



Upcoming Events



February 2021



March 2021

25th Year 5/6 Outdoor Adventure Day
26th Year 5/6 Outdoor Adventure Day Kindergarten Gold attend

01st Public Holiday— Students do not attend
04th Assembly Room 2 Newsletter Issued
05th DRLC Basketball Carnival Kindergarten Red/Blue attend

From the Principal's Desk

What a different start to the school year. A very special welcome to our new families. It was with great anticipation that I waited to meet the Edney students and community and then had to wait an additional week and meet everyone while wearing a mask. I am very grateful that our post lockdown conditions are now over and we are back implementing the Phase 4 conditions. I have been extremely impressed by how our staff, students and community managed these restrictions with such positivity.

Despite the interruption, it has been a fantastic start to the year. Our staff are highly organised and passionate, welcoming all the students, who are settling well to their new classrooms. I visited all classes last week to introduce myself and I'm thoroughly enjoying getting to know the students. Thank you for ensuring that your children have started the school year so well organised with all of their booklist items, they all look amazing in their school uniform and are enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Phase 4 Health Guidelines

All school activities may operate with;

- the ongoing promotion and practise of good hygiene principles,
- physical distancing of 1.5 metres between adults where possible and
- adhering to the two square metre per person venue capacity rule.

Remember if children are unwell they should stay at home.

Before and After School

Entry gates to the school will be opened at 8:20am. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6, including those who are with a parent or carer, must go to the undercover area until 8:30am.

The gates will be open in the afternoon at 2.25pm and locked at 2.45pm on Mondays, and opened at 2.45pm and locked at 3:10pm Tuesday - Friday.

Parents/carers are reminded that playgrounds for all children will continue to be out of bounds both before and after school due to cleaning regimes.

Staffing 2021

We welcome the following staff to Edney:
Mrs Pippa Casey - Kindergarten
Mr Lloyd Jones - Health & Physical Education (Thursday and Friday)

Student Online in Public Schools policy

In line with the updates to the above policy, permission requests will be coming home this week to allow student access to a variety of applications and websites that will be used in classes to enhance student learning. We would encourage you to complete the forms at your earliest convenience and if you have any concerns please discuss these with class teachers.

Your School Board

The Edney Primary School Board is our peak decision making and advisory group, representing the views of parents, staff and the community. A vacancy exists for one parent representative to join this group this year. You may nominate for this vacancy by emailing rebecca.coslani@education.wa.edu.au no later than 3pm on Friday, 5 March 2021. Elections will be held if necessary.

All meetings of the Board are open to the public to observe. Meeting dates are advertised on the term planner and our school App. The Edney website holds a page which contains all information and updates from the Board, including minutes of all meetings.



Wellbeing

Well done to our Edney community for surviving almost the first two weeks back at school, throwing in a lockdown to boot! Back to school is a time when emotions can sometimes be uncomfortable and our brains are busy learning new routines, structures and relationships. It is important we teach children to be extra kind to themselves during these times. Resting, getting to bed a bit earlier and making time to do the things that make us feel happy will help reduce emotional outbursts. If we don't take care of our mental wellbeing, we won't be at our best to learn. Teachers know this and make adjustments to the learning programs in their classrooms to suit the needs of students. If you have any concerns for your child's wellbeing at any stage, speak to your child's teacher.

School anxiety

Beginning a new school year can sometimes be uncomfortable and even scary for some students. This sometimes leads to what we call 'school refusal', which is simply when a child refuses to go to school. Anxiety is behind this behaviour and there are helpful ways to manage the situation if your child starts to say they don't want to go to school.

| Anxiety around coming to school can look like | Strategies to support your child getting to school |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saying "I feel sick" just as you are leaving for school or during the day at school. Complaining of headache, sore stomach, nausea or tiredness. Behaviours may include tantrums, crying, avoidance or defiance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> don't allow your child to stay home. if it's not possible to get your child to school on time, it's better to arrive late than not at all. avoid a battle or negation by offering strong and consistent messages firmly without raising your voice. focus on the good things about school. have a stable morning routine. model resilience in challenging situations and being organised for school to your child. set up a reward plan. |

It is important for you to know there are many possibilities for why a child might not want to go to school and for parents not to blame themselves.

If your child has ongoing complaints of headaches, stomach pains or other symptoms, it is important to see a doctor. In some cases, mental health and wellbeing support may be required.

At Edney, we want our students to enjoy coming to school. Let your child's teacher know as soon as possible if your child starts displaying these behaviours. We want to help.

Information taken from *School refusal, anxiety and attendance: information for parents*, Department of Education.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have paid voluntary contributions. These contributions support the school budget and contribute to the purchase of additional educational resources. The School Board has set the Voluntary Contribution at \$60 per child.

Payment of contributions may be made in the office or by electronic deposit.

The school bank details are:

Edney Primary School

BSB 06 6112

A/C No. 00904132

Please use your child's name as a reference.

