Mothers’ Day Celebrations

There were many happy, smiling and grateful mothers around our kindergarten and pre-primary classes last week as they were pampered by their loving children. All of the students were involved in a variety of activities including art and craft, fingernail painting and even eating a handmade cup and saucer!!! We know that there are a lot of pre-primary mums out there wearing their fruit loop necklaces with pride. Kindergarten mums weren’t left out as they enjoyed a pamper session which included having their nails done and a massage. If you see a kindy mum wearing an on-trend plastic bead bangle while doing the shopping—you can thank our kindergarten teachers!!

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Christopher from Room 9 who was presented with the Year 4 Aussie of the Month award at last week’s assembly by our gardener, Chris Langley. Christopher is an honest and hard-working student who displays initiative and is an excellent role model for his peers. Christopher is a valued member of Edgewater Primary School.

The Aussie of the Month Award is proudly sponsored by our P&C Canteen Committee

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly last week: P1 Leah, Mario | P2 Lennard | R3 Jaxon, Maia | R6 Aiva | R9 Aaliyah, Claire | R11 Taryn | R12 Mark, Paige | R15 Jordan | R16 Connor, Dennis, Lincoln
From the Principal

Over the past two weeks students in Years 3 and 5 have been preparing for NAPLAN testing which is now completed for another year. Some students can find the process a little daunting, however with the support and encouragement they received from parents, friends and school staff all went very smoothly.

Health and Wellbeing

One of our core beliefs as a school community is that we share a common goal of fostering the physical, emotional, social and cognitive domains of every child in our school. You will have noticed over recent newsletter articles that our students have been engaged in many activities across these domains during the school day. We are also encouraging students to start the day well by getting active. The introduction of before school athletics training in term one and now a new initiative called the Target 200+ Club allows students to re-energise their bodies before the school day starts, bolstering physical fitness and mentally priming them for learning. I would like to thank Mr Grey, our physical education specialist for his leadership in this area. The turnout of students and parents has been fantastic.

It is not only students who need to be enjoying good health and wellbeing. School personnel also need to take care of themselves to ensure optimal performance. I am proud to say that 42 members of our Edgewater staff are about to embark on a Global Corporate Challenge that requires them to take 10,000 steps per day with the aim of improving heart health and fostering a culture of positive wellbeing through a series of team challenges. Expect to see them getting into the spirit of things, scanning their pedometers to check their progress and even joining in the before school activities on the oval.

School Board Nomination - Parent Representative

We are now seeking Expressions of Interest for a parent representative commencing Semester 2. If you are interested you can find further information and nomination forms on our school website or by visiting our school office. I encourage any parent who believes they have the attributes and time needed to carry out this important role to apply. The closing date is **Monday, 30 May**. If you have any questions you would like clarified, please don’t hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Semester One Reports

Student reports are now being prepared by our teaching staff. This work will progress through the term with reports being sent home to parents on **Friday 24 June**. This is one week before the end of the school term. I encourage all parents to take the time to read the report with their child, congratulating them on their achievements and discussing any areas that may need some improvement.

Teachers will be available in the last week of the term to meet with parents how may have concerns about the report. An appointment can be made directly with the teacher or through the school office. No reports will be released prior to 24 June. If your child will not be at school in the last week of the term you can arrange to have the report posted to you, or alternatively you can collect the report at the beginning of next term.

Finally, I will look forward to seeing you at the Safe4Kids Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop mentioned above which is to be held on Wednesday, 18 May. This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand about the programme the children across the school will be engaged in over coming weeks and to particularly find out about being cyber safe.

Julie Tombs—Principal

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Dates For Your Diary

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

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Safe4Kids Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

This outstanding workshop will be held this Wednesday May 18 in the library from 6:30 to 8:30. If you will be attending, please let our office know by phone—9405 4007—or by email—Edgewater.PS@education.wa.edu.au—for catering and attendance numbers. Your P&C has funded this workshop in order that the school is able work in partnership with you to keep all of our students safe. A flyer was sent home recently giving full details.
TARGET 200+ Club
This wonderful initiative was launched by Mr Grey on Tuesday May 10 with more than 200 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 turning up at 8am on the oval—along with their parents. As part of the school’s preparation for the Faction and Interschool Cross Country Carnivals later in the year, students will be encouraged to run more that 200 hundred kilometres before the end of the school year. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 8:30am on the oval and is open to all students and their families.
Mr Grey has arranged for prizes to be awarded to students from each year level who cover the greatest distance. Along with these end of year prizes, students can collect certificates along the way to mark their achievements. A note has been sent home and it also available on the home page of the school website.

