Dear Parents

Our Edge Hill State School Great Family Fete has to be the most exciting event in Cairns this week. I hope that you have invited lots of family and friends to come to our fete. A copy of the fete program has been sent home today and you are able to check out all the food, events and entertainment. Information on the Auction is available today; you will see that the Auction has over $5000 worth of prizes. Hayley Gillespe has donated a beautiful painting and will be one of the special items of the auction. There are amazing prizes in our fete raffle, extra books of tickets are still available to sell.

Thanks you for all your support of our fete. Raffle tickets have been coming back as well as donations for the Craft Stall and Side Show Alley, Plant Stall, Book Stall and items for the White Elephant stall. I also hear about the cakes and sweets that are being made and will be brought to school on Friday. Wonderful parent support is always a feature of our Great Family Fete. We need lots and lots of helpers on the class stalls. If you can help for even a short period of time class teachers would love to hear from you. This is certainly where the old saying ‘Lots of hands makes light work’ or according to Mr Ashton ‘Teamwork makes the Dream Work’. 

This week NAPLAN results for students in year 3 and 5 will be sent home. NAPLAN is one of the many measures we use to monitor student learning. Congratulations to our students and their teachers on excellent results. In terms of students performing above the Australian National Minimum Standards the percentage of our Year 3 students above the minimum standards in reading was 99.3%, writing 100%, spelling 98.6%, grammar and punctuation 99.3% and numeracy 98.8%. The percentage of Year 5 students above the minimum standards in reading was 97%, writing 99.2%, spelling 96.2%, grammar and punctuation 97.7% and numeracy 96.2%. Our data shows that students who continue on their schooling journey with us from Year 3 to Year 5 are making improvements in their learning outcomes beyond those of their peers nationally. Two-thirds of our students in Year 5 achieved test scores above the National average across all testing domains. Over twenty percent of our Year Fives made performance gains higher than those of their peers nationally and over sixty percent made similar gains to their peers at a national level. Our Year 3 students performed very well with 64.1% of our students in the Upper 2 Bands for reading compared to the Australian average of 49.4%. In writing 67.4% of our Year 3 students were in the Upper 2 Bands compared with 48.6% nationally.

Paul Campbell  
Principal

Homestay Happiness

Last week Edge Hill State School hosted a Japanese study tour from Kobe, Japan. The group spent the week at our school and stayed with Edge Hill families. All of our host families found the experience very rewarding and we hope that enduring friendships have been made.

Friday afternoon the P&C hosted a farewell BBQ for the group—there were many smiles all around.
Around the Classroom

PREP
Dear Families—there are just two things we want from you this week. The first is please come along to our fabulous fete and have a great time (and volunteer your time for perhaps 30 minutes at one of the Prep stalls if you can spare it). Second, please return your raffle tickets, sold or unsold. There you go that’s it! See you all there.

YEAR 1
A reminder to all year 1 parents that the fete is this Friday. Please bring all sweets to the PAC before school on Friday to be sacked and priced. If you would like to help on Friday morning pack and organise the stalls or to help during the fete please see your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you in advance to all those parents who have contributed to making our sweets stall a success. A reminder that if you have sold or unsold raffle tickets they need to be returned to the office ASAP.

YEAR 2
Big week this week. Fete week!!!! Hopefully your cake box designs are well under way and your cake recipes are picked. Cakes can be taken to the PAC before school on Friday ready for box judging. If you haven’t already sent your volunteer form back to your class teacher to help at the cake stall Fete night, can you please do so ASAP so a roster can be made up. We can’t wait for the Fete to arrive and we hope to see you all there.

YEAR 3
“I glanced at the Lorax giving him a sly smile. Calm down Mr Lorax it is not all vile, It is just one tree, not the whole pile!”

Courtesy of Laura Baranyi
Dr. Seuss has been the flavour of the term! We have been gleaning some creative genius from the very talented Dr. Seuss! Students have been penning their own recounts of the famous “Lorax” text, using different character perspectives. Thank you to all the students for their effort, fabulous fun we have had!

Lastly, FETE time has arrived! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We are still in need of plant and craft donations, so please drop in any craft donations to the class and the plants on Friday. Looking forward to a busy and exciting week!

YEAR 4
A huge thanks to all families who have made donations of prizes for our Sideshow Alley Stalls. The children have been busy adding up all the points that each class has so far. This term the children have begun learning and developing their own choreography to accompany the song “Uptown Funk”. There are some real cool dancers out there in Year 4! The EHSS Garden is producing fantastic vegetables and herbs for us to use in the kitchen lessons. This week the children will be making garlic and spinach gnocchi, sweet potato and chickpea dip, salad of the imagination and ciabatta bread! Every week we tempt the taste buds of the Year 3 children and teachers who are busy working above the kitchen. We hope you’ve have seen our scarecrows, great job 4A/B/F. Look forward to seeing you at the fete!

