Dear Parents

Parent Nights—Thank you to all those who have already supported their child’s teacher by attending our Parent Info nights. These sessions are a great opportunity to see how your child’s class operates for the year—their learnings, their events and future successes. Prep, Year 3 and Year 5 have their sessions this Thursday.

Enrolment—As of last Thursday we have 1131 students and growing! We are the largest primary school in Far North Queensland.

Disco—thanks for your support for this fun event. Special thanks to Dean Ashton, Rachel Curtis, our teachers and the energetic P&C who ran the BBQ, canteen and glow stall. This was a great event early in the year.

Music Academy— The first of our academies kicked off yesterday. These academies are a special initiative of Edge Hill and are fully subscribed. They value add to our already rich curriculum.

Sign-Ons—a host of sports and other organisations are queuing for your child’s participation in 2017. Page 3 of this newsletter has various community club sign-on details.

Leaders—Finally it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge our music, language and sports leaders for 2017. The process of selecting leaders is a great learning opportunity for our students and it displayed what a diverse and talented cohort of students we have at Edge Hill. Check out our Facebook page for lots of great photos.

Kev Holden
Deputy Principal

Music, Language and Sports Leaders 2017

Congratulations to these students who will serve as leaders of our Music Ensembles, Language Department and Sports Houses for 2017.

**Purple Serpents** - Talea, Eva, Rosco & Holly

**Green Gryphons** - Taj, Rhiana, Harper & Elleni

**Music Captains** - Mikaela, Evie & Shani

**Blue Giants** - Olivia, I'Sha, Mikayla & Takuma

**Red Dragons** - Cooper, Fleur, Jasmine & Kyleb.

**Language Captains** - Jini, Heidi & Elise
**Around the Classroom**

**YEAR 1**
Hello families, this week we begin our homework and home readers routine. This is often specific to each class so if you wish to talk more about homework your class teacher is happy to answer your questions.

Over the next few weeks, we are exploring our feelings in the classroom and while homework is a useful tool for learning, so too are conversations with your child about their feelings e.g. happy, excited, shy, surprised. By doing this you are complementing their learning and staying in touch with our daily English program. Thanks for your wonderful support.

**YEAR 2**
Thank you to those parents who have been able to volunteer to assist in their child’s classroom. We really appreciate any parent help. If you could spare 30 minutes one morning per week to listen to children read, please contact your child’s teacher.

This Thursday the Year 2 classes will have a visit from the Cairns Historical Society. The volunteers bring along with them a large range of historical toys, household items, and communication devices. The children always thoroughly enjoy participating in this event. Please send along a gold coin donation to allow this group to continue adding to and maintaining their collection.

**YEAR 3**
Students in year 3 have been reading “I Wanna Iguna” and learning about persuasive writing. In this form of writing, the writer uses words to convince the reader that their opinion is correct. “Dear Mum, I know that I already have a pet but I definitely need another one to keep my iguana company while I’m at school. My pets won’t go anywhere in the house where you are and they’re very calm. Your persuasive son, Alex”. Nicholas 3C

**YEAR 4**
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year Four Parent Information Afternoon, it was great to meet so many of you. If you were unable to make it and would like to put your name down to be a Parent Volunteer to assist with Kitchen or Garden lessons please see the class teacher. Have a great week.

**Year 1 Students of the Week**

**Year 2 Students of the Week**

**Year 5 Students of the Week**

**YEAR 5**
Well done Grade 5 students for a fantastic start to the year! All students have adapted to their new routines easily and have impressed us all with their organisation and amazing manners.

Don’t forget our Parent Information evening is this Thursday in our classrooms from 5:30 - 6pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**YEAR 6**
Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Information Night. It was great to see so many parents in attendance.

Congratulations to 6A for their successful win of the first Times Table Challenge trophy of 2017. Remember to practice your times tables.

Reminders:
* Swimming for Year 6 is on Thursdays for all classes this term – 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D and 6E. Please make sure your child has their swimming gear with them.

* Students need to bring in the following items to use during Pop Art rotation activities: one clean and empty chocolate or lolly wrapper, one clean and empty soda can.

* Camp Medical and Information Consent forms are due in as soon as possible. Please make sure you fill it out in full.

**Sports News**

**CROSS COUNTRY**
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Bring: A hat, drink bottle and sports shoes.

**STEM News**

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**Edge Hill Music Academy has opened it’s doors!**

EHMA is an after school program on Mondays and Thursdays aimed to develop students’ skills on their instruments, instil the discipline or practice and give children a rich understanding and experience of music. Each afternoon our students rotate between practice time on their instruments (supervised by talented young musicians - several of whom are former EHSS students!), vocal training and theory and musicianship. This Thursday we welcome to our team Violinist Stephanie Grenning (BMus UQ Performance) and Mezzo Soprano Katerina Manolatos (BMus (Qld Conservatorium). These accomplished teachers will add depth to our program as well as work with our students in small groups.

Our preparatory stream for students not yet in the school instrumental program (years 1-3) is now full, but we have made a few more places available for students who are learning brass / woodwind / percussion or string instruments. The cost of the program is $160 for the term and students attend on Monday and Thursday from 3.30 - 5pm. Email Mrs Richardson for more information. srich261@eq.edu.au

**Open the Box**

Open The Box is a joint initiative of the Music and STEM Academies and aims to prepare young children (2-5 year olds) for school by giving them an early start to learning. Come along with your littlies for a fun time of songs, stories and STEM activities. Register your interest at the office or speak to Simone Richardson or Michael Harris.

Starts Tuesday 14th February, 9am.

**Scholastic Book Club**

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.
P&C Corner

First P&C Meeting for 2017
Wednesday 15th February, 7pm Staffroom

Disco
Thank you so much to everyone who helped out at the disco last week. It was a fantastic night—the students all had a great time. We were also able to make a profit of $3000. This $8 will be invested back in to providing resources for your children at our great school.

P&C Levies
Thank you so much to those who have already contributed to our fundraising levy or Building Fund for 2017. We are grateful for your contribution to our school. Levies can be paid at the school shop or office.

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

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TIME - 7.30AM TO 8.30AM
REGISTRATIONS - Phone Georgina Sesto 0434198046 or email gsesto1@hotmail.com

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WHERE: TIGER PARK (behind PCYC)
McNamara Street, Manunda
CONTACT: Glen 0439 857 655 for further information

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