



Issue 2

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# 2018 Student Councillors

t our recent assembly on Friday 16 February, the Edgewater Primary School Student Council for 2018 was announced. Congratulations to our newly elected student councillors. The Edgewater Student Council is a student based civic organisation designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. More details of their activities will be reported in future newsletters.





Clara W







Chris N

#### 2018 Semester 1 Year 5 Student Councillors



Maryka D





Lucas B









Dakota C



Darcy J

#### **Faction Captains**

At the same assembly our 2018 Faction Captains were announced.

- Parmelia - Claire B, Ashton A
- Batavia - Xander G, Clara M

Jaden Q

- Challenger Jacinta S, Aaliyah K
- Leeuwin - Matilda C, Ethan Y

Our Faction Captains will be featured in the next newsletter.



#### Merit Certificate **Recipients**

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: R2 Jacob G, Cynthia Z | R3 Alexis P, Eva N | R4 Lyla T | R5 Millie W | R6 Harmony B | R7 Ellis M, Aaliyah K | R8 Jacob F, Logan K | R11 Lachlan C, Liam J | R12 Noam W, Taj E | R15 Hugo T | R16 Dash F | R17 Micah V

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

#### From the Principal

Welcome to our second newsletter edition for 2018.

#### Student Leadership Team 2018

Congratulations to our elected student councillors, faction captains and those who nominated for the positions. The process for selection was done formally through elections requiring those students who nominated to give a speech to their Year 4, 5 and 6 peers, presenting their attributes and desire to carry out the role. We were all really impressed with the effort each student put into their speech and their courage to stand up in front of peers to present themselves.

All Year 4 and 5 students will have another opportunity in Semester 2 to renominate for the student councillor positions. The Year 6 elected representatives will hold their positions for the year. As all Year 6 students are considered leaders in our school those not holding councillor or faction captain positions will be assigned other leadership roles over the coming weeks.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews Update

As mention is our last newsletter these interviews will take place during Week 8, 9 and 10 of this term. We will again use an online booking facility which will open at 12 noon, 6 March. A message will be sent to you via Connect prior to the date to provide details of how to access the booking system.

#### School Development Day – Friday 2 March

Our first School Development Day for 2018 will occur next Friday. Students are not required to attend school. Edgewater staff will come together with other teachers from across the Joondalup Learning Community to share ideas, explore new curriculum content and network to improve teaching practices and approaches Kindergarten to Year 12. The theme of the conference is *Wellbeing and Leadership*. Keynote speakers include Maggie Dent, who will talk to staff about strategies they might use to ensure their resilience and wellbeing in coping with the increasing demands and challenges of teaching. Clark Wight, an educator and passionate advocate for parents will address the topic of knowing, loving and understanding our boys, covering the time from well before school into their early teens. It promises to be a thought provoking and hands on conference that staff are eager to attend.

#### Easter Tuesday – 3 April

All public schools will be closed on this day as School Education Act employees are entitled to take Easter Tuesday as a holiday when it falls within the school term. This does not occur every year but does in 2018.

Finally, don't forget to support our P&C by donating Easter eggs, purchasing raffle tickets and getting along to the upcoming P&C Family Picnic. I hope to see you there.

Julie Tombs

### **Dates For Your Diary**

| March     |   |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|
| Friday 2  | School Development Day<br>Students do not attend                    |  |  |  |
| Monday 5  | Labour Day Public Holiday   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 6 | Parent Teacher Meetings<br>Bookings open 12noon                     |  |  |  |
| Friday 9  | Choir Assembly<br>Y6 Aussie of the Month<br>P&C Family Picnic 3-5pm |  |  |  |
| Monday 12 | School Board Meeting<br>7.15pm                                      |  |  |  |
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### P&C Family Picnic— Friday 9 March at 3pm

The P&C will be holding a family picnic in the Nature Play area from 3-5pm and are looking forward to seeing all families on the day. Limited sausage sizzles will be available. More details will be sent out next week.

# **Pre-loved Uniforms**

With nearly 100% of our students from K-6 wearing school uniform, the P&C run and maintain a second hand uniform shop to assist parents/carers to keep up this high standard. There is a wide variety of current uniform items that have been donated by our parents as their children have grown out of the clothes. All of the uniforms have been

laundered and the P&C ask that you make a gold coin donation for using the service.



### Yearly Term Planner

Next week we will send out a yearly term planner to inform families of notable whole school events and room assemblies for 2018. The planner will be placed on our website and in the Connect Library. Please note, unavoidable changes may occur but you will be informed well in advance should this happen.

