Year Four Girls’ High Tea

Last Wednesday I held the Year 4 High Tea. The girls invited their mums, grandmothers or other significant female caregivers in their life to come along. The afternoon was a huge success. We all shared in a lovely afternoon tea and finished off doing some craft together.

I talked about friendship being like the different cups we drink from - a paper cup - it can be squashed and trodden on; a foam cup - little pieces can be pulled off or holes poked in the side; a plastic cup - splits can form on the side and no longer be able to hold the contents; and China cup - strong, beautiful, precious—it can be broken but pieced back together again.

I related to the girls that friendship can be like this, we can sometimes feel like these cups; broken, split, and trodden on; but really we are all China cups - beautiful, precious, strong and resilient.

Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain

SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS ARE COMING

Our school photo days are Thursday June 4 and Friday June 5. We have again chosen Kapture Photography and they provide the convenience of ordering online if desired. More information and the customary envelopes will be sent home soon.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a Merit Certificate this fortnight.
P1 Baylee | P2 Roxie, Lauren | R3 Sami, Spanyon | R4 Roxanna | R9 Gemma, Kate | R10 Charlie, Hannah, Samuel | R11 Avni, Jack | R12 Cory, Jac | R15 Benji | R16 Millie, Christopher, Alba
Principal’s Comment

NAPLAN This week our students in Years 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing along with around one million other students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia. Some of our students were a little nervous, which is natural given it is a test situation, but all we can ask of them to do is their best. For some students, 2015 may be the last time they take a paper-based test as forward planning for NAPLAN is to move to an on-line assessment from 2017. It is believed the on-line assessment will allow for a more tailored test design, more precise results and a faster turnaround time. Parents of students who undertook this year’s assessment can expect to receive their child’s results from mid-August to mid-September.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE As winter approaches, the cooler weather will require students to wear warmer clothing to school. We have already amassed a small mountain of misplaced windcheaters and jackets. Please ensure that all of your child’s clothing is marked as it makes it easier to return lost items. I would also like to remind parents that the school dress code still applies in terms of what should be worn to school. Jumpers, windcheaters, cardigans and hats should all be royal blue in colour. For girls who prefer to wear skirts and dresses, we do allow for the addition of tights in either royal blue, so they match the school colours, or black. Scarfs and gloves can be worn to and from school but must be put into student’s bags during the school day. Our student dress code fosters and enhances the tone and public image of our school and ensures that all students are appropriately and safely dressed for specific school activities. If you would like to read our School Dress Policy it can be found on the school website.

NO HAT, NO PLAY Unprotected exposure to the sun on our children’s delicate skin significantly increases their risk of developing skin cancer later in life. The good news is that skin cancer is preventable. Creating good sun protection habits for life helps reduce the risk. At Edgewater we have a No Hat, No Play approach to all activities that involve the children in outdoor experiences during the school day. The Edgewater Primary School Council, as one of their final decisions, determined that the protection of our students is paramount and therefore the School Dress Policy should be amended to exclude all forms of caps and hats other than broad-brimmed, Legionnaire and bucket hats. These hats offer the best protection from UV radiation. Baseball or peaked caps do not as the ears and back of the neck are exposed. This change will come into effect through the P&C School Uniform Shop as of Term 3 this year. There will be a moratorium on other hats worn for Term 4 this year, but as of the commencement of 2016, all students will need to conform to the new student dress code. The P&C are planning to offer incentives to those families who switch their caps for a hat during the latter part of this year. More news on that will be forthcoming in due course.

EDGEBWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNIOR CHOIR
Next week the junior choir will make their first public appearance out of the school. They have been invited to perform at the Senior Citizen’s Morning Tea to be held at Emerald Park Recreation Room on Tuesday 19 May. This is a great opportunity for them to showcase their talents and hard work. Unfortunately, the occasion is for invited senior citizens only, therefore parents will not be able to attend as it’s a sold out show! I wish our junior choir the best of luck. I’m sure they will do us proud.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Upcoming Events

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Road Safety Reminder: The Correct Use of Seatbelts

Seatbelts can reduce the risk of being killed in an accident by up to 50% so it is essential that parents restrain their children in the correct way. The safest way for children to wear seatbelts differs with age. By law, there is a specific way to restrain a child between birth and six months old; six months and four years old; four and seven years old; and over seven years old. The Road Safety Council and School Drug Education and Road Aware advise that it is unsafe and illegal not to follow these practices.

Traffic Wardens Wanted – Do You Know Someone Who May Be Interested?

Traffic Wardens are compensated for their work at a present rate of $21.43 per hour. They also receive a laundry allowance of $1.25 per fortnight and, where/when applicable, they are also reimbursed for their travel costs. The amount paid to them depends on the distances travelled and engine size of their vehicle. Part of the application involves passing a Health Check from a Doctor of their own choice and WA Police will reimburse up to $70.00 for this cost (some Doctors still bulk bill so in most cases there is no cost). Training, which they are paid for, is performed at State Traffic Operations in Midland and once trained and assessed Traffic Wardens are requested to obtain a Working with Children Card, if not already held, and the full cost of this (presently $80.00) is reimbursed by WA Police. All enquiries can be made to 6274 8731 or by email to: traffic.warden.state.management.unit@police.wa.gov.au

Beldon Dental Clinic

Have you moved in the last 18 months? Have you changed your telephone number? Then please will you let the Dental Clinic at Beldon know – telephone 9307 1425. We are not connected to the school so any information given to the school is not passed on to us. All appointments are sent out to the home addresses and we are currently experiencing a lot of missed appointments which we would like to rectify! We look forward to hearing from you!

Rosemary & Kas - Beldon Dental Clinic

Dates for Your Diary

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We would formally like to introduce our Canteen Manager Kerry. Kerry has now settled in and would love to see volunteers even for an hour or two if you have some spare time.
The school canteen operates three days a week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
The food provided to the children through the canteen is in line with the traffic light system guidelines.
- **Green** is always good at any time
- **Amber** is a sometime food
- **Red** is off the menu
Mark your calendars! **Friday 22 May** is Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal day (due to the special sausages that will be used, this would fall into the amber classification). If your child didn't receive an order form or has misplaced it, forms are available from the canteen or can be downloaded from the school's website. Alternatively, you can order your meal deal online ([ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au)). The last day for ordering is **Wednesday, 20 May**. The canteen will be open until 9.00 am on Monday and Tuesday of that week for the submission of order forms and payment.
Check out the canteen's new winter lunch menu (copies on the website). In addition to the daily specials, sandwiches, toasties and our delicious homemade tray meals, we are now offering yummy hot soup (also homemade).

**Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager - 9405 3528**

**HBF RUN FOR A REASON—May 24**

Mrs Ward from Room 10 will be participating in this event in just over a week. She will be completing the 12km course and is hoping for your support.
Mrs Ward is fundraising for the Autism Association. Autism is a neurological disorder that affects approximately 1 in 88 children and is 4 times more likely in boys than girls. If you would like to show your support you can go to the link below and donate to this very worthy cause!

**GETTING HIGH ON TEA—YEAR FOUR STUDENTS**