Last term the Kindergarten program was based on the theme ‘farms’. The children investigated many aspects of farm life. The role play area was turned into a farm, maths and literacy tasks were farm based and the children even made their own butter which they later used to make sandwiches. The term concluded with a visit to Landsdale Farm where the children enjoyed the many hands on experiences the farm provides. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and must be congratulated on their positive response to the experiences provided and their cooperative behaviour throughout the day. The staff thank the parent helpers who gave up their day to assist with supervision. A wonderful day was had by all.

Mrs Rose
Principal’s Comment

Welcome back to Term 3.
Over the past few weeks there have been a number of Department of Education initiatives announced. These initiatives will have an impact on the way we provide for our students. The most recent change relates to the funding provided to Western Australian Public Schools through the State Government’s new funding model. The new ‘Student Centred Funding Model’ will commence next year. Funding will be directed to each student enrolled in the school depending on their year level. Additional funding will be allocated for Aboriginal students and those students who have English as their second language. In the past, we needed a critical number of these students in our school to attract resources, now it will be distributed per student. Children with disabilities will continue to attract additional funding which will be provided in a slightly different way. Schools in geographically isolated areas and those who have a high percentage of students from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, will attract further funding to assist schools in their work.
Over the coming term, Principals and Registrars will be attending briefing sessions to equip them with the information needed to implement the new model in 2015. I trust these funding arrangements will allow us to better cater for all students’ needs through the greater flexibility offered.
Planning for 2015 is now well in hand for the transition of both our Year 7 and 6 students heading off to high school next year. Over the next two weeks I will be updating parents who have children in these cohorts regarding the planning that is in place for the remainder of the year.
Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 have now officially closed. Parents who have registered an ‘Application for Enrolment’ will be advised next week of their child’s placement. Parents who are residing in our boundary area with children born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011, can still enrol as their child is guaranteed a place. If you know of anyone in Edgewater who has a child due to start Kindy next year, please encourage them to pop into the school office to get further information about our fabulous Kindergarten program. Whilst the program is not compulsory, it is a very important stepping stone for children on their journey to compulsory schooling. A great deal of learning occurs in the crucial years before a child turns 5; therefore we must capitalise on these early years.
We have an exciting term ahead of us with many activities planned. As always, if you have any concerns with regard to your child’s progress please see their teacher sooner, rather than later. If you have questions with regard to the more general operations of our school, you can contact the school office or speak to our Associate Principals, Mr Baily or Mrs Gray. I am available to speak to parents; however it is preferred that an appointment is made to ensure my availability.
I will look forward to seeing many of you at various school events over the term.

Julie Tombs - Principal

Upcoming Events

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Don’t forget!
Celebrating Canteen Week

This week we are celebrating the fantastic work done by our Canteen Manager Tina, the Edgewater Primary School Canteen Committee, and our fabulous volunteers. They collectively provide a wonderful service to our students and parents ensuring that all food served is healthy and nutritious.

Healthy Eating For Children

The *Australian Dietary Guidelines* provide up-to-date advice about the amount and kinds of foods and drinks that we need regularly, for health and well-being.

By providing your child with the recommended amounts from the Five Food Groups and limiting the foods that are high in saturated fat, added sugars and added salt, your child will get enough of the nutrients essential for good health, growth and development. A healthy diet reduces the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity and some cancers. Your child may also feel better, look better, enjoy life more and live longer!

The amount of food your child will need from the Five Food Groups depends on their age, gender, height, weight and physical activity levels. For example, a 3-year-old boy requires 1 serve of fruit a day, but an 11 year old boy needs 2 serves of fruit a day. A 9-year-old girl needs 4 serves of grain (cereal) foods a day, and a 14 year-old girl needs 7 serves a day.

Children who are taller, more physically active or in the higher end of their age band, (and not overweight or obese), may be able to have additional serves of the Five Food Groups or unsaturated spreads and oils or discretionary choices. For further information go to [www.eatforhealth.gov.au](http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au)

Marie Hobson - School Nurse

Maths Resources

We have recently purchased some wonderful new maths resources using funds raised by our hard working P&C at last year’s Fete.

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Aussie Of The Month

Congratulations to India from Year 3, our July Aussie of the Month. India was presented with her award at the assembly held on Friday 4 July with per proud parents watching on. Mr Conlan from Grand Toyota Wangara presented the award. We would like to thank Mr Conlan and Grand Toyota Wangara for their continuing sponsorship of the Aussie of the Month.

Beldon Dental Therapy Centre Reminder

Parents are reminded that all dental appointments are now being sent to home addresses. If any parents have recently moved home, please notify the clinic of new the address and/or telephone numbers. Parents are requested to please not park in the school grounds, but to park on the roads outside including using the side road Nautical Grove. Parking on site is only for the school staff or disabled patients.

Many thanks
Rosemary & Karen

Netball News

After an undefeated start to the season our Year Threes are going up a grade to play against the Year Fours because they are so good. Hotshots 73 Combined opposition 15

New Prefect

Sadly one of our prefects has moved to another school creating a vacancy in the Student Leadership Team. Following a special election last term, we are pleased to announce that Maddie from Room 5 was successful in being elected to the Leadership Team for the remainder of the year. Congratulations Maddie.

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