Back To School

Last week it was back to school for all our students except for the Kindergarten students [below] when it was their first day ever at school.
Principal’s Comment

A very warm welcome to the new school year. I trust that this will be an exciting and rewarding year for all of us. I would especially like to welcome all new students and their families to our school.

I am pleased to advise parents that we have a full complement of returning staff to begin the new school year. The only new face is our School Chaplain, Mrs Lisa Ingham. Lisa will be in the school on Wednesdays and Fridays and we wish her all the very best as she embarks on her journey with us.

All staff are committed to working with you and your children throughout this year to ensure a rich, diverse and challenging education program. Communication links between home and school will be vital in ensuring that each child’s unique needs are met. With this in mind, staff will be communicating with you early this term about their expectations for the children in their class, the work to be covered during the term, classroom routines and other items of particular interest to that year level.

Pre Primary teachers will be holding a parent meeting to discuss the beginning of compulsory schooling in the near future. There will also be meetings for Year 6 and 7 parents to discuss camps that are scheduled for later in the term and preparations for transition to high school.

Later this term all parents from Pre Primary to Year 7 will be offered the opportunity to meet one-on-one with their child’s teacher to discuss academic and social progress. I encourage all parents to make the time to attend these parent/teacher interviews.

A new initiative planned for this year is the move to an electronic newsletter. In order to facilitate this a note has been sent home to gather email and mobile phone contacts details. We would appreciate you providing this information and returning it to school via your child’s teacher. We will advise in advance of the move from a paper newsletter to electronic circulation. In the meantime, a printed newsletter will still be sent home with the oldest child in each family every second Thursday.

Our school priorities for 2014 remain the same as in the previous year. They are -

♦ ‘Implementation of The Australian Curriculum’ with a particular focus on Reading in the English learning area and Working Mathematically in the Maths learning area, and
♦ Ethical, Personal and Social Capabilities

We will provide ongoing updates about how we are progressing in these areas throughout the year. The first of these updates will be featured in the Edgewater Primary School Annual Report due to be published on the school’s website at the end of this term.

Early next week the 2014 Parent Information Booklet will be sent home to each family to provide you with general updated information about the school. This booklet and many other pieces of information about the school can also be found on the website.

Should you have any concerns at any time throughout the year with regard to your child’s progress, I ask that you speak to your child’s teacher in the first instance or our Associate Principals, Mrs Val Gray or Mr Brian Baily or myself if the matter concerns school operations.

Once again, welcome back.

Julie Tombs - Principal

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Mindarie Regional Council 2013 School Battery Collection Results

In 2013 all of the schools involved in this program collected 2356kg of batteries. The amazing efforts have really made a difference to waste and saved precious materials, energy and water, as well as preventing the hazardous materials in batteries from contaminating our planet.

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All used household batteries that are no longer needed (no car batteries, please) can be placed in the ‘Battery Bin’ located in the school library for collection by the Mindarie Regional Council’s recycling representative. They are collected at the end of each term and disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

What’s New in 2014

Each term schools participating in MRC’s battery recycling program will go into a draw to win a FREE tour for ONE class to either the Tamala Park Waste Management Facility or the Resource Recovery Facility (Neerabup), plus a workshop session at the facility’s Education or Visitors' Centre. This includes: free bus transport; a 2.5 hour tour and workshop; morning/afternoon tea and a gift bag. The school will also receive a special ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycling and Dispose Wisely’ prize.

So let’s all get behind this very worthwhile program by saving our used batteries and bringing them in to the school library for disposal.

Gail Baily

From The Chaplain

Hi, My name is Lisa Ingham and I am your new school Chaplain. Just thought I would let you all know a little bit about me. I am married and have 3 children, 23, 21 and 13, I have been a school chaplain for 6 years, with my other school being Ocean Reef Primary School, and I am also an Education Assistant which I have been doing for the last 10 years. I am a trained PCIR Chaplain (Pastoral Critical Incident Response), which means that I may at times be called to critical incidents that occur, with my last involvement being at the evacuation centre for the Perth hills’ fires.

My days at Edgewater Primary are Wednesday and Friday and I am really looking forward to getting to know you all. I am enjoying getting to know your children who have been so helpful directing me to the right place when I get lost. I am excited about some of the programs that I am hoping to bring to Edgewater and want to encourage you all to come and say Hi and drop in to the school and share a cuppa with me as the kettle is always on. If you would like to know more, or have any questions, please contact me at the school. I would love to meet you.

Lisa Ingham

YouthCare Chaplain

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Kathy’s Corner
What a great start to this year we have had. Many thanks to families who have paid their child's contributions. If you paid on the booklist I am still waiting for this information, so I will not be sending out statements until next term. For Year 6 and 7 students camp this year, you will need to have paid in full before attending. Student banking - I have application forms in the office if you wish to teach your child the value of money, doing chores and getting paid, saving up for that DVD or computer game.
We are holding the raffle again this year for parents who have paid school and P&C contributions in full. The raffle will be drawn in Term 2 and consists of 2 prizes: first prize is a credit of your child's school contributions and the second prize if a credit of your family's P&C contributions.

This year I am doing the Worlds Greatest Shave on 14th March at the assembly. If you would like to sponsor me, the link is http://my.leukaemafoundation.org.au/...kathy dean
So if you come into the office after that date I am not sick, just fundraising for a good cause.
Kathy Dean - Registrar

Wanted - Keyboards
If you have an old keyboard in working order [piano or organ] that you and your family are about to throw out, come and see Mr Christman in the Music Room. He is always looking for additional resources to help better teach the students music.
Reuben Christman - Music Specialist

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Needed
Unfortunately due to other commitments I am unable to continue in the above role. If you are interested and able to help please contact myself at edgewateruniformshop@hotmail.com or the school office. Thanks.
Penny Shepherd

P & C HELP NEEDED

YEAR 7 GRADUATION
We are desperately seeking Year 7 parent helpers/organisers for the Year 7 Graduation. This is the last year of Year 7 at Edgewater Primary School so let's not let them leave without a graduation.
Please leave your details in the secretary tray in the front office or email Edgewater_PS.panc@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR
Sadly Michelle Young is leaving us. Many thanks go to Michelle for her fundraising event efforts. The good news is that Michelle has left us extensive notes and information on the fundraising so a new coordinator can hit the ground running.
Please leave your details in the secretary tray in the front office or email Edgewater_PS.panc@gmail.com

P & C MEMBERS
New P & C members are always welcome and it helps to have a broad range of suggestions, input and support from all the years at the school. It would be great to have a minimum of 2 parents/carers per year at each meeting. We’ll keep you posted as to which years aren't represented at the meetings so you can come along.
The next meeting is Monday 24 February at 7:30 pm in the staffroom.

P & C SECRETARY
This position is currently being filled on a temporary basis. Are you available to take on this role for this year?
Please leave your details in the secretary tray in the front office or email Edgewater_PS.panc@gmail.com

WHITFORD HOCKEY CLUB Registration Day, Saturday 15th February from 11-00 until 2-00 at the clubrooms at McDonald Reserve, Padbury. All ages welcome from 4 to 70+, boys, girls, men and women. More details on our website, http://www.whitfordhockey.asn.au/
Len Collier - Principal - Springfield Primary School - Tel 08 9401 6069 / Fax 08 9401 1277 / Mob 0421580188