

Edney Edition

Term 3 Week 8

10 September 2020



From the Principal's Desk

Along my journey into teaching and eventually school leadership, I had the opportunity to hone my skills in the world of retail. Starting out in a fast food restaurant, then moving on to develop the skill of being able to stuff and truss a chicken in under two seconds, before my eye opening experience as a night shift console operator for Caltex, finally leading me to the checkouts of a supermarket in Nedlands. I'm showing my age and the way that times change that only one of those businesses is still in existence (totally not my fault, I promise). One of the skills I learnt was customer service, or at least, to appear to be providing customer service.

As the customer approached to lay out their purchases on the conveyor belt, I'd greet them with the text book "Hi, how are you?" And then I'd get to setting a new record for speedy scanning, and pondering whether they were nashi pears or decorative wooden orbs. I didn't care for the answer. And many didn't care for the question. It's a funny cultural thing, where we ask "Hi, how are you?" and only want to hear, if anything, the answer "Good." A simple transaction.

Now, with access to social media, I don't even have to have those conversations. When we have family gatherings or events, I don't have to ask them how they've been or what they've been up to. I already know. It's plastered over their news feed. The only difference for me this year, is I'm seeing less travel photos and stories.

So it used to be that I asked the question and didn't care for the answer, and now, I don't need to ask the question. In both cases though, there is the missed opportunity for human connection, and to make a difference in the world, one person at a time. Today is R U OK? Day, and what better day to start, or continue to ask that question, but, as I now do:

1. Actually care for the answer
2. Ask it, even if you think you know that they're ok.

You don't have to know what to do next, just to listen, understand and let the person know that you care. Make their day.

Keeping Safe Online

I really feel like an old man, as I begin this with "back in my day," but here goes. Back in my day, the social network was the telephone. The old school, rotary dial (although we did get a touchphone later), tied to the wall, plugged in phone. It did one thing only, it made and received calls. You didn't know who was calling, but in the majority of cases, they were calling because they had your number - because you had chosen to give them your number. The phone would ring, it would be for you, and you would have your allocated time for talking. And it would be done out in the open, with parents and family around, because you were tethered to the wall. And, often even before that, the incoming call would have been answered by Mum or Dad, who quickly worked out who was calling, and whether or not you could speak to them.

I'm not advocating that we return to the 1980s or before, but there were some things worth considering in 2020:

- There was carefully controlled access of who interacts with the young people in our house via electronic means
- It was limited to people my parents knew or knew of
- It was supervised - sometimes passive, but you felt the presence of others, and they could hear at least half of the conversation if they chose

Upcoming Events



September 2020

11th	Kindy Red attend Kindy Blue attend	24th	Newsletter Issued
16th	Interschool—Throws/jumps	25th	Kindy Red attend Kindy Blue attend Last Day Term 3
17th	Assembly EC4 and Room 4		
18th	Kindy Gold attend Interschool Carnival		

- We could hang up and stop the conversation, or just leave it off the hook, or unplug it from the wall
- It didn't follow us into our safe haven, or while we slept.

What online access looks like in your household is of course your decision, and will vary by the age and capacity of your children, but, remember, always, **it is your decision**. A resource to assist parents to discuss and build protective behaviours at home is available from our school website at www.edneyps.wa.edu.au, Edney @ Home, Wellbeing for all @ Home.

Faction Athletics Carnival

Last Friday could not have been more perfect, as if it were built by design with everything coming together perfectly to form a complete and exquisite work of art. Our Faction Athletics, under the expert leadership of Mr Batt, was the showcase of what makes our school great - students, staff, parents and community. After a year of challenge, it was truly uplifting to share our first day together, and the display on show was incredible. The students showed excellence, sportsmanship, team pride, and the Edney Way. There was laughter, tears and thrills, but, above all, fun and engagement. Congratulations to all of our champions and runner-us, the entire Edney team, and, of course, this year, to Blue Faction.

Ice, Ice Baby

We were to have been celebrating Edney Day this term, but restrictions have put that on ice for now. What we do have, is our Arctic Adventures Book Fair, which was locked in place a little earlier. During Week 10, students, and with a bit of scheduling and planning, parents and community are invited to see our library transform into an Arctic Adventure base, as well as browse a selection of engaging books which are available for purchase. More details to follow.

Swimming Lessons

Information and consent forms for Swimming Lessons, which commence in Week 1 of Term Four were sent home yesterday (Also available on the website, Facebook and App). With thanks to the Edney P&C, swimming lessons are kept as affordable as possible for families. The P&Cs donation of \$4 200 has reduced the price requested for each student to participate by \$12. A big saving, and a great support from our school community. Please ensure that completed forms and payment of \$45 per child is made no later than Monday 12th October.

Interschool Athletics

Following on from our triumphant Faction Athletics Carnival, 52 Edney students have been selected to represent our school at the Darling Range Learning Community Interschool Athletics Carnival. Jumps, throws and distance events are held on Wednesday at High Wycombe Primary School, with the main track events held at Edney Primary School on Friday 18th September. Details for competitors and exclusive competitor lunch order forms should have come home yesterday. My best wishes to the Edney squad.

Assembly

We seem to have hit upon a winner with our trial of YouTube Assembly, and invite you to join us again, this time with the hosting talents of EC4, Pre-primary and Room 4, Year 5/6 as we present our Assembly on Thursday 17th September. The link will be made available to the Edney Community via our usual channels on the Thursday morning.

