

## **Principal's Update-September 2024**

As we celebrate the end of Term 3, I would like to acknowledge all our staff for their outstanding effort over the term. We have had many celebrations and special events, including Book Week, Book Fair, our Art Show and Faction Carnivals. Many staff have gone above and beyond to assist in organising these events.

### **WA Positive Behaviour Support (WA PBS)**

Edney Primary school is on the path to becoming a WA PBS school. WA PBS provides an operational framework to build a multi-tiered system of supports for staff and students and a whole school community. The framework focuses on using preventative, educative and restorative principles and develops a consistent whole-school approach to embedding a common language regarding positive behaviour expectations, teaching and learning.

WA PBS utilizes a strength-based lens to identify preventative, proactive strategies and logical consequences that are contextually relevant. The aim is to *“redesign the environment, not redesign the individual”*. The focus is on *Teach and Acknowledge*. Teach the expectations and always acknowledge the students in action for their positive behaviour.

We currently have a team of 11 staff members, who have taken part in a two-day initial training. The team will meet on a fortnightly basis to implement the initiative. The team is currently working on a *Purpose Statement*.

Becoming a WA PBS school is a long-term project not a short-term solution. It is a minimum of 2 years to get sustainable change. The key to success is understanding “PBS is a marathon, not a sprint”. To fully implement the framework, it will take time as it needs to be a consultative process and owned by everyone.

### **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.

### **Class Placement 2025**

The process of creating class lists for the 2025 school year will commence next term. Parents who feel they have relevant information pertaining to the placement of their child in 2025 should advise me in writing. All correspondence should be addressed to the Principal (Rebecca.Coslani@education.wa.edu.au) and be received no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, 18 October 2024. 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 may request their child be with a particular friend or not with a child for individual reasons.

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. If I am unable to meet a request, I will have a conversation with you regarding this. Requests from previous years do not follow over to the next year and therefore, must be made again.

### **2025 School Destinations or Not Returning to Edney in 2025**

Planning for Edney's 2025 school year has commenced. Accuracy in projected enrolments is vital as it is the number of students that we are primarily funded on. I would ask that parents please advise the school if their child/ren will not be returning to Edney next year. Please email [Edney.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Edney.PS@education.wa.edu.au) if, and when you decide your child will not be returning. Please also indicate the school that your child/ren will be attending in 2025.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

A huge thank you to the families that have paid their voluntary contributions this year. We encourage all our families to make this payment as all the monies go directly to supporting your child's education. **Progress payments** are welcome and can be paid at the School Administration or by direct deposit into the school bank account.

### **How to Make Payments**

Payment of **Contributions** can also be made at the school office by cash, cheque, or EFTPOS or by direct deposit into the school bank account.

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*Please note child's name in details*

We have enjoyed a very productive term with all children displaying the school's values of respect, and excellence. It has been wonderful to see all students engaged in their learning and building positive relationships with others. Our school website is constantly being updated; our focus has been to showcase our students engaged in their learning.

Term Four commences on Monday 7 October 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to working in collaboration with you in Term 4.

Kind regards

Rebecca Coslani