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#### May

Mon 6	◆ School Board Meeting
Tue 7	◆ Y2 Excursion to Cockman House
Fri 10	◆ R3 Assembly ◆ Mother's Day Stall
Thu 16	◆ Y2 Excursion to Cockman House
Fri 24	◆ R12 Assembly
Wed 29	◆ P&C Meeting
Fri 31	◆ School Development Day

#### June

Mon 3	◆ Western Australia Day Public Holiday
Tue 4	◆ School Board Meeting
Thu 6	◆ Lightning Carnival
Fri 7	◆ R14 Assembly ◆ Y4 Aussie of the Month
Wed 12	◆ Faction Cross Country

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and guardians,

**Mrs Ashley Lewis** is now settled into the front office and **Mrs Karene Byrne** joined us this week.

**Mrs Mews** is taking on the language teacher position for Term 2 as Mrs Rayner takes leave to recover from a serious illness.

We used the disruption of **industrial action** for positive action in the school yard. Year 6 students donned their gardening gloves and the rocks in the dry riverbed are now back in place. We have had sightings of red-tailed cockatoos sitting in trees on school grounds as the dry weather continues.

Students are busy in and out of classrooms with **incursions from Bully Zero and Watercorp**. Thank you to all who turned out for the annual **Rainbow Colour Run** that supports our School Chaplain program. School Chaplain, Michelle Kipps, supports staff, students, and parents in achieving positive mental health outcomes.

Our wonderful Year 6 Executive Students Leaders, Zoe, Scarlett, Aislin and Skye led the **ANZAC service** with precision. Thank you to Mrs Cleaver for her organisation of this event. **PP2** delighted the school with their "Be kind" item last Friday. It was wonderful to have Mrs Rose back in the school presenting **Year 5 Aussie of the Month**.

We hope to see you at the **Open School Board Meeting** on Monday 6 May in the school library. The focus of the meeting is the **new Business Plan 2024-2026**. Please find attached the revised agenda: [Open School Board Meeting Agenda](#)

Increased funding for **Triple P workshops** means free online workshops are available for parents. See more in this newsletter and take the opportunity to register and join in these quality presentations:

- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Overcoming Fears
- Fear-Less: Supporting children with anxiety
- Learning to cooperate
- Promoting Digital wellbeing

**Please join us for a get together on the Kindy verandah after school on Wednesday 8 May to share memories of beloved teacher, Claire Howlett. Icy poles are available for children. Chaplain, Michelle Kipps will be joining in the planting of a flowering shrub to acknowledge Claire's love of flowers.**

Best wishes to all our mums and caregivers for a Happy Mother's Day next Sunday.

**Kim Perkins**



# Aussie of the Month

Spencer is a kind-hearted class member who embraces new challenges with courage and a positive attitude, applying what he has learnt with care and effort. He shows resilience and perseverance when working on tasks that require him to expand his thinking.

Spencer is a calm and hard-working student who demonstrates the school values in both the way he approaches his learning and the way he treats others. He is cheerful, caring and thoughtful, while also quick to support anyone who may need a helping hand.

Spencer behaves in a way that promotes mutual respect, mateship, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for all. He is a student who is helping to make our community a better place for everyone

For all these reasons, Spencer is a very deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month award.

Congratulations, Spencer!



# Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 26 April**: **P1** Angus C, Tessa O, Zoe S | **P2** Lachlan S, Eugenia P-C | **R3** Darcy M, Ada C | **R4** Sonny A, Kenzie P | **R5** Noah M, Hesara S | **R6** Joshua C, Alex L | **R8** Dominic S, Gemma-Hope B | **R11** Chloe M, Levi H | **R14** Isaac S, Alexia P | **R15** Lacey G, Hudson D, Harry E | **R16** Robbie G, Diyana T



**MOTHER'S DAY STALL**  
**FRIDAY 10 MAY**

**SCHOOL**  
**DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
**FRIDAY 31 MAY**

Reminder that students do not attend school on Friday 31 May as staff will be meeting to review and forward plan.

# ANZAC Service

Our annual ANZAC Service on Wednesday 24 April was a moving and inspiring event.

Students, staff, parents and special guests joined together for the service and, as in previous years, two horses from the Kelmscott Pinjarra 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop were also in attendance.

