

# Edney Edition



Term 4 Week 8

3 December 2020



## From the Principal's Desk

As I share with you for the last time my fortnightly ramblings, I find myself sitting here reflecting on where it all began. Because it's getting near the end, and I'm lazy, I'll share with you the musings of a younger Aaron Chaplin, sporting a thick crop of hair all over his head, having freshly arrived to helm Edney Primary School in October 2014. *I am settling in nicely, and have been given a warm welcome. My aims this term are to learn as many student names as possible, to visit classrooms daily and to celebrate the learning opportunities that we make available to your children. I have had the pleasure of meeting many parents so far, and I am available to you for a quick meet and greet at any time. If you would like to discuss any matter with me, feel free to send me an email, or make an appointment with our friendly office staff.*

That was how I began here. Looking back on the first thing I wrote to you, dear reader, a full two days after arriving here, some seven years ago, I like to think that maybe I managed to live up to expectations. I can look back on that and say that I believe that I have done exactly what I said I would do, from the very first day I got here, and will be doing the same until the very last day of this year.

Some may say, it's a strong case to under promise and over-deliver. But those three things have steered me, and our school in the right direction. For the credit that sometimes comes to me for all that we have achieved here, all I have done is what I said I would do:

1. Know every student
2. Visit classrooms
3. Be available

It's amazing what you can achieve if you focus on what matters. And what matters here is our school and community of students, parents, staff and families. Know them, keep in touch, and do what you say you will. That's the secret to my success.

### RISE OF THE MACHINES

Yesterday, two amazing teams of Edney students from Room 1 became only the second ever Edney teams to compete in the First Lego League Challenge (Google this to see). Think of killer robots, but with Lego. And with less killer. With super-smart students setting the commands, programming the paths and getting the robots to complete tasks. Alongside the technical and coding part of the challenge, students also participated in developing an Innovation Project on how to increase opportunity for physical activity in the community, as well as displaying the Lego values. Our team were successful in being selected for the First Lego League National District Finals to be held at Curtin University, as well as winning two trophies - one for outstanding innovation project, and another for our exemplary mentor/coaching team in Miss McGlew, Mrs Cook and Mrs Gearing. A huge congratulations to our teams, and thank you again to the Forrestfield and High Wycombe Community Bank who have again provided our school with a further 2 Lego EV3 robots, and \$5000 for technology devices.

### DARLING RANGE LEARNING COMMUNITY HONOURS

Last week, it was my honour to attend the Darling Range Learning Community Awards Evening, which acknowledged our talented Year 6 students who have participated in the Darling Range Citizenship Project. Throughout the year, Edney Year 6s undertook a range of projects, big and small, to enhance our community, whether at school, at home, our suburb, or beyond. On Thursday our top three students were awarded their Peter Noack Citizenship Award Medals. Congratulations to Toby Pritchard, Sebastian Wilson and Grace Whisson.

### SEMESTER TWO REPORTS TO YOUR INBOX

Student Semester Two Reports are being prepared to be emailed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please access the report from the emailed link, read, share and celebrate the successes with your child. If you wish to make an interview with your child's class teacher to discuss the report, or any matter, please contact the front office on 9454 8377 or email [Edney.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Edney.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

## Upcoming Events

**12** December 2020

4th	Kindy Red attend	14th	Semester Two— Reports Issued
	Kindy Blue attend		Class Placement— Notification
9th	Last day for Donations— Sharing a Hills Christmas	15th	Class Lists Displayed
10th	Assembly EC3 & Room 16	16th	Year Six Graduation
11th	Year Six Fun Day	17th	Christmas Assembly
	Kindy Gold attend		Ring of the Bell Newsletter
			Last Day for Term Four

If you wish to receive a school position report via email, which will show the achievement of your Pre-primary to Year 6 child in relation to others in his/her year level, please request this report by emailing me at [Aaron.Chaplin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Aaron.Chaplin@education.wa.edu.au) no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### CLASS PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

Class placements for 2021 have been finalised. All students from Kindergarten to Year Five will receive a letter containing advice of class placement for 2021. These letters will be issued on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Class lists for 2021 will be displayed in the windows of the school Library from the morning of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Due to the extensive and collaborative processes in place for parent input and considerations of request, all class placement decisions are final, and there will be no changes made to lists from this date, with the exception of those required for school operational reasons.

### GETTING READY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

In preparing for 2021, all essential information is available on our Website, through the School App, or by contacting the front office. If you wish to have your child's booklist supplied by Nextra Forrestfield, please return your order to the school office no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Spare copies of lists are available, or you can access them from our Website. You may also order directly online at the link advised on the booklist. The school has also released our 2021 information booklet which contains everything that you need to know for the year ahead. I encourage you to view a copy, or call in to the office to receive a printed booklet.

