



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Our Parade of Nations

To coincide with the real Parade of Nations in Rio, we held one of our very own this morning in front of an enthusiastic group of spectators. Organised by the Executive Student Councillors, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 dressed in their sport of choice and marched across the stage behind their country's flag to music and video from previous Olympic Games. This whole-school event was a fantastic success and students were able to learn a little more about the Olympic Games.



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly last week: R3 Grace, Rahman | R4 Lachlan | R6 Blair, Cruze, Georgia | R7 Emma, Jessica | R9 Christian, Jackson, Millie | R11 Elise | R12 Aidan | R15 Roxy | R16 Dennis, Ella

Interschool Cross Country Wednesday August 10

From the Principal

Over the past two weeks many of our students have been involved in a range of activities centred on athletic pursuits. Unfortunately I was not able to be present for our annual faction cross country races, but I have been told that it was another great success. Across the school we have also had a focus on the summer Olympic Games with many classes involved in specific activities to enhance their understanding of this once in four year event. The Edgewater Primary School Parade of Nations was a great way for us all to celebrate the Olympic Spirit of friendship in sport and set the scene for the next two weeks.

PARENT SURVEY

I would like to thank all those parents who found the time to complete this important survey. The survey was due to be closed over the school holidays; however, we have been made aware of some parents who inadvertently deleted the original email containing their personal code. With this in mind we invite those parents who would like the opportunity to complete the survey to contact the school office so we can arrange for a new personal code to be emailed to you. Alternatively, you can pick up a paper copy from the school office or we can send one home via your child. I encourage all who haven't yet completed the survey to please do so as we value your feedback. Once all responses have been received they will be analysed by School Board members who will then consider areas for improvement and celebration.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Next Friday is a school development day for staff; therefore, students will not be required to attend school on this day. Staff will spend the day considering how we might better cater for the individual needs of our students across a range of areas with a specific focus on Reading and Writing.

LAPATHON

You will remember that at the end of last term we held our annual Lapathon to raise funds to support our Chaplaincy program across the school. I would like to thank everyone who rallied around and collected pledged donations. To date we have raised **\$4861.55**. This is an outstanding effort and will assist in covering the costs of the recently introduced BUZ friends program run by Lisa for some students who have a particular need to develop social skills to instigate and maintain successful friendships. If you still have some donations to collect these need to be in by **Thursday 11 August**. You should also note that the highest money earners from each year level will get a \$10 credit into their school account. All highest earners have the opportunity to go into a draw to win one of two available tickets to Adventure World valued at \$50. **This is a one in 8 chance to win, so good luck everyone!**

Finally, I would like to wish our cross country team all the very best when they represent our school next Wednesday at the Interschool Cross Country event at McDonald Reserve in Padbury. I'm sure they will do us proud.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

August	
Mon 8	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Wed 10	Interschool Cross Country McDonald Reserve Padbury
Thu 11	Assembly R2 PP/Y1 Aussie of the Month Y1
Fri 12	School Development Day—No students Big Voice—Choir
Tue 16	Woodvale SC—Drama Performance 1:30pm
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Free Dress

As part of the whole-school Parade of Nations, students were asked to bring along a gold coin to support our sponsor child, Anthony. There was an overwhelming response to this request with \$376 being raised

Dogs on school grounds

Recently we have had a spate of dogs being walked both through the school and on the oval. There was an occasion where a dog not on a lead was brought into the early childhood area.

Dogs are not permitted on any part of the school site at any time without the express permission of the principal with or without a lead.

Family Holidays

If you are planning on taking a family holiday during school time, it is essential that you notify the principal in writing so that arrangements at the class level can be made.

Please check out the school website for any further information you may require on events mentioned in this newsletter.

Faction Cross Country

The annual faction cross country races held on Tuesday August 26 were a resounding success with many of the students who competed having been involved in Mr Grey's Target 200+ Running Club. All students from Year 1 to Year 6 were involved with everyone making an effort to complete the 500m-2000m course dependent on age.

The winners were: Yr1 Tara, Bobby | Yr2 Cameron, Lewis | Y3 Jaeda, Jacob | Yr4 Clara, Jackson | Yr5 Grace, Ben | Yr6 Josie, Jacob



Nature Play Areas



Thanks to an initiative by our specialist art teacher, Mrs Abbott, and our gardener, Mr Langley, a large nature play area was established next to the school oval in May 2014. Another smaller area was then developed in the Year 1/2 playground near the large sandpit at the front of the school. Finally, an area was set aside in near the early childhood block for students to play creatively in a mini version of a nature play area. These are well-used by our students who enjoy the chance to develop collaborative skills in a natural setting. Since the inception of these nature play spaces

we have noted a significant drop in behaviour issues during recess and lunch breaks.

Special Assembly Guest

At last week's assembly Mr Jan Norberger MLA, was our special guest. He spoke to all of our student councillors following the assembly encouraging them to develop their leadership skills as they will be useful later in life .

At the assembly the newly elected Year 4 and Year 5 student councillors were announced.

On Thursday 18 August, our Executive Student Councillors will enjoy a tour of parliament house and lunch hosted by Mr Norberger.



Front row: Brooke, Lauren, Jayden, Lachlan
Back row: Amity, Rebecca, Kate, Xander, Ryan

Forward Planning for 2017

Planning for 2017 is well underway and we are asking all parents/carers to let the office know if their child/children will not be attending Edgewater next year.

Featured Class—Room 3 Year 1

This term our Science focus is MATERIALS. We are learning about what materials are, where they come from and what they are used for. We can see materials all around us and have spent time searching the classroom and school grounds for items to categorise.

Mrs Pannell—Class Teacher



From the Canteen

Did you know? All our tray meals are freshly made in the canteen and are packed full of hidden veggies (thanks to our Thermomix) - even the macaroni and cheese! Shhhh ... don't tell the kids. Not only are our tray meals nutritious and delicious, but they are the perfect meal to warm up little tummies at lunch during these cold winter days. Our tray meals sell for \$4.00 each and we have lasagne, gluten free lasagne, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti bolognaise, butter chicken (which is gluten free) and tuna Mornay (also gluten free) available.

