Disco Dancing

The End of Year Disco was a great success with students thoroughly enjoying the entertainment from Bop Till You Drop. The P&C would like to thank everyone for their support in attending the school disco and we hope that you had lots of fun. An extra big thank you goes to all those who volunteered their time to help run the disco. Without you these events could not happen.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Edgewater IGA and Golden Bakery who donated the rolls.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Levi from Kindergarten Red Group who was presented with the Kindergarten Aussie of the Month award at last week’s assembly by Nimpa Bautista and Olivia Cole from Hogs Breath Joondalup. Levi is a delightful, caring and well-mannered student who always demonstrates a positive and enthusiastic approach towards his learning. He is a fantastic role model for his peers. Levi is a valued member of Edgewater Primary School.

The Aussie of the Month Award is proudly sponsored by our P&C Canteen Committee.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly last week: PP1 Jediah, Lily, Sierra, Zac, Zoe | PP2 Amelia, George, Zander | R3 Chloe, Euan | R4 Indie | R6 Monty | R7 Alba, Grace, Philipp | R8 Mitchell | R9 Grace B, Grace D | R11 Luca, Monty | R12 James, Sebastian, Sienna | R15 Joshua, Lauchlan

Thank you to Dean at Harvey Norman in Joondalup for the printing of the photographs.
Principal’s Message

Year 6 Graduation
Our Year 6 students have been involved in a range of transition activities throughout this term to prepare them for secondary schooling and are now focusing their attention on graduation celebrations. The graduation is a school organised event held at ECU on Wednesday 14 December. Invited special guests, family and friends join students in this formal celebration. The graduation ceremony is followed by an evening dinner dance organised by the P&C Graduation Committee. The award winners and the DUX will be presented at our last assembly of the year on the final day of school. This year our Year 6 students will be really spreading their wings with their movement to seven different secondary schools. The options for students as they approach high school are quite varied. With this in mind we are planning to host a special Secondary Schooling Information Evening for parents early next year. We will advise you of the date nearer to the event.

Dancesport and Swimming Lessons
These lessons are continuing to keep all students busy in the last few weeks of the term. Swimming lessons are absolutely vital to ensure students have the life skills they may one day need. Our swimming lessons for next year will occur in May and the exact dates will be put on the school website event calendar in the near future. We unfortunately don’t get a great deal of flexibility in the dates for swimming lessons as they are coordinated by the Department of Education.

Student Reports
Semester 2 student reports (K-Yr6) will be sent home with students on Wednesday 14 December. The report will detail progress made in the second half of the school year. As always I encourage you to take time to read the report with your child and celebrate their achievements, no matter how small. We would like all students to finish the year with a sense of achievement and optimism for greater success in the coming year after a well-earned break.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM is scheduled for this coming Monday, 28 November at 6.30pm in the school staff room. The P&C have done a fantastic job this year of providing numerous resources for our students. They include the new soccer goals recently installed at the front of the school for our junior soccer players; the Safe for Kids workshops for students and parents; trikes for the Kindergarten students; and much more. In addition, the P&C employ our wonderful canteen manager, Kerry van Drunick who provides us with a four day a week canteen service. If we don’t have a P&C we can’t run a canteen. The P&C needs you to support their work so please make time to come along to the AGM to support the committee and get involved.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

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Pre-service Teachers
The training of the next generation of primary school teachers is an important task that we take very seriously. To this end we have been fortunate to have had three wonderful pre-service ‘teachers in the making’ from ECU completing their third year six week practice. Courtney Berich, Mayne Henderson and Tim Natkanski are studying for a Bachelor of Education at ECU in Joondalup. They have been a fantastic support to the students in Rooms 6, 7 and 12.

