Dear Parents

Over the next few weeks as well as all the normal things that happen at school there will be a lot of activity around the our **Great Family Fete**. The fete is one of the main P&C events for the year and we really appreciate your support. Raffle tickets will be distributed today. We have some **wonderful prizes including airfares for 2 to Singapore on Silk Air. In all there are approx $10 000 worth of prizes in the raffle.** As we have such great prizes we are asking your help to sell as many tickets as you can. This is definitely a raffle you can ask friends, relations and work colleagues to buy Tickets in. Our **colourful fete flyers** are also being sent home today—please share this with neighbours / friends or local businesses. Getting involved is a great way to become part of our school community.

The **District Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday.** Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent our school and we wish them well in their events. This week we welcome a number of **overseas visitors to our school.** We have **visitors from Japan, China and Korea** who have enrolled for periods of 2-4 weeks to experience schooling in Australia. We also welcome 24 Japanese students from Seiha Language School who are on a 4 day study tour. Next week we welcome back students from Kobe who will be here for 5 days. Having visitors from overseas is a good learning experience for our students as they welcome the students into their class.

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 was sent home last week.

Our **Amazing Reading Challenge** as part of The Premiers Reading Challenge is getting exciting. Already 30 students have reached Rio and the majority of our students are travelling through Europe. Red House is leading the medal tally with 10 Gold medals. Remember each 20 mins of reading is equal to 1000 kilometres. Visit the library to see our the race is progressing.

Paul Campbell
Principal

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Get Down Low and Go! Go! Go!

Year 1 enjoyed the fire safety education presentation last week by our local fire brigade.
Around the Classroom

PREP
Hello families! We are sending a note about Prep and the fete this week. We are calling for volunteers to help with a range of jobs so please, if you have a spare 30 minutes on the morning of the fete or during the event, please let your class teacher know!
Thanks too for your home support with sightwords as it makes a huge difference to the children's reading. You might even like to play a 'smarty pants' game where your child tests you the early words - golden and red words - just to make sure they are recalling these really well. Thanks so much as usual.

YEAR 1
We are all very excited for this year’s fete! The Year 1 classes are running the sweet stall again this year. Thank you to the many parents who have already returned notes volunteering to either donate ingredients, help make the sweets, or help us on the night of the fete. Your support is very much appreciated. Please see your child’s teacher if you would like to help in any way and did not receive the note. The EHSS Reading Challenge is another exciting thing happening at the moment. We are encouraging students to read for 20 minutes every day. Congratulations to the students that have already made it to Asia and beyond!

YEAR 2
Hopefully everyone had a lovely long weekend. With the fete fast approaching we are sure you are all thinking of the lovely cakes you can make to support our Year 2 cake stall. As well as the creative ways you can decorate your cake boxes to accompany your cake. Remember there are prizes for the best decorated cake boxes. Cake boxes will be sent home to all Year 2 students in the next couple of weeks.

YEAR 3
The students in Year 3 are very excited to be visiting Tjapukai this week to undertake a study of the Aboriginal culture. Please ensure that your child is in uniform, including a hat and closed in shoes. They need to bring a bottle of water and their lunch from home.

YEAR 6
Reminder that Prep photos are due as soon as possible. These are being used for the Advancement Ceremony at the end of the year. They will be returned once they have been scanned. Our Surfing Scientist visit was fantastic!! We got to see lots of interesting experiments with our favourite being the balloon that turned into a plastic bag. Rock Eisteddfod started last week. We did very well with our first attempt under the instructions of our Cairns High student instructors. The EHSS “Under the Sea” Fete will be on Friday, 12th August (week 5). We are hoping some Information about parent help on the night will be sent home this week, please let us know if you can volunteer some time to help out on the night.

Book Stall at the Fete. Books can be doing a clean out and have lots of details in this newsletter. It is a great opportunity to find a new book and tallies board as well. Purple and Red houses are only separated by one gold medal at the moment. 4A and 5C are the leading classes. Next week as part of The Challenge we are holding our Book Swap. See details in this newsletter. It is a great opportunity to find a new book and share a book that you enjoyed. Please note that this year there is a limit of 2 books per person. If you are doing a clean out and have lots of books perhaps donate them to the Book Stall at the Fete. Books can be dropped in to the library. Thank you.

