



Family Picnic

What a great turnout for the family picnic. Thank you for coming and we hope you all enjoyed it. It was good to see so many dads come along too. We hope you all had a great time watching the children play amongst the much-loved nature play area which will be even greater by the end of the year.

The P&C would like to thank:

Vanessa Browne for coming along to showcase the soon to be new and improved nature play area that she has been working so hard to achieve since last year.

The **P&C Team** for putting on the Sausage sizzle and helping to run it on the day.

Student Councillors for running the very popular games and raffle.

Parents, Children & School Staff for showing support by attending and hopefully having a wonderful time.



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Mischa B | P2 Emily M, Noah M | R2 Leah J, Toben D | R3 Adam B, Liam A | R4 Blake S, Zoe J | R5 Erin L, Nelson B | R6 Dakota C, Mitchell H | R7 Georgia H | R9 Amelie T, Darcy J | R11 Imogen C, Jaxon C | R12 Elias A, Everly T | R15 Tyson C | R17 Kayleigh G, Oliver N

Thank you to Dean at Harvey Norman in Joondalup for the printing of the photographs.

From the Principal

The term is slipping past very quickly with Easter nearly upon us. Please remember that the school will be closed on Easter Tuesday, 2nd April in addition to Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Harmony Week

As you will be aware we have had a focus on living in harmony over the past week with a special assembly on Wednesday to celebrate national Harmony Day. It was wonderful to see parents and friends turn out for our assembly. I was particularly impressed with the students who stood in front of the audience to speak in a language other than English. Another feature of the week was the sampling of traditional cuisines from other countries. I would especially like to acknowledge those parents who provided the canteen with a traditional dish from their country of origin. The samples I tried were delicious.

Many thanks to: Julie Salberg (Brazil), Poonam Hosany (Mauritius), Patsy Callaghan (El Salvador), Nick and Joanne Jacob (France & Scotland), Julie Martin (France and Belgium), Liane Browne (Scotland) and Kanako Egan (Japan).

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Over the past few weeks students have been going through their paces in an effort to be selected in the Edgewater Primary School Interschool Athletics team. The Jumps and Throws section of the carnival will be held this coming Monday on our school oval. If you have any time available please come along to support our competitors from 9.30am till noon. The canteen will be making hot drinks and other goodies available for spectators. The rest of the carnival will be held at Windermere Park on Thursday, 29 April. Edgewater supporters will be very welcome and I'm sure all our competing students will give 110% effort. Check our website for both programs and approximate times of events.

P&C Support

You will notice further on in this newsletter that we have included a range of resources purchased by the P&C over the past year or two. These resources enhance the learning and enjoyment of school activities for our students. The voluntary P&C levy helps to fund purchases together with P&C fundraising ventures held during the year. I hope that as this year progresses you will continue to support the work of the P&C for the benefit of our students. The next fundraiser will be the ever popular Entertainment Book initiative. Details will be coming to you very soon.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

March	
Monday 26	Interschool Jumps & Throws
Wednesday 28	Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday 29	Interschool Athletics
Friday 30	Good Friday—Students do not attend
April	
Monday 2	Easter Monday—Students do not attend
Tuesday 3	Easter Tuesday—Students do not attend
Wednesday 4	Rhyme Time/Story Time 9am
Friday 6	Assembly R9 Aussie of the Month Y6
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Student Councillor Report

The winner of the Student Councillor raffle was the Humfrey Family in R12. Thank you to all families that bought a ticket. We raised \$124.10, which we will use to fund student council activities during the year.

Open School Board Meeting—Monday 9 April at 7.15pm in the School Library

Parent Teacher Meetings

As we continue to work in partnership with parents and carers, our reporting to parents is an important aspect to ensure the best student outcomes.

Term 1 parent teacher meetings are held in order for you to receive early information on how your children are going.

If you haven't yet made an appointment with your class teacher(s) please do so as soon as possible (PP-Y6 only) by accessing the booking system on our website, or by clicking [here](#).

Currently, with 361 students from Pre-primary to Year 6, 304 have had a booking made for them.

