



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Our Students Shine

The Great 8 Fundraising Event

Sunday was definitely an experience that we'll never forget. On Sunday 16 November a group of year three students, calling ourselves the **Great 8**, hosted a fundraising snack bar. The official members are, Lewis, Cameron, Karen, Ana, Mia, Jorja, Kate and Dakota. We had all made some goodies to sell, including lemonade, crepes, muffins and brownies. The stall finally began when Mia got there. By the time she got to Edgewater Park we were ready for our first customer! We all had a great day running the snack bar. At certain times, a small number of children would go down the path to the Edgewater Shopping Centre's courtyard to give out spare flyers. We raised \$100.20! Next Sunday, 10 December, we will be visiting **Perth Zoo** to donate the money we raised and have some fun together!



We would like to say a big thanks to our parents who made this fun event possible!

Dakota, Cameron, Lewis, Karen, Ana, Jorja, Mia and Jackson

Big Bash Cricket Tournament

On Friday 24 November, selected Year 5 and 6 students represented Edgewater Primary School at a 'BIG' BASH CRICKET TOURNAMENT. It was a day of loud music and frenetic cricket action. Our students competed to the best of their abilities and had a great deal of fun doing it. Whilst they didn't do so well on the cricket side of things, they were voted the best dancers for the day.

The most pleasing part of the day for me was the way our students interacted with the special needs students from other schools. They willingly assisted in making the whole experience more meaningful and fun for them. I was extremely proud of them.

Well done to all of you.

Russell Grey—Phys Ed Specialist



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week:

PP1 Elise W, Seren R, Poppy C, | PP2 Taj A, Nyah P | R2 Stanley B, Tyler H |
R3 Ashton B, Lucy K | R4 Stella A | R5 Ruby -Tiger M, , Dylan T, Mitchell R | R6 Olivia B,
Natacha S | R7 Cruze T, David S, Georgia H, Eryn D | R8 Grace B, Jacinta S, Nelson B |
R9 Liam K, Sean A, Charlie W | R11 Karen C | R15 Grace S, Taj E | R17 Chiara T, Devon C

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

From the Principal

This is our last formal newsletter for 2017. It has been another eventful year with many things to celebrate and numerous people to acknowledge for their contribution to the education and wellbeing of our students.

School Board

On Monday 20 November, the School Board met for the last time this year. The School Board, chaired by Simon Young, has made numerous important decisions over the past year that directly link to our EPS Business Plan and achievement targets. We are now reviewing the success of the three year plan which will be reported to you early in 2018.

The School Board membership will experience some changes moving forward with Simon standing down as chair and John Ingham retiring as a community representative. I would like to extend my thanks to Simon, on behalf of the school community, for his leadership, energy and commitment over the past five years as an involved parent, P&C President and School Board Chair. John has been with the board for nearly three years as a valued community representative bringing a broader perspective to the board's work through his background in policing and community service. I wish them both all the best in the future and trust that they will continue to keep an association with our school.

At the end of Term 1 next year, several parent school board positions will become vacant. If you are interested in joining the school board as a parent representative more information can be found on the school website. Nominations for positions will be advertised at the beginning of next year.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Last Monday evening the P&C Association held their annual AGM in preparation for the coming year. The P&C executive was delighted with the turnout of over 30 parents attending the meeting. It speaks volumes about the engagement and commitment of our school community. All current executive members of the P&C stood down from their positions and nominations were considered. All positions were filled. I'm sure everyone will join me in extending a huge thank you to Lee Tanner (President), Liane Brown (Secretary), Anita Walzack (Treasurer) and all other executive members who have worked hard this year to provide the best possible service and resources for our students. Particular thanks to Kelly Dear who has led the fundraising committee.

Kerry van Drunick, our marvellous Canteen Manager has done an outstanding job throughout the year in keeping our students fuelled up with nutritious food. Special thanks to Kerry and the canteen committee who have supported her work. In 2018, we warmly welcome Jason Beltran as the new president. Jason has two children in the junior years and is well placed to lead the P&C through the coming year. We will introduce all new members of the P&C executive early next year through the school website.

