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Newsletter: **Week 5 Term 1 – 23rd February 2021**

**A PBL SCHOOL - Positive Behaviour for Learning - WE VALUE**

**EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL**



## RESPONSIBILITY

## SAFETY

## RESPECT

### Week 5 Term 1 2021

Mon 22nd Feb	• Parent/carer information sessions
Tues 23rd Feb	• Parent/carer information sessions • Sporting Schools Swimming Yrs 1-6
Wed 24th Feb	• Parent/carer information sessions
Thurs 25th Feb	• Parent/carer information sessions • Sporting Schools Swimming Yrs 1-6
Fri 26th Feb	• Parent/carer information sessions • Sporting Schools Swimming Yrs 1-6 • PSSA Swimming Carnival - Hay • Canteen Meal Deal-Ham & Cheese quiche with salad + drink \$7.50

### Week 6 Term 1 2021

Wed 3rd March	• Year 6 Photography Workshop
Fri 5th March	• Assembly • AFL Trials • Canteen Meal Deal - Spagetti bolognaise, garlic bread + drink \$7.50

### Week 7 Term 1 2021

Mon 8th March	• P&C Meeting
Tues 9th March	• Day in the Life of Deniliquin
Thurs 11th Mar	• Healthy Harold Visit
Fri 12th March	• Healthy Harold Visit • Canteen Meal Deal - Chicken & Vegetable stir fry with hokkien noodles + drink \$7.50

## Whole School Literacy and Numeracy Focus

This year we are having a targeted whole school approach to further increase Literacy Skills - phonemic awareness, decoding skills, comprehension, vocabulary and fluency as well as Numeracy Skills. All student from Years 1 – 6 have been assessed to indicate their areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Kindergarten has completed their Best Start testing. Teachers and SLSOs will use this data to target areas for individual students. Students will be participating in 4 x half hour sessions each week. Small groups will be working on upskilling and improving student knowledge and skills. The school was fortunate to receive funding from the NSW Department of Education to help assist students who may have been affected academically by the Covid situation in 2020. Ms Gabrielle Dayhew has been employed to work with a variety of small targeted groups throughout the year to assist students to improve in all academic areas of learning.

## Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival was a great success. The students are to be praised for the outstanding sportsmanship and excellent behaviour they displayed. The students that attended participated extremely well, tried their hardest and supported all their fellow Edward friends. Well done.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and carers who helped with timekeeping and supporting our school on the day. Thank you to all the staff for their organisation, support and going above and beyond again so that our students receive the best, well rounded education that we can provide.

Good luck to the students who qualified for the PSSA Swimming Carnival in Hay this Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Congratulations to Peppin on 262 points who were the winning house on Friday followed by runner up Lawson on 238 points.

Well done to the following students who were awarded Age Champions and Runners Up in their age groups.

### Champion

Junior Girl  
Junior Boy  
11yrs Girl  
11yrs Boy  
Senior Girl  
Senior Boy

Isabella Goodear  
Oliver Ives  
Georgia Daniels  
Lincoln Meharry  
Savannah Emery  
Declan Leetham/Billy Hurst

### Runner-Up

Nina Glowrey  
Josh Goodear  
Laura Hayes  
Thomas Ives  
Catie Michael

## Principal's Update

### Parent / Teacher Information Sharing

This week parents and carers are being encouraged to be part of an information session with their child's teacher. This will give you a chance to get to know the teacher and share important information about your child that will be invaluable in assisting your child and their teacher to work together to achieve the best possible learning outcomes. Notes were sent home last week. If you would like a time to speak with your child's teacher this week please contact the office.

### Life Education

Healthy Harold visit – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March and Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. Cost is \$12.00 per child to participate in the learning program in the van at school. Notes went home last week. If you did not receive any information you can request one from the office or simply send the money to the front office if you would like your child/children to attend. Health and Personal Development lessons in class this term will be based around the Life Education topic.



## House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as house captains and vice captains for 2021.

	<b>Captains</b>	<b>Vice Captains</b>
Lawson	Alex Ledwidge Alysha Collier	Jett Lynch-Conn Maddison Toohey
Falkiner	Logan Pasco Alkiriah Bright	Mason Durbidge Ella Clark
Peppin	Thomas Ives Lincoln Meharry	Nathaniel Wilmott Fred Everett
McLean	Georgia Daniels Ella-Rose Hattwell	Catie Michael Narida Miller

## Sporting Schools Swimming

Students in Year 1 – 6 will be attending swimming and water safety lessons this week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 11:30 and 1:20. The school was fortunate to receive funding from Sporting Schools so that we are able to offer this activity free of charge to our students and help build up their skills and confidence in and around water.

## Restorative Practice / Change to Term 3 Staff Development Day

Students received a note yesterday regarding the professional development all staff will be undertaking on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The Staff Development day from Term 3 has been brought forward to this day. Students **do not** attend school on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March but will instead attend school on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, first day back of Term 3 in its place. The information note is attached.

## PSSA AFL and Basketball Trials

Mr Bodey will be conducting trials at school for PSSA AFL and Basketball this week. Basketball trials will be held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and AFL Trials will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Students involved in these activities will receive information notes when the school teams have been finalised.