### GRADUATION

This year, we will be trying something a little different for our Year 6 Graduation, in order to accommodate all families while complying with requirements for distancing. This has meant our Graduation Ceremony is now being held outdoors, and has moved from its regular afternoon timeslot to the morning. Year 6 parents will have received this information long ago, and have sorted out their tickets for the event. For the rest of the school, please be especially conscious of the additional pressure on our parking on the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We also request that movement to the front of the administration block, dental unit and Block 4 is kept to an absolute minimum and for emergency purposes only. This will allow for the reverent and excellent ceremony that our Year 6 students have earned.

### THE TRADITION CONTINUES

A proud Edney tradition continues - Week 10, the last week of school is time to deck the halls - that means you can give the school uniform t-shirts a rest, and instead wear Christmas shirts, every day of the week. Students can also accessorise with headwear, like reindeer ears, Santa / Elf hats etc. The rest of the get-up needs to be uniform, and school hats still must be worn when out for play or sport.

### END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

Just two weeks to go, and you have a choice to make. You can join us from 8.45am on site to watch the Christmas Assembly, or, you can join us from 8.45am and stay for the bits that you really want to see, and then catch the rest later, or, you can watch from work, from home, from a coffee shop, anywhere really, while streaming the whole thing on Edney @ Home in Facebook. Make a plan for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - join us on site, keeping a polite and safe distance between parties, or tune in wherever you are, either live, or relive the magic from thereafter. A reminder that student performances are rotated through the undercover area, and they return to classrooms immediately after their item to become part of the online audience.

### THE FINAL, FINAL NEWSLETTER

We will send just one more newsletter to round out the year, hitting your inbox just after the end of the last day of our school year, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.



>>Faction points as of Term 4 Week 8, 2020<<

### Honour Certificates for Term 4 Week 7. Well done, students!

Room	Student	Room	Student
1	Jack Fry Hunter Cheshire	17	Grace McPhee Eleanor Van Deyl
2	Alice Ovcharenko Skye Incognito	EC1	Sophia Fahey Ethan Tidmarsh
3	Hannah Penalba Michael Johnson	EC2	Oliver Bell Harrison Olivari
4	Javiera Novoa Diaz Max Whisson	EC3	Levi Barwick Kayden Shirlow
10	Eli Wakeham Jasmine Raats	EC4	Billy Thomas Amaya Hearn
11	Lyrach Warner Lincoln Quinn	EC5	Emma Drummond Ezra Scott
12	Elliearnah Nannup Geoffrey Quinn		
13	Lucas Pomatti Marshal Brown	Art	Aleisha Scott
14	Charlie Jeakings Jack Fawcett	LOTE	Grace McPhee Caiden Anquetil
15	Emma Wilson Toby Tennant	Music	Myles Davies Michael Johnson
16	Nicole Screaigh Levi Lane	Phys Ed	Sophia Grant Ashleigh Watson



#### Running Club

Come down to the oval for running club on Wednesday mornings between 8 and 8.30am.

Hope to see you there!



#### School Banking

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

Looking forward to seeing you soon, Vicki and Linda, Banking Coordinators



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Look what's been happening!

## INCURSION PIXIE'S BUSH CHRISTMAS



### FIRST LEGO

### LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP





## P&C News

With the 2020 school year wrapping up, the last P&C meeting was held on Tuesday night.

We are so proud to let our school community know that \$5467 was raised from our quiz night and that the P&C will be donating these funds straight back into the school to be used for STEM programs in 2021.

Please think about joining the P&C in 2021, all positions become vacant and everyone is welcome. Our AGM and first meeting will be held in early Term 1 2021.

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank Mr Chaplin for all his support over the years and wish him well in his new job.

We hope all of our Edney Families have a safe and happy Christmas.

Lauren Irving  
P&C President



## Library News

Library Books are due back now, please return them as soon as possible, the first class with all books back will win a prize.

If you need to purchase a library bag for 2021, I have a small supply of bags in the Library for purchase. These were created by one of our year 6 students, Grace Whisson as part of her citizenship project. Bags will be \$5 each and all proceeds are being donated back to the library.

Please don't forget The Sharing a Hills Christmas donations are welcomed by the 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Please place them under the Christmas tree in the library. Thank you to those whom have already brought in items. Much appreciated!

Some ideas for donations are Bon Bons, Christmas Puddings/Cakes, Custard, Jelly, Long Life Milk, Potato Chips/Pretzels, Tinned Meat/Hams/Fish, Tinned Vegetables/Fruit, Tea/Coffee/Milo. Also gift items for Adults, Teenagers and Children.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas.  
Rachelle Cook  
Library Officer



## Sharing a Hills Christmas

Let's work together to brighten  
Christmas within the Hills Community

Edney is proud to continue our support for Sharing a Hills Christmas, where we contribute what we are able, to ensure that all in the City of Kalamunda can share in the joy of Christmas.

Please help by donating non-perishable foods, new toys, and gifts for all ages.

Donations can be left under the Christmas tree in the Library  
by **Wednesday 9th December 2020**



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