Staffing and Class Structures 2018

Staffing processes and class structures are now in the final stages of planning. Fluctuations of student enrolments between now and the beginning of the new school year are not expected to be significant. Class allocations for 2018 will be displayed on the administration building windows facing Treetop Avenue on **Monday 29 January** once staff have completed a final review and new students have been assigned to classes. It is anticipated that the class lists will be on display from 3pm onwards and will remain in place until the close of the first school day to assist parents in getting their children to classes.

Finally, I would like to wish those families who are leaving us all the very best for the future and I trust everyone will have a wonderful festive season and holiday break.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

December	
Tuesday 5	Dancesport Final
Thursday 7	Dancesport Final
Tuesday 12	Kindergarten Assembly Yr 6 Graduation Rehearsal
Wednesday 13	Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony Yr 6 Graduation Dinner Dance
Thursday 14	Last Day for Students Yr 6 Fun Day Excursion
January 2018	
Wednesday 31	First Day for Students
February	
Tues 20—Fri 23	Year 6 Camp
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Executive Councillors

Being an Executive Student Councillor this year has been an amazing experience. Since the day we were elected it has been fantastic.

At the first assembly we were all very nervous to get up and speak in front of an audience. Our confidence and public speaking in front of an audience has improved during the year.

Going to the Convention Centre for the leadership conference was an amazing experience. As the year has progressed we have developed our leadership and organisational skills.

We have also learned about proper meeting procedures as the Student Council meets twice each term with all of us rotating through the roles of chairing meetings and taking minutes.

We have really enjoyed working with the Year 4 and 5 Councillors, as well as the Faction Captains.

Next year's Year 5 and 6 students should nominate for some of these great experiences.

We would like to thank Mr Butt for working with us all year and for helping to develop our leadership skills.

Executive Student Councillors—Jakob, Meg, Rafa and Amity

Kindergarten Orientation Day

It was a pleasure to see so many happy smiling faces last Wednesday as the Kindergarten 2018 children attended their orientation sessions. The children and their families were invited to come along to familiarise themselves with the kindergarten environment and meet the early childhood staff as well as each other. All present were welcomed by Mrs Tombs and the kindergarten staff and were given information regarding the beginning of next year. In 2018 there will be two kindergarten groups, Blue and Red, which will be held in the Kindergarten 2 classroom. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2018 for what we know will be an exciting year.

Ann Rose & Aimie Norris—Kindergarten Teachers

10th Anniversary Waterwise School

Edgewater Primary School became a recognised Waterwise School in 2007 and since that time we have retained that status by including water education into our classroom programmes, conserving water by planting low water use plants and installing refrigerated drinking water units, and ensuring that our extensive garden areas are watered at the correct times.

At this week's assembly Mrs Tombs was presented with a framed 10th Anniversary Waterwise School Certificate from the Water Authority representatives.

Mrs Grant accepted a certificate of recognition for Mrs Gray who was instrumental in setting up the programme in our school.



KIDS MATTER—Teaching children values

Values are the internal guides we have for our behaviour. They help us to make choices, and to make judgements about what is right and wrong, good or bad, fair or unfair.

How parents and carers can help:

Parents and carers can use a range of strategies to help children learn about social values.

- *Teach by example.* Children often learn more from what you do than what you say.
- *Read and discuss stories that demonstrate positive values.* Choose children's stories that reflect the kinds of values you want children to learn. You might ask questions like: How do you think that person feels? Why do you think he/she did that? Was it a good idea? How could he/she have done it better?
- Check what children are watching on TV. Make sure the programs children watch and the electronic games they play are suitable for their age and reflect positive values.
- *Teach children to learn from mistakes.* Mistakes provide opportunities for teaching and reinforcing positive values. Support and acknowledge children when they admit mistakes and help them find ways to make up for them.
- *Help children to think about values.* Talk with them about the social values and attitudes they encounter in everyday situations and on TV. Teaching children about values supports their social development. It helps them develop the knowledge and skills they need to play a positive role in society.

Gail Baily—Student Health and Wellbeing Coordinator

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." *Jane D Hull, Governor of Arizona (1997 to 2003)*

Manager Corporate Services

Wow! I cannot believe that this school year is nearly at an end. The years are going faster the older I get!

Once again I would like to say a big thank you to all the families who paid their child's school contributions this year. Our very last *Paid Contribution Draw* for the year has been held. A \$50 Bunnings voucher was the prize and the lucky family have been notified.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and wonderful holiday. Merry Christmas everyone. See you in 2018. If you are not returning to Edgewater, all the best at your new school.

