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November

Mon 2	◆ P&C Meeting 7pm
Tue 3	◆ Student Leaders Parliament House Lunch
Wed 4	◆ Kindy Sports Day ◆ Y7 2021 Belridge Transition Program
Thu 5	◆ Constable Care Incursion (no charge)
Fri 6	◆ R17 Assembly
Mon 9	◆ School Development Day—Students Do Not Attend
Wed 11	◆ Rhymetime/ Storytime 9-9.30am
Fri 13	◆ Lapathon ◆ Y5 Telethon Kids Institute Excursion
Sat 14	◆ Edgemen Event: ERN Halliday Sport Day Hillarys
Wed 18	◆ Final 2020 Rhymetime/ Storytime 9-9.30am
Thu 19	◆ Twilight Concert
Fri 20	◆ R2 Assembly

From the Principal

We've had an amazing first three weeks of Term 4 for students, staff and parents. **The Book Week Parade** delighted the whole community. The choir, under the guidance of Mr Hadzic, touched our hearts and lifted our spirits with their voices as we travelled back in time to their rendition of songs from *The Sound of Music*. Thank you to parents who took the opportunity to attend **Open Night** and reconnect with teachers whilst your children shared their classroom learning with you. Winning the **interschool cross country** shield took us all by surprise. To celebrate, Mrs Farinosi and the team were greeted by cheering children at the front fence on their return.

Planning is under way for next year. Our 2021 Kindergarten children have been allocated groups and Mrs Rose and Mrs Norris are preparing to welcome new families.

The opportunity for parents to make written placement requests needs to be submitted by **Friday 20 November**. Requests will be considered and accommodated where possible but not guaranteed. Parent classroom placement requests must be made in writing. Requests considered are based on family issues such as twin placement, cousins not in same room etc. Requests for certain specific teachers are not considered. Please do not assume requests from previous years will be remembered.

Currently the school has a recruitment process in place which will not be completed until the end of November. Therefore classroom teacher placement will not be finalised until near the end of Term 4. There will be a number of changes, so I ask that you respect this process by not asking teachers what year level they will be teaching in 2021.

Come along to the **P&C on Monday 2 November**. At the last meeting Miss Smith presented our Four Year ICT Plan. To start the plan, the school has submitted a request for shared funding of iPads. The school also has the opportunity to provide feedback on the Preferred Draft Concept Plan for the Edgewater Quarry.

Today we celebrate **World Teachers' Day**. In today's complex world we appreciate all that our teachers contribute to the learning and wellbeing of all Edgewater Primary School students. "The influence of teachers extends beyond the classroom, well into the future". — *F Sionil Jose*

Kim Perkins

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 25

September: R1 Alex F, Ashton B, Tye K | R2 Aksara C, Tyson C | R3 Casey G, Brax D | R4 Charlie H, Parin S | R5 Amelie T, Hannah W | R7 Baran K, Cameron D, Darcy J | R12 Karl W, Kate D | R16 Emma-Lia W, Isla S | R17 Elise W | SCIENCE Aerin G

Also, congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 23 October: R1 Tamzin W | R2 Oliver N, Riley F | R3 Evelyn C, Teagan S | R4 Harlow Y | Y5 Elise R, Lily C | R7 Adam S, Chloe C, Grace C, Devon C | R11 Levi B, Kaela F | R12 Audrey D, Kate D | R17 Lucas H



September Aussie of the Month

The Year 3 Aussie of the Month award for September 2020 goes to Alexis Payne. Alexis is a very deserving winner of the Aussie of the Month award as she possesses all of the qualities that make her an excellent student. She is a kind and caring Year 3 student who is always supportive and thoughtful towards her classmates and friends. Alexis displays maturity and responsibility at all times and by doing this, has become a role model for those around her. She consistently works to the best of her ability and is always completing work to a fantastic standard. Alexis puts in an incredible amount of effort on a daily basis, resulting in excellent achievements this year. Her overall attitude towards school and her peers is one to be commended.

Alexis is a well-liked member of Edgewater Primary School by both staff and students. She is a very reliable student who constantly goes out of her way to help all of her peers.

Alexis possesses many great qualities, including respect towards her teachers, resiliency when faced with challenges, and an appetite for hard work. On top of this, her bright and bubbly nature is something to be admired.

For all of these reasons, Alexis is a very deserving recipient of this Aussie of the Month award and she should be very proud of this achievement. Congratulations Alexis.



October Aussie of the Month

Dakota is a most worthy winner of the Year 6 Aussie of the Month Award.

Dakota consistently displays a mature manner and a high level of behaviour. He has a wonderful work ethic, striving to do his best and always keen to learn and develop. This year Dakota was elected into a leadership position because he is highly respected by his peers and all of the staff.

He carries out his duties reliably and always with initiative and a degree of personal flair. It is a pleasure to have Dakota at Edgewater Primary School and he has set himself to achieve success at secondary level.

It is with great pleasure to award Dakota with the Aussie of the Month Award.



Open Night

Wednesday 21 October was our annual Open Night where students excitedly explained their wonderful workbooks to parents and carers. Commencing with a Book Fair and followed by our amazing school choir of students from Year 2 to 6 who performed an outstanding medley of well-known songs.



Book Week

We celebrated Book Week in style this year by dressing up as our favourite storybook character on Friday 16 October.

The whole school gathered on the oval in the morning and class by class paraded our wonderful characters. Our teachers and office staff also joined in the fun by having people think really hard about what character they were.



School Development Day

Monday 9 November

Students Do Not Attend

Interschool Cross Country

Last Thursday, the best of the best of Edgewater Primary's long-distance runners competed at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival at Penistone Park. Seven schools participated.

There were six races: Year 1/2 Girls and Boys Beginner Course (600m); Year 3/4 Girls and Boys Intermediate Course (1200m) and the Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Senior Course (2000m).

It was really fun and everyone had a good time, especially in the end when we were announced as the Overall winners! We won by over 50 points too! We were all very excited and proud of ourselves because we trained really hard for over 10 weeks and we did so well on the day.

When we got back to school, we got a big surprise welcome by the whole school. We felt like celebrities. We are so proud of Edgewater and well done to everyone that was there!

Abbie B and Cameron B (Y6).

A special mention and congratulations goes to our placegetters:

Elara B (Year 2) - 4th place

Jacob G (Year 2) - 1st place and Year 1/2 Champion Boy

Cameron B (Year 6) - 1st place and Year 5/6 Champion Girl



Assembly—Year 2/3 Room 16

With Week 10 being Bushfire Awareness Week, Room 16 hosted the assembly with the focus on bushfire awareness and fire safety. Students retold the true story of Tippy and Jellybean, as well as, sharing some ways to ensure your home is fire safe.



Assembly—Year 6 Room 5

Our assembly on Friday 23 October was a performance of our primary school memories from over the years. The main idea came around Week 4 of Term 3 when we were told to write a memory of each year. Mr Butt collected the best and then a few weeks later he presented the script. We were put into groups of five, each representing a year level. Then we all chose our colours which resulted in a battle for the colours: PP-light blue, Y1-dark blue, Y2-orange, Y3-yellow, Y4-red, Y5-green, Y6-black and white. Each person from a group recited a specific memory and performed a fun dance to a song. It ended up being really fun and we can say that Room 5 were glad to have Mr Butt as our director/teacher!

Jorja A and Cameron B



Waste Wise Audit

Our school is on an exciting journey to becoming an accredited Waste Wise school. This week Rosie from the Waste Wise Schools Program came to help Ms Dunn's Year 3 class conduct a waste audit for our school. The class collected all rubbish bins after recess to assess how much rubbish was thrown out. The results were very interesting and will help us to put a waste wise plan together for our school.

Stay tuned for the results of the audit and our plan for moving forward into a more sustainable school.

Di Sanders—Chaplain



World Teachers' Day

Today we celebrated World Teachers' Day and said thank you to all our amazing teachers!

In what has been an unprecedented year, our teachers, school leaders, and wider school support staff, have all continued to show their professionalism and resilience, striving every day to do their best for our students. By commemorating World Teachers' Day across all school communities we have the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful work of all teachers across our state.

This year we are celebrating the many diverse faces of teaching. Each individual's passion for teaching and dedication to our students is what makes our world-class education system what it is today.



From The School Board

On Monday night the School Board held its annual Open Meeting. After a review of the current Business Plan, and a report from the Chairperson, Kylie McClerie facilitated a productive workshop to obtain parent and teacher ideas for the school 2021-2023 Business Plan. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Rebecca Wright—School Board Chair

Book Fair

As a result of the huge support shown by the School Community during the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Library on 21 October during Open Night, a total revenue of \$4,802.95 was received.

As a result of this record achievement, the school library earned \$961.00 in cash commission which will go a long way towards purchasing new resources for teacher and student use.

We would like to thank everybody who purchased items during the Book Fair. This is a major fundraising event for the school library and to have achieved this great result is a credit to students, parents, carers and friends.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Ms Farinosi and Mrs Latham for their fantastic assistance on the night.

Many thanks, and happy reading!

Dearma Sandercott



Whadjuk Gift Excursion

On Tuesday 27 October the Year 5 students visited Mater Dei College to participate in the annual 'Whadjuk Gift'. Our students joined Year 5 students from five other primary schools. The day was an opportunity to engage in activities that developed student understanding and knowledge about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture; and then participate in a variety of round-robin games that were based on traditional Aboriginal games.



Students from each school were allocated different Aboriginal nations that they were 'representing' on the day, with our students representing the Amangu, Ballardong and Yolngu nations.

The final event was the Whadjuk Gift itself, a running relay involving four representatives from each 'nation'.

The Year 5 students thoroughly enjoyed the day and now get to keep the shirts that they were provided, complete with a design chosen from their own art work from earlier in the year.



