We held our first WASTE FREE TUESDAY on Tuesday 19 May and it was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and children who participated. Remember that every little bit helps, and although you are only one person, your efforts combined with the rest of the school add up to a lot. We are seeking to reduce landfill on our precious Earth.

Did you know that glass takes over 1,000,000 years, an aluminium can 80-100 years, and plastic takes 700 years to break down and disappear in our landfills or dumps? So the more rubbish we can reduce, reuse or recycle, the better off the planet will be.

So remember - WASTE FREE TUESDAY - every Tuesday.

All the food scraps are collected in green buckets—the bread products are separated out—and the remainder sent to Mr Langley to put this into his compost bins. This will then be used to help our school gardens grow.

TUESDAYS ARE NOW WASTE FREE

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

On Wednesday 27 May at 11am, schools all over Australia participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime event by reading the same book at the same time. Ms Hill read this year’s chosen book, Aaron Blabey’s The Brothers Quibble, to all of the Year 1, 2 & 3 students in the Assembly Area. This delightful book tells the story of a boy called Spalding who ‘ruled the roost’ at home—that is, until a new baby brother came along! Images from the picture book were projected onto a large screen as Ms Hill read the story aloud. Many thanks to young Harry Shepherd in Year 3 who acted out the part of the ‘displaced’ Spalding, much to the delight of the audience.

Teachers reinforced the themes of family and friendship through related language activities in the classroom.

Promoted by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), this annual event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

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On Saturday 16 May, Simon Young (School Board Chair and P&C President), Helen Thomas (Edgewater Netball Club), myself and a range of other community leaders in the electorate of Moore enjoyed afternoon tea with the Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott.

We were invited by Ian Goodenough MP, who was keen for the Prime Minister to meet community leaders and hear about the great work going on in the electorate.

This week we were also happy to host a visit to our school by the Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Shadow Minister for Education, and the Hon Martin Pritchard MLC, North Metropolitan Region. The visit allowed both members of the Western Australian Legislative Council to hear firsthand about the successes and challenges we encounter in a busy school environment and to meet some of our fabulous students and staff.

**Semester One Student Reports**

As this term progresses teachers will begin completing these reports which will be sent home to parents on Friday 26 June, one week before the end of the term. I encourage all parents to take the time to read the report with their child, congratulating them on their achievements and discussing areas that may require a bit more effort. Teachers will be available for interviews in the last week of the term. If parents have any concerns, please arrange a suitable appointment time directly with the class teacher. No reports will be released prior to 26 June.

If your child will not be at school in the last week of the term you can arrange to have the report posted to you, or alternatively, you can collect the report at the beginning of next term.

**WA Day**

Over the next week we will be spending time reflecting on the wonderful state we live in, our history and traditions. This year there is to be a particular focus on the way we are today and the many things we often take for granted. Students during next week, as part of their English programme, will be writing a postcard about a wonderful location in Western Australia. See our school website for more details. We will also publish some of our student’s thoughts about our state in the next newsletter.

**Upcoming Events**

At the commencement of each term we send out a Term Planner to each family to keep them informed about things to come. As the term progresses some inevitable changes occur or further unexpected events crop up; therefore it is a very good idea to go to the school website to get the most up to date information. We are currently uploading important dates for Terms 3 and 4 that you may need to be aware of now for future planning. Term 3 events include In-Term Swimming for Pre Primary to Year 5 students, Book Week and our annual Faction Carnival.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a safe and happy WA Day and long weekend.
**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT**

Resilience is in the best interests of children and here is a common parenting mistake that will reduce children’s resilience from [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au).

*Letting kids give in too easily!!!*

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly, they don’t bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

**Resilience Insight : Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.**

Lisa Ingham - School Chaplain

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

A big thank you to all the ladies who helped out on sausage sizzle day last Friday. The meal deal was a huge success and the kids all enjoyed their snags. Keep an eye out for our next meal deal which will be held towards the end of this term.

If you have any free time available, please consider volunteering in the canteen. I’m always appreciative of any help I can get. Remember, volunteers' names go into a draw to be held at the last assembly of term. This term's prize is a gorgeous Arbonne gift pack. You also get $5 off your child's lunch on the day that you work. So, come on! Whether you have half an hour to spare or half a day, pop in and see me in the canteen.

Our new winter menu is out! In addition to our delicious and healthy homemade tray meals, we are now serving homemade soup for lunch. Hearty and warming - perfect for cold winter days.

Kerry van Drunick Canteen Manager - 9405 3528

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**Junior School Choir Entertains**

On Tuesday 19 May the Edgewater Junior Choir took part in entertaining senior citizens from the community at a special morning tea at the Emerald Park Function Centre. All up, fifty-two students aged seven and eight years old participated in the concert. The group performed three songs and were even asked to sing an encore, which they did as well. The concert was a complete success as indicated by the applause and shouts of the older people. The organisers of the morning tea even asked if the group could come back and sing again later in the year.

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**Dates For Your Diary**

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The survey can be done over the internet and at home and takes about twenty minutes [5-10 minutes for parents and 10-15 minutes for children]. To participate go to: [http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents](http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents).

Contact Kate Derry on 6488 3259 for more information.

**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’ educational progress. Education is compulsory from the beginning of the year they turn 5 years and 6 months until the end of the year they turn 17 years and 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.

**Parking**

As is the case in all schools, on-site parking is limited to staff and authorised visitors. Please bear this in mind when visiting the school. Street parking for parents/carers is available in both Treetop Avenue and Kestrel Mews.

Please do not use the Treetop Avenue carpark for turning around or for dropping children off in the morning. Not only is this inconvenient to other users, it is also dangerous.

For safety reasons students are not permitted in either carpark and they should use the paths provided.

**School Photo Days Are Coming**

**Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June**

Our school photo days are coming! Photo order forms have been sent home to all students. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time.

Alternatively you can pay by cash or cheque and return the provided envelope to the school **on the photography day. If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.**

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online; however, please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please contact the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo.

**Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.**

**Survey For Parents & Children**

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