If parents wish to pay their child's voluntary contributions via credit card may I suggest they consider paying them with OfficeMax when ordering their child's CARS text book.

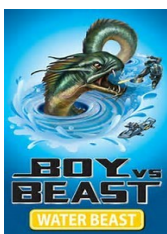
Canteen

As of Wednesday, 29 November 2017, there were 12 school days left until the end of term. The Canteen is counting down the days until holidays and the festive season with 12 Days of Christmas Treats. On each of the last 12 days of the 2017 school year we are featuring a fun *holly jolly treat* (some healthy, some not as healthy—it is Christmas after all!). Come and join in the fun. Treats are 50c to \$1.

Dancesport finals are next week (Week 9). It's an exciting day for students as they get to invite a special guest to show off all the dance moves they've learnt during the term. To make this special day even more fun, the Canteen is offering all dancers a \$2 snack deal (consisting of chips, juice box and a piece of fruit) which they are welcome to purchase AFTER their final dance session. We have plenty of supplies, so siblings attending are welcome to buy a snack deal too. Tea and coffee will be available for parents at a cost of \$2 a cup.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

Book Review Winners



Zac S from R4 reviewed *Water Beast* by Mac Park. This book is part of the Boy vs Beast series and Zac loved it, giving it five stars. His favourite part is when the characters are in training to become Border Masters. Clearly Zac put a lot of effort into his book review resulting in a neat and interesting review. He also drew a fantastic colourful picture of the boy versing the beast!

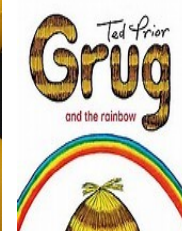


Amelie T from R17 reviewed *Gwendolyn!* by Juliette MacIver. This is a lovely story about friendship, adventure and finding your home. Amelie loved the story, especially the themes of kindness and friendship. Her review was concise and colourful with a fabulous drawing of the main character Gwendolyn.



Kushee H from R2 reviewed *I'm Australian Too* by Mem Fox. This latest edition to Mem Fox's extensive catalogue is a wonderful book celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. Kushee loved the book, rating it five stars. Her favourite part of the book was the page illustrating all the food and laughter the Italian family share. Kushee did her own fantastic illustration of this.

Kayla R from R4 reviewed *Grug and the Rainbow* by Ted Prior. In this wonderful little book, Grug embarks on a journey to find a rainbow. Kayla's favourite part of the story was when the sky turns dark. Her wonderful illustration depicts this beautifully.



Electric Shock Incursion

On Wednesday 29 November, Years 4-6 went to an incursion about what to do if you or someone else gets bitten by a snake or receives an electric shock. A lady named Megan came from the St John Ambulance Centre to talk to us about it.

First she talked about the DRSABCD which stands for Danger, Response, Send for Help, Airway, Breathing, CPR and Defibrillation. After that Megan showed us her trainers' defibrillator and also where to put the pads and how to use the defibrillator. One of the pieces of information was that you should put the kid pads on children who are four to ten years old [unless a ten year old is very tall] and the adult pads on over ten years to adults. Pads are never used on children under four as it could damage their hearts.



Megan then showed us what to do if someone gets an electric shock. If you do receive an one from something you are holding, your muscles will tighten causing the shock to last longer. To prevent getting electrocuted you need to turn off the main power box or find a long wooden pole that has no plastic on it and use this to turn off the power switch.

If a broken live wire is in a puddle of water and a friend steps in it you need to turn off the electrical box and remove the broken wire from the puddle using something wooden with no plastic on it and don't use a pencil as it contains graphite which is a conductor of electricity. When removing the power cable make sure not to step in the puddle.

Snakebite Incursion

Megan also talked about dealing with a snake bite. The first thing to remember is to stay calm if you or someone gets bitten. Megan demonstrated on one of our classmates about the types of snake bites that you can get and how you can't identify if the snake was venomous or not. The different types of snake bites you can get are the one hole bites, scratch bites and the bites where it is clear where the bite is and how deep it is.

If you or someone else gets bitten on the arm by a snake you should get a smooth piece of fabric and wrap it around the area quite lightly. You then need to find a long piece of material and wrap it tightly, starting from the fingers, checking every few seconds by pressing one finger until it turns whitish yellow. Then release the pressure and if the finger turns red again you are wrapping it just right. If it stays whitish yellow you need to repeat the wrapping to the end of the arm or limb that has been bitten. Remember to write the time the bite occurred and what time you completed the bandaging.

