



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Thu 28	♦ EDU Dance Concerts ♦ Last day of Term 1

April

Mon 15	♦ First day of Term 2
Wed 24	♦ ANZAC Service
Thu 25	♦ ANZAC Day Public Holiday

From the Principal

With the extreme heat “behind us”, it is joyous to have our students back on the oval and in playgrounds during recess and lunch breaks. The **social learning** that occurs as the children interact with their peers and in our school’s open spaces, is fundamental to their development.



Our **Year 6 students** are safely back from an amazing camp experience. Their behaviour was exemplary. A huge thankyou to our wonderful staff, **Mr Butt, Mr Smith, Ms Farinosi** and **Michelle Kipps** for their dedication in keeping the camp opportunity alive for our students.

Our **Year 6 Executive Councillors** have confidently led two assemblies and all **Student Councillors 4-6 and Faction Captains, Sustainability and Harmony Group** representatives have participated in their first meeting for the year. We look forward to their many achievements throughout the year as they work towards supporting the EPS community.

As **Kindergarten Assessment Testing and Pre-primary On-Entry** testing come to completion **NAPLAN** testing begins. The students are well prepared, and it is important to remember that these are just one part of their assessment journey.

We have two valued staff leaving the Edgewater Primary School community this term. Our School Officer, **Mrs Vanessa Stables** is leaving the school to take up a position in the mining industry. Mrs Stables’ last day is Friday 15 March. Vanessa has worked in various roles in the school since 2010, taking on a permanent position in the office in 2018. We wish her all the best as she takes on a new venture. Our Library Officer, **Mrs Dearma Sandercott** is retiring at the end of term 1. We sincerely thank Dearma for the 15 years she has supported students and staff by promoting a “love of reading”. We wish her all the best as she enjoys future travels and time with her family.

Don’t forget to save the date for **parent/teacher Interviews. Wednesday 20th March** —the school day for PP-6 ends at the earlier time of 12.00 noon. The **Kindergarten** day is as normal —2.45pm finish.

I look forward to seeing you at the **Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) Annual General Meeting (AGM)** this Wednesday 13 March and at the Edudance Concerts in the last week of term.

Kim Perkins

Parent/Teacher Meetings!

Wednesday
20 March

From 12 - 7pm

School will close at 12pm
for students PP-Y6 on this day.

*Normal school day for
Kindy students.*

Harmony Day!

Please wear **orange** to school
on Thursday 21 March!



Off to Camp!

This week our two Year 6 classes embarked on their much-anticipated get-away to Nanga Bush Camp in Dwellingup under the exceptional guidance of Mr Butt, Mr Smith, Ms Farinosi, our Chaplain, Michelle, and our Principal, Ms Perkins.

All week we heard reports of fun activities and lots of laughs. Year 6 Camp is such a valuable experience and the students always come home with brand new confidence and pride in themselves. Thanks again to the wonderful staff who sacrifice time with family and the comforts of home so that this memorable experience is possible for our Year 6s.

There will no doubt be many stories to share!

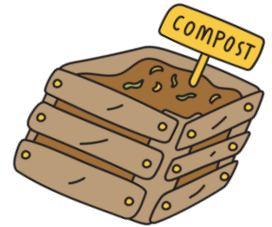


2024 Sustainability Team

Edgewater Primary School proudly introduces its Sustainability Team for 2024. This year, our team consists of Tillie C, Dongcheng Y, Stella F, Lucas W, Lauren D and Scarlett B.

These students are very excited and passionate about working together this year and have already thought of some brilliant ideas to make our school a more environmentally friendly community.

Adam Smith—Head of Sustainability Team



Hear from our leaders!

I'm so stoked to be a 2024 Sustainability Leader. The reasons I wanted to be a sustainability leader were getting to teach people to be sustainable and working with my friends and especially Mr Smith!—**Scarlett**



I'm so excited to take on the responsibility of sustainability by looking after the environment. I understand that it will take up some of my work time and I'll have to get dirty. I'll love working with my team and Mr Smith! —**Tillie**



I'm really excited to be one of the 2024 Sustainability Leaders. I'm stoked to be able to help the Earth even in the smallest way. I've wanted this role since I first heard about it because I've always loved nature and everything in it.—**Lauren**



I am so excited to be a 2024 Sustainability Leader. I can't wait to work with Mr Smith and the other leaders. I know I'll get dirty but that's fine. I'm stoked to help the Earth.—**Stella**



I'm extremely excited to be in the Sustainability Team for this year. I love to help the environment and also the community. I'm also very excited to host amazing projects and activities.—**Lucas**



I can't wait to help the school and our community, start new and interesting projects, and become more eco-friendly. I'm also excited to work with my team and Mr Smith to boost my leadership and cooperation skills.—**Dongcheng**



2024 Harmony Team

Congratulations to this year's Harmony Team. They are a very enthusiastic group of girls including Claire W, Hesara S, Anaia J, Lola A, Kendry G and Natalie R. I look forward to working with them on their proposed activities during the year. I'm sure the rest of the school will appreciate all your hard work. The girls have already started putting together activities for Harmony Day and Easter.