The Disappearing School Note!
The now you see it, now you don’t school note has probably been devoured by many a student’s school bag never to be seen again! We encourage all parents/carers to check school bags each and every day—right to the very bottom—for the missing homework folder and perhaps, just perhaps, last week’s important school note that required an urgent reply.

A Day Made Better!
Recognition of a job well done is something we as teachers do on a daily basis. The A Day Made Better programme rewards and recognises exceptional primary and secondary school teachers across the country. We invite parents, students, fellow staff members, or anyone who has ever known an exceptional teacher to show their appreciation by giving them the recognition they deserve. If you feel that there are teachers at our school who should be recognised, just log on to www.adaymadebetter.com.au after May 16 and nominate them.

Canteen News
The ants are on the march again! Mums and dads please make sure your children’s lunches are wrapped and packed securely as it seems to be the season for ants and I’ve had to replace a couple of lunches due to these little pests getting into sandwiches. On this note, if the canteen has provided a lunch to your child due to their home-packed meal being invaded by ants, eaten by crows, left at the bus stop or accidentally sat on, please ensure the canteen receives payment for the lunch as soon as possible. We are always happy to help our students out, but unfortunately we currently have a number of outstanding debts on our books that need to be settled. Thank you.

Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager

From the Manager Corporate Services
Student banking—Big hugs go out to all our wonderful students who take advantage of the school banking we provide. If you are a parent of such a child then make sure you give them a big hug. Also let others know of the wonderful programme and how it is teaching your child the value of saving, budgeting and most importantly, doing chores. If your child hasn’t banked in a while, then I encourage them to do so, as they are missing out on so many great rewards and life lessons.
Voluntary Contributions—Thank you to all parents who have paid the voluntary contributions. The winners of the Term 1 raffle are First Prize of $60 credit to the Davis family and Second Prize of $40 credit to the Camp family. Many thanks to the P&C for supporting this raffle. Statements have been sent out this week—you only need to pay the highlighted amount. I will be running another raffle at the end of year with a $50 Bunning’s vouchers up for grabs. This is thanks to our personal items supplier – OfficeMax.
Personal Items—We are currently exploring who should be our personal item suppliers for 2017. Any comments/thoughts on this would be gratefully accepted by sending an email to Kathy.Dean@education.wa.edu.au.

Kathy Dean - Manager Corporate Services
From Our Chaplain
Lisa, our chaplain has been very busy organising High Tea for all of the Year 4 girls’ mums, grandmothers or significant female carer. Invitations were sent home on Friday 13 May and further details are on her webpage of the school website along with other useful information.

That Sugar Film
Our school canteen promotes healthy eating and follows the strict guidelines of the traffic light system of identifying green (anytime), amber (sometimes) and red foods (never). As a promotion to all our parents/carers, please join with our Year 5 and 6 students to view That SugarFilm at school on Friday June 10 at 9am. All parents/carers are invited to attend. Popcorn for all and a healthy (no sugar) morning tea for parents will also be served.

New Computer Desks
Following our successful application for dollar for dollar funding through the Department of Education’s Primary Devices Grant, we have received some new purpose-designed computer desks for our computer labs in Cluster 3 (middle primary) and Cluster 2 (upper primary). These new desks provide plenty of space for students to complete notes on paper if necessary.

School Board Expression of Interest
Interested and suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit an Expression of Interest to become a school board member (parent representative) commencing in Semester 2 2016. All expressions of interest should be forwarded to Julie Tombs, Principal, Edgewater Primary School, by 3pm on Monday 30 May 2016.

Lapathon
The annual school Lapathon to raise funds to support our chaplaincy programme will be held on Wednesday May 15 on the school oval from 1:50pm. Students obtain sponsorship for the number of laps of the oval they think they can complete in the given time. Sponsor forms will be sent out to parents/carers by next Friday June 20. Please be as generous as possible in your sponsorship to ensure that the chaplaincy programme can continue with our current two days a week.

Is This Our Tiger Woods?
One of Year 3 students, Alexander, could be the next Tiger Woods! He has attended several golfing competitions organised by Golf WA being placed third in at both the OptiGolf WA competition on April 11 and the Nedlands Golf Club on April 18.
Congratulations Alexander, we are proud of you!

Lightning Carnival
The Lightning Carnival for students from Year 4 to Year 6 students will be held on Thursday 23 June not Friday 24 June as stated on the recent calendar that was sent home.

Please check the calendar on the school website as it is updated regularly.