We hope that you have found the booking system easy to use. We welcome any feedback you may have to improve the system.

Harmony Day

Thank you to our wonderful Edgewater Community for coming to the Harmony Day assembly we held yesterday afternoon. It was great to see so many of you supporting an inclusive Australia by wearing orange. Everyone looked fab!

Another big thank you to the student councillors who did an amazing job of running and organising the assembly.

Miss Circosta & Miss Thomas



Mosquitoes

Unfortunately we have had a lot of mosquitoes in and around the school lately. As a result we have contacted the Building Management & Works (BMW), a section of the government's Finance Branch, on numerous occasions. They sent certified tradespeople to spray the areas concerned with approved chemicals. The use of chemicals in and around the school sites is heavily regulated which only BMW tradespeople can apply.

Running Club

Running Club is going 'Gang Busters!' Over 200 students, siblings and parents have filled in a card and are currently doing the hard slog around our cross country course. In the six weeks since its commencement, club members have already covered in excess of 1,162 kilometres. Truly amazing!

It is a true pleasure to witness the smiles and listen to the laughter each morning. It's a great start to the day.

Keep it up club members and remember winter is coming.

Come and join us, there is plenty of room.

Russell Grey—P.E. Specialist



Manager Corporate Services

Student Banking Thank you to all our wonderful students who take advantage of the school banking we provide. I encourage all parents to use this wonderful opportunity to teach your child about money, work and saving. Term 1 rewards have proven very popular.

School Contributions and P&C Levy Thank to everyone who has paid so far. Once again the P&C has agreed to put \$40.00 towards our end of Term 1 raffle draw. This will be drawn in the first week of Term 2. Statements will be sent out in the beginning of Term 2.

Credit This week I had the pleasure of giving over \$200.00 in refunds to past students who do not have a sibling at our school. I also was happy to contact a parent to inform them that they have over \$200.00 in credit in their child's account and to please use this in future. If you wish to receive this phone call then see me on how to achieve this.

Kathy Dean

Canteen

Have you ever looked at our Canteen menu and wondered what the 'A' and 'G' letters stand for after each food and drink item? Let me explain. The Department of Education devised a system for categorising food and drinks as healthy, not healthy and somewhere in between. This system is called the Food Traffic Light System. Basically all foods and drinks rated Green (G) are healthy and can be eaten everyday. Those rated Amber (A) are not so healthy and should only be consumed twice a week. Food and drinks categorised Red (R) should not appear on a canteen menu at all as they are unhealthy and provide little or no nutritional value.

You will notice that most of the items on our Canteen menu are rated 'G'. We are very proud of this as we strive to provide the children of EPS with healthy, nutritional meals and snacks. It is for this reason you will only find wholemeal bread, wraps and rolls in our Canteen. It is also the reason that we cook and make all our meals and snacks from scratch using fresh meat and produce, wholemeal flour and small amounts of sugar.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager



Rhymetime Storytime

Literacy is an important aspect of the development of children's learning. We have developed a series of informal sessions where pre-kindergarten children and their parents are engaged in fun and interesting literacy experiences. Called Rhymetime Storytime, these half hour sessions will commence on Wednesday 4 April at 9am in the Kindergarten Room in the Early Childhood Centre. Parking is available in Kestrel Mews (at the back of the school). Rhymetime Storytime will then be held every Wednesday during term time.

P&C News

Don't forget to hand into the School Office your donations, raffle tickets/money and colouring in picture by Tuesday 27 March for your chance to win a prize, thank you.

Entertainment Guide

The P&C will be selling the Entertainment Guide again this year and pre-sales have already started. Don't delay and order yours now to secure the added bonus vouchers. Please enter the web address below into your URL to access our fundraising page for the ET Guide.

www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/84c714

This is open to friends and family as well, so spread the word and help us raise as much as possible.

Thank You

Phil Dawson who is leading the new Fathering Project which has kicked off this year and has already held some wonderful events for fathers and children/s to attend.



