

EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL An Independent Public School

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Newsletter

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ANZAC Ceremony

ur annual ANZAC Day ceremony was held last Wednesday in front of many community members and invited guests. Led by our students, this year's theme was around the role that animals played during war. All of our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 heard the wonderful voices of our choir, under Mr Hadzic's leadership, perform several songs that added to the understanding of ANZAC Day. Mrs Gray and Mrs Radford are to be congratulated on organising this year's ANZAC Memorial Ceremony which included two horses, two donkeys, and



two dogs to represent the animals. Many thanks to our distinguished guests who contributed to the ceremony, and a special acknowledgement to our new Adopt-a-Digger, Mr Les Ehrlich, OAM.



Aussie of the Month



Congratulations to Lauren from Room 5 who was presented with the Year 6 Aussie of the Month award by Mr Derry Brome, our P&C President.

Lauren is a fine example of the caring, trustworthy and reliable students we have at our school. Her leadership skills, initiative and positive work ethic are a credit to herself and the school.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly held on Friday April 8: PP1 Hugo, Tyler | PP2 Hamish | R2 Stefan, Lucas | R3 Tara | R4 Zavier | R5 Dylan, Joey | R6 Ashton, Erica | R7 Rose | R9 Clara, Jared, Matthew | R11 Emma | R12 Glenn, Jake | R15 Hayley, Lily | R16 Cameron, Jack, Lucas

MOTHERS' DAY STALLS—WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—MAY 4 and 5

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From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. Students and staff have returned from our break ready to tackle a new term with numerous whole school events planned. To keep everyone up to date with these events, a term planner was sent home to all families today. You can also visit our school website for any additional activities that may be added during the term.

ANZAC MEMORIAL CEREMONY

This week we held our annual ANZAC Memorial Ceremony to acknowledge the sacrifices made by all people during wars, and in particular our Australian and New Zealand services personnel. I would to thank distinguished guests, families and friends for joining us, and especially our Adopt- a- Diggers, the oldest of whom is 96 year old Alex Newby. Congratulations to all our students who again demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the ceremony; and a very special acknowledgement to those students who had special role to play on the day.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

On Tuesday 10 May students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will begin the above assessments. This annual strategy is based around common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar, and Punctuation) and Numeracy. Students at Edgewater will have their assessments administered by a year level class teacher in a familiar classroom wherever possible. There are some requirements about the removal of classroom aids, but by and

large the overriding concern is that students be in as normal an environment as possible. NAPLAN results provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing in literacy and numeracy, but it must be remembered that NAPLAN testing is still only one measure and teachers and school staff continue to collect a range of assessment data throughout the year. This data assists teachers to plan appropriately for each child's needs. Later in the year a NAPLAN report will be issued for each child who completed the testing. We will keep parents updated as to when they can expect the reports to be sent home.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

I would like to remind parents that the school dress code still applies during the winter months when the colder weather means that students need to rug up. The school dress code can be found on the school website and a new brochure will be sent home to each family shortly. For girls who still like to wear dresses during the winter months, we do allow for the addition of tights and have stipulated royal blue to match with our school colours. However, as royal blue has proven to be difficult to source, we have added navy blue tights as an option. They can be purchased at our uniform supply shop. Black tights are also acceptable. Parents are asked to ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with student names. We historically amass a huge quality of jackets, windcheaters etc over the winter months in our lost property area. If garments are labelled they can easily be

returned.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Dates For Your Diary

May	
Friday 6	Room 4 Assembly Year 4 Aussie of the Month
Monday 9	School Board Meeting
Monday 16	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 18	Safe4Kids Parent Workshop 6:30pm
Friday 20	Room 15 Assembly
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Rhyme Time Story Time

This wonderful language programme for pre-kindy and toddlers, run by our Kindergarten teacher Mrs Rose, will resume again next **Wednesday**, **May 4**. at 9am in Room 1. All Welcome.

Family Holidays

Are you planning holidays during term time and intend to take your children out of school? If you plan on doing this, it is imperative that you notify the principal in writing of your intentions so that you can be notified of the arrangements that are in place to support your children whilst they are away.

Did You Know?

The school is a depot for recycling used batteries and mobile phones. These can be deposited in the containers outside the library and will help avoid unnecessary and dangerous material finding its way into landfill.

