TALES OF TIMES PAST

We were very fortunate in having the Tales of Times Past Senior Storytellers visit us on Wednesday to share some of their childhood stories. Many of the children were surprised to learn that in the past things were very different. Not only did many children walk to school and sit at wooden desks, but they got into a lot of trouble if their work wasn’t neat. They did have a lot of fun climbing trees and playing in the creek when they got home though!

SOME THOUGHTS ON TALES OF TIMES PAST FROM ROOM 4 YEAR 1

Isabella

Today we had a special visitor and her name was Jenny Talbot. She told us about the trains. My favourite train was the diesel and some toys. My favourite toy was the knuckle bones and I liked the photos. Today has been so much fun.

Taryn

Today we had a special visitor and her name was Jenny Talbot. She told us about train crashes and my favourite train was the diesel train. She told us about a boat that sank.

Dakota

Today we had a special visitor and her name was Jenny Talbot. She showed us some of her toys. My favourite train was the diesel.

Mason

Today we had a special visitor and her name was Jenny Talbot. She showed us some photos of when she was young. My favourite one was the first diesel train.

Mia

Today we had a special visitor and her name was Jenny Talbot. She showed us some photos of trains and she showed us some games. She told us about a boat that sank.
Principal’s Comment

NANGA BUSH CAMP
This Tuesday was a momentous day for our Year 6 students as they headed off to Nanga Bush Camp in Dwellingup. Many of them have never been away from home before for such a length of time, so there was much excitement and some nerves. The students, Mr Butt, Mrs Baily and Mrs Ingham (our chaplain) are due to return this Friday and will no doubt have many tales to tell. The students will be sharing some of these at our next assembly. We’d love to see you there if you can spare the time as parents, friends and relatives are always welcome at our school assemblies.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Next week we commence Parent/Teacher Interviews. These will run over the last few weeks of the term and are a great opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers, one on one, to talk about their child’s academic and social achievements. Any concerns parents have should be raised during the meeting so both the teacher and parent can work together to get the best outcome for the student. Teachers will communicate with parents directly to organise appointment times.

NATIONAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Towards the end of last year parents, staff and senior students completed an on-line National School Opinion Survey. Since that time the information provided through the survey has been analysed and presented to the Edgewater Primary School Council.

Overall, the school was seen as a good school with a significant number of successes, including that the students felt safe and liked being at school; that teachers motivated the students to learn and expected them to do their best; and additionally, that the school was well-maintained. Areas for improvement focus on the development of more effective communication processes between students, staff, parents and administrators; enhanced support mechanisms to allow staff to learn and improve their teaching practices; and increased opportunities for the school community to have input into decision making.

All of the above are currently being considered by the School Council as we develop our School Business Plan for the next three years.

EDGewater PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD
The operations of the transitional School Council will continue this term with a handover to the new Edgewater Primary School Board occurring at the commencement of Term 2. An announcement of the new School Board membership will be provided to the school community at that time. The responsibility for the educational leadership and operational management of the school still remains the responsibility of the Principal. The School Board’s role will be to actively promote the objectives and interests of the school community and to provide strategic guidance and monitoring.

INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL
Finally, a reminder that there are now only three weeks to go until the end of the term with the Interschool Carnival coming up in the last week. Our Interschool Athletics team have been training hard thanks to Mr Grey, Mrs Rubidge and Mrs Abbott. I hope some parents will be able to get along to the carnival and cheer the students on as they strive to do their very best.

Julie Tombs  -  Principal

Upcoming Events

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Introducing Our New Student Executive Councillors

On Friday 6 March Mr Butt, Lucy, Holly, Oswin and Dyllan went to the Perth Convention Centre for the National Young Leader’s Day. The first speaker was the famous author Andy Griffiths. After Andy had finished speaking it was morning tea and after this a girl from Jets called Katie sang and a second speaker named Nat Medhurst, an extremely good netball player spoke. After Nat, a legally blind man called Lorin Nicholson who can only see 6% and is up for the Australian of the Year Award, spoke and then we had lunch. After lunch a man from the Mars One project [going to Mars in 10 years], called Josh Richards, spoke and then the day finished at 2:30pm. We had such an awesome time and would like to thank Mr Butt for taking us to the conference.