Harmony Team Craft

On Thursday 22 October the Harmony Team hosted a Craft lunch for the year ones. We made butterfly fish and people. The students' craft turned out great and the year ones enjoyed themselves.

The Harmony Team



Cyberbullying

On Tuesday 20 October the Year 6 children participated in a cyberbullying presentation given by Bully Zero, a registered educational group. This was a follow up to a presentation for parent and teachers on Wednesday 14 October, which was well attended.

In both presentations, Louise, the presenter and an ex Edgewater student, covered many topics including:

- What cyberbullying is
- Who engages in cyberbullying
- Likely targets for cyberbullying
- How to deal with cyberbullying
- Who you can speak to about cyberbullying

For the parents, Louise covered these aspects, as well as presenting some alarming statistics and signs for parents to look for that may suggest their child needs support.

There was a lot of interest about the information on many of the social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok and Twitter. Many children admitted to having accounts, even though most are for 13+.

At both presentations, parents, teachers and students were highly engaged and the students showed they already had a very good understanding of cyberbullying.

While the parent and teacher session was confronting at times, it provided good information about what to look for and how to support our children in the best possible way.

The student presentation was informative, well-presented and aimed at an appropriate level for our children, and they left with a better understanding of the dangers of CYBERBULLYING.

Here is some of the information and some statistics that were covered at the parent information session.

Blue Light

Sleep disruption – Harvard University studies have found that having an active device in your bedroom overnight can delay your sleep by just over 3 hours. This is because the blue light prevents a chemical in your brain called melatonin from being released – melatonin helps you sleep. Get your sleep! Switch off a device at least 1 – 2 hours before bedtime AND get devices out of the bedroom.

Warning Signs that your child may be the target of cyberbullying

- Hiding devices.
- More secretive about who they are talking to online.
- Striking the computer keys harder than usual.
- Feeling worried, anxious or scared.
- Unexplained headaches & stomach aches.
- Appetite changes.
- Low self-esteem – negative thinking.
- Emotional and mood changes.
- Refusing to go to school or creating excuses to stay at home.
- Spending large portions of time alone and withdrawing from family, friends and social situations.



Statistics

- Studies show that young people aged 13 to 18 spend an average 43.6 hours per week on devices.

Source - Australian Child Health POLL June 2017

- 94% of parents report that their child was using the internet by the age of 4.
- 94% of Australian teenagers, 67% primary school-aged children and 36% of pre-schoolers have their own mobile screen-based device.
- Half of all toddlers and pre-schoolers use screen-based devices on their own without supervision.
- Almost half of all children use devices at bedtime.

Source - eSafety Commissioner & Australian Child Health Poll 2017 RCH

- 74% parents didn't know what their children were doing online.
- 41% never checked children's online activities.
- 50% never logged into their child's (under 16) computer.
- 44% never discussed privacy settings.
- 41% never discussed cyberbullying.
- 35% never discussed online 'stranger danger'.
- 1 in 5 parents were contacted by school about social media posts made by their child.

Source - Norton Survey of Australian Parents 2018

From The Canteen

I'm a little concerned about the growing number of students that have been coming up to the Canteen at lunch time over the last three weeks with nothing to eat. Apparently, they'd been promised a canteen lunch, but then it seems Mum had forgotten to order one. I appreciate that life can be busy at times, and especially so in the mornings when trying to get the little ones ready for school on time, resulting in the occasional lunch order forgotten to be placed. However, I'm sorry to say that a few mums are 'repeat offenders'. Please bear in mind that, where you may have two or three children to feed, the Canteen feeds, on average, 30 children a day and, on a Friday, we usually have 100 plus meals to prepare. The Canteen has had a 'pre-ordered lunch policy' for the last six years. We adopted this policy in an effort to reduce food wastage and to save costs, and, I'm happy to report, we've been very successful in achieving both.

Lunch time is my busiest time of day. It is also the time of day when I'm in the Canteen on my own, as volunteers usually just come in in the morning. The lunch baskets need to be packed up and distributed to the students and the Canteen opened up for over the counter sales. It is very difficult to try and sort out children with no lunch at this busy time. It is also very difficult to look at their very disappointed faces (sometimes there are tears) when they realise mum has forgotten to order lunch and they are offered a vegemite sandwich when they were looking forward to a tray meal, burger, pie, etc.

I am grateful for your support, parents, but kindly remember that I simply fill orders. It is always your responsibility to make sure your child has lunch, whether packed at home or pre-ordered from the Canteen.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager



2020 Safety House WA Art Competition

Well done to the following students from Edgewater Primary School who entered artworks in the 2020 Safety House WA Art Competition. All prize winners were celebrated but also all students who entered the competition were appreciated and received a personal certificate of participation.

KU1B Summer W | R2 Kayla R | R3 Tasmin W | R12 Natalie R | R7 Charlotte C



From Mater Dei College

Is your child currently in Year 4? Mater Dei College will be interviewing Year 7 2023 families in February/March next year. For more information please contact their Enrolments Officer on enrolments@mdc.wa.edu.au or 9405 4777.