From time to time we are informed of students having issues with people approaching them on their way to or from school. We have been fortunate that it has not involved our children. There have been some incidents notified to police, however, they were not located close to our school. It is a good time to remind our students of their safety and how they should respond in such situations. Students need to be warned not to speak to anyone not known to them, and to go directly to and from school in a quick and timely manner. If possible students should try and walk home together as a group, if they live nearby each other, rather than walking alone. If students ever feel unsafe and they are closer to school than home, we would encourage them to come back to school and report the incident. Any suspicious behaviour should be reported directly to the local police station, and then to the school.

**Lockdown Drill**
As another measure of safety we had a practise drill of a school Lockdown. This is where the children were asked to remain safely in classrooms, doors locked and under the supervision of a teacher. This would only be needed if there was an incident in or close by our school of an unsafe nature. All classes carried out this drill in a very safe and sensible manner and should be congratulated on their behaviour.
Family Record Update

We are in the process of updating our family records on the computer system in the front office, and have sent a note home to families to get up to date information on the type of job or occupation our parents are currently working in. Schools receive funding to help support the educational needs of the students based on the socio economic status of the school community. We must make sure our school records are accurate and up to date. The note asks for you to update the following information – ‘have you been unemployed in the last 12 months’, ‘what is your current occupation’ (and that means you are currently working in that job, not just qualified to work in that job). It is very important that we show the Department that we need these funds to help our students, so please do not hide the fact that you may be unemployed, or a house wife/stay at home mum, student or on a pension. It is also important to keep the office informed if your circumstances change so we can keep our information up to date.

Skoolbag App

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Edensor Park Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Newsletters, notes, upcoming events and updates will be placed onto the app. This is an essential app to ensure you know what is happening in the school and particularly if notes go missing from school bags!

T. McCosker
Assistant Principal

EDENSON PARK SWIMMING CHAMP!!

CHELSEA represented our school today at the Regional Swimming Carnival. She came 6th in the 50m Freestyle event in a time of 44.57.

Congratulations, CHELSEA,
We are very proud of you!
The 2015 Poppets (School Readiness Program) is up and running. The kids had a great time playing and singing. Playdough was the favourite activity of the day last week.

Looking forward to next week.

Mrs Watson
**Dates to Remember**

19th March:  Headstart Yr 5

20th March:  Children are asked to wear **ORANGE** and bring in a **GOLD COIN** on this day, to celebrate our school’s wonderful cultural diversity, and to symbolise that we are taking a stand against all forms of bullying.

24th March:  We are having a **TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC** to raise funds for the Bandaged Bear Appeal at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Children are asked to bring in a **GOLD COIN** and their favourite **TEDDY BEAR**.

1st April:  **EASTER EGG HUNT**. Don’t forget to bring in $2.50 to participate in this event.

2nd April:  **EASTER PARADE**—We look forward to welcoming parents to our Easter Parade which will take place at 11.30 am. on Thursday, 2nd April. Children will parade in their “Eastery” costumes or with whatever “Eastery” item they have created and we are hoping for a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

2nd April:  Last day of Term 1.

21st April:  **TERM 2 COMMENCES**

24th April:  An **ANZAC DAY** service will be held at school on FRIDAY, 24th April. If you have flowers or Rosemary in your garden, we would appreciate it if you could bring in a bunch on the day.

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