Things We Learnt
- You can take your time to be a good leader
- Leadership is influence
- You’ve got to take risks
- A leader is also a great follower
- Never give up
- Work together and communicate
- Values are like fingerprints. Nobody’s are the same and you leave them all over everything you do
- Believe in yourself

Canteen News

Thank you for making me feel so welcome at Edgewater Primary! It’s been lovely meeting so many of you and all your gorgeous children.

Online Ordering
The online ordering system is fully operational now. For those of you who haven’t registered yet (teachers and staff included) why don’t you check out the website www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au (just follow the prompts to register). Orders can be placed at any time (day, night and weekends) up until 9.00 am on the day of the order. Should you need any further information regarding online ordering please don’t hesitate to come and see me in the canteen.

Volunteers
Whether you can only spare half an hour or a few hours, I’m always very appreciative of any help I can get in the canteen. I find that my busy times are:—
- 10.45 - 11.05: recess sales;
- 12.00 - 12.35: making lunches and packing up the baskets;
- 12.45 - 13.05: lunchtime sales.

If you are able to help over these times or even for a bit after the school drop off (to assist with cleaning and chopping salad vegetables, making jellies, rolling out the pizza dough, etc) please send me a text (0410 951 844) or sign up on the volunteer board outside the canteen. Everyone is welcome (grandparents, aunts and dads too) and your children are always glad to see you helping out.

Don’t forget you get $5.00 off your child’s lunch order on the day you work in the canteen and your name goes into a draw for a beautiful gift basket at the end of term. The more times you volunteer in the canteen the more entries you get into the draw!

Meal Deal
Our first Meal Deal will be held at the end of this term. More information regarding date and ordering will follow shortly.

Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager - 9405 3528 / 0410 951 844
Kathy’s Corner

Student Banking
By now you will know how much I love it when your child is involved with school banking as I believe it is important for our children to realise at a young age how money works. It’s not having money pop out of the wall at the ATM! You have to do something to get that money and so should they. Please encourage your child to do chores to get their banking money; don’t just give it to them—let them save up for the new book or toy. This will make it have greater value than if you just gave them the money.

I will send out statements to all families who haven’t yet paid either the P&C contribution, which is per family or the school contributions which is per child. I will highlight on the statement the amount that still hasn’t been paid.

Good luck in the Contributions Refund Raffles (one for school contributions and one for P&C contributions) to everyone who has paid these amounts. I am hoping to have the raffle draw at the end of term one.

Kathy Dean - Registrar

Rhyme Time Story Time
This week was the first Rhyme Time for 2015. We welcomed ten families to the session where they had lots of fun participating in rhymes and songs, as well as some music and movement.
Next week will be Story Time where children will be able to listen to a number of stories, then join in a task to take home to aid in oral discussion about the stories shared.
This innovative programme is held weekly at 9am in Room 1. All families with children 0—Kindy age are welcome to attend.

Ann Rose - Kindy Teacher

2015 Faction Captains
Our student body has recently elected the new Faction Leaders for 2015. They are:

Challenger  Kiara, Nakeyiah
Batavia      Beth, Noah
Parmelia     Maddison, Summer
Leeuwin      Maisy, Owen

At our last assembly these students introduced themselves to the school community. They spoke clearly and with great confidence. They are currently doing a fantastic job assisting me with the setting up of sporting events. Well done Faction Leaders. Keep it up.

Russell Grey - PE Specialist

Mt Lawley Primary School
Open Day
Saturday 28 March
10:00am-2:00pm

An invitation is extended to the community to tour the new school buildings and celebrate the return to Second Avenue. Featuring the official launch of the DVD, ‘Out of the Ashes’ and the school’s Centenary Book, at 11:00am.
There will also be classroom displays and a P&C Sausage Sizzle.