



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Kindy Vegetable Garden

Last term the children from red and blue Kindergarten groups grew a variety of vegetables. The children decided on the type of vegetables they would like to grow, planted them and cared for them throughout the term. Each day two different children checked the vegetable patch and gave an oral report back to the rest of the class on the progress. The children enjoyed the project, especially sharing and eating the vegetables.



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly last term: P1 Conor, Josie, Kerr, Mia | P2 Aksara, Jackson | R2 Harry, Tyson | R3 Hugh, Tara | R4 Jacob | R8 Kierin | R9 Bethany, Clara, Xander | R11 Karen | R12 Aryan, Ben | R15 Leon | R16 Lucas

From the Principal

Welcome back everyone.

The term has once again started smoothly with numerous whole-school activities planned over the next few weeks. The first event will be our **Annual Athletics Carnival** on **Friday 28 October** which I hope many parents, family members and friends will be able to attend. It promises to be a great day.

Children's Crossing (Treetop Avenue)

In a recent newsletter we informed you that our school crossing had been reviewed by the Children's Crossings and Road Safety Committee. They agreed unanimously to retain the crossing at its current level which includes the presence of a crosswalk attendant.

We are fortunate to have an excellent crosswalk attendant in Caz Royston-ing, who, on a daily basis, diligently ensures that our children safely cross the road. Unfortunately, some of our parents are not assisting her due to their poor driver behaviour. Following the review of our crosswalk over numerous days by the committee, photographic evidence has revealed that one motorist was stopping within the crossing to drop children off while the crosswalk attendant was trying to safely get pedestrians across the road. This action not only impeded her view but was in contravention of the road rules and was not a good example to set for our students who witnessed the behaviour.

Parents were also observed parking on the kerbs on and near the crossing, again impeding the crosswalk attendant's view.

I have been informed in writing that the photographic evidence has been forwarded to the City of Joondalup and the police who will be monitoring the crossing closely over the coming months.

Please observe the road rules, assist our wonderful crosswalk attendant, and above all, set the right example to our students.

School Development Day – Friday 4 November

This day will be the last for the year. Staff and School Board representatives will come together to review student performance over the past 12 months in comparison with previous years and against our Business Plan targets.

The review will provide board members with a greater insight into the work done in the school to improve outcomes for our students. Staff will be working throughout the day on improvement strategies that can be used in 2017 to achieve our targets.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

October	
Tuesday 18 & Thursday 20	Dancesport commences weekly
Friday 21	Assembly hosted by the school Choir and the Instrumental Music Students
Wednesday 26	Faction Jumps & Throws PP Father's Day Evening Mater Dei Orientation
Monday 24	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Friday 28	Faction Sports Carnival
Monday 31	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
November	
Thursday 3	Assembly R12 Kindy Aussie of the Month
Friday 4	School Development Day—students do not attend
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school staff room on Monday 31 October at 6.30. This is an opportunity for members of the community to support the school in meaningful ways to achieve better outcomes for our students. Come along and be heard.



Annual Faction Sports Carnival

Friday 28 October

Come Along and Support your Children
Refreshments and Delicious Food Available
Make a day of it with a Picnic Lunch

Safe 4 Kids Snapshot

This week in Room 6 students learnt about the five ways we can say 'No'. In groups, students were required to act out scenarios in which they may feel the need to say 'No', including when they might need to be assertive in doing so.

This was following a lesson about the 'Circle Concept' by James Stanfield (www.stanfield.com) which teaches social distance and levels of intimacy between different groups of people in their life. It starts with 'Me' in the purple circle right in the centre, no one else enters this circle without consent; all the way through to the red section which represents strangers. We discussed and came to understand that strangers may or may not be safe, regardless of how they look and we can't determine this by looking at them, but in public or an emergency, students may need to speak with a stranger.

Throughout the course of this programme students have also been exposed to lessons about 'Early Warning Signs', feelings, taking risks and what to do if they find themselves in trouble.



Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who are our current maths champions by mastering their basic facts.

Room 2	Esme T, Bobby K, Xanthe B Most Improved—Noam W	Room 8	Ryan W, Liam K, Heath R Most Improved—Ethan M
Room 3	Hugh P, Madison G, Edward S/Grace S Most Improved—Emily B	Room 9	Nelson B, Clara W, Jackson B, Most Improved—Millie W
Room 4	Isabelle E, Alexander H, Marisa M Most Improved—Chloe D	Room 11	Lewis B, Kate S, Elise R Most Improved—Mia C
Room 5	Ben A, Lachlan C, Oliver S Most Improved—Jacob B	Room 12	Glenn S, Alexander K, Aidan A Most Improved—Ellis Mc
Room 6	Jaden Q, Declan K, Jacob F/Ben V Most Improved—Layla R	Room 15	Ewan D, Lauchlan E, Sami R Most Improved—Jordan S
Room 7	Sam B, Luke M, Ewen L Most Improved—Denvah-Rose	Room 16	Dakota C, Lucas M, Most Improved—Charu B/Kristian M

Canteen News



Look out for two new additions to our Summer menu! Watermelon icy poles are back on the menu and are available to purchase at recess for 50 cents. A lovely cooling and healthy snack for those hot summer days. Also new on the menu, are 225ml cartons of plain hi-lo milk which are selling for \$2.00 each. The annual **Faction Sports Carnival is fast approaching - Friday 28 October**. The canteen will be providing a pre-ordered sausage sizzle meal deal lunch and will be selling bacon and egg rolls, sausage sizzles, soft drinks, coffee and cake near the sports field for parents and spectators. We **NEED** your help! Dads and Grandads, we want your barbecuing skills; and mums and grandmas, we

need you to serve, wraps rolls and/or donate baked goods. We will be setting up a roster for the day soon and hope to get as many helping hands as possible so that everyone only has to volunteer 30 minutes of their time. If you're available to help and/or donate baked goods, please let me know, either by popping into the canteen or calling me on **9405 3528**.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager



From the Chaplain

Welcome back from the holidays. Term 4 will be a very busy term with Dancesport, Graduation and Christmas. I love being back at school. I spent the holidays thinking about/ worrying over and visiting my brother who is going through stomach cancer, chemotherapy, surgery, 3 trips to ICU and 4 weeks later still in hospital. The prospect of losing him made me realise how much I love him, as humans it seems that sometimes we save words of love and appreciation till after they are gone. I was challenged to say all those things to my brother face to face. Can I remind you to tell those close to you what you feel. Let your children, your partner and family members know just how precious they are to you. I did and life is great.

Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain



Safety House Colouring In Competition

The colouring in Competition (Pre-primary to Year 3) closes on **Wednesday 19 October** and the winners will be announced at the assembly to be held on Friday 21 October. Please return completed sheets to the office before 3:15pm on Wednesday 19 October. Student name and room number must be included on the back.



Featured Class—Year 2 Room 15

It was Olympic fever in Room 15 last term. Each student took on the role of an athlete and wrote imaginative pieces about their Olympic journey. Ryder the weightlifter, Ewan the wrestler, Tayla the hockey player and Leon the cyclist were present. We also learnt about the Olympic symbols and made our own Olympic torches. Students adapted these to the morals and values that we aspire to as good citizens.

We all enjoyed learning about the Olympics.

Mrs Milentis/Mrs Lindsay—Class Teachers



Safety House Garden

The P&C's Safety House Committee lead by Vanessa Browne, has been actively promoting the Safety House initiative. Their latest activity has been to plant a Safety House garden outside our junior classrooms in Cluster 1. Last term students were asked to dress up in yellow and donate a gold coin to help establish the garden. With Mr Langley's help the yellow flowering plants were dutifully installed along with some signs donated by Safety House WA. They look fantastic and are a reminder of this wonderful programme. If you would like to know more about the Safety House programme, please contact Vanessa through the school office.

