Faction Carnival

Thank you to the Edgewater School Community for turning out, in force, for our annual Faction Athletics Carnival.

What a great day!!

Congratulations to Parmelia for their well deserved win. They were definitely the dominant team on the day. Batavia, Leeuwin and Challenger provided excellent competition.

Well done to our champions Monique, Alexia, Maisy, Monique, Ben, Sebastian, Noah and Lachlan, you were fantastic! Thank you to all those who helped in the planning and running of the carnival especially Mr Chris Langley and Mr Phil Bossert. Let’s hope for bigger and better next year.

Russ (Drought Breaker) Grey
P.E. Specialist
Over the past 2 weeks since our last newsletter the school has been a hive of activity with the staging of another very successful athletics carnival and the final planning for the Year 6 camp. Year 6 students and their teachers returned to school today a little tired but very happy, with numerous stories to share about the 3 exciting days spent together. They will be reporting on their camp in the next newsletter just as our Year 7 students have done in this newsletter. Our Faction Athletics Carnival held last Friday was a great day for showcasing what we can achieve when we all come together as a school community. The participation of the students was outstanding. Our staff worked hard to keep the day rolling along and were there to support the students efforts. Special thanks also to Mr Grey and Mr Langley who worked tirelessly all day. The P&C, as always, were on hand to provide delicious food and drinks with many volunteers coming forward to bake cakes, serve, make coffee, cook sausages and generally help out. Everyone’s contributions were appreciated.

Mr Grey is now planning for the Interschool Carnival which will be held during the last 2 weeks of the term.

At the end of this year both the Year 6 and Year 7 students will be transitioning to secondary school. This is an important milestone in their young lives and requires careful planning to ensure that the transition is as seamless as possible.

A Year 4-7 Parent Information Evening has been organised for next Wednesday, 2nd April at 7pm in the school library to provide parents with as much information as possible about secondary schooling. Whilst the move to a secondary setting in 2015 only affects current Year 6 and 7 students, we have also opened the meeting up to Year 4 and 5 parents.

As we work closely with Belridge Senior College, representatives from the school will be at the meeting to provide information, not only about what’s being done for the current Year 6/7 cohort, but also other matters that need to be considered, such as courses of study available, scholarships, and special endorsed programs at Belridge Senior College as well as other neighbouring public high schools. Please make a note in your diary to come along. Refreshments will be provided and there will be an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation. If you do have some specific questions you can drop them into the school office before the meeting to ensure that we cover all areas of interest.

A final reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews are now in progress and will continue till the end of the term. If you haven’t organised a time to meet with your child’s teacher, please do so now.

Julie Tombs
Principal

**Upcoming Events**

- **Assembly**
  - **Aussie of the Month—Year 6**
  - **Sydney Or the Bush—Whole school incursion**
  - **Interschool Carnival**

**- Friday 28 March**
**- Thursday 3 April**
**- Tuesday 8 April**
YEAR 7 CAMP 2014

This year the camp was a blast! We did a lot of activities including Water Rafting, Flying Fox, Pipeometer, Building a Raft and Rogaining. We also did small group activities in the Lodge. The trip was about 1 hour and 45 mins but it was worth the wait. We arrived Tuesday at lunch time. The first activity we did was the Pipeometer. Mr Butt’s group (the Blue Group) went first on the Pipeometer. Mr Butt said he ‘accidentally’ slipped with the bucket and wet the entire blue group!

There were about ten dorms with two bunk beds in each dorm. The girls slept on one side of the building and the boys slept on the other side. Six girls were lucky enough to sleep in the only six bed dorm outside.

Jo was the cook for the four days we spent there. She cooked really nice meals for all of us, breakfast, lunch, dinner and even milo and cookies!

Mrs Rubidge and Mrs Giacobino gave up their own time to come on camp with Room 5. When we were at the camp we discovered the ‘Mrs Rubidge dance’ and a kangaroo named Zoe, who came to the Lodge nearly every day.

On the last night we had to get into groups of two to six people and perform an act for the judges, Mrs Rubidge and Mrs Giacobino. There were six groups to perform. ‘Superheros’ came 1st, ‘So You Think You Can Dance’ came 2nd and ‘Pokémon’ came 3rd. The time had flown so fast, with everyone wanting to stay longer at Currawong.

We all had lots and lots of fun!

Year 7 Students

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Kathy’s Corner
As I indicated a while ago a raffle winner will be drawn soon, as I have been waiting for Office Max. Well the good news is money will be in the school bank account by the end of next week. So fingers crossed you are the lucky one to receive a phone call from me to tell you the great news before the next newsletter.

What a great start to this year we have had. Many thanks to families who have paid their child's contributions so far, so many of you paid via the booklist it was great to see. If you still need to pay then please do so as this year more than ever we need 100% contributions.

Student banking—I have application forms in the office if you wish to teach your child to value of money, doing chores and getting paid. Saving up for that DVD or computer game.

Oh My Goss! What a response I received from the school and community on my “Be Brave and Shave”. Your support was very touching, I never thought that my hair would be worth $1474.00. I was hoping for $500.00! My hair was sent to a wig maker in Rockingham.

We have had a great response to the sick note on our website, if you haven't been on there lately please go on and check it out. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see on there let me know via email. I will put your ideas forward.

Kathy Dean - Registrar

Parking Kestral Mews
It has been brought to our attention that after school some vehicles are parking in residents’ driveways and the road verges. Not only is this inconvenient for the residents, it compromises the safety of our students. A reminder, also, that the staff car parks are not to be used to drop off or pick up students.

School Playground Equipment

Students are not permitted on the school playground equipment before or after school for safety reasons.

Even if the students’ parents/carers are present it is difficult to know which students they are and it attracts other students whose parents/carers are not present.

Transition to Secondary Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 2nd April 2014, 7pm
All parents of students in Year 4 - 7 are invited to attend.

Uniform Shop Information
Students, parents and staff would like to thank Penny Shepherd for her hard work as our uniform coordinator for the last few years. Penny did a great job and will be missed. We would like to welcome our new coordinator Carolyn Lindsay. The uniform shop is currently open on Monday at 8:30am and they can be contacted via email: edgewateruniformshop@hotmail.com. Price lists and order forms are available on the school website: www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au.