Gail Baily —Head of Harmony Team



Hear from our leaders!

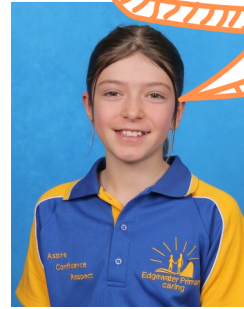
I am excited for doing activities with different year levels and choosing what fundraising activities we will do around the year, having fun, and working with my friends and team. —**Lola**



We are all excited to be a Harmony Team member and do many things with the different year levels. I am excited to help more people and learn more about them. —**Kendry**



I'm extremely excited to be in the Harmony Team and to participate in all the fun activities. I'm also looking forward to hosting lots of fundraisers and activities with the younger students. —**Anaia**



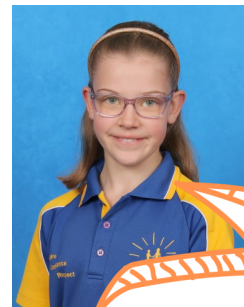
I'm really excited that I'm part of the Harmony Team. I will help raise money for fundraising and Telethon. I love playing with different age groups, especially the little kids, and I'll wear my badge with pride. —**Natalie**



I'm very excited to be part of the Harmony Team. I want to help those with disabilities and problems with the money we collect and my kindness. With the help of all of us we can make a change to everyone. —**Hesara**



I've really wanted to be in the Harmony Team for several years. I want to make the most of my last year in primary school by taking every opportunity. I also want to organise a lot of fun activities. —**Claire**



2024 Library Monitors

Edgewater Primary School is excited to be introducing Library Monitors to our Student Leadership roles in 2024. This year's inspiring team of book lovers consists of Eabha C, Toben D, Kate D, Audrey D and Ayva S. Our Library Monitors will help to ensure the library is a wonderful and welcoming place to visit. Their roles will include running competitions with Miss Butt, organising the library, suggesting new ideas, and promoting a love of reading throughout the Edgewater community.

We look forward to seeing our Library Monitors grow in their roles and develop their leadership skills.

Happy reading!

Emily Butt —Library Officer



Hear from our leaders!

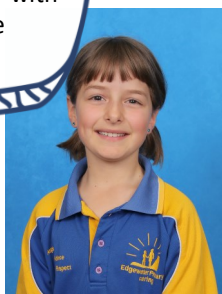
I'm super thrilled to be a Library Monitor and to be working with Miss Butt and getting to organise all the books. I'm also super excited to work with Audrey, Toben, Ayva and Kate.—**Eabha**



I'm so excited to be a Library Monitor because I love books. I want to make the library feel like a place you want to stay in forever (but keep clean). I'll work well with Miss Butt and my colleagues.—**Toben**



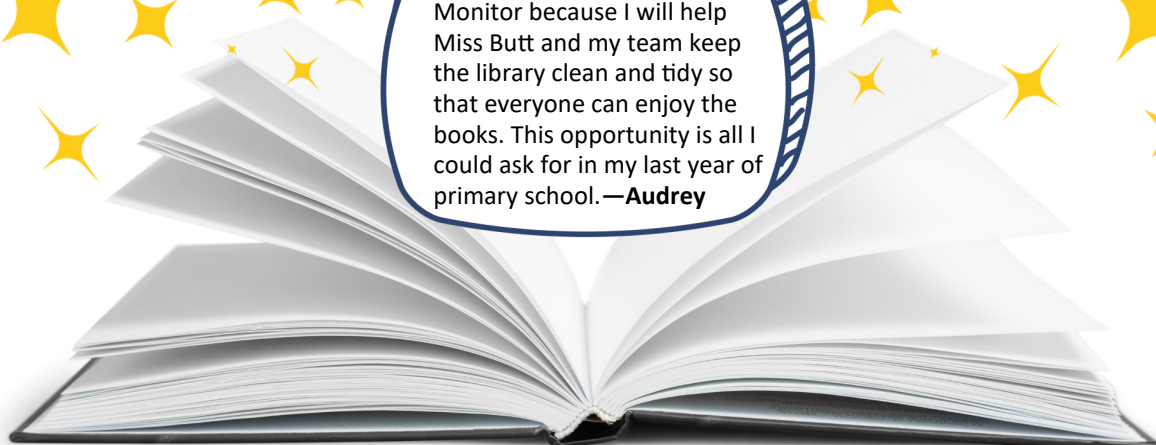
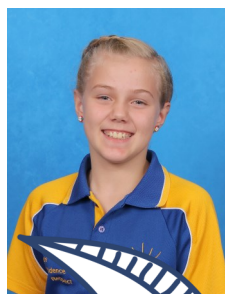
This year I'm super excited about the opportunities that this role might throw at me. I'm excited to work with Miss Butt and help her with all the jobs around the library.—**Kate**



