Dear Parents,

Family Holidays During Term
We have been informed that the procedures for approving leave for family holidays during the school term have changed.

From this term, children away due to a family holiday will be marked as absent without leave to do so.

Parents and carers need to provide the school/Principal with a satisfactory reason, indicating the educational benefits of missing school while on holiday. The DEC strongly advocates, and it is a legal requirement, that all children should be at school on every day the school is open.

The Principal will advise if the absence is in the educational interests of the child, and an "exemption – holidays" form, will be issued if this is the case.

Please advise the school before leaving so that, if required, an exemption form can be issued.

Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Severe Allergies
Please be advised that it is essential that every child with the above diagnoses requires an ASCIA action plan, from their GP or specialist, and this plan needs to be given to the school. All ASCIA plans must be updated every year.

Better to be safe than sorry.

Music Education Australia, (formerly Music Stars)
The tutor is ready to begin keyboard and guitar lessons in our library on Mondays but at the moment there are insufficient children to begin.

If you are interested in having your child(ren) tutored, please contact the office for further details by Friday 6th February.

AECG Meeting, (Aboriginal Educational and Consultative Group)
Great news! We now have a local AECG just for our area, called the Kumaridha AECG.

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.
Meetings for all our community are held every term, and the first for this year is at Edgeworth Public School on Wednesday 18th February. Meeting places will vary at schools around the area for convenience.

Starting time is 5.00pm for full members and 5.45pm for community and new members.

This group links closely with your child’s school and is a great way to have your say.

Road Crossing Safety
To assist the school and parents in ensuring the safety of children to and from school, we have a crossing guard on duty at the pedestrian crossing morning and afternoon, and we have flashing lights to alert motorists of children crossing.

Parents and carers can play their part by ensuring that all children who live somewhere west of Wansbeck Valley Road use the pedestrian crossing to cross.

Staff will constantly remind children of the need for diligence and correct crossing, especially using the designated crossing point.

Please remember, your good example could save a life one day. It is especially dangerous to cross Wansbeck at the Fern Valley Road intersection. Please take a few extra steps to use the designated crossing.

Australia: The Story of Us
Some parents and carers might like to encourage their children to participate in the “Primary School Challenge”, which is a weekly quiz based on the above program, which screens on channel 7, starting on Sunday 8th February.

The quiz is for children aged 9-13 and when registered, could win the school $10,000! More detailed information can be found at Yahoo7.com.au/StoryOfUs.

Special Religious Education, (SRE), and Ethics Classes
In the next few days we will be finalising SRE and Ethics classes. If you haven’t already, please ensure the school is aware of your wishes in this regard.

On behalf of the students and staff at Cardiff North Public School.
Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Colin Firth - Principal