Dear Parents

As we come to the last week of the school year it is easy to get lost in the busy activities that lead up to the holidays and Christmas. I have been reflecting back on our school year and the many, many things that have made our Edge Hill school year so successful. Engaged learning, successful outcomes, and positive relationships. Our school is more than the traditional 3R’s, it is about helping our children grow and flourish with the skills and attitudes for a successful future life.

Some of our successes this year have included the Innovation Centre, Sustainable Kitchen Garden Project, The Art Studio, Stem initiatives, Japanese immersion in Year 1, sports days, musicals and music performances, school camps and excursions, Japan Study Tour, Eisteddfod, Fanfare, Cairns Festival, Great Family Breakfast, our amazing Fete, Book Fairs, and of course the quality learning in all our classrooms.

The end of the year is when we farewell our Year 6 students. We acknowledge their contribution to our school and wish them well on the next stage of their educational journey.

We also farewell a number of staff, again we thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them well for the future. Mrs Jennifer Angus is retiring after being first appointed to Edge Hill State School in 1988. Mrs Angus has been teacher Librarian and for the past few years our curriculum expert in writing. She has been a very special member of our school community. We also farewell Mrs Mel Vaughan. Mrs Vaughan is returning to her family in Melbourne. A number of teachers (Ms Arnett, Ms Todd, Ms Vernon) are taking 12 months leave and we look forward to seeing them return to Edge Hill in 2018.

Yesterday students who nominated for School Leader in 2017 were given an opportunity to speak to students in Years 4 and 5. Following the speeches students had the opportunity to vote for their choice of school leaders. Congratulations to the candidates; Riley Groennou, Rachel Robjent, Hunter Kingsford, Mei Iwamura, Emily Robinson, Aimee Kirakovskei, Elle Wilson, Eva Trevino, Mikaela Jensen, Eva Cross and Oliver Hales. School Leaders for 2017 are Riley Groennou, Mei Iwamura, Elle Wilson and Oliver Hales.

With the holidays fast approaching, we need our community looking out for our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Semester 2 report cards will be distributed on Friday. Class lists for 2017 and the 2017 school calendar will also be available from Friday.

Thank you to all the people who have supported our school this year. Teachers, teacher aides, cleaners, tuckshop workers, grounds staff and volunteers do an amazing job and we appreciate their efforts. Thanks also to all our families for their support. Together we make a great team. From all the staff at Edge Hill State School, we wish everyone an enjoyable, prosperous end of year break and a positive start to next year.

Paul Campbell
Principal

School Leaders for 2017
Elle Wilson, Mei Iwamura, Elle Wilson and Oliver Hales.
PREP Farewell beautiful Prep's and Prep Families. We are all very excited and very tired as we have achieved so much this year. Our sincere thanks to you families and carers, for your gracious support and patience as we rumbled along on our first school journey. We hope you enjoy a delightful holiday and remember to keep reading, keep writing and keep asking questions! Your loving Prep teachers.

YEAR 2 Thankyou for sending back so many home readers already. However, there are many still missing, so please have one more check. Many classmates are having a party this Friday. Please contact your child's teacher for further information.

The Year 2 teachers would like to thank all our students and families for a great year. Wishing you a very happy Christmas and safe holiday.

YEAR 3 2016 has been a great year of learning. Thank you for your support. Have a safe and happy break. See you back refreshed and ready for Year 4.

YEAR 5 WOWOWOW! and WOW!!! How COOL did everyone look in their masks. Great job everyone. Well done to those people participating in the Swimming Carnival yesterday and also to those giving speeches for our 2017 Leaders. Don’t forget your swimmers for Friday as well. Today we went to Trinity Bay State High School for our Science Day and work in real Science Labs...AMAZING. From all your Year 5 Teachers - It’s been a wonderful, jam packed year in Year 5. Enjoy your holidays and see you all as Seniors in 2017...YIPPEEEE

YEAR 6 Yes, the final week is under way! Last Friday, Year 6 participated in the sensational first-ever STEM Day at Edge Hill, which by all accounts from teachers and students was an overall gigantic success (especially the Grill'd Burger)!

A special thank you must go to our STEM coach, Mr Harris. High School Transition Day is tomorrow for most of the students. Thursday is our Advancement Ceremony and students are ready! Love to see you there! As this is the last newsletter for our leaders of 2016, the Year 6 teachers would like to thank you - the parents and carers, for being involved with the cohort- big or small. We have really appreciated your efforts and are sure your child has over the last 7 years of primary school. We also know our students will continue to do us proud in their next chapter. The Year 6 cohort have had a fantastic, jam-packed final year and we are certainly proud of them! From us to you- Have a safe and merry Xmas!

Awards of Excellence Final Awards of Excellence for 2016

Year 6 Congratulations!

Gold: Matilda, Lilly (6A), Rebekah, Eoghan, Jenny (6B), Annabelle, Neil (6C), Erika, Yazmin, Keziah (6D), Lian, Hannah, Annie, Ruby and Max (absent)(6E).

Silver: Kalub (absent), Cara, Jade (absent), Bella (absent),asha (absent), Alex (6B), Connor, Lani, Jacinta (6D) and Marcellus (6E).