## PBL Focus

In 2021, students will be given a PBL focus area each week to learn about and apply at our school. The focus areas for this fortnight are area A, area B, the basketball court and the canteen area. Students will be participating in explicit PBL lessons where they will learn about and practice how to show respect in these different areas around the school. They will be rewarded with counters that will contribute towards individual and whole school rewards. PBL awards will be given out to students on Monday morning assemblies.

## PBL Awardees

Summer King, Carter Sartore, Harlen Durbidge, Mannix Taylor, Bella Leetham, William Finn, Shaylee Price, Charlette Gray, Kyla Murray, Jaxon Ives, Trevor Quor, Jaxon Ives, Bella Jones, Kyla Murray, Fenella Johnson, Nixon Sartore, Cruz Leetham, Xavier Graham, Spencer Norris, Ruby Dedman, Kenadee Arnold, Winnie Horton, Lennox Gryg, Imogen White & Isabella Goodear.

## Photography Workshop

Year 6 student will be participating in a photography workshop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at school. This is part of 'A Day in the Life of Deni' project that the school is participating in on the 9th of March.



The Fathering Project has a great selection of webinars and talks from dads and experts from all walks of life. Simply go to The Fathering Project website and click on the link for the Fathering Channel.

Dr Bruce Robinson has some great talks every Monday. Here is one for you to consider.

Watch Dr Bruce Robinson- **Raising Daughters and the Significance of a Father-Daughter Relationship**

<https://youtu.be/r51gg3Kzh0k>

### Three Key Factors in Raising Daughters

1. Daughters learn from their dads whether they are beautiful, both inside and out.
2. Daughters gain their confidence from their dad. Do you ask for her opinion and value it? Do you believe in her?
3. Respect and treatment. You play a critical role in how she will expect to be treated by a man, which will affect her and the relationships she partakes in.

Remember, daughters need their dads just like sons do. Take your daughter out on a dad date, spend time with her, go on a picnic, do things together that she enjoys. Don't underestimate how important you are in the future of your daughter's life. Focus on raising daughters, not just sons.

Check out Dr Robinson's Monday's With Bruce on the Fathering Channel

<https://thefatheringproject.org/fathering-channel/>

If you join The Fathering Project you will receive regular tips and ideas on being a dad or father figure. Mums will find it a great resource also.

We would also love for you to join our own Edward School Fathering Project Groups. Just simply join The Fathering Project and then look for our school in the list of schools and join.

## Got It! Program

Edward School has once again been chosen to be part of the Got It! Program where the school partners with NSW Health to run this support program with Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 students and their parents and carers. Parents of Yr 1 and 2 students from 2020 received information sheets to fill in and return last year. This year's Kindergarten students will receive their forms soon and the program will start in Term 2.

The school year has got off to a really great start. All the staff and students are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, social activities and wellbeing across the school.

Regards,  
Mrs Rhonda Blacker  
Principal



All NSW school-enrolled children are now eligible for their 2019 **\$100 Active Kids voucher**. The voucher can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration, participation or membership fees for sport, fitness and active recreation.

### How to claim your voucher

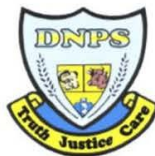
- 1 Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your **SERVICE** tab
- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

### How to use your voucher

- 1 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number
- 2 If you can't find a provider you can search <https://my.service.nsw.gov.au/MyServiceNSW/ActiveKidsSearchProvider>

\*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab





## Staff Development Day Variation

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term staff and students from Deniliquin High School, Edward Public School, Deniliquin North Public School and Deniliquin South Public School will be taking part in Restorative Practice training.

Restorative Practice is a whole school teaching and learning approach that encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. It puts the onus on individuals to be truly accountable for their behaviour and to repair any harm caused to others as a result of their actions. A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or misconduct occur.

Schools will **NOT** be operating for students on the following days:

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Edward Public School

Deniliquin North Public School

Deniliquin South Public School

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Deniliquin High School

All of our schools are working with local organisations including: Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Lands Council, local police and Intereach to effectively implement Restorative Practice within our community of schools and the wider Deniliquin community.

As the Restorative Practice facilitator is located in South Australia and only available to travel to Deniliquin and conduct practitioner workshops on 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 we are required to swap staff development days. This variation has been approved by the Executive Director, High Performance Rural South.

One day workshops will be attended by primary school staff and high school staff during this period. Parents, carers and the general community will also be invited to attend a one-hour workshop in the evening of either the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> March. A number of students will also receive training in small groups on the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March with the remaining students to receive training at a date to be confirmed.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility to allow this opportunity to occur for our community of schools.

As a result of this change, in Term 3 students and staff will return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

With Thanks,

*Glen Warren*

Glen Warren

Principal

*Rhonda Blacker*

Rhonda Blacker

Principal

*Mark Peterson*

Mark Peterson

Principal

*Liz Dudley*

Liz Dudley

Principal



## Life Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Life Education Van and Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on the Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of March.