Farewell

It is with sadness that I write my last newsletter piece. Most people know by now, or are finding out, that at the end of this term I am leaving Edgewater primary to look after my grandson Daniel while his mum goes back to work. I am very sad to be leaving but I know that I am also making the right decision for my family.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me these last 5 years. I love the children of Edgewater and will miss them terribly. I will also miss the staff who have become friends and not just work mates. The last few weeks of term will be the hardest when I am saying goodbye to you all. Edgewater will forever have a soft spot in my heart.

Thank you once again—you guys rock.

Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain



Please join Lisa for a farewell morning tea in the library on Friday 6 April following our assembly.

Bullying

'Are These Your Glasses?'

Are These your Glasses? is a book aimed at primary school children. It tells the tale of a lonely penguin who is faced with many hurdles as he grows up. The book has been designed to inspire deep conversations within the classroom and home to educate children about what it feels like to be excluded. It explains how when we are faced with challenges in life, we can overcome them by showing sheer determination and a great deal of care.

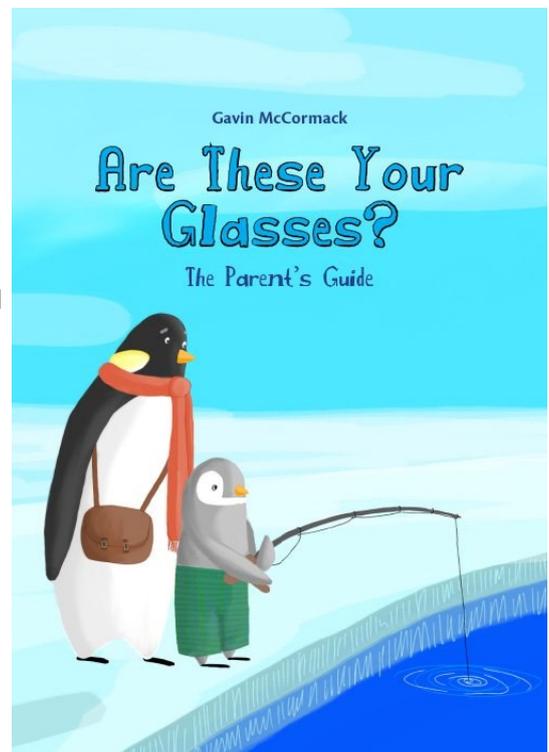
This parents' guide is to be used in conjunction with Gavin's book, which can be purchased here: <http://www.aretheseyourglasses.com/>

About the Author

Gavin McCormack is a primary school teacher based in Sydney who wants to make a difference. As a child, he was bullied at school. The feeling of the bullying he faced as a child stayed with him well into adult life.

After working with children for almost 20 years, he has seen the patterns emerging, especially in those children who, like him, are socially excluded. He decided to write this book to eradicate social exclusion in primary schools and to educate young people about the long term effects of bullying and exclusion.

Gail Baily—Pastoral care Coordinator



Bullying. No Way!

Last Friday 16 March was designated as the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence.

Supported by the Federal Government, our students received a Bullying. No Way! wristband and teachers presented related lessons during the week.



P&C School Support

We are indeed fortunate in having an enthusiastic and supportive P&C who are clearly focused on providing the very best for our students.

Below are some of the projects/resources that they have supported financially over the last couple of years.



Data Projector & Sound System



Honour Board



Junior Soccer Goals



School Banner



Kindergarten Sports Day Medals



Early Childhood Trikes



Mathematics Equipment



Nature Play



Mathematics Equipment



Protective Behaviours Workshop and Resources



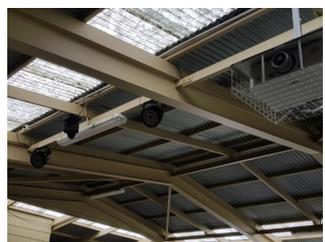
Running Club Medals



Community Garden



Senior Soccer Goals



Stage Lights



Class Sunscreen



Year 6 Graduation



Soccer Shirts



Soccer Equipment



Faction Marquee Banners

Thank You!