



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

Aspire Confidence Respect

Newsletter

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Mon 19	◆ School Board Meeting
Tue 20	◆ EDU Dance
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Tue 27	◆ EDU Dance
Thu 29	◆ EDU Dance

March

Fri 1	◆ R11 Assembly
Mon 4	◆ Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 5	◆ Y6 Camp ◆ EDU Dance
Thu 7	◆ EDU Dance
Tue 12	◆ EDU Dance
Wed 13	◆ NAPLAN Online commences ◆ P&C Meeting
Thu 14	◆ EDU Dance

From the Principal

A hot start to the 2024 school year has not deterred staff and students from busily setting into their new classrooms.

We welcomed our 26 new PP-Year 6 students at a short assembly on Monday. Edudance is now underway, we have the concerts in Week 9 to look forward to and marvel at the creative dances that the dance teacher's guide our students through.

The three words that we value and guide our school, ASPIRE, CONFIDENCE and RESPECT stand boldly on the undercover banner as we packed away our 40th Anniversary banner. Confidence was in abundance as Year 4-6 students presented their election speeches in Week 2.

On Friday morning we proudly announced the 2024 Year 6 Executive Student Councillors and Faction Captains, along with Semester 1 Year 4 and 5 Student Councillors. Opportunities to take on a leadership position is available in Semester 2 for Year 4 and 5 students. Year 6 Harmony and Sustainability leaders are still to be selected.

We were humbled by the positive comments in last years National School Opinion Survey regarding the school's sense of community. We know that this does not happen without the support of a parent body that understands the effort it takes by all stakeholders working together to provide a positive learning environment for the children.

We are presently at a "cross road" of families transitioning out of the school as their children depart for secondary schooling. This is creating the need for current parents in the school to step into roles that parents are leaving as they follow their students to the high school environment.

The P&C urgently require parents to fill the **President** and **Treasurer** roles. Please contact me or the P&C if you can help by taking on a role that will ensure the school can continue to support students to learn in a family friendly environment.

It was wonderful to see families at the welcome back picnic on Friday.

Kim Perkins





RUNNING CLUB!

Every Wednesday
from 8:10am

Councillors and Faction Captains

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2024! Introducing...



Executive Student Councillors



Scarlett B



Skye M



Aislin M



Zoe B

Faction Captains

Parmelia



Scarlett G



April S

Challenger



Jacob G



Siahna K

Leeuwin



Millie B



Elara B

Batavia



Owen W



Abbey B

Y5 Councillors (Semester 1)



Emma J



Mason C



Tasmin W



Ruby H

Y4 Councillors (Semester 1)



Francesca L



Wesley P

Councillors and Faction Captains



Welcome Back Picnic

The P&C's annual Welcome Back Picnic was held last Friday 16 February in the Nature Play area.

As we had planned, the sea breeze and lower temperatures abounded, and the 50 or so families who joined us had plenty of shade to throw down the picnic rug and relax under the amazing of the trees that is Edgewater's crowning glory.

The sausages were sizzling and the drinks were cold as a line formed to give mums and dads the night off cooking.

There was even a birthday celebration complete with cake and two 'candles'!! The Year 6 fundraising cake and bikkies stall did a roaring trade all afternoon.

Ms Farinosi had pre-organised some soccer goals, and with Mr (soccer) Cooper's assistance, many goals were recorded by both young and old.

Many thanks for your support and bouquets to the P&C.

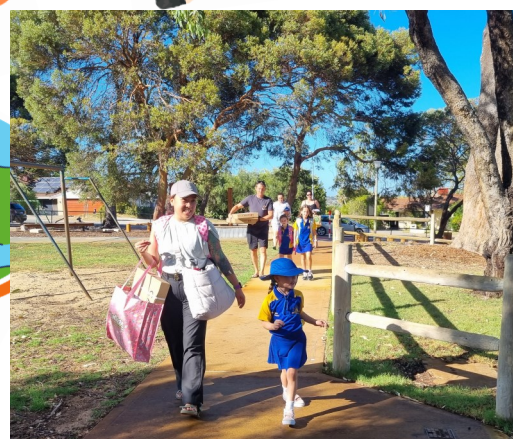


First Day of School

For our youngest students in Kindergarten, Day 1 this term was their first exposure to formal school. I wonder if they know that there are 12 more years of this??

Teachers had spent many hours preparing their classrooms to welcome their students both new and returning.

Any tears that were shed, were by parents and carers as the youngsters settled into Mrs Pannell's comforting and nurturing hands. Older students took it in their stride and rejoiced in renewing friendships from last year and welcomed newcomers to their classes.



EDU DANCE

EduDance got off to a bumpy and heated start this year!

Teachers were ready, students were excited, but sadly the weather has been very uncooperative!!

No, we are not giving up, and to avoid the hottest part of the fdays we have managed to fit lessons into morning sessions so that all students will still have their eight lessons and concert.

When asked students have reported that they love the lessons are thrilled with their music and dance steps.

Don't forget to check your child's concert day in Week 9 and book it into your calendar. Details of the concert days are above.