That Sugar Film

Our school canteen, through the auspices of the P&C, will be funding a screening of the outstanding That Sugar

Film on Friday June 10 at 9:00am in the assembly area for Year 5 and 6 students and all interested parents. The screening will be followed by a healthy morning tea which will be provided by the school canteen.

The film is one man's journey to discover the bitter truth about sugar. Damon Gameau embarks on a unique experiment to document the effects of a high sugar diet on a healthy body, consuming only foods that are commonly perceived as 'healthy'. Through this entertaining and informative journey, Damon highlights some of the issues that plague the sugar industry, and where sugar lurks on supermarket shelves. *That Sugar*



Film will forever change the way you think about 'healthy' food. This event is not to be missed.

Safe4Kids—Protective Education Workshop

How do you teach children to be wary of potential harm without teaching them to fear, wrap them in cotton wool, or give them so much information that their innocence and wonder is in jeopardy?

Protective Education is a proactive, holistic, whole community approach to teaching life skills to children. It teaches the children themselves language and principles of Protective Education, which helps them identify unsafe situations, and arms them with the tools to either seek appropriate assistance or to protect themselves.

Your P&C have funded a **two hour workshop** to provide you with useful information on keeping your children safe in today's world on **Wednesday May 18 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** in the school library. This fun and informal session is packed with practical ideas with the focus on developing a common family language around safety. All children from K-6 will have been involved in age-appropriate lessons during the day around the two themes of protective education:

We all have the right to feel safe all of the time; and We can talk with someone about anything.



Canteen

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable two weeks off. The weather has cooled down substantially recently so why not order one of the canteen's healthy, nutritious and delicious tray meals (lasagne, spaghetti bolognaise, macaroni cheese, butter chicken or tuna mornay); or soups (pumpkin or tomato); to warm your children's tummies at lunch time. All our tray meals and soups are homemade using fresh ingredients and contain no nasty additives and preservatives. Best of all, they only cost \$4.00 each! Gluten free options are available too.

Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK NOW AVAILABLE—DETAILS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Playground Equipment Before and After School

Students have been told that they are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before or after school, even if their parents/carers are present. The reason for this is to ensure the safety of all our students. If students see others playing on the equipment, they often feel it is OK for them to do so, even though their parents/carers aren't present.



Staff Carparks

This is a reminder to all parents/carers that the school carparks are reserved exclusively for staff and other authorised visitors.

Student drop-offs and pick-ups are not permitted in either school carpark.

Additionally, students are not permitted to walk through the carparks and must use the paths provided. If everyone follows these simple rules, it will help to ensure the safety of our students.



Mobile Phones

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones at school. If parents/carers feel that their child needs to have access to a

mobile phone before or after school, they need to state this in writing to the principal. In this case the mobile must be dropped off at the office before school and then collected at the end of the day. This also applies to portable music devices.



WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

WA Secondary School of the Year Finalist An Independent Public School

Year 6 students are invited to - YEARS 7 (2017) SPECIALIST & SCHOOL BASED PROGRAM TRIALS ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY, 2016

ACADEMIC EXTENSION PROGRAM - Library - 8:45-9:45am DANCE ELITE PROGRAM - Performing Arts Centre - 9:50-10:50am SPECIALIST NETBALL PROGRAM - Warwick Stadium - 11:15am-12:15pm - (DoE and Netball WA Endorsed) SPECIALIST FOOTBALL PROGRAM—Oval - 11:15am-12:15pm (DoE and WAFC Endorsed)

To apply for trials and auditions, please contact Warwick Senior High School on 6240 4400 by Monday 16 May 2016.



Parents with children in Years 4.5 and 6 are invited to see how your child will benefit from our high quality education and Approved Specialist Programs

- Placed in Top 50 ATAR schools in WA 2014
- Placed in Top 50 VET schools in WA 2014, 2015
- Outstanding results in National Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests
- Quality, ackowledged Performing Arts program
- Approved Specialist Programs in Cricket & Fashion Design
- Elite Netball Program · Excellent pastoral care and student support programs
- Extensive VET program
- Academic Extension Program Years 7-10

DO YOU WANT TO TRY CRICKET OR NETBALL?

Children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to participate in our cricket and netball programs from 8.45am to 12 noon. Please contact us for information.

NOTE: Parents are responsible for drop off and pick up of your child from this event

