



**EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*An Independent Public School*

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# Newsletter

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## OFF THEY GO!

**F**ifty one Year 6 students and three very experienced staff members were farewelled on Tuesday morning by parents/carers as they departed on the much anticipated camp in Dwellingup. There was luggage aplenty with many of us wondering how long some students had packed for!!

Located on the banks of the Murray River, the Nanga Bush Camp is nestled amongst the jarrah trees on 30 hectares of uncleared forest close to the township of Dwellingup. There, over four days, our intrepid staff members, Mr Butt, Mrs Ward and Mrs Grant, along with Lisa our chaplain as head chef, assisted our students to experience life in the bush. Many interesting activities were planned to further enhance their learning and reinforce aspects of the curriculum that are not easily covered in the classroom. Throughout the four days the students had the opportunity to bond and share in their final year at Edgewater Primary School



## Aussie of the Month



Congratulations to Claire who was chosen by the Year 5 teachers as the Year 5 'Aussie of the Month' for March 2017.

Claire is a person who always strives to do her best and gets on with the task with little fuss. Claire is a mature and thoughtful student whose behaviour and attitude towards school is outstanding. She works hard in all she does and as a result achieves great results in all her work.

Claire is well liked by both students and staff and can be relied upon to perform any task to a high standard. She is keen to help all those around her without being asked, as well as being a very caring person towards her peers.

Her fine qualities of endeavour, keenness, reliability, respect, thoughtfulness and responsibility make Claire a very worthy recipient of 'Aussie of the Month.'

Well done Claire!

## Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly today: P1 Liam, Olive, Thomas | P2 Aurora, Lyla, Mikhail | P3 Jack | R2 Jackson | R3 Aleisha, Gracie | R4 Mario, Roxane | R11 Ana, Dakota, Jayden | R12 Marisa, Tyran | R16 Amelia, Noam | R17 Mia, Dillian

Thank you to Dean at Harvey Norman in Joondalup for the printing of the photographs.

## From the Principal

### Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility (JPACF)

On Monday 13 February, by invitation of Mayor Pickard, City of Joondalup, I attended a special presentation for education leaders on the proposed Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility project. The facility is seen as a crucial piece of social, cultural and economic infrastructure within the City of Joondalup in future years. The concept of the facility is impressive and I envisage that it would certainly be used by schools and school communities. There's is now a public consultation period that closes on 30 March 2017. I would encourage all community members to take the time to find out about the proposed project and then go online to complete the [Comment Form](#) for JPACF

### Responding to Students' Needs

This year our Student Services Team has been increased to support the work we do with students and families. Our team endeavours to support all our students in a safe, caring and inclusive environment. We are again fortunate to have retained the services of Kristy Mollett, our School Psychologist, who will be in the school on Tuesdays. In addition, Sue Sugg, our Learning Support Coordinator, and Gail Baily, our Pastoral Care Coordinator will work with Val Gray and Brian Baily respectively to respond to the learning support and health and well being needs of our students. If you have concerns for your child in any of these areas you can speak to your child's teacher or contact Mrs Gray or Mr Baily through the school office to discuss the matter and how we might assist.

Lisa Ingham, our School Chaplain, will normally be in the school two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. Lisa accompanied the Year 6 students on camp this week so was not in the school. She may also, from time to time, be required by other schools to respond to urgent needs. Lisa can be contacted through the school office, or directly as she moves about the school. In our next newsletter edition, Lisa will detail more information about her role.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

In our effort to streamline the process of booking a time for parents to meet with their child's teacher we have turned to technology, and as sometimes happens, technology failed us at the crucial time of going live. Fortunately the provider has been very responsive to our situation and the booking system is now operational. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience to parents who were quick off the mark in attempting a booking. As with all that we do at Edgewater, we will be striving to improve our processes for next year. If parents do encounter any further problems, please inform our office staff so we can assist you.

### School Board Open Night

Finally, I would like to remind parents and school community members about our Open School Board Meeting scheduled to take place this coming Monday 13 March in the school's library. Board members are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. The meeting starts at 7pm and will conclude no later than 8pm. Refreshments will be available during, and at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Julie Tombs**

## Dates For Your Diary

### March

Monday 13	Annual Open School Board Meeting 7pm
Friday 17	Day of Action
Monday 20	Dental Screening PP, Yrs 3 & 6 P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 23	Harmony Day
Friday 24	Assembly Rm 15
Monday 27	Interschool Jumps & Throws
Thursday 30	Interschool Athletics
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

### Easter Raffle

The P&C Fundraising Committee are on the hop again and would like as many students as possible to win a raffle prize as possible.

They are seeking donations of all things that make Easter.

Donation boxes will be located in the Library from Monday 13 March. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Monday 20 March.

There will also be an **Easter Colouring Competition** again for all students.



