“Welcome back!”

Edensor Park Public School staff welcome you to the 2016 school year. I trust that your break was refreshing and you are ready for an exciting and productive year at Edensor Park Public School. There will be many opportunities for involvement, growth, and learning across the school this year. It is a very exciting time of year for all students, where they learn how to navigate their new class schedules, meeting new friends and teachers, and reconnecting with old ones. As in any time of transition, it’s the right time to offer some advice on how to help your child/ren make the transition from their holiday to school. It can be a rather stressful period. This is true for both returning families as well as those brand new to the Edensor Park Public School community. Students who are starting school for the first time have the biggest adjustment, but even moving up a year means coping with a new teacher, more academic demands and a changing social circle.

Here are a few things you can do to help your child settle back into school, because I acknowledge the greatest factor leading to a child’s success in school is you, the parent.

- **Be Prepared**
  It is important to get to know what is expected of you and your child, so that you don’t tell your child one thing while the school says another. Take full advantage of information sessions where possible. Keep up to date with goings on of the school via the newsletter and the school app. If you are new to the school, encourage your children to make some friends in the same class and look at the new school year as a clean slate. Whatever their experience in the past, reinforce to them how a new school year offers them new opportunities.

- **Set up a good routine**
  Make sure your child’s body clock is ready for the school day. It is a good idea to start adjusting bed times and wake up times early enough to get children back into the rhythm of the school day. Tired children, or children who are rushing out of the house in the morning and dropped off in a hurry, often get anxious and irritable because they don’t have enough time to adjust.

- **Stay Positive**
  It is important to stay positive about the new school year. Children need to feel that you are happy about them going to school or being away from you so that they don’t worry about you or feel that they are missing out on some other fun.
Tell them what you want them to do

Letting children know how you want them to behave at school in a positive way is really helpful. Reinforcing the school rules. Explaining as much as you think they will understand helps them to be well prepared. If you have particular concerns about your child settling in, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat.

Become involved

See how you can become involved. It’s simple to be involved in your child’s education. Meet his or her teacher, find out about that teacher’s expectations, establish a rapport with the teacher that will serve you well during the year, and attach a name to a face. In addition, start planning on how to keep track of your child’s subjects, homework, activities, and progress throughout the school. Start the practice early and it will become a habit that lasts throughout the year.

Be encouraging

Finally, encourage your child to see the enjoyment that school offers. There is the joy of learning – and students love coming to Edensor Park Public School. There are friends and favourite teachers. There is always something worthy of the return to school.

Students and parents, I wish you a wonderful, safe, and fulfilling new school year.

Edensor Park Public School: Code of Conduct

- Consider Others By Being: friendly, caring and truthful
- Take Pride In yourself, your work, your school
- Keep Our School Clean And Tidy: classroom and playground
- Be Sensible And Careful With All Property; your own, others’ and school
- Cooperate And Be Polite By following instructions and respecting others
- Be In The Right Place And Choose Sensible Activities

New Classes for 2016

By now your children have been placed into their new classes, and when I have visited their classrooms, the students are settled and positive about their new class and their new teacher. It is great to see that they have such a positive outlook to coming to Edensor Park Public School. I would like to thank you, the parents and caregivers, for instilling such a positive mindset for the beginning of the 2016 school year. A table showing the make up of our classes can be seen elsewhere in this Newsletter.

School Road Safety

Continuing on from last year, I would like to reinforce to each and every one of you the importance of being safe on Swan and Gwandalan Roads. The safety of students comes first, and as adults we must show the appropriate behaviour by abiding by the road rules. Please be mindful that you do not double park or park in the pick up zone. This is dangerous and we would not want anything to happen to any student here at Edensor Park Public School. I received a call at the beginning of the term from the local police regarding this very matter. Please do the right thing around our school roads, this way we can avoid any unnecessary heartbreak.

The ‘Kiss and Drop’ zones on Gwandalan Road (in front of the office) and Swan Road (behind the school hall) are not areas that parents can park in for an extended period of time. If you wish to come into the school to pick your child/ren up after school, you will need to park on the road away from these zones.
**Allergies and Anaphylaxis**

As we begin the new school year, I would like to bring to your attention to the fact that Edensor Park Public School has a number of students who are anaphylactic. This is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Anaphylaxis is always treated as a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment with adrenaline. Adrenaline autoinjectors (e.g. EpiPen) are designed to be given by non-medical people. All the staff at Edensor Park Public School are trained in the use of an EpiPen, with the recognition and treatment of allergic reactions (including anaphylaxis).

Training addressed:
- What is allergy and anaphylaxis?
- Common causes of allergic reactions including anaphylaxis.
- Signs and symptoms of mild to moderate and severe allergic reactions.

**What we can do as a school?**

Allergic reactions are common. They happen when the immune system reacts. They can be triggered by an allergen coming into contact with the skin, eyes, nose, lungs, stomach or bowel. Many allergic reactions are mild, but some can be severe and even life threatening.

The most common causes of allergy in children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow’s milk, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish. Other causes are bee or other insect bites (e.g. wasp, jumper jack ant) and some medications such as antibiotics or anaesthetics.

We ask you to support children at risk of anaphylaxis by:
- not sending food which has nuts in the main ingredients list, such as peanut butter, nutella and some muesli bars and baked goods,
- teaching your child not to share food with friends that have food allergy,
- encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating.