Bronze: Donald, James (absent), Noah (6A), Beau, Caden, Hadasah, Samarra (6B), Finn, Lionel, Elliot (6D), Nick, and Brianna (absent)(6E).

Year 5 Bronze winners.

Congratulations! Tia, Anna-Lise, Errol and Skye (5E)

STEM News

Year 6 STEM Day

Thanks to all who made the Year Six STEM Day a wonderful success last week. The highlight for many students was the opportunity to construct then eat their own “Grill’d” Hamburger. We thoroughly appreciate all that David from Grill’d did for us on that day, and we thoroughly appreciate his donation of $120 to pay for the materials (balloons, axles, car chassis, straws, cups, plates and napkins) that were used on the day. I look forward to many more STEM Days like this, in the near future.

STEM Academy News

Please keep an eye on the school website, which is currently under re-construction to provide specific information on the STEM Academy. For any updated information, bookmark and refresh this page: https://edgehillss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Specialistprograms/Pages/Edge-Hill-Stem-Academy.aspx

For people new to the concept of the STEM Academy, its philosophy is very similar to the Tri and Music Academies. The main aim is to facilitate the students’ involvement in activities that will greatly extend and hone attitudes, skills and knowledge in different Technology concepts.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted from parents/ guardians of students aged between 7 and 13 years old. Please email any student names to mharr94@eq.edu.au

I am hoping to have the participant list finalised by the 25th January, 2017 so if you are at all interested, please contact me soon as possible as . Already we have limited spaces available for Term One next year, so get in quick to avoid disappointment!

School Shop

Book packs available all week until 9th Dec. Thank you for your support during the year.

School shop re-opens Mon 16th January 2017 at 8am.

Please note Book Packs purchased on 23rd and 24th January will be full packs only there will be no option to take out items not needed.

Get organised for 2017 today and stop in to the school shop to get your school book packs.

EFTPOS facility available.

Centrepay option available for those eligible on Centrelink payments.

Scholastic Book Club

Thanks to everyone who purchased off the catalogues this year. See you all in 2017.

Student Banking

No school banking this week. Everyone should have their deposit books returned by now. Happy Holidays!!

Reading Hint

Needing quiet time during the holidays? Visit a local library and read, read, read!!

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.

All items not claimed by Friday will be donated to charity!!

Musical Notes

A reminder, our Instrumental Music Information session is 6pm today (Tuesday 6th December) in the Music Room. This is for parents of students who have been selected for the Year 4 Brass/ Woodwind/ Percussion program 2017 (a note went home to selected students about this.)

Tomorrow, Wednesday 7th December, in the EHSS PAC at 2pm we have the Choral Concert for students in Year 1, 2 and 4. Students will be singing a range of songs that they have been learning in their classroom music lessons. Looking forward to seeing lots of Year 1, 2 and 4 parents at this free concert.

It has been another great year in the Edge Hill Music Department. Well done to all students who put their best effort into Music this year. Thank you parents for supporting your children by supervising home practise and getting them to rehearsals. We look forward to another great year in 2017!
**Tuck Shop**

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

**As we come to the end of term not all menu items may be available. This week there will be no Sushi, no marinated chicken burgers & no pizza. There will be a limited supply of Slushy.**

Notes have been sent home to families who owe $$ to the Tuckshop. We ask that you please come in and settle your account ASAP.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Tuckshop this year. Operated by our P&C all Tuckshop profits go straight back in to providing resources for our students.

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**Conservation Volunteers Australia**

It has been such an inspiration for members of Conservation Volunteers to be working with many Green Thumbs from Grades 3 & 4 over the past couple of months, getting down and dirty planting Lomandra grasses, Native gingers and pretty Gardenias kindly donated by the Cairns Regional Council, helping to prevent weed distribution in the reserve and encourage local wildlife to come out and play. It will be many months before we see these plants flower, but when we do, they will be a magnificent sight!

The students were very enthusiastic, and while we only had enough for approx. one plant per student, these students didn't want to stop! They have walked away with the knowledge of plants native to the area, the important of fertilizer and mulch for feeding the tree and keeping its soil moist, and of course, no one could ever forget the squishy fun that came with adding the water crystals!

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**Queensland Health continues to offer free dental treatment**

Our service is improving and we now have new ways for you to contact the School Dental Service to make an appointment.

We can see ALL children aged 0-17 years.

How to make Appointment for your family:

Call us on 1300 300 850 to make an appointment including emergencies between 8.00am – 4.00 pm.

*Who is eligible?*

ALL Qld children from 0 years to 17 years (before 18th Birthday)

*NB Parents must attend all appointments with all students.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

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**Outside School Hours Care 2017**

Please make sure to submit enrolment forms for 2017 ASAP. Forms available from OSHC office.

**Vacation Care—Christmas Holidays**

Please come in and enrol ASAP. Some days are nearly full so get your booking in NOW so you don’t miss out!

Our OSHC is a great option for parents whose work schedules make it hard for school drop off and pick up times. We provide before school, after school and vacation care. Our OSHC comes under the umbrella of our school P&C—so any profits raised are invested straight back into our school facilities. Do you like the new umbrella shade structures that have just gone in—they have been provided by funds raised by our OSHC.

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**End of Year Swimming Carnivals**

Parents are encouraged to come along and enjoy!!

Prep Swimming Carnivals are this week Thursday and Friday afternoons.

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