

## **Principal's Update-August 2022**

I can't believe we are already halfway through Term 3. We have already celebrated 100 Days @ Edney and Science Week. We still have Book Week and both our faction and interschool athletics carnivals to look forward to.

### **Staffing Updates**

I would like to welcome the following staff to Edney PS;

- Miss Jess Killick – Physical Education
- Miss Courtney Anderson EC1 Mon – Wed
- Miss Leanne Thomson Room 8

### **P&C Thank you**

As you know, the Edney PS P&C have continued to work tirelessly to support the school financially through fundraising, with our Colour Run, Mother's Day stalls, election day sausage sizzle. This term we will be having Father's Day stalls, a food stall at the faction carnival and an adult only Blingo evening. I thank all members and volunteers for their continued support of our school.

### **School Uniforms**

Please be mindful that school uniform and our dress code are expectations of enrolment at our school, and that Edney jackets must be worn. We also have scarves available for that little extra warmth. It is also timely to check that your child's name has not faded from the tags, and to ensure it's written in boldly, as jackets are by far the most common item in lost property. Uniforms are available to purchase from Lowes, Midland Gate. If your child has lost any clothing, please check the lost property in the library.

### **Toys at School**

Just a reminder that toys, including sporting equipment, are not permitted at school. If your child brings in an item to share for class news, it needs to be handed to the teacher at the start of the day, and will be returned at the end.

### **Arriving at School**

Students are welcome at school from 8:20am when the gates open. We have an increasing number of students arriving before this time, and ask that parents ensure children are adequately supervised prior to the gates opening. Before school care is available at several centres around High Wycombe if needed.

### **Class Placement 2023**

The process of creating class lists for the 2023 school year will commence next term. Parents who feel they have relevant information pertaining to the placement of their child in 2023 should advise me in writing. All correspondence should be addressed to the Principal ([Rebecca.Coslani@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.Coslani@education.wa.edu.au)) and be received no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, 10 November 2022. Parents are advised that requests for specific teachers and or requests for non-placement in composite classes or tandem arrangements are not considered. The school does not view these arrangements as detrimental to students' academic or social development. Parents should also be aware that correspondence provided to the Principal will be considered by staff, but does not guarantee a particular outcome being sought by parents.

## Attendance

In order to access the full curriculum, and give your child the best chance of success, the Department of Education recommends an attendance rate of 90% or more.

We are here to support you with your child's attendance. Please contact us if you require any further assistance in helping your child to improve their attendance so that they can optimise their learning opportunities.

The below chart gives a breakdown of the amount of time missed, and if maintained, how it impacts on the future education of your child.

If your child misses...	that equals...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance Rate
<b>1 day per fortnight</b>	<b>20 days per year</b>	<b>nearly 1 ½ years</b>	<b>part-way through year 11</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>1 day per week</b>	<b>40 days per year</b>	<b>over 2 ½ years</b>	<b>part-way through year 10</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>2 days per week</b>	<b>80 days per year</b>	<b>over 5 years</b>	<b>the end of year 7</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>3 days per week</b>	<b>120 days per year</b>	<b>nearly 8 years</b>	<b>the end of year 4</b>	<b>40%</b>

Kind regards

Rebecca Coslani

Principal