YEAR 5
After recently heading out onto the streets to learn about road safety, Year 5 students have brought their observations back to school. Here are some pictures of students putting good use of our Bike Education track and applying their road safety skills in action.

YEAR 6
ATTENTION PLEASE!!! Parents, we urgently need your help in the kebab and curry stalls on Fete night - this Friday!!! We are only asking for 1/2 hour of your time. Please call the office and leave a message as to when you can help out or send in a note indicating the time you are available.

We are also missing quite a few photos of our Year 6 students when they were in Prep. These photos are needed urgently as the Year 6 Advancement Committee students are already underway with developing the end of year Advancement Video.

 Musical Notes
The EHSS Choir, Senior Concert Band, Junior String Orchestra and Senior String Orchestra will be performing at the EHSS Fete. A note has been given out to students in these ensembles with details.

Fizz the opera is Monday 15th August for students in Year 3, 4 and 5 who have paid to attend. So students can be part of a smaller audience, there are now two performances. The first at 10am and the other at 12pm. There is a list in the music room letting students know which show to attend. Class teachers can also remind children which show they are down for.

Applications are open for the Gondwana National Choral School 9-22nd January 2017 held at the University of NSW. Students 10 years old and over are invited to apply. Some students from EHSS were members of the National Choral School recently and it is a highly recommended choral experience. Please visit www.gondwana.org.au for further information.

Edge Sport
Last Friday morning all of our Tri Academy students and their parents gathered at the school pool early for breakfast. This event—hosted by the P&C—celebrated the successes of this new program at Edge Hill State School. Thank you to Bill and Maryanne—the coaches for the Academy. We look forward to the Tri Academy starting up again in Term 4.

Japanese News
We would like to thank parents for helping our Year 1 CLIL lessons. We are still looking for some parents to help make 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 spare time to help us please put your available time on the Japanese classroom door.

Reading Hint
You’re never alone when you're reading a book - Susan Wiggs.

Scholastic Book Club
Please return order forms to the school shop ASAP.
3 More Sleeps!!
Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our school fete so far. It really is a community event!

Raffle
Keep returning all raffle tickets please—sold and unsold tickets need to be returned to the school office ASAP. Students receive a voucher for an icy pole when they return tickets. Vouchers are only valid until the end of next week 19th August.

Rides
Pre purchase ride tickets can be purchased online up until midday Friday.

Busking Competition
Rego forms are available at the Japanese classroom.

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What Goes Where—Fete Week
Lucky Dip Donations—Prep Classrooms
Sweets—Please bring to the PAC Friday morning
Cakes—Please bring to the PAC Friday morning
Crafts—Please bring to Year 3 Classrooms or office
Plants—Please bring to Stop Drop Go on Friday
Side Show Alley prizes—Please bring to Year 4 / 5 classrooms
Fun filled bottles—please bring to Year 4/5 classrooms
Curry - Please bring to PAC kitchen

UNDER THE SEA FETE AUCTION
7:00pm in the PAC Friday 12th August
Over $5000 worth of exciting prizes on offer

1. C Me Swim School - one term of Swim fees valued at $180
2. Notino Ireland Mini Photography session + 5 images on USB valued at $290
3. 9 x Unaccompanied FWE Training Package valued at $380 kindly donated by Smartline Personal Mortgage Advisers
4. $400 worth of Seashell from ISP Seashell
5. $400 Autobarn giftcard
6. $150 Yoga / Pilates Package donated by Physio Me Physio
7. Family pass (2A 2C) to a spectacular sailing experience to Green Island and Pinnacle Reef on the 19.5m schooner Ocean Free valued at $555
8. Federal Tyres $80.00 GIR Voucher
9. Up North Skin Care Hamper - a beautiful range of naturally derived skincare items ranging from anti-aging products to insect repellent valued at $218
10. Beautiful set of sterling silver jewellery comprising pendant and drop pierced earrings with cubic zirconia and cultured pearls from Kevin Shirley Jewellers valued at $290.
11. Amazing Underwater Photography session with Ocean Blue Productions valued at over $400
12. Green island Under the Sea Day - 2 x adult return trip to Green Island on Great Adventure and 2 x GreenVan Ocean Island vouchers. Total value $532
13. Piece of beautiful artwork “Sheels” by local artist Hayley Gillespie, stretched canvas print hand finished by the artist. Valued at $175

OUR CAIRNS
Cairns Regional Council is conducting a wide-ranging community survey called Our Cairns.
This is your opportunity to tell Council what sort of Cairns you want to live in and what’s important to you.
Go online to www.cairns.qld.gov.au/ourcairns and fill out the survey.
You can also go into the draw to win some prizes if you leave your name and email address.
The survey will be available from 1 – 31 August. Be Heard! Do the Survey!

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