



## Respect, Responsibility and Resilience

### Principal's Message



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### Thank you and WELCOME Back 😊

Thank you to all our staff, students and families for the work and support during Term 3 and remote learning. It is so wonderful to see all the students and staff back at school and engaging in face-to-face learning. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Kara Duncan for her outstanding work and effort during Term 3 as Relieving Principal. Additionally, a special thank you to Mrs Mardi Porter who stepped up to the Deputy Principal position and Mrs Melina Caldwell who stepped up into the position of Assistant Principal for the Term. Their extra work and commitment to the school and students is valued. Finally, I would like to inform everyone that I have returned to the school as the substantive Principal and am thrilled to be back. My time in the position of Principal School Leadership during Term 3 was very rewarding and the experience provided me with a renewed energy as I return to our wonderful Eden Public School and community.

### Playground Update

Disappointingly, we are still awaiting the installation of our new playground equipment. This has been delayed as a result of COVID restrictions. I spoke to ModuPlay earlier this week to get an update on when the installation is scheduled for. ModuPlay were able to inform me that the equipment is finished and ready to be dispatched. They are yet to get back in touch with the school to lock in a final installation date/time.

### Canteen News

We are very fortunate to have a 5 day a week canteen to support our students with healthy food options. Currently, due to COVID restrictions students are only able to place orders at the canteen. We are hoping that as Department of Education restrictions ease in relation to cohort mixing of students, that the students will be able to purchase delicious items directly from the canteen shop front. Please continue to support our canteen during these difficult times.

### Covid Update

Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Find your local [testing clinics](#).

### Mask Wearing for staff and students

Masks or face coverings are recommended for:

- indoor and outdoor settings for primary students (unless eating or exercising).

It is also mandatory for all staff and students to carry a mask with them at all times – in playgrounds and on school grounds.

- Staff are required to wear masks in all indoor and outdoor settings.

### Parents and visitors

- Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools.

Parents are asked to;

- maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates
- remain outside of school grounds (note some exceptions may apply regarding schools for specific purposes, vulnerable students or students with disability)
- follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

Tanja Vogt

**Principal**

## **MATHLETICS NEWS!**

### Mathletics Update Week 2 Term 4

I would like to congratulate all the students who used Mathletics during the school holidays and while learning from home. It was very pleasing to see 4 Gold Certificates, 13 Silver Certificates and 83 Bronze Certificates achieved over this period. Well done everyone. Remember to get a Silver certificate you must get four Bronze certificates. Bronze certificates are earned by getting 1000 points in a week (Monday morning to Sunday night), about 5-10 activities in total. Just check the rocket ship to see your weekly progress.

Simon Taylor

## **P&C NEWS!**

Our AGM has been set for October 27th beginning at 5:30pm at the Great Southern Inn. All members of our school community are welcome to attend, however current NSW restrictions require all attendees to be fully vaccinated to attend. All positions will be vacated, with some long serving members ready to retire it would be great to see some new faces ready to get involved!

For more information please contact Rochelle on [edenpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:edenpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or via our P&C Facebook account.

### Canteen -

- Under level 3 Education Department restrictions we cannot open the canteen for over the counter sale.
- Any extra snacks, drinks or treats that your child would normally purchase at lunchtime has to be ordered in the morning and will be sent to the classroom in the lunch tray.
- Any ice creams ordered will be picked up from the canteen as per normal.
- Fruit for crunch and sip can still be purchased over the counter.
- The canteen will be CLOSED AT RECESS until further notice. Please send your child to school with food for recess.
- To further protect our staff and minimise students mingling, online ordering will be the preferred way to order. This greatly cuts down on the amount of students near the canteen area and minimises cash handling for our staff. To make an online account please go here - <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register>

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause our school families. Please remember to remind your children to drop off their orders in the morning if you will be using cash to order.

We hope to be back to full services within a few weeks, and will update you of changes along the way.

## ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey (Term 4, 2021)**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 18<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> November. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.



### **COMPUTERS, OUTDOOR EXERCISE**



### **READING, MATHS!**

### **WHAT'S GOING ON IN CLASS K-2D?**

