Welcome back to Term 2. It’s hard to believe we have been back almost 2 weeks already.

**NAPLAN TESTING**
Next week is a big week for all students in Year 3 and Year 5, as they complete their NAPLAN papers over three days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is important that all children attend school on these days and are punctual in arriving well before 8.55am, to allow them to settle into school on these days and start the assessments at the same time as everyone else. I stress to the parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students, that this should not be made a high pressure situation for the students. They do not need to drill and revise things the night before. It is more important that the children are well rested, well fed, calm and relaxed about the three days, to ensure they can demonstrate their best on each of the days. I also remind parents that NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of what the students show on each of the days, and in no way represents all aspects of a student’s performance over their school life. NAPLAN was designed to show some indication of what a student’s strengths and areas for further development might be, and were never meant to be used in the competitive nature that they are today.

**SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**
The teachers will be busy writing Semester 1 Student Reports this term. All teachers have a responsibility to be collecting relevant assessment information on each student throughout their teaching during Term 1 and Term 2, which forms the basis of the Semester 1 report. This is a more effective way of recognising and preparing for the learning needs of our students, and have replaced the old fashioned method of ‘testing’ students through one big collection of ‘tests’ at the end of a Term or Semester. Teachers then use this data or information to make informed decisions about the progress students have made against the outcomes from the syllabus documents. All teachers have very detailed information about the needs and progress of students and will be able to share that with parents in more detail, during Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 9 of this term. Parents will receive the Semester 1 Report on Friday of Week 8, and will also be able to bring this to the interviews to discuss with the class teacher. More information about the reports and interviews will follow later this term.
P&C MEETING
A reminder that our next P&C meeting will be held in the library at 2.00pm, next Wednesday 14th May. We look forward to you joining us. Thank you to the band of very dedicated P&C members for the wonderful selection of gifts available to the children on the Mother’s Day stall, and for giving the children the opportunity to ‘shop’ and ‘give a gift’ to someone special.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
On that note – I would like to wish all of our wonderful mums, grandmothers, aunties and carers, a very happy day on Sunday. I hope you get spoilt with love and kindness ALL DAY LONG !!!!!!!!

K de Falco
Principal
ANZAC Ceremony

On Tuesday, 29th April, the students and teachers at Edensor Park Public School were able to show their respect and remember the people who fought and helped during World War 1. We would like to thank our community for donating the flowers and rosemary.

ANZAC Craft Competition winners were:

K/1Red - Aaliya
1W—Natalia
2/3L—Andrew
4/5N—Halina

K Blue—Evelyn
1/2C—Yasmin
3H—Joseph
5R—Halyna

1M—Julian
2K—Sebastian
3/4D—Steven
6M—Alana

Congratulation to Danijela and Natalija in class 4/5N who did an amazing job designing an ANZAC Day Sticker.
On Tuesday 6th May, 2014 EPPS held our annual school Cross Country Carnival. We began the day with all the 8 year olds through to the 13 year olds assembling in the hall. Our students had the privilege of watching a movie inside the hall to calm their nerves before their big race. The 8, 9 & 10 year olds had to run 2km around the school while the 12 & 13 year olds had to run 3km. The students looked fantastic wearing their house colours. A big thank you to our Sport House Captains and Vice Captains who helped to direct the participants throughout all races and who also did a wonderful job with helping set up and run the carnival. The weather was beautiful and the carnival ran very smoothly with all students competing and having fun. Congratulations to the 47 students who have made it to the Zone Cross Country Carnival which is to be held at Brennan Park Smithfield during week 5, Friday 30th May, 2014. (Order of names below indicate place in each age group).

8/9 Girls: Daniella Grima, Chelsea Robinson, Thalia Zlomislic, Manilla Hawil, Lucy Ligadua and Emily Talevska
8/9 Boys: Stewart Badal, Owen Choyce, Daniel Abbasi, Lucas Novaretti, Nathan Youkhana and Anthony Abbasi
10 Girls: Alannah Greksa, Stella Athanasiou, Hidy Butrs, Tanya Do, Tia Tran and Isabella Aziz
10 Boys: Leon Markovic, Anthony Zic, Yanni Pallas, Riccardo Cavallaro, Jason Whittle and Daniel Ramirez
11 Girls: Alanah Nicholas, Stephanie Long, Paris Tran, Catelyn Rogers, Rosina Carbone and Rachel Whittle
11 Boys: Tomislav Dujo, Antun Lucic, Alex Vogiatzis, Bennedict Simamora, Joshua Dubock and Evan Athanasiou
12 Girls: Cindy Pham, Sarah Lewis, Nastasia Novaretti and Alana Zic
12 Boys: Alex Syramahos, Joshua Yalda, Fadi Butrs, Winston Le, Petar Kovkski and PJ Belcastro
13 Boys: Jon Vogiatzis

Stay tuned for the next newsletter to see which house won the EPPS Cross Country Carnival and furthermore, to see our Sport House Captains in their team photos.