I am really excited to be a Library Monitor because I like organising things so it will be fun to organise all the books. Also I am SO excited to work with Miss Butt and all my fellow Library Monitors.—**Ayva**



I'm excited to be a Library Monitor because I will help Miss Butt and my team keep the library clean and tidy so that everyone can enjoy the books. This opportunity is all I could ask for in my last year of primary school.—**Audrey**



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 23 of February**: P1 Evie C | P2 Ciella A, Ryan K | R2 Evelyn C, Matthew S | R3 Frazer B, Malik H | R4 Owen M, Delilah N | R5 Scarlett B, Lauren D | R8 Alexis B, Lucas P | R11 Dylan C | R12 Judah B, Autumn C | R14 Harley A, Henry H | R15 Riley O, Hayden T | R16 Lorcan F



Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 1 of March**: P2 Ishwa B, Adalee M | R1 Elia B, Asmara A | R2 Emmersyn D, Nevaeh P -T, Luan W | R3 Archie A | R4 Sean C | R5 Jonah H | R6 Cody C, Jacob G, Kate D | R11 Heidi B, Mira B | R12 Riley B, Layla A | R14 Victoria Z, Flynn S | R16 Maggie M, Sullivan H | R17 Aston K, Kade U

Executive Councillor & Choir Assembly

On Friday 23rd February our newly appointed Executive Student Councillors got their first taste of the role when they hosted an assembly for the first time. Unsurprisingly, they did a wonderful job.

We were also treated to an amazing performance by the choir—their first of the year! We're so lucky to have such a fantastic choir at Edgewater Primary School, directed by our music teacher Mr. Hadzic.



Assembly — Room 11, Year 3

The assembly on Friday 1 March was hosted by our Year 3 students from Room 11. Led by Miss Duncan, the Year 3s told the wonderful story of *The Dot*, based on the bestselling picture book by Peter H. Reynolds.

The main character 'Vashti' struggled to believe in herself enough to have a go at art, but her teacher believed in her and said, *"make a mark and see where it takes you"*. Vashti gives it a go and then gets totally captivated by a world of dots!

The story has taught students to have a go, have some fun and see where it takes them. We don't have to be the best at it, we just need to try.

Congratulations to Room 11 and Miss Duncan on a fabulous and entertaining assembly item.



Dots Everywhere!

Miss Duncan continued the themes of creativity and 'having a go' by inviting all students to design their own dots outside the undercover area with coloured chalk at recess. The idea was just to start and see where it took them.

As you can see below, the students created lots of beautiful and vibrant dots. They looked amazing!



Message from the P&C

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to invite you to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P&C committee on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the school library. Whether you're an existing member or new to Edgewater Primary School this year, your presence is highly valued.

The AGM is an essential event where we'll be electing new office bearers for key positions such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three executive members. Additionally, we'll be seeking enthusiastic volunteers to lead our subcommittees, including Fundraising, Graduation, Canteen, Garden/Nature Play, and our fathering group.

Since 2015, the P&C has been instrumental in enhancing our school environment, providing close to \$200,000 worth of equipment through fundraising efforts, community grants, and family contributions. Recent contributions include playground improvements, technology upgrades, support for classroom activities, and enhancements to our canteen.

Speaking of the canteen, did you know that it's managed by the P&C? All proceeds from the canteen go directly back to supporting our school community, including canteen staff employment, canteen equipment upgrades, and additional stock purchases.

After over 5.5 years of service as President, I will sadly be stepping down due to my daughter finishing up in year 6 this year. However, I'll continue to support the P&C as Vice President, ensuring a smooth transition for the new President, providing ongoing support and mentorship throughout the year.

Additionally, we're also in search of a new Treasurer to replace Monica, who graciously served in the role last year. Although Monica won't be able to continue in her full capacity as Treasurer due to new commitments, she'll be available to lend her support to the incoming Treasurer. For further information on what the main office bearers do, please see the info graphic attached. Your involvement in filling these positions is vital. Without a full executive team, the P&C may be at risk of folding, along with essential services like the canteen.

Membership of the P&C is just 50 cents, granting you the opportunity to vote on key matters. However, non-members are also welcome to attend and contribute to our discussions. Our meetings are held twice a term in weeks 3 and 7 and typically last for about an hour.