## Rhymetime Storytime

Thank you to the many families who supported rhymetime storytime last Wednesday. This was our first session for the year. Our programme aims to enhance language and literacy skills in young children prior to starting school. Parents/carers and children have the opportunity to become familiar with our school environment and staff, as well as each other. We hope to see you every Wednesday from 9.00 to 9.30am in Room 1.

**Ann Rose—Kindergarten Teacher**

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# National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and One Million Stars to End Violence Project



On Friday 17 March all students from PP to Year 6 will be involved

in the combination of these two wonderful activities. Classes will work with buddies to create 500 stars to be sent to Brisbane to support the One Million Stars to End Violence Project. The Queensland Government has committed to install them as part of the arts and cultural program during the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

Parents/carers are welcome to visit their child's class to assist in this task at 9am on Friday 17. Each student will be asked to complete one star, with the remaining stars being made by the Year 5 and 6 students.

During the week class teachers will be focusing on the concepts and strategies to support our whole-school programme on reducing school bullying.

More information is available on the following websites:

[National Day of Action](#)

[One Million Stars](#)

**Gail Bailly – Pastoral Care Coordinator**

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## Edgewater Primary School Harmony Week

### 20 - 24 March 2017

**Western Australians share a diverse heritage that originates from every part of the world and builds upon our rich Indigenous culture.**

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate our unique community and reflect on the many social, cultural and economic benefits that diversity brings to every Western Australian.

Take time out this Harmony Week to join in celebrations with your class.

On Tuesday, 21 March a Treasure Hunt has been planned for Years P-3 the in Junior Playground on Westside at lunch time. Year 6 students will assist with the organisation and running of the Treasure Hunt.

On Thursday, 23 March, there will be a whole school performance at 9.30am. Students need to bring \$2 to attend the Hip Hop performance. The performers are a group of primary school students from many different cultural backgrounds. Theme – we are one and working together as one.

Following the performance there will be a workshop for Year 4 & 5 students which will last for approximately 40 minutes. The workshop is free.





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## Year 4/5 Student Councillors

Our Year 4/5 Student Leadership Team has finally been announced. The elected student councillors for semester one are: Scarlett B, Paige G, Jacinta S, Clara W, Aiva C and Declan K. There will be an opportunity for six more Year 4/5 students to nominate as councillors next semester.



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## Featured Class - Room 4 Year 1 - Mrs Lowe

### Our Garden

The new community garden through the eyes of Year 1 students.

Today we went to see the new school garden. We saw Blaize's Mum. We went near the Art room. We got to see 1000 worms, thyme, snow peas, strawberries, carrots, tomatoes, capsicum, lettuce, basil and broccoli. The men from Bunnings were showing us the worms and planting the plants. It was cool. Natalia

Today we went to see the brand new school garden. We met the men from Bunnings, Blaize's Mum and 1000 worms. Oliver

Today I saw broccoli and lettuce. Worms love lettuce especially snails. Our brand new garden is good for snails and worms. Thank you gardeners. Leah

Today we went to see the new school garden that was behind the Art room. We saw tomatoes, thyme and lettuce. Amelia

Today our classroom went to look at the new school vegetables. They planted lettuce, carrots and lots of other vegetables. There were 1000 worms. We were next to the Art room. Roxanne



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## Library Book Review Competition

The Library is holding a weekly book review competition open to all ages. Book review forms are available from the Library and are formatted appropriately for each age group. Every entry receives a bookmark and each week a grand prize winner is drawn for the best book review of that week. The student who wins the coveted title of 'Book Review of the Week' wins a book and has their photo and book review on display in the Library for that week.

This week's 'Book Review of the Week' belongs to Ruby from P1. Ruby reviewed the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Robert Browning. Her illustration on her book review portrays the main idea of the story wonderfully. Well done Ruby!



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## Canteen News

Did you know? Here are some fun food facts you may or may not know:

Strawberries are the only fruit with the seeds on the outside;

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries;

Pumpkins are not a vegetable, but a fruit;

Honey is the only edible food for humans that won't go bad;

Celery requires more calories to eat and digest than it contains;

EPS Canteen always has fresh fruit available for students to purchase and our homemade tray meals are packed full of hidden, healthy vegetables.

**Kerry van Drunick**



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## What to Do if Your Child Talks to You About Bullying

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Sometimes it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks about bullying:-

1. Listen calmly to get the full story.
2. Reassure them that they are not to blame.
3. Ask them what they want to do about it, and what they want you to do.
4. Contact their class teacher.
5. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going.

Thank you for your support in helping to make our school great for everyone.

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## Bring a Friend Night

The P&C meeting to be held on **Monday 20 March at 6.30pm** in the staff room, has been designated as **Bring a Friend Night**. Drinks, nibbles and a door prize will be provided by the canteen. Everyone is welcome to bring a plate of finger food.

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