Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to our new families to Edensor Park. As you can see from this newsletter, we have a very exciting and busy term ahead.

We begin the term with very cold weather, just in time for our Athletics Carnival. What a wonderful day for all students and staff. It is great to see so much talent performing on the sporting field, along with impressive sportsmanship and encouragement from all our students. A special thank you to the staff and parents, who gave of their time to make this event so successful. The students of Edensor Park are very fortunate to have your support.

Our Staff Development Day at the start of this term was around the topic of what teaching and learning looks like in the 21st Century. We began the day looking at the Melbourne Declaration which outlines the skills and capabilities needed to allow our students to be successful and competitive on a local and global level. From this we viewed a couple of presentations which covered some of the changes needed in education and classrooms to prepare our students.

All members of our staff are now involved in an inquiry based research project, where they will become experts in selected areas of this topic. As a staff and community we will then use this information to form our next School Plan for the next three years. Our staff will be continuing their work across two evenings in Weeks 7 and 8, as part of their additional Staff Development. During Term 4 we propose to hold an information evening for parents, where we will present some of the findings from the staff research. On this evening, parents will also have an opportunity to be part of our future planning.
I would like to take this opportunity to inform the community that the final day of the 2014 school year for students, is **Wednesday 17**<sup>th</sup> **December**. Many families like to have this date well in advance so they can make suitable arrangements for child minding and holiday planning.

Next Week is Education Week. As a way of involving our students in planning for their future, we are having a ‘Window into the Future’ theme. As you will be aware Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, is the main feature of Education Week, where we invite you to visit our classrooms in the morning, and then join us for our formal Education Week assembly. Our hall is starting to look very pleasant, with new murals from each class now on display around the walls.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, we ask that the students come dressed as the ‘career or job’ they would like to be in, in the future. They will also complete some activities in class to help them set goals to achieve these careers, and to suggest how our school could help them achieve their goals. We look forward to you joining us on our Open Day – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Once again I find the need to remind people about the correct use of the Kiss and Drop Zones, and to pay attention to our students moving in and out of our school in the afternoon. We have executive members of staff on duty in the afternoon, at both the Gwandalan Road gate, and the Swan Road gate. Their role is to assist our students in safely leaving the school grounds, and to remind parents of the correct parking and driving behaviours when necessary. I ask all parents to respect the fact that we have 300 students and their parents trying to leave the school at the same time as each other. Apart from driving and parking in a safe and mature manner, please make sure you are crossing the roads by using the pedestrian crossings. Please do not be rude or act in an aggressive manner towards our team of Executive teachers whilst they are out their showing their duty of care towards your children. We ask for your support, as it is becoming very dangerous around our school each afternoon, and we cannot keep our children safe without your assistance.

K de Falco

Principal
Infants Carnival Results

1st  Jamison  :  315 pts
2nd  Bossley  :  314 pts
3rd  Wylde    :  293 pts
4th  Abbott   :  280 pts

On Tuesday, our whole school went to Bosnjak Oval for the Athletics Carnival. The K-2 children went to the Infants Carnival.

We started with some running races. Then we ran in hurdle races. We were “very fast”. After recess we had lots of relays.

In the afternoon we played games. They were the discus, javelin, parachute and the egg and spoon race.

We had a perfect day!

Primary results will be published in our next Newsletter.
Our annual Book Fair will be held in Week 3 (Education Week). Students will be viewing the books and filling out a ‘wish list’ in their Library lesson in Week 2. Please feel free to browse with your child in Week 2 but no purchases can be made until the Book Fair opens on 28th July. Books can be purchased in several ways: EFTPOS, online credit card payment to Scholastic or cash.

I hope that everyone will be able to find a book to take home and love.

**Guessing competition**

Guess how many sour worms and bug lollies are in the jar and help to buy books for our library. One guess costs 50c or three guesses for $1. Closest guess wins the jar of lollies.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

21 fabulous students have completed the challenge already - WELL DONE! For those who are still reading, you will need to hand your Reading Log to me by Wednesday 20th August (Week 6).

**Book Week**

We have started to read the books that have been shortlisted in this year’s Children’s Book Week awards. As part of our celebrations for Book Week and National Literacy Week, we will be holding a Book Character Parade in late August. Start thinking about who you are going to come dressed as.

**Jeans for Genes® Friday 1 August 2014**

Wear your jeans to school and bring a gold coin to donate to this worthwhile cause

When you support Jeans for Genes you are helping unravel cures for future generations of children.

**Jeans for Genes Pencils will be on sale for a gold coin donation**

Proudly organised by
The Student Representative Council
Edensor Park Public School
For full details of activities during Education Week, please refer to the program that was sent home last week.

28th-30th July: Book Fair

Monday, 28th July: Buddy Classes

Tuesday, 29th July: 9:30-10:00 Open classrooms
10:00am Education Week Assembly
11:20 am Picnic with the parents

Wednesday, 30th July: “What will I be when I grow up” Dress Up Day
Children will come to school dressed up as the career of their choice. What will they be? Archaeologist? Mad Scientist? Racing Car Driver? Doctor?

Friday, 1st August: Jeans for Genes Day

We welcome parents to come along and join us for our Open Day celebrations on Tuesday!
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**Narrabeen Campers!!**

For those who may have been confused by the typo in the reminder note sent home recently, please be assured that camp is on between 4-6 AUGUST—NOT July!!

So, you haven't missed it—start packing your bags now and make sure that your payment is made in full by Friday 25th July—that’s this coming Friday!!
The Edensor Park Poppets learnt why it is important to listen and take turns when talking. We now know that to be a good listener at school we need to follow the 5Ls:

- Look at the person talking
- Lips closed
- Ears on to Listen
- Legs still
- Hands in Laps

We also made our own little books by rubbing the side of a crayon over some rubbing boards to create lovely pictures on each page.

See you next week with some more exciting Poppets news!
28 July—1 August   EDUCATION WEEK
August 1           Jeans for Genes Day
August 4-6         Narrabeen Camp—Yr 5/6
August 8           Zone Athletics Carnival

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Enrol now for Kindergarten 2015

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.