Dear Parents

Congratulations to all the Year 3 classes on a very successful field work Geography excursion to the Cattana Wetlands. The field trip was part of the Year 3 Geography unit “Protecting Places Near and Far”. Students participated in a rotation of activities around the wetlands: investigating human impacts on a river catchment system, carrying out a water bug survey to determine the health of the ecosystem, learning water conservation measures, spotting wetland wildlife and endangered species as well as capturing the sights, sounds and smells of the wetland in words before planting native tree species.

Congratulations to the teachers for working so hard to make this excursion so successful and for providing the students with opportunities and experiences that have a powerful impact on their learning. Photographs of this excursion are available on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/EdgeHillSS.

Last week Year 2 students also had a successful excursion. As part of their History unit, “Exploring my Local Community”, they went to the Tanks to explore the historical significance of this site.

Planning is well under way for the 2017 school year. Book lists for 2017 will be sent home this Friday. The book lists will also be available on our school website. School supplies and uniforms will be available at the school shop from Monday October 31.

In Queensland, World Teachers Day is celebrated on Friday 28 October. We have an amazing staff at Edge Hill State School and it is an opportunity for their efforts to be recognised. The P&C will celebrate World Teachers Day with a breakfast for staff on Friday morning.

Paul Campbell
Principal

Cattana Wetlands

We had the greatest field trip to Cattana Wetlands last week. Community groups ran educational rotations including tree planting, studying invertebrates from the wetlands to check water quality and learning how to conserve water using the correct sprinkler. Thanks again to our parent helpers. Some highlights were -

I enjoyed the story of a river. It taught me how to take care of the environment - Sami 3A

We got to learn about the water cycle and how much water we waste doing everyday things - Ryan 3B

I liked how we got to go outside and explore in nature. I enjoyed learning about new stuff in the wild - Aliyah 3B
PREP  
Dear families, you will read information in the Newsletter this week about Book Fair in Week 5 (next week) - a school wide event encouraging the children to read a favourite new book. The Book Fair is an opportunity to allow your child to look at a range of texts and to purchase something from the range. Over the coming weeks we will also share more information about the Prep Musical and our Prep Swimming Carnival, so stay tuned for the date claimers!

YEAR 1  
Last week the Year 1 students completed their INCAS testing. INCAS is a computer based testing process, which assesses each student’s individual abilities in a range of academic areas. They were assessed in reading, spelling and mathematics. All of the Year 1 teachers were impressed with how the Year 1 students concentrated and completed each test to the best of their abilities. Any student that was absent last week will complete a catch-up test this week.

YEAR 2  
Last week the Year 2 students visited The Tanks as part of their current history unit - Exploring my Local Community. It was a fabulous excursion. The guest speakers were very informative and everyone gained great insight into the significance of the site. We were all very proud of the students’ excellent behaviour.

YEAR 3  
Thank you so much to the parents who helped on the Cattana Wetland’s excursion. The Book Fair is an opportunity to discuss our observations. What a great learning took place. Follow-up activities are keeping us all very busy. We’re graphing data, writing poems and discussing our observations. What a fabulous excursion!

YEAR 4  
Another great week in Year 4. We are always looking for volunteers to help in both Kitchen and Garden lessons. If you are able to offer your time on Tuesday – Thursday mornings then please see the Year Four class teachers.

YEAR 5  
We have had a fantastic and busy start to the term so far. Well done Grade 5!! It’s “Mask Making Morning” on Thursday 27th October. Don’t forget to return your permission slip back to your teacher, bring all your planned materials, a towel, an old shirt to wear and a jam jar or bowl.

YEAR 6  
Week four already! A reminder that some students fail to complete their homework tasks within the given time. Organisational and time management skills are two attributes required at High School. In the coming weeks, students will be able to apply for points in the last round of the Awards of Excellence in this, their final year at EHSS. They need to continue following all of the school rules and be mindful of the Overall Consistent Responsible Behaviour award that is also required.

To show appreciation for all that our teachers do for our children, the P&C are hosting a breakfast this Friday morning for all of our Edge Hill State School amazing teachers.

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Musical Notes  
Below are some dates from the Term 4 Music Department calendar. As per usual, notes with further details about these concerts will be sent home with students closer to the time.

The EHSS Choir is currently working towards a performance at the Caims Concert Orchestra’s Classical Favourites Concert 2pm Saturday 26 November. There is a flyer in the music room window with further information.

Another upcoming performance date is the annual Celebration of Music Concert on Monday 28 November from 6pm in the EHSS PAC. The Choir, Concert Bands and String Orchestras will be involved in this.

In Prep Music Lessons, students have been working on songs and dances for musicals. The Three Little Pigs, Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood. The performances of these will be, 10 November from 2pm in the EHSS PAC.

Find us on Facebook
Be surprised throughout the day with updates and highlights of the daily learning at Edge Hill State School.

Book Club
Scholastic Book club orders for Issue 7 as closing this week. Great books for Xmas and birthdays. If it is a surprise, orders can be picked up from the office or school shop by you. The next issue will be your last chance to buy books in 2016.

Lost Property
Please come and check our lost property shelves near the office—we are getting quite a collection of wet swimmers, towels, hats and drink bottles.

Centrepay Deductions
If you would like to start your Centrepay deductions now for 2017 booklist and uniforms please see Alison in School Shop for forms

Monday to Friday  
8.15am to 9.30am
Thank you to all those who attended our monthly P&C meeting last Wednesday. It was a great opportunity to find out about the goings on around the school—and also to have input in our Annual Operations Plan for 2017.

Our P&C not only organise lots of great activities throughout the school year—but also oversee the operations of two businesses—our Tuckshop and also our Outside Schools Hours Care (OSHC). We have been very busy recently with many building works happening around the school. Some of the many projects currently being undertaken by your P&C include the construction of the new Innovation Centre—the P&C have contributed $260,000 to this building, and at last week’s meeting committed another $50,000 to the fit out of the building including technological and furniture components. You may have also noticed a new stage area down by the Grade 1 classrooms—this will be a great little space for our children to play in. Those families who use our OSHC facility will have noticed that we have just completed renovating the ceiling of the building and installing air conditioning. Keep an eye out on this end of the school as we have plans for some new undercover play areas!!

All of these projects have been funded by the P&C using $$ earned through their different activities, building fund and fundraising levy, and money raised through our fantastic OSHC.

When 2017 Booklists come home this week you will also receive an envelope for contributions to the P&C. We encourage all families to make these financial contributions to our P&C so we can continue to provide excellent resources for our school.

At our meeting last week we also committed to providing financial assistance to several departments throughout the school including music, sport, art, LOTE and the library.

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