Please do not deposit funds for P&C into this account. The P&C has its own account.

These details are on the school website: www.edneyps.wa.edu.au.

Look what's been happening!



Edney Edition

Art Club 2021



Hello Edney families

I'm so excited for Art Club 2021. We'll have lots of fun learning and creating together in the Art Room.

To aid my planning you are invited to register your 'expression of interest'. This is simply to give me an idea of numbers, it does not guarantee you a place in the program.

Art Club will be held on Wednesdays this year, with Junior (Year 1-2) Art Club attending mornings (from 7:45am until 8:30am) and Senior (Year 3-6) Art Club attending afternoons (from 3:10pm until 4:30pm).

To register your interest, please email me at Katie.rozario@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 26th February 2021.

If you have any further queries please contact me via email.

See you in the Art Room
Mrs Rozario

Reading Returns



Welcome back to Edney 2021.

Just a reminder that when the gates open at 8.20am students, (and parents), are asked to go to the undercover area for supervision.

Our trolleys full of books will be ready and waiting for you!

Happy reading!
Lesley West, Deputy Principal



Library News



Welcome Back

I am very excited to see the students again and show them our amazing assortment of new books.

Please ensure your child has a library bag.

While we prefer and encourage waterproof bags, at the end of the day any bag will do. I will always remind the children that the books they borrow from the Library are their responsibility - to look after, to bring back etc. It is not Mum's, Dad's, Nan's, the dog's, or anyone else's responsibility to look after the books and bring them back.

We talk about having safe places to put the books once they've been read and placing them in school bags the day before their library day. The loss and damage to books last year was quite high so an aim this year is to decrease this worrying trend. If your child is an avid reader, they are welcome to change their books anytime I am at work during the week, they do not have to wait until their library day.

If a book does get damaged please ask your child to come and see me to explain, often I can fix them. I prefer they explain what happened rather than just send the book back damaged. I am happy to speak to any parents if the children are too worried to come and see me.

Monday - EC1, Room 1
Tuesday - Rooms 4, 10, 12, 16, EC2, EC5
Wednesday - Rooms 11, 15, EC3, EC4
Thursday - Rooms 2, 3, 13, 14, 17, Kindy Red
Friday - Kindy Blue (Odd) Kindy Gold (Even)

Book Club will continue this year. The first issue will be going home soon.

Rachelle Cook, Library Officer



P&C News



Welcome to all, after having an extra week off we are excited to get back to it.

We held our AGM and general meeting last Tuesday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the past serving members who have taken on other roles within the P&C or have stood down, thank you for your service.

This year we welcome an influx of new members from all areas of the school starting at Kindy, who have taken on lead roles and all have joined the Executive Committee. With these sorts of 'can do' members I can't wait to see what our fund-raising is going to look like this year. Exciting!

The Election sausage sizzle will be here next month and we need outstanding parents to make good choices inside and outside of the booth. We need volunteers who can cook a sausage, take an order, prepare hot drinks and show all of High Wycombe that our sausages and bacon and egg rolls are the best in town. If that is you please check out our Edneys Parent Page or email edneyprimaryschoolpandc@hotmail.com to sign up. In coming weeks we'll be asking for donations of various items. Keep an eye out!

We have decided to change our meeting times to 6pm as of Tuesday, March 2021 in an effort to be more family friendly. Come and join us for tea/coffee and refreshments in the staff room.

Kind regards
Valda Taipari P&C President

School Banking



Hi Banking Families.
We hope you all had a nice relaxing holiday!

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

If you are not a school banking family but want to be, you are more than welcome to pop in to the Library and have a chat.

Hope to see you all soon.
Kind regards Vicki and Linda Banking Coordinators



Community News

Here are activities our community has been talking about.

Maida Vale Baptist Church

Located at 24 Edney Road High Wycombe have events on:

Flea Market Family Fun day:
Come along on Saturday 27th of February from 10am–2pm.

Stalls selling plants, pre-loved items, crafts, cakes, chutneys, jams, Devonshire tea and more.

There will be Kids activities, face painting ect and Food, Tea, and Coffee for sale.

A Night with Morro:

A night to enjoy music, story telling and entertainment with Paul Morrison is on Saturday 27th February from 5:30pm–8pm.

Bring a picnic and enjoy a family night under the stars. Sausage sizzle and Drinks for sale.

For both events it cost a Gold coin donation and for enquires email mvbcoffice@gmail.com

H/Wycombe Junior Football Club

We want girls to come play footy, we have all girls teams from junior right up to year 12!

Our registration day is coming up this Sunday 21st 3pm–5pm and Wednesday 24th 5pm–7pm at the club so come down and meet the committee, check out some merchandise and sign up.

The High Wycombe Football club also offer Auskick for Pre–Primary to Year 2 and Junior Footy Year 3–6.

Registration are also available online at <https://www.hwjfc.org.au/about/registration> or for more information email Rhiannon at rhirhi@inet.net.au

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