

Edge Learning Solutions

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Welcome to all
the new schools
that have started
using edge in
term 3



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2022 Edge Users Conference

April 4th and 5th 2022
RYDGES HOTEL QUEENSTOWN

DAY - 1 (Monday)

- Roadmap and announcements
- Keynote speaker
- Evening social event
- Workshops

DAY - 2 (Tuesday)

- Workshops continued
- Edge SMS / Edge Library / Assay / Mobile App
- Partner workshops
- Q and A sessions

Register here

0800 600 159 Early Bird \$349 until October 31st



EDGE TERM 3 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to term three for 2021. Winter is nearing a close with spring officially starting next month. We hope your school year has gone well to date and continues to go well.

We have had a busy and productive period at edge learning solutions and wanted to keep you informed of recent development and important events coming up including our next user conference.

New Features and Updates to our Products – SMS, Mobile App and Assay3



EDGE SMS AND MOBILE APP

We are always working on our products and year to date, we have made some significant improvements across our software suite. If you would like any further information or training on any of the changes mentioned below, please let your solutions specialist know.

Absence Notification from Caregivers

This is our latest time saving addition to both edge and edge mobile app. Caregivers can now securely send in an absence notification for their child, to the school, via the edge mobile app.

This is configured at the bottom of the Admin>Setup>School Settings page.

Notify School of Absence

What type of absence is it?

Stuart Dent is away sick today (Tuesday 23 March)

A different absence

For absences longer than 3 days or more than 3 weeks in the future, please phone the school office

Phone School

History

Notify School of Absence

Select the absence type

Sick Doctor or dentist appointment

Family reasons (e.g. funeral) Other

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Phone School

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Schools can edit the text that caregivers would see on the app and can include the school phone number so the school can be phoned directly. If your school has the option to receive messages by text the 'Allow text message' box can also be ticked.

When caregivers send an absence notification it is saved directly into Edge Attendance along with a suitable note that lets the school know that it was received from the caregiver app.

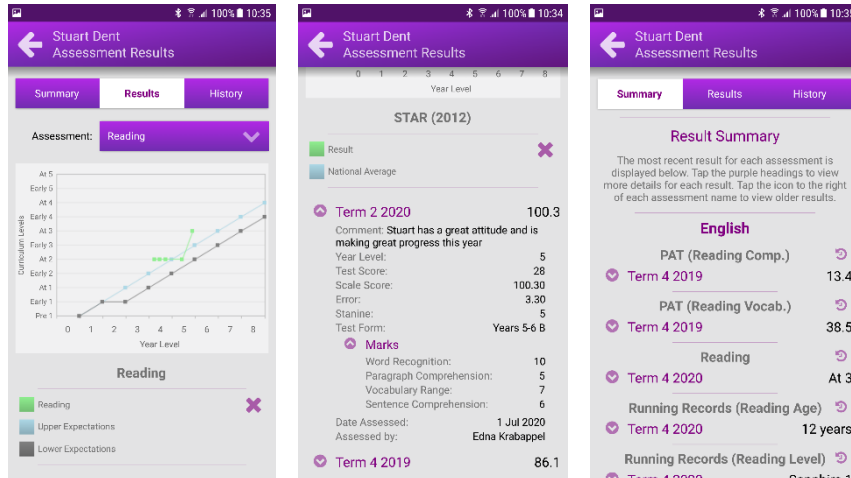
Family Roll

A new family roll list has also been added on the People>Student Lists page. This prints out the contact details for all students, grouped by family based on the caregiver who has “student address” ticked.

Live Reporting:

We have released ‘live reporting’ which gives schools the option of pushing assessment graphs to the caregiver

mobile app and portal. These are the graphs found on the People>Student Details>Assessment Summary page. Schools will have the option of when and which graphs to publish, and to include a comment.



As a precursor to this functionality an Achievement button has been added to the mobile app which shows all achievement data that has been added to the student.

