Welcome back to the first newsletter of the final term for 2015. A very special welcome to new students and their families.

The term ahead promises to be very busy as we head towards the end of the year starting with our Walk to School Day and Open Night and Book Fair.

With a school population of just over 400 students, it seemed that most of them and their parents and friends came along to see some of the wonderful work that they have achieved over year at open night last Wednesday, October 21. All areas of the school, including the art and music rooms were open for all to see.

A large thank you to all of the wonderful families who also supported our outstanding book fair by purchasing a book or two. The book fair is the primary source of funding to the acquisition of stock for the library and it was very rewarding to see it so well patronised.

Finally, thanks must go to the school staff who spent many hours ensuring that the school looked its best for Open Night.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Jacob, Xanthe | P2 Edward, Taj | R3 Cameron, Elliott | R4 Blake | R5 Dyllan, Finn, Lucy | R7 Jasmyn, Zoe | R8 Jayden, Oswin | R10 Charlotte | R12 Riley | R15 Gabriella, Maryka | R16 Aiva, Erica
From the Principal

Special Visitor
On Friday at our assembly we had a very special visitor to our school to present awards on behalf Safety House WA. Mr Michael Clarke, Chief Executive Officer of Safety House WA Inc., presented awards to Josie (K2) and Laura-Beth (PP1) as the age category winners of the Safety House WA Art Competition. Entries were received from many schools in WA so it was very exciting for these young ladies to be selected for their wonderful artwork. Safety House WA are committed to providing places of safety for children when they are away from the security of their home and school environment. Special thanks to our school’s Safe House Coordinator, Lisa Tresise for organising our entries into the art competition and congratulations to all students who entered. Participation certificates will be given out next week.

School Development Day
Next Monday October 26 will be a student free day as school staff meet to plan for the end of this year and 2016. There is much to discuss and prepare. You will note that we are now asking for parents of children who will be leaving us to let the school office know as soon as possible so we can plan effectively. A letter will be sent out towards the end of next week to all parents who have enrolled their child in Kindergarten for 2016 informing them of their child’s attendance days next year.

World Teachers’ Day
Friday 30 marks World Teachers’ Day for us. It is a day that celebrates the efforts of teachers on a global scale, acknowledging the important contribution made to our community in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological world. Celebrated annually in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day allows students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for teachers and the positive impact they make on society. We are indeed fortunate to have a group of experienced and dedicated teachers at our school who provide outstanding learning opportunities for all our students. This final term of the year will fly by, so please stay up to date with the information that will be coming out to you. I will look forward to seeing you at the P&C Halloween Party on Saturday October 31.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Dates For Your Diary

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2016 Enrolments & Class Placements

Parents are asked to notify the school if their child/children will not or may not be attending Edgewater Primary School in 2016. This is to try to eliminate the need for class restructuring at the commencement of 2016 and to ensure adequate staffing. No children will be taken off the roll without formal notification. Planning for 2016 classes will soon be underway. If you have any valid educational reasons you believe need to be considered when placing your child/children in classes, please put them in writing in a sealed envelope addressed to the Principal. The envelope then should be handed to the school office no later than Friday 20 November. It is important to let us know these details as we cannot make alterations at the beginning of the school year. Whilst all applications will be carefully considered there is no guarantee that all requests will be successful.

Walk to School Day

Last Wednesday saw many students saving the environment by walking to school. Mr Grey was able to calculate the amount of savings in carbon emissions for the planet by the number of students who walked safely to school. All participants were given a certificate and two lucky children who were able to save the planet the most were awarded a prize at the assembly.
From the Chaplain

This is the last 2 markers of healthy self-esteem & confidence. I hope that you have learnt something from these.

9. Have a positive outlook and use positive language. Take note of the language a child or young person uses. Healthy self-esteemers know how to positively track or reframe negative situations into a positive.

10. Believe that personal limitations can be worked on. Children with healthy self-esteem know that success is linked with effort. That is, hard work is no guarantee of success but it certainly increases its likelihood. That’s also why kids prefer effort praise rather than ability praise.

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Lisa Ingham - School Chaplain

Junior Choir Performance

On Tuesday, the Junior Choir walked to Emerald Park to perform for the CWA’s Christmas Party. They had a great time singing for the senior citizens, and judging by their applause, they loved having us too. We would like to extend a great big thank you very much to Monty’s mum, Laura, who helped the children get into their choir shirts, walked down with us, handed out haloes and bells, Clara and Jazmine from Room 12 have written about our outing for you all to read:

On Tuesday 20 October the Junior choir went to Emerald Park Clubrooms to perform to a group of people. We walked from Edgewater to Emerald Park. We arrived outside the clubroom at 11 o’clock. Then we went into our lines and put on our haloes. Mrs Bock gave out the bells and then we went into the clubrooms.

The first song we sang was Advance Australia Fair and Kate was the lead singer. Then we sang our two school songs – Reach for the Stars and Count on Me. The next song was Light a Candle and the other songs were Christmas songs. For some of the songs, Aiva and Georgia sang a duet.

When we had finished the songs we lined up at the door and the people from Emerald Park gave us a juice and some tiny teddies. Then when we were all outside we started making our way back to Edgewater. It took us about 15 minutes to get back. We got back around 12:30.

P & C Monster Halloween Party

SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER - 4pm to 8pm

Please keep your donations coming for the raffle hampers for the Halloween Party. Any new, unused item for these themes can be donated. Thank you to those who have already donated.

The hamper themes are:
- Cooking/baking
- Summer BBQ
- Boy Toys
- Girls Toys

A bag of lollies would also be welcomed as we use these on the day.

Any assistance on the day would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office if you can help.
Welcome everyone to Term 4 and the second edition of the ‘Quarterly’ from the School Board. We want to keep you ‘in the loop’ on activities and decisions being made by the board as we work with the Principal, Julie Tombs, on developing the school’s path to becoming a successful Independent Public School (IPS).

Over the past quarter the board has welcomed our first Community Representative, Mr John Ingham. John is a police sergeant at the WA Police Academy in Joondalup. The board are looking forward to having him as part of the team to help grow our school community network. John joins the following board members on our IPS journey:

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Term 4 is always a busy time of year with plenty of activities going on in and around the school, especially with the transition of Year 6 students preparing to move on to the next step of their journey and with the preparation for new arrivals in Term 1 of 2016. The board would like to wish our Year 6 students the very best as they prepare to graduate and say ‘au revoir’ to their classmates. I am sure the bonds they have made during their time at Edgewater Primary will be fond memories for them all in the future. Well done all of you and enjoy your graduation ceremony!

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**Canteen News**

Congratulations to Coralie Sherwin, Term 3’s winner of the canteen’s volunteers prize draw. Thank you Coralie and all the lovely mums who help out in the canteen. It couldn’t operate without you. Our sign up board is looking a bit empty for Term 4 though. If you can spare 30 minutes, a couple of hours or a whole morning please consider assisting me in the canteen. It’s getting very busy and any help is appreciated.

Just a reminder that the canteen is now open four days a week. The canteen now operates on Tuesday as well as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with a healthy and delicious snack boxes featuring as our daily special on that day.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

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