The Hour of Code is Coming in Computer Science Education Week December 5 to 9
2017 Kindergarten Orientation

Over the last two weeks parents and carers along with their children who will be coming along to Kindergarten in 2017 attended their orientation sessions. This gave the children an opportunity to visit their Kindergarten classrooms and meet the staff as well as each other. The staff spoke briefly to the parents about the program and handed out information packages regarding the beginning of the children’s Kindergarten journey. A fun time was had by all and we look forward to the many wonderful experiences that will be shared next year.

Ann Rose & Aimie Norris—Kindergarten Teachers

RAC Little Legends Club

Last week we were lucky enough to have RAC attend and do a presentation called ‘Risky Behaviour’. It was mainly about road safety, but explained that no matter what your role is, e.g. pedestrian, cyclist or passenger in the car, we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe. Risky behaviours are when we don’t concentrate and do ‘silly things’. There was a quiz and the winning team got to demonstrate how the more distractions around you, the harder it is to concentrate on what you are doing. A group of children were asked to pass a ball around to each other (easy), but as more balls were added it became more difficult. The balls were the distractions—more distractions and we started to drop the ball. So concentrate on what you are doing and keep yourself safe.

Room 7 Students

Canteen

The final classes for dancesport will be held during Week nine. The canteen is offering students a snack deal for $2 which can be enjoyed after their dance session. The deal consists of a small bag of chips and 100% orange or apple juice box. Siblings attending the final dance sessions are welcome to purchase a snack deal too and, for the mums and dads, coffees will be available for $2.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

Professional Learning

All teachers in our school are learners and many have attended professional learning workshops to allow them to stay up-to-date with the latest trends in student learning. These workshops enable them to implement strategies that will help students to achieve better results. The Leadership Team (Julie Tombs, Val Gray and Brian Baily), attended one such workshop this week where John Hattie, a leading educator in Australia, spoke about visible learning, a strategy which helps increase student achievement in our classrooms. The key messages will be passed on to our teaching team with further discussion and planning occurring early next year.
Featured Class—Year 5 Room 8
Animals, food, swimming and lots of interesting activities have punctuated our learning this semester. We had the opportunity to get close up with some reptiles and amphibians early in the year and it was a very exciting. We loved it when we held the frogs and wrapped the snake around our neck. Cooking is always a highlight in Term 4. In small groups we organised what we wanted to cook. It was a hard choice as there were so many things we wanted to try. The taste test at the end was the best part of cooking and we had lots of fun along the way. Swimming has also been lots of fun and with summer around the corner, its a good time to improve our swimming strokes and add another certificate to our collection.

Room 8 Students

Chaplain’s Message
I can’t believe that it is almost holidays. Hasn’t this term has flown by.? Our Year 6 students are ready to graduate and this week I met our future Kindergarten students. They were all very excited to be at “school” and hopefully one day, they too will be graduating Edgewater Year 6 students. It is at this time of year I start to think about a farewell message for our graduating students and end up finding lots of wise words that impact on me. I would like to share these great words to live by :
"Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself - I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it.” Groucho Marx
I am sure that all of our students will enjoy the last weeks of this term.
Lisa Ingham

Student Personal Requirements Lists
Student Personal Requirements Lists for 2017 were released recently. Each year the school chooses a preferred supplier that offers the best value money together with an efficient service. This year we again chose OfficeMax. WE have negotiated with them a contract whereby they remit to us a commission that we use to assist us in providing the best resources for our students. Using OfficeMax also ensures consistency of products in the classroom. However, parents/carers can choose to purchase these student items from any supplier. Additionally we have negotiated for OfficeMax to provide us with funding that we use to obtain vouchers for our raffle draws for school contributions paid.
We hope that this service proves to be convenient in terms of time and money saved. If you have any queries whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.
Kathy Dean—Manager Corporate Services

Lost Property
We have a very large number of unclaimed school jumpers. Please check carefully at home. The Executive Student councillors will be returning named clothing items next week. To assist us in the future, please ensure that all personal items are named so that if they find themselves lost they can easily be returned to their owners.