Dear Parents

Welcome back to Edge Hill State School for what is sure to be another exciting year. It was great to see all the happy, smiling faces of new and returning students yesterday. The year has started very smoothly and classes are already focused on the important business of learning. Thank you to all our families for making sure that your students were well equipped and ready for school.

I know teachers are looking forward to sharing what will happen this year when Parent Teacher Nights are scheduled over the next few weeks. It is always helpful if you are able to attend the class meetings and we look forward to seeing you.

In the last few days we have enrolled many new students across all our year levels and welcomed 160 Prep students at Edge Hill. School numbers will be finalised on Thursday next week and we predict our enrolment numbers will settle at around 1130.

A Back to School disco will be held next Thursday, 2nd February for all students in Years 1-6. This is an Edge Hill tradition and a much anticipated event for many students and families.

Just a reminder to update your family details (address, telephone contacts, email address, emergency contacts etc) at the school office. If you can’t remember what we have recorded, it is probably a sign that it is time to check that everything is up to date. This information is particularly important when your child is unwell and we need to contact you.

Traffic and parking around our school is often chaotic at the start of the school year and can take a few weeks to settle. Please be patient and tolerant as we all want to keep our students safe. On wet days we need to take even more care as traffic conditions deteriorate. This is a good opportunity to talk with your child about road safety.

Paul Campbell
Principal
Around the Classroom

Welcome back to 2017. This Term students in Years 1—6 will participate in Swimming. Swimming is a very important part of our school curriculum, and we are very lucky to have our own pool here at Edge Hill. Please make payment for swimming fees at the school office. Please check which day is your swimming day and have your student come prepared—togs, towel, goggles, cap, sunscreen.

**Mondays**
- 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G

**Tuesdays**
- 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 3E, 3F, 3G, & P-6 class

**Wednesdays**
- 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 4D, 4B, 4E

**Thursdays**
- 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 4A, 4F

**Fridays**
- 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C

Sports News

Japanese News

We would like to ask some parents to help making our resources in Year 1 and 2 CLIL classes in 2017. As all resources are written in Japanese, an understanding of Japanese would be helpful. If you have spare time to help us, please contact the Japanese teachers.

Library News

Welcome back to another school year. The Library is open before school from 8:15am and after school until 3:30pm. Prep students need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian before and after school. We have games to play, iPads to use and of course books to read. We receive the Cairns Post daily, as well as an assortment of magazines including Modern Fishing, Inside Sport, K-zone and Pets to name a few. Students in Prep to Year 2 borrow one book a week and students in Year 3-6 may borrow two. Books may be borrowed for one week, if a student requires it for longer we can renew it for them as long as no one else is waiting for it. Parents/guardians are welcome to use the library and may also borrow a selection of books. Please drop by and see us soon. Wendy and Sally

Musical Notes

Welcome back to 2017. The Commbank School Banking program is available at our school. For more than 85 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children about the value of money and smart saving as well as the rewards they can bring. It’s a great fundraising activity, as Commbank offers your school commission for your child’s first School Banking deposit as well as deposits made as a part of the program. To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on banking day, Thursday, and will even be rewarded along the way with our exciting Rewards Program. Existing parent account holders can open an account for their children on line or call into a bank with a birth certificate. To find out more about the program, visit commbank.com.au/school banking.

School Shop

Back to School supplies are available from our School Shop—uniforms, books, & stationery items. EFTPOS facilities available. Payment can also be made via Centrepay.

Student Banking

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Catalogue issue 1 is on its way home. If you are looking for inexpensive books to supplement your child’s reading then look out for these catalogues each month. Payment can be made online with Scholastic or send the money and order into the school. Please return orders and payment by Friday Feb 10th.

Reading Hint

Schedule family reading time into your schedule—make sure you have plenty of good light and comfy chairs.

PREP
What an exciting couple of days. It has been wonderful to welcome our newest students to the school and hope that they have all been enjoying this transition to school. We look forward to meeting all Prep families at our Sausage Sizzle on Wednesday afternoon in the Prep playground.

YEAR 1
Welcome back parents and families, it’s wonderful to be working with you all again. Thankyou for preparing your child to begin the school year. We also appreciate the care you are taking to name all your child’s possessions for school. We look forward to our Parent Information evening next Tuesday, January 31, beginning at 5:30pm. It will be held in your child’s classroom and it’s a great opportunity to get the low down on the what, where, when and why of Year 1. See you there!

YEAR 2
Welcome back to school. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces yesterday. Thankyou for labelling all your students belongings and sending them off to school ready to learn. Parent Information Night is next Tuesday 31st January starting at 5pm in your child’s classroom. We hope you can make it. There are a few students without homework folders or home reading logs. Please hand them in to class as soon as you can.

YEAR 3
Welcome back to an exciting year of new learning. It is great to see the enthusiasm shown by the students as they settle into their routines and classrooms. Swimming starts this week. Please ensure that all your child’s belongings are labelled clearly. We look forward to meeting and working with you this year.

YEAR 4

4ab Welcome back to 2017. First day was a lot of organisational information but day 2 kicked off our learning in Year 4. Homework will start next week and will be handed out on Monday and need to be back on Fridays. Friday is also our library day. Swimming started this week and 4B is on Wednesday and 4A on Thursday (so not until Wk 2). Our Sustainable Living Kitchen Garden Program kicks off officially in Week 3 (some weeding being done in Wk 2) - 4A on Tuesdays and 4B on Wednesdays. If anyone is interested in volunteering to work with groups of 6 or so students in either the kitchen or the garden, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

4E Welcome back to 2017. We had a wonderful first day learning our new Year 4 routines. Homeworl will start next week and will be handed out on Monday and needs to come back on Fridays. Wednesday is our library day. Swimming is starting this week and 4E is on Wednesday afternoons. All the children will need their swimming gear for tomorrow. Our Sustainable Living Kitchen Garden Program kicks off officially in Week 3. More information will come home next week but if anyone is interested in volunteering to work with groups of 6 or so students in either the kitchen or the garden, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

YEAR 6
Welcome back to the start of 2017. We hope everyone had a relaxing break and are ready for a jam-packed term ahead. Our Parent Information Night will be held in Week 2, Wednesday, 1st February at 5:30 in the Year 6 classrooms. Swimming for Year 6 is on Thursdays for all classes this term – 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D and 6E.

Our Year 6 Camps will start this term on Weeks 9 and 10, continuing in Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 2. The schedule is as follows:
- 6A 20—22 March (Mon—Wed)
- 6B 27—29 March (Mon—Wed)
- 6C 19—21 April (Wed—Fri)
- 6D 26-28 April (Wed—Fri)

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**Tuck Shop**

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

Welcome back to 2017. We are looking forward to another great year providing healthy and yummy food to our school community.

New menus have been sent home. We have only made a few small changes to the menu, and have also made a few small price increases inline with increases in price from our suppliers.

*Please note that this week there will be no sushi or swagman’s lunches available.*

Complete your lunch order online via Flexischool to go in our weekly draw to win 2 of our new Juicy Iceblocks—one for you and one for a friend. Simply tear off your name label from your lunch bag and pop it in the Lucky Box at the Tuck Shop.

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**Around Our Community**

**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. This is a FREE service and is NOT means tested.

How to make Appointment for your family:

- Call us on 1300 308 850 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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**TYC Drama Classes for 5yrs+**

Classes commence from Sat 4 Feb, 2017

Looking for engaging, creative and educational after-school activities? Then come and tread the boards at The Young Company Theatre this semester! Develop confidence, explore your creativity, make new friends and learn the essentials of stage performance through improvisation, role-play, scripts, musical theatre and characterization activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!! For more information phone 40414066, email info@theyoungcompany.com.au, visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au, visit us at 169 Bunda St, Cairns City. Classes across the Cairns region.

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**Free try out for Taekwondo**

Suitable for school age to adults of any fitness level.

Tuesday and Thursday 6pm

Edge Hill sports centre.

Wear comfortable shorts and t-shirt and have some fun.

More info—Contact Narelle—Edge Hill Taekwondo instructor 0408770458

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**Stratford Dolphins Football Club 'Come and Try Day'!**

Saturday 4th Feb 9am - 12noon.

Cnr Arnold & Magazine St, Stratford.

Sign on Now at myfootballclub.com.au

More information: Email stratforddolphinsfc@gmail.com

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**The Cairns Junior Choral Society**

For children who love to sing — ages 8—18. The choir meets every Tuesday evening from 5:30pm in their hall on Grove St.

Reasonable fees, and family discounts apply.

Call Mrs Toni Dunstan for more information on 0437 942 019

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**P&C Corner**

**Outside School Hours Care 2017**

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

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 it—they have been provided by funds raised by our OSHC.

**P&C Levies—thank you**

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our P&C Fundraising Levy or the Building Fund. Our P&C is excited for some great new projects this year, and especially excited for our students to start using the Innovation Centre which we helped fund.

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**Cairns Taipans Basketball**

**FREE SUPER SESSION**

All boys and girls aged 7-11 (who haven’t played club before)

WHAT: Free skills, drills & games with Taipans, Marlins & Dolphins!

Signup information for club basketball will be available as well

WHEN: Saturday, 28 January 2017 12:00pm to 2:00pm

WHERE: Early Settler Stadium (Cairns Basketball Inc)

289 Aumuller Street, Manunda Q 4870

PLEASE EMAIL COMMUNITY@TAIPANS.COM TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!

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**Netball**

Cairns Netball Association has our annual club Sign On Day on the Saturday 18th February from 9:00-11:30am at the Martyn Street Netball courts.

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**Roller Derby**

**Cairns Junior Rollers**

Are you 7—17 and looking for a sport that’s as different and unique as you are? Roller Derby improves confidence, fitness, self-esteem and helps promote personal growth in a friendly environment—most importantly it’s fun!! Come down and give us a go. Sign on Day—Saturday 28th Jan 4—6pm, Cairns Skate Centre, Bahan St. For more info email Cairnsjuniorrollers@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook.

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**TENNIS COACHING - EDGE HILL TENNIS CLUB**

Hot Shots tennis coaching for children 5 to 12 years is held at the Edge Hill Tennis Club on Saturday mornings and after school. Cost is $75.00 for an 8 week term.

For information phone Tom Horn 40341773.
Email tomhorn@bigpond.net.au

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**BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING**

EDGE HILL STATE SCHOOL – SPORTS PAVILION

**COST** - $80.00 FOR 8 WEEKS – INCLUDES A NEW TENNIS RAQUET

**COMMENCE** - WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2017

**TIME** - 7.30AM TO 8.30AM

**REGISTRATIONS** - Phone Georgia Sesto 0434198046 or email gsesto1@hotmail.com

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**Soccer**

Edge Hill United Football Club

WHEN: SAT. 4TH FEBRUARY 9am-1pm

SAT. 11TH FEBRUARY 9am-1pm

WHERE: TIGER PARK (behind PCYC)

McNamara Street, Manunda


CONTACT: Glen 0439 857 655 for further information

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**Saints Soccer Club Sign on Day**

Saturday 04 February 2017 – 9am to 11am.

Endeavour Park, Cannon Street, Manunda.
Daphne’s Before and After School Care

* Now open on Saturdays for day care!
* Before School Care can start from 6am
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