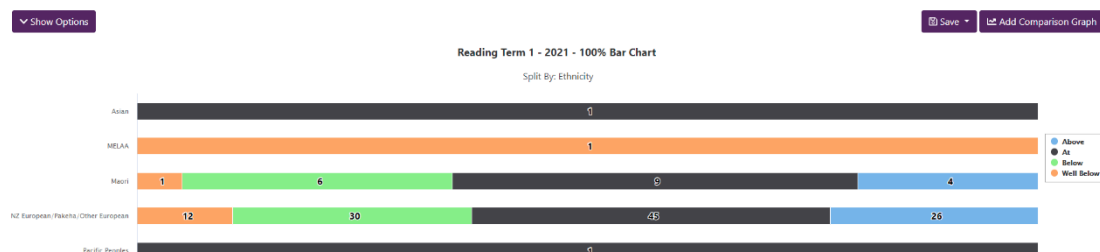
Changes to Purple Banner:

We have modified the top banner within edge as follows:

- Increased the font size of the student's name.
- Included legal name.
- Added photo permission and internet permission.
- Moved the "Next" button to the right side of the name select box.
- Filter selections (Current Students, Pre-Enrols, Leavers) are now sticky when selecting students from the drop-down list.
- Added "Time at School" (YMD and weeks).
- Multiple Ethnicities are listed with a +# when more than three.
- Multiple Iwi are listed with a +# when more than two.

Assay3 (edge analytics)

We have a new developer that has been working exclusively on Assay3 and he has made a number of significant changes which we are sure you will find enhance the product. Assay3 is now also available for all our edge primary schools also. Assay users can see the status of their students, classes, year groups and entire school at a glance and board reports can now be produced with a few clicks. If you would like to start using Assay, please get in contact with your solution specialist or the support desk so we can help you maximise the functionality in this software. We are confident it will simplify your data analysis so that you can spend time improving outcomes for your students, rather than manipulating raw data.



CONFERENCE 2022

The feedback from our 2021 edge user conference which was held in Napier in March was overwhelmingly positive. Schools that attended enjoyed the opportunity to network with other schools and to attend both formal and informal training sessions. The social event on the Monday night was a chance for us to meet some of our users in person after years of speaking to them over the phone.

The venue and date for our next conference is Queenstown in April 2022. In addition to being a social and training event on our software, we have engaged a keynote speaker which we hope will provide further training opportunities for our schools. Dr Michelle Dickinson will speak at the conference on the Monday morning. You may know her as :Nanogirl” and we are confident you will find gain plenty of insights and knowledge as to how to make science and STEM exciting in your school. Please register for the conference at:

<https://musac ltd.typeform.com/to/gG80kFaf>

We have worked with the Rydges Hotel to provide 40 discounted rooms. If you need more information on this it can be found on the edge website.

“We look forward
to seeing you at
our user
conference in
April 2022 in
Queenstown”



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOLS FOR TERM 3

You may be aware that Schola Limited which sells the Assembly SMS package is to close its business at the end of this year. As a result NZ schools that are currently using Assembly as their SMS provider are transitioning to a new SMS system.

“We appreciate
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our existing and
new schools have
shown us”

We have been working with both Assembly and the Ministry of Education to ease the process of changing SMS providers. We have demonstrated our software to a large number of schools and are now migrating and training the schools which have made the decision to move to edge. Our migration process has been refined and we are now able to upload a significant amount of data from Assembly into edge within one day. This has enabled many former Assembly schools to now use edge as their SMS from day 1 of term 3. We look forward to more schools moving to edge during the remainder of the year and trust our improved data migration process makes the transition to edge easier.

We would like to thank the edge schools that have provided references and spoken to Assembly schools when asked. We appreciate both the support of our existing schools and would like to welcome our new users to edge. As always your feedback is valued so please let us know if we can be of further assistance.



Te Rito

We were informed by the Ministry of Education that the deployment of Te Rito is currently on pause as they work through international standards for data security which will enable schools to safely connect to Te Rito.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Education on this project and support the pause while data security standards are considered. Data security is of utmost importance, so we are fully supportive of the Ministry's decision.

Reporting

Although mid-year reporting has only recently been completed, we would like to remind schools wishing to change their end of year reports to let us know as soon as possible what changes are needed. Historically we have had many requests for changes made close to the end of year reporting deadline which we know is a stressful time for teachers. If you are aware of what changes you need to make to your end of year reports, please let us know now so we are able to complete the changes before deadlines loom.

Edge Pay

We continue to see more schools opt to use our Edge Pay service. The service enables caregivers to make payments to their school via the edge parent portal. This can be done by using either the edge mobile app or the web version.

There is no cost to the school for this service as a small transaction surcharge is incurred on the caregiver's credit or debit card to cover the credit card merchant fee.

Feedback from the current Edge Pay users is very supportive including that schools have seen a marked increase in payment of invoices in a timely fashion and that edge pay reduces the workload of the administration staff at the school.

Please let us know if you would like more information on edge pay and how it could benefit your school.

We wish you well for the rest of the term 3. If you have any issues or questions you would like to discuss with our team please contact our support desk or your solutions specialist.

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