Mr Cootes & Miss Eav
(Cross Country Organisers)
PEER AWARDS

K Blue : Summer
K/1 Red : Bethany
1M : Celeste
1W : Aleisha
1/2C : Thomas
2K : Dominic
2/3L : Wan
3H : Korn
3/4D : Jennifer
4/5N : Tommy
5R : Gabriella
6M : Rachel

MERIT AWARDS

K Blue : Mike, Annalyse
K/1 Red : Marquez, Amelia
1M : Lena, Jacob
1W : Amos, Katrina
1/2C : Aleesha, Albert
2K : Darcy, Amanda
2/3L : Princeton, Aymen
3H : Theo, Rose
3/4D : Christopher, Stefan
4/5N : Jylise Ann, Yousif
5R : Mohamen
6M : Coby, Luke

SPORT AWARDS

K Blue : Makayla
K/1 Red : Maya
1M : Tristan
1W : Shamiran
1/2C : Lucas
2K : Dominic
Softball : Andrew (2/3L)
Touch Football : David (2/3L)
Cricket : Josh (5R)
Basketball : Chris (5R)
PSSA Jnr Netball : Rosalinda 4/5N
PSSA Snr Netball : Rosina (5R)
PSSA Soccer : Daniel (Jnr Boys)
PSSA Soccer : Alex (Snr Boys)
PSSA Soccer : Nastasia (Snr Girls)
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Club**
Last day for Issue 3 orders is Friday 9th May. Please make sure that you have written your name and class on the order form.

**Monster second-hand book sale**
We will be holding a sale of pre-loved books in the library in Week 4 (Monday 19th May - Wednesday 21st May). Books will be 50c each or 3 for $1. Lots of great books looking for new homes … hope to see you there.

**Author tour**
Dav Pilkey, author of the highly successful series “Captain Underpants”, is coming to Australia to take part in the Sydney Writer’s Festival. Eight students have shown that they are true fans of his work by taking part in a quiz and will be accompanying me to hear him speak and have the opportunity to have a book signed by him on Monday 26th May. Well done Coby, Jake and Fadi (6M), Jessica, Alex V and Tibet (5R) and Yanni and Chloe (4/5N).

Happy reading!
Mrs Bendit

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**P & C NEWS**

Thanks to your amazing support in your donations of Easter eggs

We raised $1200

From our Easter Raffle last term.

This money will go towards a school project.

Thank you
Mrs Simon—P&C President
National Family Reading Month

You could WIN $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family AND books for your classroom teacher!

1. Hang this Reading Log on a wall, your bedroom door, or on the fridge. (Make sure you ask your parents first!)

2. Read for at least 10 minutes every day in May and write on a cheese wedge the time spent reading.

3. On the 1st of June, total up your Reading Minutes for May and go online to www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay and enter the competition.

4. All winners will be announced on the website by the end of June.

Holy cheese! I read for a total of __ minutes in May!

To enter the competition, lodge your total minutes online by the 14th of June. www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay

[Diagram of cheese wedges]
We have started to learn our sounds.

Last week we learnt all about the letter ‘a’ and one of our activities was to make a little ‘a’ with playdough.

This week we learnt all about the letter ‘b’. We drew a little ‘b’ on paint bags and made a blue bird.
Our school is again participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with additional learning needs.

This important data collection will reflect the support that is already being provided to students and will focus on the steps the school is taking to ensure that all students can access education on the same basis. The data will be used to inform future planning by governments and education authorities and will help us to better support the participation of all students in our school and all other NSW public schools.

The data collection will focus on the adjustments that are being made by teachers and schools to support individual students to access and participate in education. Schools will collect information already available in the school about:

- The level of adjustment being provided to support students with additional learning needs to participate in their schooling like all other students.
- The number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- The student’s type of disability (if applicable)

The data collection process will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The school will provide the information to the Department of Education and Communities’ Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation. The data that is sent by the school to the Centre will be done in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified. The Centre will remove further identifiable features, such as school name, when it gives this data to the Commonwealth. This ensures that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected.

All information collected by the Commonwealth and the Department is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. The Commonwealth follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 and the Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1988.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please make an appointment at the office to see Mrs McCosker.
Mrs Curcio was very proud of her class when they dressed up as animals and performed ‘The Fox Song’ by Ylvis, at assembly this week.

We have such talented children at Edensor Park School!

But there’s one sound
That no one knows

What does the fox say?
Children who turn five before 31st July 2015 are eligible to start school next year.

If you have a child, or you know of any children in Edensor Park who will be ready to start school next year, please call into the office now for an enrolment form.
Don't forget.....

19th—21st May   Monster Second-hand Book Sale
20th May         Computer Competition
26th May—6 June  Swim Scheme
30th May         Zone Cross Country
30th May         Final Day for Aquarium Payment

9th June         Queens Birthday Weekend
11th June        P & C Meeting
16th June        Writing Competition
17th June        Spelling Competition
23rd June        Stage 1 Aquarium Excursion
23-27 June       Parent/Teacher Interviews
27th June        Last Day of Term 2

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