Visiting the Past

Both Rooms 12 and Room 6 were able to step back in time recently when they visited Buckingham House in Wanneroo on an excursion. Accompanied by Mrs Rubidge and Mrs Ward along with several parent helpers, these Year 3 and 4 students were able to experience first hand what life was like in the Wanneroo area many years ago.

Built between 1880-1890, Buckingham House was the home to John and Amelia Buckingham and their seven children. It provided our students with a unique glimpse of what life was like in the past.

The Year 3 and 4 students were able to experience washing towels by hand and squeezing the water out using a wringer, obtaining milk from a cow, completing a piece of sewing by hand and cooking by making a damper. ‘We had lots of fun and we all learnt a lot,’ one of the Year 3 students was heard to comment. Many of the students were very surprised at how hard it was to concentrate in the old school, especially with the threat of the Dunce’s hat and standing in front of the class for a minute.

We Think We Can Dance

Co3 (The Contemporary Dance Company of Western Australia), in partnership with the City of Joondalup, presented interactive workshops to students in Years 3 - 6 on Tuesday 22 March. During the workshops, students engaged in a number of creative tasks that included working together to perform a short set of synchronised moves, joining together into groups using various body parts, and assigning movement to numbers and moving appropriately depending on the number called out. The workshop finished with the children moving across the undercover area as though they were going over objects and then imagining they were going through objects.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: R3 Amion | R4 Cameron | R5 Daniel, Nehemiah | R6 Sofia | R8 Demi, Rebecca | R9 Alarna, Nelson | R11 George
From the Principal
This is the last newsletter for Term 1 with the school holiday break only days away. It has been a busy term for all. Parent/Teacher Interviews are nearing completion with information exchanges hopefully providing valuable insights into each student’s progress to date and directions for the rest of the year.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE
At the beginning of Term 1 nominations were called for parent representative positions. I am pleased to advise that board has invited Mrs Rebecca Wright to take up a position on the school board commencing Term 2. A further vacancy for a parent representative will become available at the commencement of Term 3. Nominations for this position will be called for early next term. If you are interested in applying, but would like to know a little more about the role, please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Simon Young, School Board Chair or myself for further details. We can both be contacted through the school office. You may also like to visit our school website to gain a greater understanding of the role of the board.

PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVICE PROGRAMME
During this term our school was offered an opportunity to participate in a once-off Australian Government programme designed to support the integration of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in classrooms through improved device management and device to student ratios. It also supports work being done nationally for NAPLAN online which all Year 3 and Year 5 students will undertake by 2019 (earlier in some states). We were able to apply for a grant, which for Edgewater Primary School was approximately $11 000. In order to qualify the school also had to put in the equivalent dollar amount. We already have a good student to computer ratio and interactive whiteboards in each class. However the furniture to support the use of computers in the labs is dated; hence this is an area we are looking at, together with updating printers across the school. Software will be also upgraded.

ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE
This is an important event in the school calendar. This year the ANZAC ceremony will be held on 27 April, the first Wednesday of Term 2. We encourage as many of our school community to attend as possible and are always looking out for current or past service personnel to join our ceremony. If you know of anyone who we could ask, please contact Mrs Val Gray through the school office.

Finally, I would like to wish our students competing in the interschool carnival over the coming week every success. I would particularly like to thank Mr Grey, Mrs Rubidge and Mr Leseberg, our volunteer sprint coach, for their extra effort during training sessions. The students have really enjoyed the opportunity provided to them and will no doubt put in 110% during competition. Many thanks also to the parents who turned out during the morning and afternoon sessions to encourage best performances.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Dates For Your Diary

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Do You Know This Couple?
This delightful photo was found by our library officer in one of the library books returned to the library last week. If you know who this couple are, could you please contact the office on 9405 4007 so that it can be returned to the owners.
From the Chaplain
Wow, it’s hard to believe that it is already the end of Term 1 and soon to be Term 2! I hope you all have a great holiday break, enjoy your family time together and keep safe.
Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain

Canteen News
Students competing in the interschool athletics carnival next Thursday 7 April, should have received an order form from the canteen for a special packed lunch deal. The deal costs $5 and the lunch consists of a roll, drink, piece of fruit and a little treat. The packed lunches will be delivered to the sports grounds where the children are competing at lunch time. Year 1 and 2 competitors are welcome to order as well, even though they will be returning to school before lunch time. Their lunches will be delivered to the classrooms in the lunch baskets as usual. Orders are to be returned to the canteen with payments on or before Tuesday 5 April. The canteen has spare order forms should your child not have received one or has misplaced it. Anyone able to help make up the lunches on the morning of Thursday 7 April, please feel free to pop into the canteen and lend a hand.
Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

Bounce Back!
In the last newsletter we mentioned our whole-school Social Skills and Mental Health plan and the Bounce Back! Wellbeing and Resilience programme. These award-winning materials teach students to use ten coping strategies to help them live fulfilling lives.
Bad times don’t last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.
Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.
Nobody is perfect—not you and not others.
Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.
Everybody experiences sadness, failure, rejection, and setbacks sometimes, not just you.
Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?
Accept what can’t be changed (but try to change what you can first).
Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture.
Keep things in perspective. It’s only part of your life.
(In the next newsletter we will explain some of the benefits that children will receive from being involved in the programme.)

Mathematics Champions
Congratulations to the following who are our current mathematics champions in mastering their basic facts.

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Meet the Year 4 and 5 Student Councillors

Four Year 5 student councillors were recently chosen by their peers to represent the student body. Two Year 4 student councillors were selected towards the end of last year and Year 6 executive councillors were elected at the beginning of this year. All councillors have an important role to play in school life.

Our Student Council

The purpose of the Edgewater Primary School student council is to provide students with a voice in school decision-making. Councillors will be given leadership opportunities and are expected to promote our values and school spirit amongst the student body. All Year 6 councillors serve on the council for full calendar year. Year 4 and 5 councillors rotate every semester with new representatives being chosen so as to allow as many students as possible the opportunity to experience a leadership role.

Easter Bonnet Parade

There was a buzz of excitement at all of our Kindergarten classes before the holiday break—and it wasn’t just because the Easter bunny made his annual visit! The Kindergarten students had been busy making their Easter hats as part of a their topic on celebrations. Paper was torn, shapes were coloured, bits and pieces were glued and the wonderful creations were then shown to parents and friends as the students paraded their creations. One Kindergarten group visited our Easter assembly on Thursday 24 March and happily showed off their hats to the delight and applause of the assembled students and parents.

Save on Entertainment

YES, the P&C are fundraising with entertainment. The P&C fundraising committee are seeking your support. Please sign up to purchase one of the fantastic, cost-saving ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS—digital membership is also available. Visit the school website for more details.

Our ANZAC Memorial Ceremony will be held on Wednesday April 27 at 8:45am in the Assembly Area. All Welcome.