Reading Hint
Time, access, choice, response: these are elements that need to be present if we are to see what reading IS and what it CAN BE.

Reading CHALLENGE UPDATE
It has been fabulous seeing so many students reading in the Library during the lunch breaks. We are travelling at a good pace around the world — the map in the Library shows where the majority of the school is. Come and have a look and check out the medal challenge. A reminder, the Prep photos are due as soon as possible. These are being used for the Advancement Ceremony at the end of the year. They will be returned once they have been scanned. Our Surfing Scientist visit was fantastic!! We got to see lots of interesting experiments with our favourite being the balloon that turned into a plastic bag. Rock Eisteddfod started last week. We did very well with our first attempt under the instructions of our Cairns High student instructors. The EHSS “Under the Sea” Fete will be on Friday, 12th August (week 5). We are hoping some Information about parent help on the night will be sent home this week, please let us know if you can volunteer some time to help out on the night.

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Choir rehearsals are from 7.45am Wednesday mornings. New members are welcome to join – no need to speak with Mrs Richardson and Miss Hari beforehand, just come to the Music Room for the rehearsal and we will add your name to the choir roll there.

Weekly Parenting Tips
Screen time
Many children are spending long amounts of time in front of video games of various ratings or are given unrestricted access to iPads. Children as young as eight are spending up to five hours a day talking to their friends on Snapchat, scrolling through Facebook, playing Minecraft or just in front of a screen.
New research is starting to emerge indicating that heavy use of computers is potentially harmful to children’s brains. High screen usage is now linked with behavioural problems such as impulsiveness, short attention spans and aggression.

Ideas to help:
Current recommendation is 2 hours screen-time/day or less.
Create a Family Online Contract
www.thinkuknow.org.au > resources > Family Online Safety Contract

Parenting is the hardest job to do, even harder if you’re doing it solo. If you are having difficulties with setting boundaries/ implementing routines, you’re not alone. Parenting is not about being friends with your child/children; it’s about influencing people — small people who rely on adults for guidance, for nourishment and for the best possible start in life.
Come and have a chat with our School Psychologist, Marijke, if you’d like to know more about this weeks topic.

Sports News
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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.

Raffle
Tickets are coming home today!! We are soooo excited about our prizes this year—a cool Virtual Reality package, fantastic photography packages, an awesome trip to the reef, seafood and auto vouchers and airfares for 2 people to Singapore!!! Tickets are $2 each.

Each child who returns their book of tickets will receive a coupon for a free icy pole from the Tuckshop! Extra books of tickets will be available from the office. The child who sells the most tickets will win an iPod Touch and the class who sell the most tickets will win a pizza party!!

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

Lucky Dip prizes—Prep classes
2nd Hand Toy items—Prep classes
Bags of chocolates—Year 4/5 classes or office
Small prizes for Side Show Alley—Year 4/5 classes or office
Fun filled bottles for the Bottle Stall—Year 4/5 classes or office
White Elephant Stall items—to office—please no electricals
Used Books—to library
Krispy Kreme Donut Orders—to office
Make some craft stall items—ask for Nana or Aunties help—Year 3
Pot up your plants ready for the plant stall—these are to be dropped off the morning of the fete to the Stop Drop Go area. Please ask your classroom teachers how you can help on the night—just an hour of your time is wonderful!!

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.

Krispy Kreme Donut Orders
It’s that time again!!
Keep an eye out for your order form coming home today for yummy Krispy Kreme Donuts.

We are taking orders for delivery the day before the fete—Thursday 11th August. On this day, your donuts will be flown up fresh from Sydney and delivered to our OSHC. Donuts will be available to collect from 2pm—5:30pm.

Original Glaze $25 Classic Assorted (6 Original glaze, 2 choc iced, 2 strawberry iced and 2 sprinkles) $30.

Order forms and $$ to be returned to school office by Thursday 28th July.
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