Amazing Reading Challenge’, a race around the world. Our aim is to make it to Rio in time for the 2016 Olympics. Students have their passports and are ready to travel. Each 20 mins of reading is equal to 1000 kilometres.

Encouraging students to read is a great strategy that assists them to be successful learners. Reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime. In a busy household it can be challenging to find time to read but is well worth the effort. If you have a tip to share on how to encourage reading at home send me a message (the prinicipal@edgehillss.ed.edu.au) and I will create a Facebook post to share with our school community.

On our school website (www.edgehillss.eq.edu.au) we have a news section that we are using to share stories about some of the learning activities at school. A number of new stories have been posted this week. You can also check out Facebook posts as we have a feed that copies posts from Facebook. Of course our website always has a copy of the latest newsletter in case the printed copy does not make it home.

Each year parents have the opportunity to complete a School Opinion Survey. This online survey provides important information that helps us know how our school is going and how we might improve what we do at school. Information on the School Opinion Survey will be sent home this week.

Paul Campbell
Principal

Principal’s Pen

Mr Harris our STEM coach receiving a donation yesterday from the Cairns West Rotary for our STEM Maker Space. Thank you Rotary!!

Tanabata

Last week you may have noticed our bamboo branches with colourful papers tied to them. In our Japanese classes children were learning about the Tanabata Festival. This is a special time in Japan where children write wishes on coloured pieces of paper and make paper lanterns and tie them to bamboo branches.
Around the Classroom

PREP
Hello families, many aspects of our learning this Term is using a theme of ‘Under the Sea’. If you have knowledge of coastal, ocean and/or sea life through your career or interests we would love to hear from you. There may be an opportunity to share your ‘real life’ knowledge with our Preps. If this is something you’d like to do, please let your class teacher know. Also, a note about our fete and how you can assist before the event or on the day, if you have some spare time, is on it’s way!

YEAR 1

Students of the Week

YEAR 2

Last week the Year 2 children were lucky enough to have a visit from the Cairns Historical Museum. They were able to see many household items, toys and communication devices from the past. As the children are studying ‘How technology has changed and shaped our daily lives’ in History, this visit was a wonderful introduction to the unit. A lot of things have changed over time, especially telephones, washing machines and other household appliances. Report Cards went home on Friday. If your child was absent or didn’t bring home a report card, please see their classroom teacher. Year 2s have been allocated the Cake Stall for this year’s Fete, so keep your eye out for further information closer to the date. Enjoy the long weekend.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been busy learning their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Games such as memory are a great way to learn the facts.

YEAR 4

The fete is getting closer!!

YEARS 1-5

Letters have gone home for the Year 5 Surfing Scientist excursion this Thursday. Please return the permission forms and make payment A.S.A.P. We travel to Trinity Bay High School at 11:40am and return before the end of the school day. Reuben Meerman will again be educating and entertaining us with his amazing STEM experiments. The Amazing Reading Race is well underway and all Year 6 students should be able to complete the race with their 20 minutes of required reading each night. Rock Eisteddfod is starting this week and our production is in week 9 – stay tuned for more details. The EHSS “Under the Sea” Fete will be on Friday, 12th August (week 5). Information about parent help on the night will be sent home in the near future, please let us know if you can volunteer some time to help out on the night. This Friday is the Cairns Show Holiday – no school. Enjoy the day by going and showing your support for our local community.

Japanese News

We would like to ask some parents to help making our resources in Year 1 CLIL classes in Term 3. As all resources are written in Japanese, an understanding of Japanese would be helpful. If you have time please put your available time on the Japanese door.

Reading Hint

When children watch stories on TV, everything is spelled out for them. When children read stories in books, they use their imaginations more. Books are also generally better in terms of expanding vocabularies and dealing with thoughtful and complex issues.

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Red Dragons
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Musical Notes

EHSS Choir has started for the semester and rehearsals are from 7.45am Wednesday mornings. New members are welcome to join – no need to speak with Mrs Richardson and I beforehand, just come to the Music Room for the rehearsal and we will add your name to the choir roll there. Our next big Performance will be at the School fete on Friday 12th August.

Weekly Parenting Tips

Diet
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A good rule to go by is if your grandmother wouldn’t recognise it then don’t eat it. Great breakfast ideas could be:
• Weet-bix, museli, porridge
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Reading CHALLENGE UPDATE

The Reading Challenge got off to a cracker of a start. Students quickly reached Asia and many are now on their way to Africa and beyond. Others are taking a more leisurely journey and that is great too, as all that is required is 20 minutes reading a day to complete the challenge. Congratulations to Yein, Rosco and Arwa – the first 3 students to complete the Challenge. Purple and Green house are equal leaders at the moment with two gold medals each. 4A is the leading class - well done.

This week perhaps vary the type of book you read. For those that always read Geronimo Stilton or Andy Griffiths, choose a different author for a new experience. Have you ever read a magazine? - we have some great titles available to borrow. Check out the Crinkling News in the Library – it’s a newspaper written by kids for kids.
Prep students may include time read to them as part of their 20 minutes. If you only read ten minutes just draw a line half way through the page and initial. The Library opens at 8:15am and closes at 3:30 so feel free to make use of time before and after school to read with or to your child. If you don’t have time to read, you don’t have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that. – Stephen King

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**P&C Corner**

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Monthly P&C Meeting
Wednesday 20th July
7pm Staffroom

We are on Facebook!!
Please go online and LIKE our new P&C FB page. This is where we will put a lot of our fete updates and callouts for help and specific donations.

Edge Hill State School P&C
Our current profile picture is our Helping Hands image.

Thank you so much to our Big Blue Whale Platinum Sponsors who have already come on board for this year’s fete. Please support these great community minded businesses.

Do you own, or know a business who might also like to donate??
Email pandc@edgehillss.eq.edu.au

Raffle
Our fete raffle tickets are at the printers and we are SUPER excited about this year’s prizes and we know you will be too!! Keep an eye out for them coming home soon. Tickets will be $2 each.

The lucky winner of 1st prize will be off on an exciting holiday!!

What can YOU be doing now to help us prepare for the fete??

Lucky Dip prizes— to Prep classes
2nd Hand Toy items— to Prep classes
Bags of chocolates— to Year 4 / 5 classes or office
Small prizes for Side Show Alley - to Year 4 / 5 classes or office
Fun filled bottles for the Bottle Stall— to Year 4 / 5 classes or office
White Elephant Stall items— to office
Used Books— to library
Krispy Kreme Donut Orders— to office
Make some craft stall items— ask for Nana or Aunties help— to Year 3
Pot up your plants ready for plant stall
Please ask your classroom teachers how you can help!!
on the night— just an hour of your time is wonderful!!

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