**Honour Certificates for Term 3 Week 7. Well done, students!**

Room	Student	Room	Student
1	Renae Christmass Thomas Walters	17	Jack Priestly Alex Walters
2	Jensen Poyner Lawson Sabine	EC1	Jasabel Usaraga Jacob Kavanagh
3	Jayden Gruitt Wairua Ngataierua– Waretini	EC2	Amily Phillips Olivia Pitman
4	Jacob Russell Charlee Bennett	EC3	Austin Connolly /Levi Champion Dominic Sauaea
10	Sherwood Hesketh	EC4	Ella Martin Jasmine Parnell
11	Lucas Ehlers Ruby Hasselbacher	EC5	Sophia Capizzi Caoimhe Drury
12	Archie Palfreyman Talitha Walker		
13	Jaxon Quinn Conor Balfie	Art	Seth Calabro Emily Grabski
14	Amilya Mitchell	Lote	Isobella Waikari-Delamare Lani Jacobs
15	Jazzmyn Jones Ethan Russell	Music	Preston Infirri Tehara Bandara
16	Eva Gouveia Emily Taipari-Boys	Phys Ed	Ava Dawson James Laws

**Library News**

The Library is freezing over! In Week 10 of this term we will be holding a Scholastic Arctic Adventures Book Fair. The books are provided by Scholastic, so are often books that have been in previous issues of Book Club.

The children will be given a chance to come in and peruse the selection and create wish lists for what they may like to purchase. All purchases from the Book Fair contribute back to the Library and help us keep an up-to-date selection of books.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Last week (Week 7) was the last week to borrow library books for all students. Please remind your child/ren to return all outstanding books quickly, as the first class to have all books returned will win a prize.

Thank you to all those that have already returned their books.

Rachelle Cook
Library Officer

**School Banking**

Banking is on every Wednesday morning from 8:20am till 8:40am in the School Library.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Vicki and Linda
Banking Coordinators



Look what's been happening!



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Champion Faction

3rd Place	Red	417.50
2nd Place	Green	481.50
	Gold	481.50
1st Place	Blue	489.50

	Runner-Up	Champion
Year 1 Boys	Etson Lema	Connor McAuley
Year 1 Girls	Amelia Howlett Eloise Jones	Wency Peng
Year 2 Boys	Connor Murace Jace Pym	Sebastian Rees
Year 2 Girls	Skye Jones	Paige Martin
Year 3 Boys	Alex Walters	Tion Hume
Year 3 Girls	Emily Taipari-Boys	Indiana Cheshire
Year 4 Boys	Noah Mills	Alex Carruthers
Year 4 Girls	Kianna Ryan	Emma Wilson
Year 5 Boys	Levi Blevins	Tini Sauea
Year 5 Girls	Julia Arroyo	Felicity Englishby
Year 6 Boys	Luke Martin	Tristian Wilson
Year 6 Girls	Grace Whisson	Jana Kustra

Faction Carnival



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P&C News

What an amazing day it was last Friday at the sports carnival, with your support the P&C raised \$400.

We hope all of our Edney dads and special people loved their gifts that their children chose for them from the Father's Day Stall. In total our stall raised over \$1500.

Please join us for our next P&C meeting in Term 4 Week 2 Tuesday 20th October at 6:30pm.

We will be putting the final touches on our amazing upcoming Quiz Night that will be held on Saturday 7th November.

Lauren Irving

P&C President



Father's Day Raffle Winners



Community News

Here are activities our community has been talking about.

The Academy Irish Dance

We have Perth's best Irish Dancing School right here in Gooseberry Hill. Lara Donelan, one of the Principals of The Academy Irish Dance Co. is offering your first lesson free, whether you are a beginner or have some experience it is a great activity for children of all ages 3 and up.

For more information please give Lara a call on 0409474557 or email: lara_upton@hotmail.com

Better Health Program

The Better Health Program is a free 10-week healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year old children who are above a healthy weight, and their families.

Term 4 places on the online version of the program are limited, with places being offered to families completely free of charge on a first come first served basis.

Please phone 1300 822 953 to register or to find out if a program is available near you!

Perth Scorchers-Play Cricket Day

Reminder this free session for students from Kindy to Year 12 is on this Friday, 11th of September from 4pm–6pm at Midland Guildford Junior Cricket Association Playcricket Hub, Lilac Hill Park, Caversham.

To register go to <https://perthscorchers.com.au/play> or for more information phone Tom Gosling on 0419 856 482 or email tom.gosling@waca.com.au

UWA Sports Holiday Programs

Our Spring Kids Holiday Program will be running from Tuesday 29th September–Friday 5th October.

All the information on the program is available on our website and to enrol your kid/s into the program you will need to follow the prompts on our website <https://www.sport.uwa.edu.au/social-sport/kids-sport>

The program has a new inclusion, THE LITTLE HOO-HAA! Show.

For more information on the show, please visit <https://www.ticketswa.com/event/little-hoo-haa2020>

If you have any queries about the upcoming program, please feel free to contact us directly at info@sport.uwa.edu.au

Little Athletics Club

The motto is family, fun and fitness. Little Athletics aims to provide skills, development and competition opportunities for children through athletics as a foundation for all sports.

Summer Season is September 2020 through to March 2021 and is for children aged 5 to 16 years.

Come down and have a look. Our pre-season training is on Thursday the 10th of September and training days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at High Wycombe Primary School Oval.

For more information visit: www.hwlac.com.au or www.facebook.com/hwlac/

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