Kings Park Excursion

On November 11 our Year 3 students were treated to an excursion to Kings Park Education Centre where they participated in the Life in the Water programme. Students were able to run freely through the bush as they explored nature first hand. Under close supervision, they waded in the shallow billabong, climbed trees, negotiated a swinging ropes course and scaled a viewing tower. Led by experienced educators, students were split into small groups and they dredged the wetland with large nets and various scientific investigating tools. They worked in teams and attempted identify bugs living in the water. The behaviour of our students was exemplary and the amount of knowledge and understanding they gained was substantial. Thanks to the parent helpers and to Mrs Rubidge who worked hard to make the excursion an amazing day full of fun and learning!

Class Teacher—Ms Hill

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Cameron, Tara, Zoe | R2 Mohamed, Devon | R3 George, Sami | R4 Karen, Lauchlan | R8 Joey, Lachlan, Leyla | R9 Daniel, May, Reid | R10 Andre, Cameron, Joseph | R11 Ella | R12 Bryce | R15 Jake, Sean | R16 Ashton, Erin, Ethan
From the Principal

The final term of the year is drawing rapidly to a close with many activities still planned in the last 4 weeks.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
The new Kindergarten students for 2016 will commence their orientation into our school environment next Wednesday, 25 November. The children and their parents will meet early childhood staff and spend time exploring the early childhood classrooms and play areas. A number of the children will have already participated in our Rhymetime Storytime programme, or be familiar with aspects of the school if they have older siblings who already attend. However, there will be some children and parents who have not had that opportunity; so for them it will be a very new experience. I am sure all who attend the orientation mornings will get a taste of the exciting learning journey ahead and benefit from the chance to meet other children and parents. If you know of someone in the Edgewater area who has yet to enrol their kindergarten child, please encourage them to phone the school office as soon as possible.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS
Year 6 students are preparing for their transition to a secondary school environment. Over the next two weeks they will participate in beach swimming lessons to hone their skills beyond the swimming pool, and following this, will head off to their selected secondary school orientation days. The students are also preparing for their graduation ceremony. Invitations will be sent home to parents in the near future detailing the exact location and time of the ceremony, which this year is to be held in the morning at Edith Cowan University on Wednesday, December 16.

CLASS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016
Planning for 2016 is now well underway and will be continuing over the coming weeks. Class structures and staffing will not be finally confirmed until the beginning of 2016 due to the fluctuations of student numbers and budget considerations. As in previous years, class lists will be displayed in the staff room windows at the front of the school from 2.30pm Thursday 28 January 2016. Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 begin school on Monday, February 2.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
As in previous years, the staff of Edgewater Primary School would like to invite parents, carers and friends who have assisted in any way in our school over the past 12 months to a Thankyou Morning Tea. This will be held in the school library on Tuesday December 8 from 10:30am onwards. We really appreciate any support that has been given to us through volunteer time, fundraising and numerous other activities. The morning tea is our way of expressing our thanks. Mark this date in your diary. I hope to see you there.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Dates For Your Diary

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

P&C AGM MONDAY NOVEMBER 30 AT 6:30PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

The school P&C does a magnificent job of representing the view of our school community, along with a strong fundraising presence. School budgets are always stretched to the limit, and as a result the fundraising aspect of the P&C is highly valued by the school as a means of adding that little extra in the way of materials, equipment and resources that go a long way in enhancing the educational experiences of our students. Please support them by coming to the AGM and getting actively involved in the education of your children.
From the Chaplain

Wow, I can’t believe that it is nearly Christmas and the end of this term. It will be the holidays before we know it! I came across this lovely quote from Goldie Hawn last week and I want to share it with you.

‘The lotus is the most beautiful flower, whose petals open one by one. But it will only grow in the mud. In order to grow and gain wisdom, first you must have the mud --- the obstacles of life and its suffering. The mud speaks of the common ground that humans share, no matter what our stations in life. Whether we have it all or we have nothing, we are all faced with the same obstacles: sadness, loss, illness, dying and death. If we are to strive as human beings to gain more wisdom, more kindness and more compassion, we must have the intention to grow as a lotus and open each petal one by one.’ —Goldie Hawn (born 1945) Actress

As we enter the silly season my wish for you is that we will all strive as human beings to gain more.

Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain

Edgewater Scientists

Mrs Grant, our Science Curriculum Leader, has been busy this year setting up our science room in Cluster 2. We have recently been able to purchase, with the financial assistance of our wonderful P&C, a freezer, an induction hot plate and a class set of laboratory coats which were modelled at the assembly on Friday. Scientists in the making; the students definitely look the part!

Talking of all things science, Room 10 were both scientists and toy designers last week. (See p4 for their toy story.) Using the newly appointed science room (but sadly not the new lab coats), the Year 4 students investigated the physical science of forces. Working in groups, students ran cars down tracks with different surfaces to explore friction, made balloon rockets which flew across the science room and dropped marbles into sand to investigate the effect of height on forces.

Music Assembly

This fortnight’s assembly was hosted by our music students and combined junior and senior choir. What a treat it was. The year 5 & 6 classical guitar and clarinet students, who received lessons from the School of Instrumental Music, entertained us first. Given that they had only been learning to play their instrument for a short time, they did a magnificent job.

The combined school choir with students from Year 2 to Year 6, sang four songs which were loudly applauded by an appreciative audience. This was an assembly to remember!!!

Mr Hadzic—Music Specialist
What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is bullying using a mobile phone and/or the internet, e.g., when a person:

- Sends nasty or threatening emails or messages on the internet or mobile phone
- Sends mean or nasty comments or pictures about others to websites, e.g., Facebook, MSN, Instagram, or to other students’ mobile phones
- Deliberately ignores or leaves out others over the internet
- Pretends to be someone else online to hurt them or make them look foolish

Cyberbullying can happen through text messages, pictures, video-clips or emails being sent to you, but also when these things are sent to others, about you.

From the Registrar

Year 5 parents: If your child is returning to Edgewater Primary in 2016, did you know you can start putting money into your child’s school account to go towards their camp? If they are currently in Year 6 any credit they in their account will be transferred into their sibling’s account. If there is no sibling, I will let you know how to collect what is owing to you.

I have been speaking with our personal items supplier, OfficeMax, with regards to our final raffle for the year. I am hoping that they will be providing me with $200 worth of Bunning's vouchers. Good luck everyone, and remember you must have your voluntary school contributions paid in full in order to be in the raffle.

The last date for reward orders for student banking is Thursday December 2. Any orders received from Friday December 3 will be held at CBA and will be released for mailing to the school from Wednesday January 27.

Recently I sent the cheque for $640.00 to World Vision with the list of items our children said they wanted to buy following a fundraising free dress day. I have informed World Vision about our efforts and will keep you informed of any reply. Well done every one for your assistance to others who are not as well of as you are.

Kathy Dean—Registrar

Santa’s Workshop

On our T&E day, students became Santa’s little helpers and designed new toys from recycled materials. There was amazing innovation in repurposing fizzy drink bottles, cardboard boxes and even a Celebrations lolly tin. We are sure that Santa and the environment will be really pleased with the fantastic ideas generated by Room 10.

Our Little Golf Pro!

Alexander, from Year 2, won the Lakelands Country Club Pee Wee group [5 years to 12 years] Golf Championship.

Thirty one boys and girls competed in the competition and all played 5 holes of golf. Alexander wore his brand new golf shoes which obviously helped as for hole number 3 it took just 4 hits to get the ball in. His favourite player is Rory McIlroy.

Congratulations Alexander! We are proud of you!

Canteen News

PLEASE HELP! As we near the end of the year I am finding that it is getting busier in the canteen, especially at recess time (10.45-11.10). Please, if you have 30 minutes to spare, pop in and give me a hand. No experience necessary as I’m happy to show you the ropes. Remember, you get $5 off your child's lunch order on the day you help and kids love to see their parents/carers volunteering in the canteen.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager