



**EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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# Newsletter

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**W**ater is the most precious and important resource in our wonderful country Australia. The students from Years 1 to 6 were lucky enough to attend two different presentations

brought to us by the WA Water Corporation to help them understand how important water is in Australia.

The older students learnt all about how the Aboriginal people used the land around them to search and find water. Clues were everywhere—animal tracks, plant life and many more.

To help them let others know where the water was, they sang water finding songs that were passed down to their children, who passed them down to their children. That way,

generations of people were able to find water in the dry outback. They also produced these beautiful maps, which

each class had a chance to study. It was a very interesting presentation and it made our students more aware of the need to look after our precious water supplies.

The younger students were taught the importance of water conservation and became very familiar with the slogan *Whatever You Do, Just Drop Two*. They learnt that if we all just drop two minutes off our garden watering, our showers and our baths, then Australia will have a chance at conserving a huge amount of water.

So let's all meet the challenge and *Just Drop Two*.



An aboriginal map showing the location of water.

## Special Assembly Guest

We were very privileged to have Jan Norberger, MLA as our guest at our last assembly to present our Year 6 Executive Councillors to the school. Mr Norberger spoke briefly to us about the wonderful job that Edgewater was doing in the community and he wished all of the Executive Councillors the very best for 2016. *See also page 3.*



## Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week:

**R2** Xanthe, Roxanne | **R3** Zac, Roxie | **R4** Isabelle | **R6** Maryka, Riley | **R7** Samuel, India | **R11** Mia | **R12** Liam

## From the Principal

I would firstly like to congratulate our Year 6 students who were recently elected by their peers to undertake the role of Executive Student Councillors and Faction Captains. We look forward to them doing an outstanding job this year representing the student body. I would also like to especially thank Mr Jan Norberger (MLA) for making the time to present the students with their badges.

### Year 6 Camp

All Year 6 students will head off to the Nanga Bush Camp next Tuesday. The annual journey to Dwellingup is highly anticipated by students, many of whom have not been away from their parents and siblings for such an adventure. I know they will have a memorable time and we wish Mr Butt, Ms Smith and Mrs Ingham (our chaplain) good luck as they steer the enthusiastic crew through the week. We welcome our students back on Friday afternoon.

### Joondalup Learning Community Conference

Staff from all schools in the Joondalup Learning Community started the long weekend on a high note after coming together on Friday to learn, share and network with colleagues. I trust that all staff over the coming weeks will reflect on what they took from the day and how they might improve their practice.

The Joondalup Learning Community Network provides a structure that encourages schools to collaborate, and share resources and expertise. There are 12 public schools in the network all committed to providing a high quality education for every child, and to strengthening partnerships between teachers and parents, and between schools and their communities.

### Staffing Update

We warmly welcome Mrs Merrilynne Baskerville to our school. Mrs Baskerville has joined our education assistant team and will work predominately with the Room 2 students. Sadly, we farewell Mrs Sandy Higgins after many years of service to the students of Edgewater. Mrs Higgins will continue to assist us from time to time when we require additional support, but she is looking forward to spending more time with family and enjoying some well-earned down-time crabbing in Mandurah. We wish Sandy all the very best for the future.

A final reminder that Mr Hadzic will be undergoing the 'Great Shave' treatment at our next assembly to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. Come along and join us at the assembly which will feature the talents of our wonderful choir.

**Julie Tombs—Principal**

## Dates For Your Diary

March	
Monday 7	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 8-Fri 11	Year 6 Camp
Thu 10	Pre-primary parent workshop 6:30pm
Friday 11	Choir Assembly Year 5 Aussie of the Month
Monday 14	Open Board Meeting
Tuesday 15	PP & Year 3 & 6 Dental Checks
Monday 21	P&C Meeting
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

## Mrs Higgins Retires

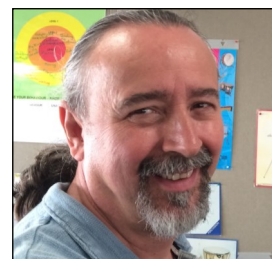
Mrs Higgins has worked at Edgewater for more than 18 years as a highly regarded early childhood Education Assistant. She has seen many students move through the school from Kindergarten to graduation. Mrs Higgins will be sadly missed for her happy, caring and committed approach when working with students, the staff and the general school community. We wish her all the very best in her retirement, now that she has put away her glue pot. May she catch many fish and crabs and enjoy the wonders of Mandurah.



## World's Greatest Shave

Our Music Specialist Teacher, Mr Hadzic, is doing his bit to raise money to support people who have blood cancer. To help with his fundraising he will have his hair, including his ponytail, removed at the assembly on March 11. If you would like to support Mr Hadzic by sponsoring him, you can do it through the following link

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/nevadhadzic>





The Year 6 Executive Councillors were presented with their badges at the recent assembly and they proudly took their seats at the front. We congratulate them and look forward to the councillors from Year 5 joining them soon.

## Year 6 Leadership Team



Lauren



Lachlan



Brooke



Jayden

The eight faction captains for 2016 were announced at the recent assembly. They were presented with their badges by Mr Grey.

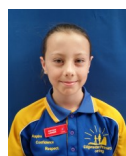
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Oliver



Joey



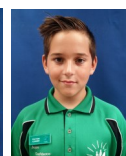
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Jye



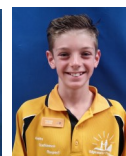
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Rory



Madeleine

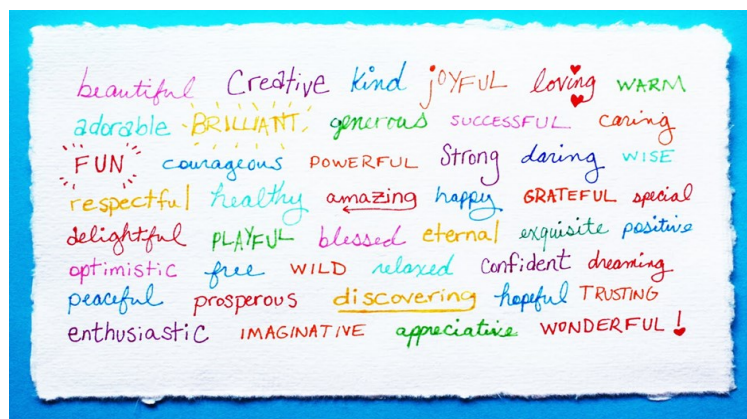


Jacob

## From the Chaplain

Children love to spend time with their parents, and one great way to be together this week could be to sit down with your child make a 'picture' of words that describes who they are..... Why not make one for yourself while you are there?

**Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain**



## CANTEEN

Volunteers wanted please. We've had a great start to the year in terms of lunch orders, but only a few helpers and they seem to be dwindling as the term goes on. I appreciate that many of you are busy or working, but if you could spare just an hour or two in the canteen once a term it would help me out greatly. You may not be aware that every time you work in the canteen your name goes into a draw to win a gift hamper at the end of each term!

It's great to see Kindy parents and new families making use of the online ordering system. Just a tip - if you don't receive a confirmation from **Our Online Canteen**, then your child's lunch order has not come through to me.

Lastly, I've had a number of complaints from students this week who have opened up their lunch boxes at lunch time only to find their food covered in ants. Please ensure lunches are wrapped and packed tightly to prevent these little pests from getting in, and if I've had to supply your child with a lunch due to an ant invasion, please make sure payment is made to the canteen as soon as possible.

**Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager**



## Safety House Representative Needed

Sadly our Safety House Rep has had to retire this year due to additional commitments and we are in need of a new person to fill the position.

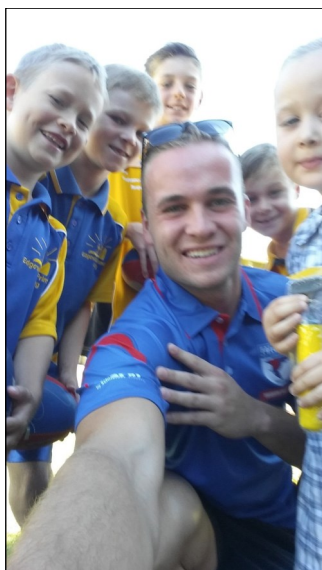
Position description:

- Follow up existing Safety Houses for their inclusion in the register
- Process new applicants for Safety Houses
- Liaise with the Safety House organisation with various school activities through the year
- Report to the P & C at each meeting

Our previous rep is more than happy to provide a thorough handover. If you are interested please email the P&C at [Edgewater.ps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:Edgewater.ps.pandc@gmail.com).

## Aussie Rules Rules!!

At our last assembly Corey Chalmer spoke to all of our students about Aussie rules football and our local WAFL club, the Falcons. He had a large prize bag with him and several students were happy winners after they answered his special questions correctly. They were even happier when Corey offered to take a selfie with them.



## Rhyme Time Story Time

Thank you to the many families who supported Rhyme Time/Story Time last Wednesday. Our programme aims to enhance language and literacy skills in young children prior to starting school. Parents and children have the opportunity to become familiar with our school environment and staff, as well as each other. They all enjoyed joining in with the songs and rhymes as well as some music and movement. Next week is Story Time and will include an activity which the children may take home to help in the recall of the stories shared. See you every Wednesday, 9:00-9:30am in Room 1.

**Anne Rose—Kindergarten Teacher**

## Mathematics Champions

The Numeracy Committee have devised a competition to help all Y1-Y6 students learn automatic recall of their basic facts. Students practice them for three weeks and are then tested in the fourth week. The top 4 students are then placed on a board outside the library. Congratulations to the following students.

Room 2	Esme T	Dakota R	Bobby K	Xanthe B
Room 3	Hugh P	Chloe W	Madison G	Kayleigh G
Room 4	Isabelle E	Isabelle H	Marisa M	Lily S
Room 5	Nehemiah P	Oliver S	Ryan S	Thomas L
Room 6	Jaden Q	Jacob F	Siobhan S	Declan K
Room 7	Rafael P	Sam B	Luke M	May A
Room 8	Ryan W	Ben N	Reuben B	Liam K
Room 9	Chris N	Nelson B	Aaliyah K	Xander G
Room 11	Lewis B	Luca S	Kate S	Lyncoln B
Room 12	Glenn S	Alexander K	Ben P	Avni H
Room 15	Holly E	Edie H	Amelie T	Elliott B
Room 16	Isabella V	Charu B	Brendon M	Lucas M

## Fundraising P&C

Your P&C have just announced their fundraising events for both March and May. The tickets for the Easter Raffle have been sent home and they are calling for donations of all things that make Easter (chocolates, bunnies, soft toys, crafts, etc) to make up into awesome prize hampers. Please place these in the box in the library. To cap Easter off, the P&C will also run an Easter colouring competition.

Coming in May is a Mothers, Day stall over two days and Win a Special Treat for the Best Mum in the World Raffle. More details will be supplied in due course.