DANCE CONCERT DETAILS Week 9

Wednesday	Thursday
PP2 Year 1 – Room 3 Year 2 – Room 16 Year 3 – Room 14 Year 3 – Room 17 Year 4 – Room 2	PP1 Year 1 – Room 4 Year 1 – Room 12 Year 2 – Room 15 Year 3 – Room 11 Year 4 – Room 1 Year 5 – Room 6 & 8

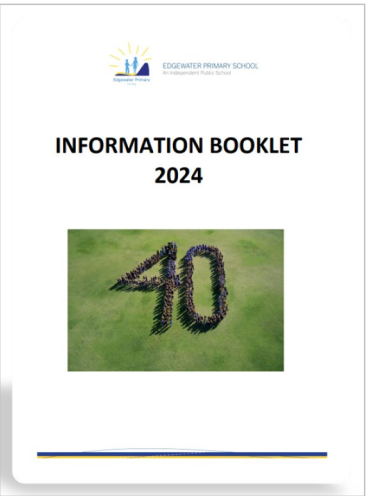


School Information Booklets

Our [School Information Booklets](#) provide details of the operational aspects of our school. We trust you will find it a handy reference throughout 2024 as we look forward to a highly successful and rewarding year ahead. You can access the School Information Booklet at any time on the school website or download a copy in PDF form.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office for further information you may require, or about any issues that you wish to discuss.

Our [website](#) and the School Star (Spacetalk Schools) app are one-stop hubs for all things Edgewater.



NAPLAN Online

Last week, Year 3 and Year 5 parents/carers received a letter regarding the NAPLAN assessments in 2024. This year, NAPLAN starts on **Wednesday 13 March (Week 7)**. Assessments run formally until Wednesday 20 March (Week 8), and make-up assessments for students who may be absent will be arranged as required. These tests can run until Monday 25 March.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NAPLAN assessments, please contact your child's classroom teacher or arrange a time to speak with Emma Smith.



From the School Board Chairperson

Welcome parents and carers.

There are two parent representative places opening on the Board at the beginning of Term 2. I encourage all parents with children K-6 to consider nominating for a position on the Board. A [School Board Nomination Form](#) for parents/carers can be downloaded from our website, and if you are interested in joining the Board, please fill out the form. If you have any questions about the Board, I can be contacted through the school office.

As a parent myself on the Board, I value the opportunity to contribute to the enrichment and consideration of all the children at Edgewater Primary School.

Rebecca Wright—School Board Chairperson



See also: [Responsibilities of Board Members](#)

Canteen Orders

Lunch orders can only be made online through [Quickcliq](#). This service is available 24/7, but orders must be placed by 9am on the ordering day.

The canteen is open Monday to Friday for over-the-counter sales at both recess and lunch.

Canteen managers, Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne, are assisted by volunteers. Without these dedicated and supportive parents, carers and relatives, it is unlikely that the canteen would be able to function effectively.

The canteen are always after more volunteers.

0436 919 883 or by email—canteen@edgewaterpandc.com

Kerry van Drunick & Vanessa Browne—Managers



Smartphones and Smartwatches

Students must hand all smart phones to the office for safekeeping every morning. Smartwatches can be worn, as long as all other functions (including photos and messaging) are deactivated during school hours. This means the smartwatches can take a break from being smart and just be, well...watches!

If you are looking into a smart watch for your child, consider the following:

- Spacetalk Smartwatches are designed specifically for children at school and have a School Mode function.
- Apple watches have a similar function called Schooltime.





From the Manager of Corporate Services

Welcome to another amazing school year! I hope all our families had a wonderful break over Christmas and enjoyed the holidays. With the start of a new school year there are many exciting school activities planned, with the first one being Edu Dance. If you have a student in pre-primary to year 5 and have not yet paid for the \$36.50 could you please arrange to transfer via EFT to the Edgewater Account (see details below).

In addition, the 2024 Voluntary Contributions (\$60) and P&C Contributions (\$50) are now able to be paid and your support would be appreciated. As you may be aware, schools are able to request a voluntary contribution from families per child for the school year. While the contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning program is maximised when each family supports the school by making its contribution. If you have any questions relating to the school contributions or charges, please don't hesitate to contact me. For your information the account details for online payment are:

Account Name: Edgewater Primary School **BSB:** 016 494 **Account Number:** 340968448

Once you have made payment, please remember to email me (Kristy.graindorge@education.wa.edu.au) so I can ensure it is allocated to the correct student and purpose.

Kristy Graindorge — Manager Corporate Services

Japanese Language News

Welcome to the Year of the Dragon!

Minnasan Konnichiwa! Welcome to 2024 the Year of the Dragon! The Japanese New Year (正月, Shōgatsu) is one of the most important festivals on the calendar with many different customs and traditions. In the Japanese Zodiac there are 12 different animals, with each animal representing a different year. Traditionally if a person is born in that specific year they gain many of the animal's personality traits. For example, if you are born in the Year of the Dragon, you are charismatic, intelligent, confident and naturally lucky and gifted!



This year, the Year 3-6 classes will make Ema (an example is below) which comes from the Shinto religion. These are plaques with student's goals for the new year written on the back. These are then traditionally hung in the Temple and blessed by Priests.

wish everyone a very happy and prosperous Year of the Dragon!

Tracey Rayner — Languages Teacher



TENNIS LESSONS

TERM 1 2024 Edgewater Primary School



THURSDAY 7:40-8:25AM

SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS

CHILDREN YEARS 1-6

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SUMMERCROSSE 2024 IS HERE



Free to Play

Starting Friday Feb 16th 4:30pm till 6pm @ Penistone