Curious about what we do? Join us at the AGM to learn more, and perhaps even consider becoming a member or nominating yourself for an office bearer position. Once you're a member there's no obligation to attend all meetings – but the more, the merrier!

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM, where we can collectively help shape the future of Edgewater Primary School.

Jason Beltran
P&C President

President@edgewaterpandc.com

EPS P&C ASSOCIATION
OFFICE BEARERS
WHAT WE DO

 <p>PRESIDENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Runs meetings• Liaison between parents and the School• Upholds P&C Constitution & educates members• Resolves any conflicts• Signatory on financial transactions	 <p>VICE PRESIDENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Runs meetings when President is unavailable• Liaison between P&C and WACSSO• Support and back up President responsibilities
 <p>TREASURER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keeps track of finances• Deposits cash & processes funds from events• Pays bills from suppliers• Presents financial reports at meetings• Liaises with auditor annually	 <p>SECRETARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compiles agendas & minutes of meetings• Maintains all P&C records (other than financial records) and the member registry• Schedules & advertises meetings• Creates templates and forms• Monitors emails and other correspondence

Chaplain's Chat

Understanding and supporting your child through their anxiety:

Anxiety is a feeling of worry, fear, or unease. It can be experienced through thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations in our bodies such as shaking and sweating. It is normal for us to feel worried from time to time, however sometimes our anxiety can become a problem when it becomes very overwhelming for the child and when it affects their daily life and limits the things that they are able to do.

There are many different things that cause a child to feel anxious. Some of them are:

- Having difficulty in school performance
- Being surrounded by others who are highly anxious
- Going through a significant life change
- Experiencing family stress
- Experiencing friendship problems

Anxiety can be seen through physical signs, a student's thought patterns, their feelings and certain behaviours and coping mechanisms that they choose. It is important to address these things with your child when they become evident, especially when it impacts their participation in daily activities.

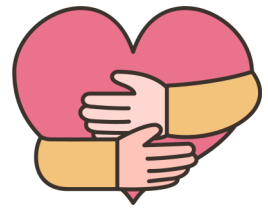
Some ways to help your child would be to help them come up with effective coping strategies, talk to them about it, give them reassurance and talk about safe people that they can go to when they feel anxious.

Here are some resources that you can use at home to help support your child through their Anxiety:

[My Worry Monster](#) — A fun and simple craft to help ease a child's anxiety. Children make their Worry Monster and write their worries onto biscuits that they can 'feed' the Worry Monster.

[How to Help Children Who are Anxious](#) — Practical advice for parents on how to build emotional resilience in young children aged 3—8 who are experiencing anxiety (The Do's and Don'ts).

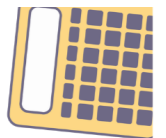
Michelle Kipps
School Chaplain



Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have made personal achievements in Mathematics!

R1 Bocheng Y, Viya C | R2 Isaac B, Luke P | R4 Sean C, Harteg D, Lily G-C | R5 Scarlett B, Claire W | R11 Shreshta B, Alistair L | R14 Tobias G, Annabel C, Marley H | R16 Cooper S, Rory E | R17 Luke H, Coby B.



Bushfire Season

Autumn is here – Bunuru!

However, the outlook for the bushfire season predicts **more** hot, dry and windy conditions over the next 3 months. Please take the necessary steps to protect your property from fire and monitor

www.emergency.wa.gov.au



Canteen News

We strive to have a healthy menu in the EPS Canteen, as we are firm believers in the old adage of “healthy body, healthy mind”. All of our tray meals are prepared and cooked in the Canteen and are filled with fresh ingredients and hidden vegetables, some of the which are grown in our school community garden (thank you Sustainability Committee). There are no nasty additives and preservatives in our meals.

In addition to veggies, we also advocate servings of fruit to keep our students healthy. Fruit cups and melon slices are available for purchase at recess and it warms our hearts to see that children will often choose these as a snack over a cookie! Did you know:

- **Red fruits** (strawberries and raspberries) help keep your heart strong;
- **Orange fruits** (oranges and mangoes) help keep your eyes healthy;
- **Yellow fruits** (bananas) help prevent you from getting sick;
- **Green fruits** (apples and avocados [yes - avos are regarded as fruits]) help keep your bones and teeth strong;
- **Blue and purple fruits** (blueberries and grapes) help your memory.



Make sure your kids eat a ‘rainbow’ of fruits to ensure healthy little bodies and minds.

Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne
Canteen Managers

Soar With Us

SCAN TO REGISTER



WEST PERTH DISTRICT CLUB OF THE YEAR



2021 & 2022



AUSKICK 2024

REGISTER NOW

SEASON: Saturday April 27 - Saturday August 24
SESSIONS: 9:15am - 10:30am Saturdays at Emerald Park
COST: \$188/Season (Inc. AFL Participants Pack)
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