ANZAC Ceremony

Tuesday 29 April saw the school community come together to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary 2014-2018. Staff and students sincerely thank our Adopt a Diggers, Mr Ron Privileged, Mr Aleck Newby, Mr Frank Stevens and our special guest, Mr Jan Norberger MLA, Mr Jack Le Cras [OAM], Mrs Faye Lund, 1st Bullsbrook Air Scouts, Mr Merv Wilson, Ms Sue Graham, Mrs Catherine Forbes - Kelmscott - Pinjarra 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop, Mr Jim Murray - WA Police Pipe Band, Mr Kevin Starcevich, Christelle Thompson, Declan Boyle 507 Army Cadet Unit Joondalup, Ms Hayley Slaven RAAF Pearce, Jack Collinson - Bugle Player, Mrs Mary Abbotsford and parents and friends of Edgewater Primary School for attending our service and making it a memorable day. In acknowledgement of his service to country, we have adopted Corporal Darren Young for 2014 into our Adopt A Digger Program.

Val Gray - Associate Principal
Principals Comment

Welcome back to Term 2. The past two weeks have gone very smoothly. Students and staff have settled back into the school routine very well and are now gearing up for the many activities scheduled to take place this term.

Next week the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is scheduled to be conducted with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia. This annual assessment strategy is based around common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. Students will be engaged in assessments from Tuesday through to Thursday with some students doing final make up assessments on Friday should they be absent on one of the other days. At Edgewater the tests are administered by the classroom teachers wherever possible in the context of the child’s classroom environment. There are some requirements about the removal of some classroom aids, but by and large the overriding concern is that the child be in as normal an environment as possible. NAPLAN results provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing in literacy and numeracy, but it must be remembered that NAPLAN testing is still only one measure and that teachers and school staff continue to collect a range of assessment data throughout the year to assist them in planning appropriately for each child’s needs. Later in the year a NAPLAN report will be issued for each child who completed the testing. We will keep parents updated as to when they can expect the reports to be sent home.

As the term progresses the cooler weather will see our students wearing warmer clothing to school. I would like to remind parents that the school dress code still applies. For girls who prefer to wear skirts and dresses, we do allow for the addition of tights in either royal blue, so they match the school colours or black. We do not want all colours of the rainbow to lower the tone of our smartly dressed students. This also applies to jumpers, windcheaters, cardigans and hats. Please also ensure that all clothing and hats are clearly marked, preferably in the collar or band of the garment or hat. Labels sometimes get ripped out so it can be difficult to track lost property back to the owner.

Scarfes and gloves can be worn to and from school but should be left in bags during the school day. Scarves in particular can become a safety concern if worn around the neck during school activities where students come into close contact with one another. As always, appropriate footwear should be worn at all times, especially for physical activity.

This week, our students from PP to Year 7 have all been out and about during Physical Education lessons having a wonderful time learning about and refining their skills for T-Ball. We have been fortunate to have Mr Miguel Martinez from the Perth Heat with us to coach the students. I would like to thank Perth Heat, and particularly Mr Martinez, for taking the time to be with us.

Training is also due to start for Cross Country. A note will be sent out to parents next Monday to provide more details.

Julie Tombs - Principal

Upcoming Events

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BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY TOURS

Wednesday 21 May 2014

Parents of students at neighbouring primary schools are invited to attend an Open Day at Belridge Secondary College on Wednesday 21 May 2014. Guided tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 12.30pm. View our state-of-the-art facilities, our specialist and elite programs (Cricket, Fashion & Design and Netball Academy), our students engaged in their educational programs and the day-to-day running of the school. A morning tea will follow the 9.00am tour where parents can meet the administration team and other senior staff. Please call the school on 9408 8000 to book a tour. **Bookings are essential.**

The Specialist Cricket Program Trial Day

The Specialist Cricket Program Trial Day is being held on Monday 26 May at the Kingsway Cricket sheds. Year 7 and 8 enrolments for 2015 are now open. Full information is available on [www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au](http://www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au) > Specialist Cricket Program where you can download a trial pack and application form. Applications close on Wednesday 21 May [currently being accepted for Years 5, 6 and 7]. This Specialist Program is endorsed by the Department of Education and the WACA.

Should you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact Scott Ogilvie, Cricket Coordinator for Belridge Secondary College, on 9408 8000 or email: scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au.

No Standing

Please note that vehicles are not permitted to park or stand on the road or verge in Kestrel Mews [east or the back of the school]. The signage will indicate the times when this is applicable. The City of Joondalup has indicated that they will be taking steps to ensure that all motorists abide by the information on the signs.

Brian Baily  -  Associate Principal

Rhyme Time / Story Time

At Edgewater Primary School we pride ourselves on providing outstanding, caring and stimulating Early Childhood Education. This year we will again offer a ‘Pre Kindy Program’ Rhyme Time / Story Time. The sessions will be held weekly on Wednesday at 9:00am in the room located next to the school office. All families with children 0-4 are welcome to come along and join in the fun as well as developing early literacy skills for your children.

Ann Rose  -  Kindy Teacher

**2014 School Terms**

Term 2  -  Monday 28 April  \[ Friday 4 July \]
Term 3  -  Monday 21 July  \[ Friday 26 Sept \]
Term 4  -  Monday 13 Oct  \[ Thursday 18 Dec \]

**2014 Professional Development Days**

Term 2  -  Friday 30 May
Term 3  -  Monday 4 August
Term 4  -  Monday 27 October
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 to Year 7. Kindy students are $1.50 per week. Therefore, your child’s education is less than a cup of coffee. It’s always good to look at things in a different way. If you are unsure if you have paid your child’s contributions please call and I am 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, 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.

As promised, today I enjoyed making two phone calls to the winners of the 2014 raffle. They were the Leicester and Moscarda families. Thank you again to Mrs Kelly who did the draw with me. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for a sponsor for our next raffle, so if you wish to donate a gift card up to the value of $50, that would be wonderful.

Edgewater Primary School Derby Day was won by Fremantle. Final scores were - West Coast - $203.40 and this money was sent to the Cancer Council. Fremantle - $245.80, and this money goes to the Starlight Foundation. Sale of ANZAC biscuits after our service raised $66.15 and this money was sent to Legacy WA.

Well done everyone.

A parent/carer has been paying money into the school online account and I am unable to locate the student this relates to. Ms Kelly A Ratu is the reference. Please phone me [Mrs Dean] if this is you.

Kathy Dean - Registrar

Attendance Standards in WA Schools

On any given day there are an average 19,000 students absent from public schools in WA and of these 45% remain unexplained. Given that student attendance rates below 90% begins to impact significantly on learning outcomes for students, unexplained absences are not acceptable.

Please be aware that going to school is a legal requirement and every day at school matters. Consistently poor school attendance and lateness to class can affect students education progress. Education is compulsory from the beginning of the year they turn 5 years & 6 months until the end of year they turn 17 years & 6 months. Being a half an hour late to school each day from PP-Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

Regular attendance at school is vital to improving student outcomes and no child should be allowed to continue with irregular school attendance which places them at risk.

While family time is very valuable, it is important to stress that taking children out of school for family holidays reduces the amount of time available for learning, which is detrimental to their education.

Please Note: If you are planning to go away during the school term, you must seek, in writing, approval from the school principal before removing your child from school. If approval has not been sought and a work package provided for the time the student will be away, the absence will be recorded as leave without approval.

Val Gray - Associate Principal

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