To show our appreciation and respect for the fallen and for all those who have served, wreaths were laid by representatives from each class. The choir also performed at the service, with touching renditions of 'Can You Hear Australia's Heroes Marching?' and 'Waltzing Matilda'.

A big thank you to Mrs Cleaver for organising the service and to all who helped make it possible.  
**Lest We Forget.**



# Pre-Primary Assembly — PP2

Our assembly last Friday was hosted by our fantastic PP2 class. The theme of their item was *kindness*. The students sang about the importance of being kind and talked about what kindness means to them, such as helping a friend or looking after somebody who's hurt themselves. Thank you PP2 for this important lesson and for brightening our Friday morning with your wonderful singing.

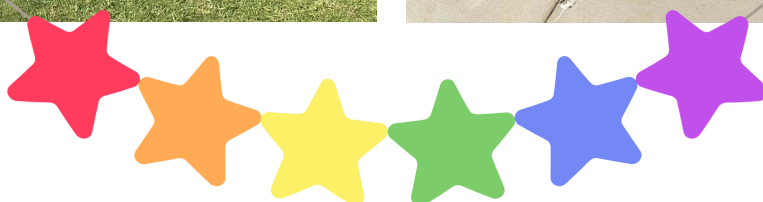


# Rainbow Lapathon

On Wednesday 1 May we hosted our annual Rainbow Lapathon to support our Chaplain Program. It's the most colourful event of the year and students did not disappoint — they were decked out in their year level colours and made quite the rainbow running laps around the oval. Despite the threat of rain, we managed to get lucky for the hour with perfect running conditions.

It was great to see so many parents come along to support the students (as well as join in for a few laps!)

A big thank you to Mrs Baily for organising the event, and thank you to parents for all your generous pledges. The Rainbow Lapathon ensures our School Chaplain, Michelle Kipps, can continue supporting staff, students and



# Parent Workshops

Alongside the Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams, our school psychologist Kristy will be facilitating free online workshops for parents in Term 2. The Triple P—Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours needed for a healthy childhood.

Registration is essential to attend these online workshops and will close 24 hours before the scheduled workshop. You will be sent an email with information and a link to join on the morning of the workshop. We recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) ahead of the workshop.

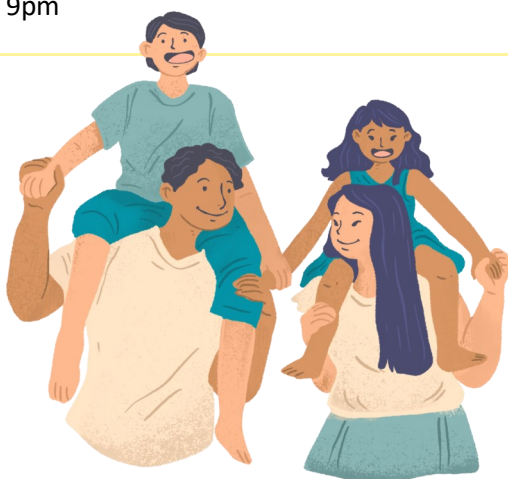
To register, scan the QR code or click [here](#) to open the link in your browser.

If you would like to register for other Triple P workshops, visit the [Triple P in WA website](#) and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of Triple P Online programs for free.

Click [here](#) to read detailed information about each workshop.



Date and Time	Workshop
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b> 8pm – 10pm	<b>Sharing and getting along (Toddlers)</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b> 7pm - 9pm	<b>The power of positive parenting (under 12 years)</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b> 8pm – 10pm	<b>Overcoming fears (3-8 years)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28 May</b> 7pm – 9.30pm	<b>Fear-Less: Supporting children with anxiety (6-14 years)</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b> 8pm – 10pm	<b>Learning to cooperate (2-5 years)</b>
<b>Tuesday 11 June</b> 7pm - 9pm	<b>Promoting digital wellbeing (10-16 years)</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 June</b> 7pm - 9pm	<b>Raising responsible teenagers (10-16 years)</b>



# Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday 17 May, Edgewater Primary School will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day. On this day we are encouraged to consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking into our lives, particularly as a healthy and active way to get around. Walking all the way to school isn't realistic for some, but it's always possible to consider how you can build a walk into your family's routine.

Here are some suggestions for teaching your child the healthy habit of walking:

- Walk with them the whole way to school.
- If they catch the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop.
- If you have to drive, park the car a few streets or blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way.

Walking with your child as regular exercise not only helps to reduce their likelihood of developing chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes — it also allows you to spend more time together and gives you a great opportunity to teach them safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. On top of this, by walking to school we are making the Sustainability Team proud by doing our bit to reduce emissions!

If you wish to join in for Walk Safely to School Day, **meet us at Emerald Park at 7.50am on Friday 17 May and we will walk to school together. We will depart Emerald Park at 8.00am.** Parents are encouraged to walk with us too. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



## Census

From May 2024, our school will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) along with thousands of other schools around the country. The AEDC is a teacher-completed census which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school. Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.



In the previous 2021 AEDC, our school profile indicated that Edgewater Primary School had no students as vulnerable on two or more domains. Below is the percentage of Edgewater Primary School students who are developmentally on track and are considered to be developing well in the five key domains tested.

**95.4% Physical health and wellbeing** (up 3.9% from 2018)

**98.5% Social Competence** (up 3.6% from 2018)

**92.3% Emotional maturity** (down 4.3% from 2018) **92.3% Language and cognitive skills** (school-based) (down 2.6% from 2018)

**93.8% Communication skills and general knowledge** (up 0.6% from 2018)

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

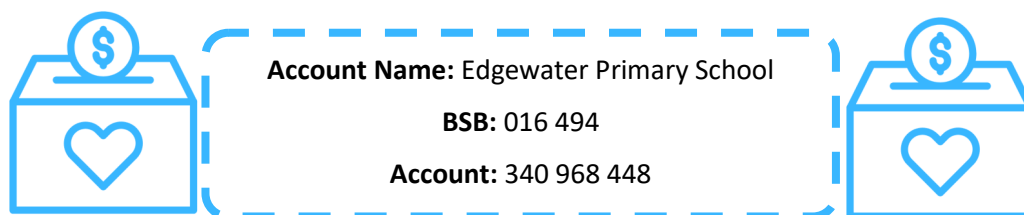
Read more about the 2024 AEDC [here](#).

# From the Manager of Corporate Services

I hope you all had an enjoyable school holiday break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. I am very pleased to be able to welcome to the team two new school officers starting term 2. Please call in to say hello and introduce yourself as Ashley and Karene get to know all our amazing families and fantastic community.

Just a friendly reminder to our families that while the Voluntary Contribution of \$60, is voluntary, payment of the contribution plays a significant role in providing resources that support the learning experience of students. If you have not yet paid your voluntary contribution or P&C and would like to, please either transfer direct to the school account using the details below or, alternatively, you can pay at the administration office with the credit card/EFTPOS facility that is now available.

**Kristy Graindorge**



## Chaplain's Chat

### School Refusal

Sometimes in the middle of term, students can begin refusing school due to many different reasons. School refusal can look different to each student.

Some examples can be:

- Anxiety and distress about going to school.
- Tearfulness before school resulting in conflict with family members.
- Complaints about illness
- Refusal to get out of bed, leave the house or get in the car.



School refusal can effect many different areas for children such as their learning, social and emotional development, cause avoidant strategies and effect friendships and relationships with peers.

It is important to help children who are showing signs of school refusal to come up with strategies to assist them in their transition of coming back to school which will allow for a positive return and association with school.

Here is a link to an article with resources on how to assist your student in their school refusal:

[Responding to School Reluctance or Refusal](#)

**Michelle Kipps**



## Lost Property

The lost property box is looking very full! Hats, jackets, drink bottles, pencil cases — you name it. If your child is missing something, please ask them to have a look through lost property and perhaps have a look yourself next time you're at school. Hopefully we can reunite these items with their owners and keep the area nice and neat.

The lost property box is located on the bench outside the library. Thank you for your cooperation!

# Canteen News

The recent rains and cooler weather serves to remind us that our summer days are nearly over and winter is not far off. We have been cooking up a storm in the canteen, preparing healthy and nutritious meals to warm little tummies during the colder months. On offer are butter chicken (gluten free), macaroni cheese, spaghetti bolognese and gluten free pasta bolognese. All of our tray meals are freshly prepared in the canteen and are packed full of hidden vegetables, many of which are grown in the school's community garden. The meals can be ordered through the online ordering system, [Quickcliq](#).