### **Christy McAnally—Chaplain**

I would like to welcome Christy McAnally to Edgewater Primary School. Christy is a Chaplain and will be working with Lisa on Wednesday's during first semester. She also works at Merriwa Primary School and brings with her a variety of experiences and interests which we will be developing during her time with us. Please make sure you say hello to her and make her feel welcome.





### **Building Resilience In The School Community**

Resilience is the ability to cope with life's ups and downs, and bounce back from adversity. Viewed from this angle, typical life challenges can also be viewed as opportunities to learn about oneself and to grow as a person. There is evidence that resilience can be taught – just like training to strengthen muscles or gain new technical skills. Given its potential to improve children's short and long-term outcomes, building resilience is a topic of great interest and debate for researchers, practitioners who work with children and parents.

Children who experience difficult emotions and come to terms with the complexities of life are richer for the experience. This is a reassuring message, because parents won't always able to protect their growing children from disappointment.

This is not the same as stepping back and telling children to simply "get over it," especially when some children face so much hardship that caring adults are unable to protect them, or the situation is out of their control. During these times, children have a fundamental need to express the range of emotions (sadness, anger, worry), and to have these emotions validated. At these times, resilience can mean that a caring adult may help a child to better make sense of the world around them, connect with people, and even seek out support when they experience difficulties. Good problem-solving skills and the ability to work towards realistic goals also gives children a feeling of control over their lives and a sense of positive self-worth.

Someone who is resilient and has positive mental health and wellbeing will be able to:

- · learn from their experiences and grow
- have good relationships with others
- · be capable of managing their own emotions and express empathy for others
- have good communication skills
- have good problem-solving skills
- set realistic but rewarding goals and actively work towards them.

These resilience characteristics contribute to positive mental health and wellbeing, and reduce the risk of social or emotional problems later in childhood. There is also emerging evidence to suggest that resilient children are more likely to achieve academic success.

#### Please note - students do not attend Easter Tuesday

#### Canteen

21 March 2018 is Harmony Day - a day where we get to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. The Canteen is going to celebrate this day over the whole week of 19 to 23 March, and we're calling on all parents and grandparents who might like to come into the Canteen and prepare a traditional dish or snack (sweet or savoury) from their country of origin, to be served to our students. Please see me in the Canteen or contact me on 9405 3528 if you're interested in participating. A big thank you to Megan Croft and Digital Impressions for designing and generously donating a new volunteer sign up board to the Canteen. It's mounted near the Canteen roller doors. Please feel free to fill up the empty time slots and come and spend a morning or day with me. Students love our Canteen and any assistance is very much appreciated.

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|         | Monday                   | Tuesday                        | Wednesday   | Thursday                        | Friday               |
| Week 1  |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |
| Week 2  |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |
| Week 3  |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |
| Week 4  |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |
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| Week 9  |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |
| Week 10 |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |
| Week 11 |                          |                                |   |                                 |                      |

## **Book Club Loop**

#### **Book Club Loop Parent Information**

Club catalogues will be sent home up to twice per term. The Book Club Loop allows parents to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to the child's class. Orders can be placed at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Thank you Claire Greenwood Scholastic Book Club Coordinator Phone: 0402 880 529



# **School Board Nominations**

Expressions of Interest for two School Board Parent Representative positions are currently being sought commencing Term 2 this year. Further information and nomination forms can be found on our school website or collected from the school office. We encourage any parent who believes they have the attributes and time needed to carry out this important role to apply. The closing date is **Friday 9 March**. If you have any questions you would like clarified, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Tombs through the school office.

### Connect

We are using Connect as the primary vehicle for our communication with parents and carers. Log on by clicking <u>here</u> and entering your P number and password. To have the school information at your fingertips, download the Connect Now app from the App Store or Google Play.



#### Inviting all 2019 Year 7 Parents & Students to WANNEROO SECONDARY COLLEGE'S

#### SCHOOL IN ACTION TOUR

Tour 9.00 - 9.45am Morning Tea and Questions 9.45 - 10.15am Wednesday 21st March 2018

#### GENERAL INFORMATION EVENING

Enrolments and Specialist Programs

#### Wednesday 28th March 2018

6.00pm

Meet our Principal, Associate Principals and teams of Specialist & High Performance teachers

Dance Studio 5.00pm

Specialist Performing Arts Program (Dance, Drama & Music)

Tuart Building 5.30pm

General Enrolment Information and Principal's address Specialist Australian Rules Football

2019 Enrolment Packages can be obtained from the college Administration or by phoning 9206 6555.

