Last Thursday, the students and staff were lucky enough to experience an interactive look back in history with Sydney and Kim from Sydney or the Bush. Through a series of stories told with the use of animals, the history of the ANZAC’s was portrayed. They experienced the shearing of a sheep using hand clippers, whip cracking, sheep herding and horsemanship.

Val Gray - Associate Principal
Principal’s Comment

We are now only one day away from the end of Term 1. This term has been very productive with many activities taking place across the school.
Over the past two weeks our interschool athletics team has been training hard. At the interschool athletics carnival held on Tuesday, they successfully competed against other teams from Joondalup, Currambine and Springfield Primary Schools. Whilst we didn’t take out the championship trophy we certainly had some personal best performances. I would like to congratulate all the students who competed. They showed true spirit and determination, as well as, exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Congratulations to Mr Grey for his organisation of the team and to those staff who were involved in the training sessions.
We are now preparing for the term ahead and in particular our ANZAC Memorial Service, which will be held on Tuesday 29th April. This service will commemorate 100 years of the ANZACs. The Kelmscott-Pinjarra 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop will attend our service together with ex-service personnel and invited guests. Please come along and join us. All school community members, families and friends will be most welcome.
Other activities that will be taking place in Term 2 include: a visiting artist, a special sports star visit and Western Australia Day activities. Check out the upcoming events for Term 2 on our school website.
Lastly, I would like to update everyone on some staff changes for Term 2. As many of you may now know, Mr Richard DePiaz has decided to retire after an extensive teaching career. I know it was not an easy decision for him, but the time seemed right. Mr DePiaz has been a very dedicated and popular member of our teaching staff over 30 years. This is an amazing record of service to the children Edgewater Primary School. He will be greatly missed. We may also see less of Mrs DePiaz who has been an ever reliable member of our teacher relief team. We wish them both all the best for the future.
I hope that all families have a wonderful school holiday break and I will look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Julie Tombs
Principal

Upcoming Events

Assembly
Aussie of the Month - Year 7 - Friday 11 April
Last Day - Term 1

First Day - Term 2 - students and staff return - Monday 28 April

ANZAC Memorial Service - 9:00am - Tuesday 29 April

NAPLAN Testing Week - Mon 12 - Fri 16 May
Year 6 Camp

Getting ready for camp was really exciting. We all packed heaps of lollies, and on the bus everyone was excited and talked all the way.

Going into the dorms was awesome, it was like having a big sleepover with all my friends. The first activity was archery and it was really hard but we got the hang of it eventually. We also did the flying fox and abseiling. They were fun and for some a bit scary, but a great experience.

We did caving on the second day which was something new to all of us. Lastly, we participated in beach games, where we got very wet doing the activities.

Scitech was really exciting. We had tasks to complete, as well as, looking at all the exhibits and watching an experiment.

Arriving back at school, was a bit of a disappointment knowing camp was over. I think everyone would agree they would love to go back to camp all over again.

Year 6 Students

Hotshots Netball Club at Bouncers Summer

Congratulations to the teams from Hotshots who played the summer season. The Hotshots from Year 5 had a great season finishing 6th. The younger Hotshots from Years 3/4 also had great season finishing 5th. Both teams made huge improvements and are looking forward to winter season.

Jade would just like to put a big congratulations out there to Summer who played for Currambine this season and has been asked to trial for the Under 12’s Joondalup squad that play Super League Association Netball. Not bad for her first netball season. We wish Summer all the best in her tryouts!!!

Jade Munzer

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**Kathy’s Corner**

What can you get for $1 a week? An interactive whiteboard for your child’s class. Are you aware of the wonderful things your P&C does for the school? This is one of the areas where the $40.00 per family per year is spent.

$1.25 per week per child is what it costs for school contributions for Pre Primary students up to Year 7 and Kindy students is $1.50 per week. Therefore your child’s education is less than a cup of coffee.

It is always good too look at things in a different way. If you are unsure whether you have paid your child's contributions please call and I would be more than happy to let you know.

If you wish you can also pay extra into your child’s account and this way when you need $5 for interschool etc, it’s there. This money carries over from one child to the next, until you no longer attend this school then any balance is returned to you.

When paying for your child's incursion or excursion online you must return the permission slip to the class teacher.

**Winners**

As promised, today I enjoyed making 3 phone calls to the winners of the final 2013 raffle which is $50 credit. They are Liam Room 3, Rebekah Room 12 and Cerys Room 14. Thank you to Mrs Kelly who did the draw with me. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge 3 other people who won the OfficeMax $500.00 Visa card competition. They are the Alberto, Shipman and Freeman families. Well done as there were only 30 prizes and our school won 3 of those. Thank you to all the families who participated in the online book ordering for their child's personal items.

Kathy Dean - Registrar

**Mr DePiazzi Retires**

Sadly Mr DePiazza has decided to hang up his chalk and holster and enjoy the quiet life with his wife Terri.

Mr DePiazz’s teaching career has spanned 36 years, 30 of which have been spent at Edgewater.

We wish Richard and Terri well for the future.

![Richard DePiazz](image)

**ANZAC Memorial Service**

Tuesday 29 April at 9:00am

**ANZAC Biscuits for Legacy**

Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the incapacity or death of a spouse/parent during or after defence force service. The prefects will be selling ANZAC biscuits [50c] at recess time to fundraise for legacy.

**Nature Play Area**

We are establishing a Nature Play Area on the eastern side of the school oval so our students can build cubbies and use natural materials in a creative and fun way. With the assistance of Mr Langley, Mrs Abbott has arranged the collection of logs, tree branches and a wooden stepping path.

We had a great collection of tree trunk cut-offs that were taken earlier this week.

So whilst the area might seem like it is a collection of waste materials, we ask that nothing is removed, especially during the school holidays.

**Aussie Of The Month**

Congratulations to Ashleigh from Year 6 who was chosen as our March Aussie of the Month. Well done Ashleigh!