We have recently made a few changes and tweaks to our recess menu. Parents are now able to pre-order and prepay (also via Quickcliq) for certain items. We know how difficult it is to find small change these days in our predominantly cashless society and not all students have Spriggy cards.

We hope this little adjustment will help parents make it easier to provide morning recess for their children.

**Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne**

Canteen Managers



## From the P&C

The P&C's annual AGM was held on Wednesday 13 March and a new executive team was elected for the next year. A special thank you to those new to the Executive for stepping forward.

**President** – Samantha Blake

**Vice President** – Jason Beltran

**Secretary** – Tegan Hunt

**Treasurer** – Deanne O'Connor

**Executive Members** – Tracey Lombardo, Meera Chokshi, Alexis Anderson

The P&C's annual Easter Raffle was another outstanding success, raising \$2,068. A massive thank you to all those families who donated prizes and purchased raffle tickets. We were able to distribute gifts to 110 individual winners this year! Our Term 2 car park raffle was also another success. Profits raised from fundraising activities are used to support our school canteen and contribute to the school's needs.

The P&C Fundraising team will be running the annual Mother's Day stall next week on Friday 10 May for Kindy Red, Pre-Primary —Year 6 students and on Thursday 9 for Kindy Blue students. We are excited to have been able to source a great array of new gifts this year! Notes with more information will be coming home soon.

Our next meeting will be held in Week 7 on Wednesday 29 May at 7pm and we will be joined by local MP Emily Hamilton. We invite all parents to come along.

**Samantha Blake**

P&C President





# Edgewater Primary School Safety House Group

A community volunteer child safety program that can really make difference



Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

Many of you may have noticed there are signs around the suburb and the school stating that our school is in the safety house zone. The Safety House child safety program is all about our community looking out for our kids when they are not safely at school or home. Little things might happen that could really upset a young child, but a friendly and supportive adult can be a great help at these times to put the child in contact with a parent or carer. In those rare cases where the incident upsetting the child is much more serious, the adult can contact the necessary authorities or emergency services. A valid Working with Children Card is mandatory for many child related activities; education, sports coaching, childcare, kids entertainment and Safety House. There is currently an \$87.00 application fee for a 3 year Working with Children Card. However, as a Safety House community volunteer with an authorised form, the application fee for exactly the same card is currently only \$11.00—a massive saving. It is easy to apply to become a Safety House and the entry criteria are quite simple. The residence must have at least one adult person holding a current Working with Children Card, the front door of the premises must be easily accessible for a young child and there must be an adult at or near the house during school travel hours for at least half the week. The Safety House website, [Safety House WA](http://SafetyHouseWA.com), has full details. If you would like more details about joining the Safety House program, please contact me by leaving a message at the Edgewater Primary School office or call me on 0401 510 595. I would like to request many families and homes to please join this program as this is all about keeping our children safe from potential harm. Currently we have no homes and would love to have lots more.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Meera** (Safety House Group Coordinator – Edgewater Primary School)

## My Important Contact Numbers Card

It can be vitally important to have emergency contact details available in your child's school bag. This will ensure that if a child needs help from a Safety House or another trusted adult, that person can easily get in contact with the child's parents or carers. Safety House WA Inc. has created an emergency contact number ID plastic card that a child could have securely kept inside their school bag. Then, no matter how upset the child might be, the Safety House person or trusted adult can easily find the right contact number to help the child. The Safety House *My Important Contact Numbers Cards* are very similar in size to a standard credit card, made out of hard plastic and printed with the child's basic contact information details. For personal safety reasons there is no address or family surname on the card, just sufficient information that will help the Safety House person or trusted adult contact the right person and the school as quickly as possible. The Contact Number Card is available exclusively from Safety House WA Inc. for any family to order. The Contact Numbers Card are available for children absolutely **free of charge**. To order your Contact Number Card (that will be a similar design to the image shown) please complete the form at the Edgewater School office giving details of each child's first name and a **maximum** of 2 contact names and numbers. There is no limit to how many children for whom you may order a contact number card—again, absolutely free of charge.





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