All students will be participating in Life Education Personal Development (PD) lessons in class with their teacher in the lead up to their visit to the van. The unit of work that your child is learning about is part of the NSW PD/H/PE syllabus. It would be very beneficial to your child's learning for them to be able to attend the Life Education Van lesson to support their understanding of the topic.

The cost will be **\$12.00** per child and must be paid to the office by Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March for your child to be able to participate in the Healthy Harold Van visit.

Regards,

Rhonda Blacker  
Principal

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### Life Education - Healthy Harold Visit

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Life Education Van on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# P&C News

Welcome back to all families and friends of Edward School.

The P&C is hoping that we can be more active in supporting projects at the school in 2021.

We are holding a meeting on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm** in the staff room to plan for 2021. We would love to see as many new faces as possible. You won't get given a job- I promise- but it would be great to get new ideas!!

Our **AGM will be held Monday 26th April**. Our long standing canteen rep Kylie Green is standing down, so if there is any parent who is keen to be involved in the canteen, but can't get there to volunteer- this could be the job for you.

Call Felicity for more information 0488054356.

Karen in the **canteen** is doing a great job- getting an Excellent rating in her recent food safety inspection and passing the Healthy Canteens criteria with flying colours. If you can help Karen on a Friday for a couple of hours once a month, please give your name to the office. You will need a Working with Children Check (volunteer is fine). Its free to apply go to <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Alisha and Nat have got all of your uniform needs sorted at the **uniform shop**. Call in and see them at the office.

Looking forward to a great year at Edward School

Kind Regards

Felicity Michael- P&C President

## Community News

### Junior Basketball

All competitions commencing first week in March

Mondays - Grades 5/6

Tuesdays - Grades 2/3/4

Wednesdays - K/Grade 1

Boys and girls play in the same competition. We will have a High School Competition with the day to be decided.

Games/Times will vary between 4 and 6pm each week.

Cost is \$120 for the 14 week season.

The Stadium accepts Active Kids Vouchers. We are also looking for volunteers to help run the competitions.

For more information or to register, please text/call John on 0408997705.

Facebook page: Deniliquin Stadium

### Engaging Adolescents

**Are you a parent of a young person?  
Do you sometimes feel like a broken record?**

If you have children between 10 and 18 years of age, join us for a free program run over three weeks that will help you better understand the young people in your house!

The Engaging Adolescents program talks about practical parenting tips that work and offers information such as:

- Asking the question – Is it serious?
- What's worth reacting to and what's not;
- How to hold those difficult conversations more successfully;
- Understanding adolescence; and
- Understanding your job as a parent of a teenager – observer, advisor and negotiator.

**When:** March 10, 17 and 24, 2021  
**Time:** 6pm - 9pm  
**Where:** Intereach Deniliquin, Cnr Napier & Trickett Sts

**Sound interesting?**  
To register, contact: Libby Barker  
Intereach Family Worker  
Phone: 1300 488 226  
Email: [libbyb@intereach.com.au](mailto:libbyb@intereach.com.au)  
Please leave a message or email with your name and phone number.

For more information about the services Intereach offers please call 1300 488 226 or visit [www.intereach.com.au](http://www.intereach.com.au)





**'Will I be a good dad?'**  
is a common concern amongst new dads and dads-to-be.

**The Focus on New Fathers program provides a free text message based service called SMS4dads.**

**Free tips, tools and links – directly to dad's phone**  
To help new dads and dads-to-be navigate the changes, before and after the birth of their baby, NSW Health and the University of Newcastle have partnered to deliver SMS4dads.

Once new dads and dads-to-be are registered, they'll receive practical tips, tools and helpful links directly to their phone.

**You're eligible:**

- if you are 18 years or older
- if your partner is at least 16 weeks (four months) pregnant; or
- from your baby's birth until they are 6 months old.

**For more information**  
visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers)

**Registration is free and easy.**  
[www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers)



# EPS Swimming Carnival



# Term 1 Calendar 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>WEEK 2</b>	February 1	2	3 Staff Development Day	4 Staff Development Day	5 All Students Return	6	7
<b>WEEK 3</b>	8 Swimming Trials Yrs 2-6 11-1pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>WEEK 4</b>	15	16	17	18	19 EPS Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6	20	21
<b>WEEK 5</b>	22 Parent/Carer information sessions	23 •Sporting Schools Swimming Yrs 1-6 •Parent/Carer information sessions	24 Parent/Carer information sessions	25 •Sporting Schools Swimming Yrs 1-6 •Parent/Carer information sessions	26 •Sporting Schools Swimming Yrs 1-6 •Parent/Carer information sessions •PSSA Swimming Carnival - Hay	27	28
<b>WEEK 6</b>	March 1	2	3 Yr 6 Photography Workshop	4	5 Assembly AFL Trials	6	7
<b>WEEK 7</b>	8 P&C Meeting	9 Day in the Life of Deniliquin- Photography	10	11 Healthy Harold Visit	12 Healthy Harold Visit	13	14
<b>WEEK 8</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>WEEK 9</b>	22 Staff Development Day No school for students	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>WEEK 10</b>	29	30	31	April 1 Last Day Term 1	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Saturday	4 Easter Sunday