**Swimming Carnival**

The numbers were few at the swimming carnival on Tuesday and I want to congratulate all of the competitors who swam on the day. We saw very close races, determination and children trying their best as they swam down the pool. Thanks to Miss Dragicevich for the preparation that went into the carnival and the parents and staff who helped on the day.
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Lines of Communication
Schools are very busy places and along with ‘Learning’ being our priority, we also value being able to build a relationship with our parents and community. Throughout the year we arrange opportunities for parents to meet with the teachers, and have an opportunity to formally discuss the learning progress of the students. We also encourage parents to discuss any issues of concern, by first making an appointment to see your child’s class teacher. Please remember that the role of our class teachers is to provide direct supervision and learning opportunities to the students, so they cannot be interrupted during class time, nor can they be held up in the mornings, when they need to be moving into class for the day. Making an appointment allows the teacher to give you the time and attention you deserve as the parent/carer of our students. Appointments should be made directly with the teacher. If you have on-going concerns that you wish to have further support with, please make an appointment with the supervisor of the stage, as is listed in the table on the opposite page.

Supervision
Supervision commences at 8:30am each morning and concludes at 3:15pm. Please do not drop your children to school before 8:30am unless they are going to Before School Care. If you are running late in the afternoon or if someone else is picking up your children from school, please ring the office and let the ladies know so the message can be passed onto the children and executive staff who supervise the children after school.

Bell Times
Our school bell rings at 8.55am and all children are required to be at school before this time.

The Home School Liaison Officer identifies families with continual issues of lateness to school, The families identified are closely monitored, and contacted if this continues to be of concern.

School finishes at 2:55pm and we expect parents to be punctual when collecting their children at the end of the day. If you are delayed for any reason, a phone call to the office to advise your expected time is very much appreciated.

Meet the Teacher BBQ
Please keep Wednesday 17th February free for our Meet the Teacher BBQ between 5:30–7:30pm, to informally meet your child’s teacher, hear some of the plans, expectations and routines for 2016, while enjoying the free BBQ.

We hope to see you all there.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The best gift we can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success at school.

Our school participates in Scholastic’s Book Club. Twice a term, your child will receive a catalogue which offers a selection of books. **There is no obligation to buy.**

If you choose to order, write your child’s name and class on the order form in the centre of the catalogue and mark the books that you would like. You can pay by cash, credit card or cheque. Return the form to the office by the due date (orders for Issue 1 are due back to school by Friday 12th February). The books arrive around a week after I place the order to Scholastic and are delivered to your child’s class.

If you have any other questions about Book Club, please come and see me (Monday - Wednesday).

Christine Bendit
Teacher Librarian
Welcome back everyone, for another great year filled with lots of wonderful books.

There are many new books ready to be borrowed that are on display as you enter the library - come and have a look at them.

You will also notice that there have been some very exciting changes to our library - make sure that you come and have a look

Scholastic Reading Crew
Do you love reading? Would you like the chance to read books before other people and write reviews that would be shown in the Book Club catalogue? Are you aged between 6 and 13? If so, you might like to join the Scholastic Reading Review Crew. All you need to do is fill in a nomination form (available in the library) with your name, age, class and the reasons why you would make a great reviewer.

Library opening times
Before school Monday - Wednesday
2nd half lunch Tuesday and Wednesday

Borrowing
- Books can be borrowed either in your class library time or whenever the library is open as long you have your library bag and no overdue books.
- Please always keep your book in your library bag when you are not reading it.
- Kindergarten students will receive a free library bag when they come to the library for their first lesson next week.
- K-2 students can borrow one book at a time, students in Years 3-6 can borrow two books.

Happy reading!

C Bendit
Teacher Librarian
CRUNCH & SIP
A Healthy Eating Initiative

The SRC would like to officially launch Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a healthy eating program designed to encourage students to eat more fruit and vegetables and to stay hydrated.

To create awareness for this program the SRC would like students to host a fun dress up day on **Tuesday 16th February 2016**.

It would be great if students could bring in a gold coin donation and come to school dressed as their favourite fruit or vegetable OR wear the colours of their favourite fruit or vegetable.

On the day students will also need a bottle of water and an extra piece of fruit or vegetable packed in their lunch box to eat at 10am during Crunch & Sip.

To further promote Crunch & Sip and to expose your child to a variety of fruit and vegetables, the SRC will also be hosting taste testing mornings every second Tuesday.

**The next taste testing day will be on Tuesday 23rd February in the courtyard from 8.40am!**

S. Watson & V. Hayes
SRC Co-Ordinators
5/6H TEAM BUILDING

What better way to get to know each other?

5/6H has had a great start to the year. Not only are we working hard academically BUT we’re learning valuable social skills.

Over the last week 5/6H has participated in a number of team building activities. These activities encourage students to work together to achieve a common goal. It also promotes students’ communication skills and problem solving abilities.

Some of our activities are a little crazy and challenging but we’ve had lots of fun. Here are a few of our activities.

Cotton Ball Race

In teams, students race each other to move their five cotton balls from one container to another container. The catch is that the cotton balls can only be moved with your nose (which has been covered in Vaseline).

A Home for Harry

Harry is our fluffy friend who needs a new home. In small groups students must use the given resources (pipe cleaners, aluminium foil, cardboard and a cupcake patty) to build Harry a new home which will keep him off the ground.
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Essential Extras...
Bottle green fleecy zip jacket or jumper with school emblem
Bottle green Legionnaire or slouch hat with school emblem
Bottle green sport shorts
or
Bottle green track pants
with
White polo shirt with bottle green collar and school emblem
and
White socks and sand shoes

At Edensor Park School we are proud of our image and we expect our students to promote it by wearing the correct school uniform at all times. In 2016 we are making a focus point of this and will be reminding you throughout the year to keep up the standard.

Uniforms are available from the office every day. The only items that are not stocked are shoes, socks and school bags.
In accordance with school procedures and policy, we will be having an EVACUATION DRILL at school next Tuesday, 16th February.

If you hear bells ringing during school hours, do not be alarmed, it is just a practice!

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