Annual School Cross Country

Many of our students have been improving their running skills on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as members of Mr Grey’s Target 200+ Club. These students will be well-prepared for our Annual School Cross Country event that will be held next Tuesday July 26 on the school oval. All parents/carers and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the day. The times are as follows: 9:15-10:30—Year 1 and 2; 11:15 to 12:30—Year 3 and 4; and 1:30-2:45—Year 5 and 6.

New Bench Seating

Our wonderful school gardener, Mr Langley, has just finished erecting some bench seating outside Room 2 for our Junior students to use. Mrs McGrath’s Pre-primary and Year 1 class made good use of the new equipment this week when the Year 1 students read stories to their Pre-primary classmates.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Dominic from Room 11 who was presented with the Year 2 Aussie of the Month award at last term’s assembly by Nevil Hunter from Orbit Home Fitness. Dominic is a kind and trustworthy student who cares about others and is an excellent role model for his peers. Dominic is a valued member of Edgewater Primary School.

The Aussie of the Month Award is proudly sponsored by our P&C Canteen Committee

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly last term: R2 Riley, Chloe | R3 Edward, Joshua | R4 Chloe, Zoe | R7 Ewen, Kate, Joseph | R11 Imogen | R15 Amelie | R16 Charlie
From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3.

STAFF CHANGES
As we embark on the second semester for 2016, I would like to make you aware of some staff changes which occurred over the holidays.

Ms Hill, (Room 16 teacher) has been successful in gaining a teaching position at Kinross Secondary College for the remainder of this year. This is an exciting career opportunity and we wish her all the very best in her endeavours.

Mrs Gwyn Bishop has now joined our staff to work with the students in Room 16 for the remainder of the year. The students and Mrs Bishop are getting to know each other and settling in well together. I’m sure you will all make Mrs Bishop feel very welcome.

Mrs Ann Jones, one of our Library Officers, has taken 12 months leave to travel overseas with her husband. Ms Laura Hart will be filling in for Mrs Jones over the next few weeks while the position is advertised.

SCHOOL BOARD
Following a nomination process last term I am pleased to announce that Mrs Leah Beltran will join the School Board as a parent representative. On behalf of all board members, I would like to congratulate Leah and we look forward to working together to promote our students and school.

NAPLAN
I have been advised that Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Student Reports will soon be arriving. The reports will be sent home to parents via students once the they have been examined for accuracy. We will advise parents of the date once this has been done.

The term ahead will again be a busy one with our first whole school event being the Faction Cross Country next Tuesday.

Good luck to all competitors.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Library Helpers Needed
If you can spare some time to help out in the school library on any day of the week, please contact the office on 9405 4007. Help is needed with covering and shelving books, along with assisting in establishing displays.

Dates For Your Diary

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

Olympic Games

The Olympic Games Opening Ceremony will be held in Rio on Friday August 5. The Student Councillors have decided to have our own Olympic Games Opening Ceremony at a gathering of all students and staff on Friday 5 August in the assembly area.

Students and staff are encouraged to dress up as an athlete and join in the fun. Each class will represent one of the 206 countries competing in 306 events in 42 sports at 37 venues in Brazil and will parade behind their official flag.

Come along to the assembly area at 8:45 on Friday August 5 and be one of the spectators at this wonderful event—a first for Edgewater!

PEAC (Primary Extension and Challenge) Testing

PEAC is a Department of Education part-time withdrawal programme for upper primary school Year 5 and 6 students. Identified students are selected to participate in differentiated courses offered in a range of delivery modes, including on-line. Blanket testing of all public school Year 4 students suitable for the PEAC programme is conducted and then those students in the 99th percentile (currently) are offered places.

Testing of our Year 4 students will occur on Monday August 1. Parents/carers of Year 4 students will be sent more information next week.
Featured Classes—Curtin University Science Excursion

After an early 8am start, fifty nine budding scientists excitedly lined up outside the chemistry building at Curtin University on Friday 1 July waiting to experience chemistry in real-life situations. After a 30-minute introduction to Science and Chemistry, students from Room 8 and Room 9 put on protective aprons, gloves and safety glasses before entering the chemistry laboratory.

Once inside, they were involved in three hands-on activities. Students experienced chromatography by drawing a black felt pen line on chromatography paper, and then placing the end of the paper in water. There were many surprised faces as the colours from the black separated out into different layers.

Students made slime by mixing together several ingredients which turned a thin, coloured liquid into a thick, gooey slime. Body lotion was made by mixing together different ingredients. The more water added to the body lotion, the smoother and bulkier the mixture became. A very small starting amount completely filled a small pot, with lavender or sandalwood oil added to enhance the lotion.

Mrs Baily, Mrs Sugg and Mrs Ingham enjoyed taking both classes on the excursion as it was a delight to see our students engaging with real-life science in a real chemistry laboratory.
P&C Fundraising Committee

Finding Dory—The P&C would like to thank families and their friends for supporting this highly successful fundraising venture. We hope you all enjoyed the movie as much as we did, along with the discounted choc bombs and fabulous raffle prizes! A very special thank you to Jan Norberger for once again showing his support of our school and helping to draw the raffle.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle—We would also like to thank you for your support in buying a sausage/coffee on the day of the elections and to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those that volunteered their time to help person the barbecue—without you it is hard to make events like this happen.

From the Manager Corporate Services

Officemax are again our suppliers for the personal items list [booklist] for 2017. I have four $50 vouchers from them that can be used when purchasing personal items lists next year. These will be given to four lucky families who purchased from Officemax this year. The draw will occur next week and families will be notified.

There are still four $50 Bunnings Vouchers to be won for full payment of School Contributions for 2016 which will be drawn in Term 4. All parents/carers are encouraged to pay their school contributions in full. Thank you to those families who have already made the payment for 2016.

Kathy Dean

Canteen News

Our pizza meal deal on the last day of Term 2 was met with an overwhelming response. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. The students really enjoyed their Dominos pizzas and it was a lovely treat to end off the term and start the holidays.

A big thank you to Lucia, Colin and Dot who volunteered to help pack up the many slices of pizzas, and Lee, Louise and Liane, my wonderful canteen committee, on whose support I can always rely. Special thanks to Glenn and Sarah Wood for donating the pizza boxes. Students were thrilled to get their pizza slices in the little boxes instead of the usual lunch bags.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

From The Chaplain

Welcome back to school. I was a bit sad on Sunday to be coming back to school, but now that I am here and into the routine, I love being back. I missed all the wonderful students as they keep me young!!

I started BUZ Friends this week with some students, and thought I would explain what it is. The focus of the BUZ Friends program is to develop social skills, especially ones that enable children to instigate, build and maintain successful friendships, as well as the ability to cooperate with others in the classroom and playground. This first week we looked at:

SELF CONCEPT AND SELF RESPECT
• Recognise and appreciate your strengths and those of others in the group, helping with a positive self image.
• Recognise that we are all special and different in our own way and focus on your strengths
• Identify your strengths and the activities and interests that you enjoy.

If you would like to have a look at the website follow the link below.
http://www.buildupzone.com/#/buz-friends-program/c1gox

Lisa Ingham