One piece of information that Megan gave us was that venomous baby snakes are more dangerous than adult snakes because they don't know how much venom to inject. In conclusion, we would like to give a massive thank you to Megan and the St John Ambulance Centre for coming out to Edgewater Primary School to teach the Years Four to Six about snake bites and electric shocks. We enjoyed the incursion and appreciate the certificates. Thank you Megan and St John Ambulance Centre.

Claire B and Georgia H—Year 5 Students

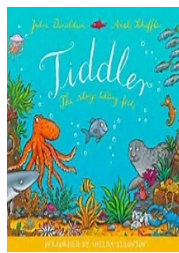


Scholarship Winner

At our Student Council assembly on Thursday 30 November, Sam T from Room 5 was presented with a scholarship certificate by the Principal of Mater Dei College, Mrs Morey. The result of sitting for a bank of academic tests, the scholarship entitles Sam to fee relief when he attends Mater Dei next year. Congratulations Sam

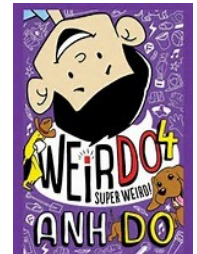


More Book Review Winners



Tyson C from R4 reviewed *Tiddler, the Story Telling Fish* by Julia Donaldson. This wonderful picture book about a story-telling fish was thoroughly enjoyed by Tyson. He clearly described his favourite part of the book, which was one of Tiddler's stories where a turtle bites a squid on his tentacle! Tyson drew a wonderful illustration of this.

Blake C from R11 reviewed *Weirdo 4—Super Weird* by Anh Do. This is another funny book in the Weirdo series, involving a new pet dog for the Do family who is super-weird too! Blake thought the story was very amusing and rated the book ten out of ten. He drew a great picture of a young Anh Do very much *not* enjoying being licked on the face by Fido!



Thank You

I would like to thank the staff and the families of Edgewater Primary School children for their support in raising funds for the 220km Ride to Conquer Cancer 2017.

The donations received in the collection tin came to \$50.05 which helped me achieve the \$2500.00 required to participate in this year's ride.

I have signed up for the 2018 Ride to Conquer Cancer (my 7th ride) and I hope that Edgewater Primary will once again support this worthwhile cause.

Once again, thank you for your help.

Les Brooks



SmartRider Card

SmartRider Cards can now be obtained online. Information can be obtained through the following website: <https://www.monitorwa.com.au/smartrider/default.aspx>

Manual Applications will still be accepted for those not wishing to use the online option. The poster displays a QR code specific to your school. The QR code makes the online ordering process even easier. When a student scans the QR code, they're taken straight to the Terms and Conditions page and on the next page, the school is already selected for them.

For those without a QR reader application there is also our web address, so the facility can be accessed from any web enabled device, to our mobile friendly online ordering system.



Stationery For Africa

Making a difference in rural African schools.

Our organisation is devoted to making a difference in rural, impoverished schools in Southern Africa. These children are in dire need of school supplies. The average classroom lacks the basic essential school supplies that make for a meaningful educational experience and also negatively affects the quality of the education these children receive. **Stationery for Africa** helps by collecting new and used stationery from local schools in our community. These collections take place on the last day of the school year. We then sort, pack and redistribute the stationery to educational community projects and schools in Southern Africa.

Due to the kindness and generosity of pupils and parents of Edgewater Primary School last year, we were able to provide stationery to EduCare Africa, based in the Mtendere compound in Lusaka, Zambia and also a few farm schools in Cradock, South Africa. We would greatly appreciate your help in supporting and promoting our collection this year. Big yellow bins will be placed outside the library from 13 to 15 December 2017. Together we can make a difference in the lives of these children!

JP & Ulani Aucamp—Founders



Electronic Delivery of Reports

You will be aware that this semester all school reports, with the exception of those for Kindergarten students, will be delivered electronically via a link in an email. We will commence sending out the emails containing the link on Monday 11 December using the Department of Education's Reporting to Parents software.

If you do not receive the appropriate reports, or you would prefer a paper copy of the reports, please notify the school office.
