Over 70 of our families enjoyed the wonderful surroundings and smell of the sausage sizzle at the Family Picnic organised by the P&C on Friday 20 February. There were games for children supervised by some of our senior students and there was a constant stream of parents and carers waiting for a sausage sizzle. Mr Langley, our school gardener and handyperson, had the grounds of Kindy 2 looking superb, and together with the delightful warm weather, a good time was had by all.
Principal’s Comment

We are now into Week 4 of the term and adjusting to life without the Year 7 cohort. This has been a big change for all concerned, as our school becomes slightly smaller in terms of student population and our local high schools become bigger. Our secondary colleagues have reported that the transition of the Year 7 students to high school has gone very smoothly. This is no doubt due to all the forward planning that was done in the lead up to the change by high school and primary school staff, together with the influence of parents in calming those students who may have been anxious. A great job all round.

As we now have an overall younger cohort of students occupying the primary school setting we will be reviewing our practices to reflect this change. One opportunity that has presented itself has been a review of our student leadership structure. We are now working on developing a student council leadership model that will evolve as the year progresses. Initially we have selected four executive student councillors from the Year 6 cohort, together with faction leaders. As we progress through the year we will be building school council representation by selecting students from younger years. We believe this strategy will allow us to develop leadership skills over time and the capacity of students to become confident, articulate, problem solvers who can work collaboratively to achieve a shared vision.

The work of the Edgewater Primary School Council in establishing the Edgewater Primary School Board continues. At this stage the council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from interested community members who are keen to contribute to our school through this important role. Further details and nomination forms can be found on the school website. Expressions of interest close on Monday, 16th March, 2015 at 4pm.

Last Friday, we held our first formal assembly for 2015. It was great to see all our students looking resplendent in school uniform. I would like to thank all parents for your support in this area. Dress requirements for students help to develop students’ sense of belonging to the school community. I would also like to thank the P&C uniform committee for the wonderful job they do in supporting parents to ensure each student has the correct school uniform.

Finally, I would also like to thank the P&C executive committee for supporting our very successful Welcome Back Students and Parents Picnic. I enjoyed catching up with new and ongoing families and I trust that everyone will continue to support such events as the year continues.

Julie Tombs - Principal

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Upcoming Events

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The Adams Family
Mater Dei College proudly presents the West Australian Premiere of ‘The Adams Family’ which will be held in the Bernie Boss Hall on 29, 30 and 31 March 2015 at 7:00pm
Tickets are on sale now. Recommended viewing is for children aged 10 and up.
Please contact Mater Dei for further information.

Car Boot Sale
Eddystone Primary School are holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 21 March from 10:00am-4:00pm.
If you would like to register for a car boot sale bay, please go to our school website for the registration forms.
Every registration earns our P&C $10.

Kiss & Ride
This facility is provided by the City of Joondalup for the safe, quick and easy drop off and collection of students. It has been noticed that some parents are using the area to park their car, especially in the afternoons, which makes it difficult to ensure the smooth movement of vehicles. Please attempt to arrive for Kiss & Ride no earlier than 2:55pm which should assist in this area. All complaints about the area should be directed to the City of Joondalup on 9400 4000. An informative City of Joondalup brochure is available on our website under the Publications tab.

After School Collection of Students on Treetop Avenue
It has been brought to our attention that some parents are making a U turn on Treetop Avenue outside the school. Not only is this dangerous, it shows a disregard for road rules. In order to turn around on Treetop Avenue, please do not use the staff car park, but proceed to the roundabouts at either Outlook Drive or Pioneer Drive.

School Security
Parents are requested to ensure students are not on the school grounds before 8:15am. The gardener and cleaners need to complete their duties during this time particularly around the paved areas. At the end of the school day parents/carers are asked to depart the school grounds [except the school oval] promptly for security purposes. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

2015 School Development Days

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Kathy’s Corner

Student Banking - A big congratulations to all our wonderful students who take advantage of the school banking we provide. If you are a parent of such a child then make sure you give them a big hug. Also let others know of the wonderful program and how it is teaching children the value of saving, spending, and most importantly, doing chores. If your child hasn’t banked in a while then I encourage them to do so, as they are missing out on so many great rewards and life lessons. Check at the office for this year’s rewards.

I was so excited at the beginning of the new school year I sent out invoices to everyone! However, some of these were incorrect as some families were asked to pay for CARS again. Others were asked for the P&C family payments and not the school contributions. If you are unsure of what to pay please call me and I will let you know. Once again I am very sorry for the mistake. I will go back to statements next term.

Good luck to everyone who has paid their school contributions and P&C levy. I am again hoping to have a raffle at the end of Term 1 for those who have made these payments.

Are you time poor? Here are some things that might help you. If you pay extra into your child’s account, you are covered when a note comes home asking for $5 for an incursion. Any money in credit rolls over with your child every year, and then either goes to their siblings or is refunded.

Kathy Dean - Registrar

Eagles Pay A Flying Visit
We were recently visited by three West Coast Eagles players. They came to our school to conduct coaching clinics with three lucky classes. Simon Tunbridge, Jamie Cripps and Andrew Gaff had three hours off from their busy training schedule and they seemed to be having as much fun as the students. Only one other school in our area was awarded a visit, so we were very privileged. Thanks to The Eagles and the WA Football Commission for organising the clinics.

Russell Grey - PE Specialist

Welcome Back Students and Parents Picnic

Gate Prize Winner
Congratulations to the winner of the gate prize - Ewen from Year 4. Ewen won a basket of goodies and was presented with his prize by Mrs Tombs.