



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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11 Dec	◆ Y6 Graduation & Dinner Dance
12 Dec	◆ Last Day Term 4 Y6 Fun Day & Farewell Assembly
5 Feb	◆ First Day Term 1
10 Feb	Canteen open

From the Principal

Semester 2 reports went out this week which marked the end of a years' worth of learning. We are extremely proud of all the children for the effort and persistence they have put into achieving their academic and non-academic goals.

The parent information session for **2025 Kindergarten** children held this week marked the completion of Kindy Fun sessions and Orientations, as Mrs Pannell and Mrs Varsani ready parents and children for their primary school journey at Edgewater Primary School.

Next week we say goodbye to 25 families as their Year 6 children leave primary schooling. We wish our **Year 6 graduates** all the best as they begin their secondary schooling. We also say goodbye, and send good wishes, to families heading interstate, to country locations and other neighbourhoods.

Succession planning for the School Board and Parent and Citizens Association has been in place as outgoing members leave at the end of the year. Rebecca Wright, School Board Chairperson, Jason Beltran, P&C President (Vice 2024), Phil Dawson and Claire Nicholls and P&C active members, were farewelled at end of term meetings. I would like to acknowledge and thank these amazing individuals who have consistently contributed above the expected to ensure together we provide an optimal learning environment for the children at Edgewater Primary School.

This year we have a number of staff leaving.

Miss Caitlin Dawson will be teaching at Landsdale PS in 2025. Caitlin came to Edgewater PS as a graduate teacher. I thank her for two wonderful years teaching a Pre-primary and Year 1 classes.

Thank you to **Lauren Egan** who supported the Year 4 program this year.

We wish **Mrs Forsythe** all the best as she retires after 38 years' service to public education across a number of schools.

Respected and valued staff member **Terry Butt** is retiring after a 42-year career in education in both teaching and leadership positions. His teaching is legendary, and we will miss the support that he provides to all students and staff across the school.

We are very proud of Chaplain **Michelle Kipps**, who completed her university degree. However, this means she is leaving us to take up a position at the Department of Communities. We thank Michelle for the care she has shown the community in looking after their wellbeing.

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This week we welcomed **Diana Bruce**, who is taking over the role of Manager of Corporate Services as Mrs **Kristy Graindorge** returns to the private sector in 2025.

I will be handing the leadership of the school to **Amanda Kelley** as I take 6 months leave. I encourage you to support Ms Kelley as she continues to drive the school improvement agenda which is outlined in the School Business Plan 2024-2026.

Some of the highlights this year, apart from the amazing classroom teaching programs, include:

- ♦ Revival of a Dad's group- Dad's Squad
- ♦ Participation in Interschool Sporting Competitions (tennis new in 2024)
- ♦ Winning the Interschool Cross Country competition
- ♦ Edu-Dance Concerts
- ♦ WA Massed Schools Choir
- ♦ Twilight Concert
- ♦ Bush Tucker garden incursion and additional plantings
- ♦ Incursions, excursions and Year 6 camp
- ♦ Book and Science Week celebrations
- ♦ Completion of painting and labelling of school building doors.
- ♦ Room 3 and 4 classroom furniture refurbishments
- ♦ New solar panels

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday break.

Our School Office re-opens
Wednesday, 29 January 2025



Aussie of the Month

Billie has been chosen as the Kindy Aussie of the Month for 2024 as she represents our school's values of aspiration, confidence and respect.

Billie loves to learn and always puts her best efforts into completing tasks and participating enthusiastically in all learning experiences. She shows persistence and resilience when faced with challenges and is always prepared to have a go at something new.

Billie displays maturity, thoughtfulness and compassion when interacting with others. Her beaming smile brightens our day and her sweet nature endears her to everyone.

Billie is a delight to have in our classroom and a very deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month award.

Congratulations Billie!



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assemblies on ;

Friday, 15 November 2024: PP1 Alice H-S, Jasper W | R2 Chloe S, Riley F | R3 The class, Isabella J, Malik H Isabelle W | R8 Hunter N, Parin S, Lacey G, Orlando N | R11 Toby J, Lilly H | R12 Willow H | R15 Aarav S, Alfie T, Max M | R16 Mahan K, Cooper S | R17 Connor B.

Friday, 6 December 2024: R2 Charlie C, Harper L, Joe T | R15 Cooper R, Teddy L | R16 Lily H-J | R17 James B, Lachlan P, Jack F and Makayla C.



PP1 Assembly

As hosts of the Assembly on Friday 15 November, Pre-Primary 1 students left us with the message to be thankful and grateful for what we have.

We were thankful for the wonderful singing and a peek into their grateful lives through a video that they had prepared.

The assembly ended with the whole school joining in and dancing to the very infectious Danny Go Song, Bouncing Time.



2024 In-Term Swimming Lessons —Lost Property

On Friday, 29 November we concluded 10 days of swimming instruction at Aquamotion Wanneroo and Mullaloo Beach.

Student behaviour and application to the lessons was exemplary. Well done everyone!

All lost property has been placed outside of the library.

P&C News

At our last P&C meeting of the year we acknowledged four long-standing P&C members who, with their youngest children's graduations next week, will leave EPS this year. These four people have volunteered more hours than you can imagine on sausage sizzles, organising events, managing finances, legal compliance, and considering how best as parents they could support the school to make the primary school experience of all children who have, or will pass through, EPS the best that it can be.

To Jason Beltran (P&C President, 2018-2023 & VP 2024), Phil Dawson (founder of the Edgemen Fathering Group and P&C Vice President 2018-2021), Claire Nichols (P&C member 2013-2024 & Fundraising aficionado) and Rebecca Wright (P&C member 2015-2024 and School Board Chair 2019-2024) we offer our heartfelt thanks for sharing your time, skills and energy for all these years.

Of course, the departure of these stalwart volunteers leaves a big gap in the capacity of the P&C going into 2025. If you have ever wondered how you can get involved, volunteering with the P&C is a great way to make a contribution to the school, meet parents from across all year groups and have a bit of fun along the way too. We'd love to see you at our first meeting next year on **Wednesday 19 February 2025**. Please save the following dates too – **Friday 21 February 2025** for our annual Welcome Back family picnic, and **Saturday 8 March 2025** to help out on the polling booth sausage sizzle.

We'd also like to thank everyone who has donated to the canteen fridge fund too. We will be able to purchase a new fridge for the beginning of 2025 thanks to your generosity. Finally, we'd also like to publicly acknowledge and thank all the donors to our Quiz Night earlier this term. A full list is included at the end of the newsletter. Perhaps you can support them over the holiday period.

Wishing all EPS families a very safe and happy summer holidays. And to all our graduating Year 6 families, all the best for the next chapter.

Samantha Blake
P&C President



Canteen News

Due to class parties, graduation and maintenance, the Canteen will not be open in Week 10. Our last operational day is **Friday 6 December 2024** and we'll be closed until **Monday 10 February 2025** (Week 2 of the new school year).

Thank you for all your support this year. We wish everyone a happy holiday.

Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne
Canteen Managers



Twilight Concert

On Thursday 21 November we held our annual Twilight Concert. Students showcased their musical talents with xylophones, recorders, guitars, clarinets, talent show acts and a beautiful performance from our EPS Choir. Students had a great time and displayed a lot of confidence and talent performing in front of a large crowd. Thank you to the families who came to watch and support.



Kindergarten Assembly

On Friday 6 December, the Kindies presented their Christmas assembly item. The children's costumes were amazing and their singing and dancing full of joy and energy. A delightful uplifting presentation all round!



2025 Kindergarten Information Session

This session for parents/carers of students commencing in 2025, was held in the library, on Wednesday morning 4 December 2024. With over 30 people attending, they heard about the School Board from the Chairperson Rebecca Wright, the P&C from the president Samantha Blake, and information from the school community nurse regarding physical and developmental stages that Kindergarten students pass through.

Our Kindergarten teacher Mrs Shelley Pannell, concluded the session with a nuts and bolts presentation about the Learning Programme and essential information, like Kindergarten times, days of attendance and what food to pack for each session. We look forward to welcoming our new families in 2025.



2025 Booklists and Contributions and Charges

The following documents have been sent home with students and are uploaded to our website [Edgewater Primary School](#) for your consideration.

[2025 Contribution and Charges](#) [2025 Booklists](#) [2024/2025 Uniform Price List and Order Form](#)

Stationery Donations

Our art room are collecting all unwanted stationery for use in the school in 2025. There are boxes labelled around the school and one in the front office if you have items that you would like to donate. Thank you.



Chaplain's Chat

Hello everyone! This year has been such an amazing and big year for everyone. I want to congratulate all the Year 6 students for making it to the end of primary school.

I hope that you have an amazing holiday and good luck to our Year 6 students for high school next year. I also want to congratulate all the students who made it to the end of the school year, and their families for supporting them through it.

With such a big year that we had, we may feel super-exhausted and overwhelmed with how fast the end of year is approaching, so I want to remind you to take this time during the holidays to refresh and relax. The holidays and Christmas are such an exciting time that you can spend with family and friends. Remember to slow down and embrace these exciting times of festivities and enjoy making new memories. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!

Michelle Kipps
Chaplain



School Board News

We recently had our last meeting of the year. At the meeting we reviewed the school budget, and noted that the school is on track for spending in 2024. Kim Perkins and I both gave a year in review report, and I notified the Board of my intention to resign as Chairperson at the end of the year.

I would like to thank the Board and Kim for their support, encouragement, commitment and contributions over the years. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the parents and carers for their support and encouragement during my time on the Board. Grant Moriarty has successfully been nominated as the new Chairperson, and I wish the Board all the best for the future.

I hope all the families, teachers and staff have a wonderful, relaxing, safe and festive Christmas holiday.

Rebecca Wright
School Board Chairperson

Bushfire Awareness

Birak is here! The season of heat, dry fuel and fires. Keep your family and property safe by following the guidelines on www.emergency.wa.gov.au



Children's University Graduation

Feeling both nervous and excited, 15 Edgewater Primary School students graduated from the Children's University program on Tuesday 26 November at ECU. The students waited patiently in their cap and gown for their name to be called out to receive their certificate from the Vice Chancellor.

It was a very proud moment for both students and family members alike.

We look forward to this year's students returning, and new students joining the program in 2025.



Sports News

Run Club Awards

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100+ laps at Run Club in our final weeks: Millie BS, Ollie S, Maggie M, Dominic S, Hudson D, Dylan C, Owen W, and Isabella J. A fantastic effort by all!

A special congratulations to 2 of our runners: Jacob G and Bruce C who both achieved 200+ laps in our final week of Run Club. Both Jacob and Bruce showed incredible grit, determination and outstanding sportsmanship to not only reach their goals, but to encourage each other along the way. We are very proud of their consistent efforts at Run Club.

Run Club Leader Awards

The following students ran the most laps in their year groups at Run Club this year. A big congratulations to:

Kindy: Kit W 78 laps | **PP:** Evie C 86 laps | **Yr 1:** Amada S 128 lap | **Yr 2: Bruce C 200 laps** | **Yr 3:** Harley A 178 laps | **Yr 4** Kesh S 171 laps | **Yr 5** Mason C 122 laps | **Yr 6** Jacob G 206 laps.



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Enter 'schools.compass.education' in a web browser for desktop **computers**.

To **login** to Compass use the username and temporary password provided by your school.

Get started with Compass

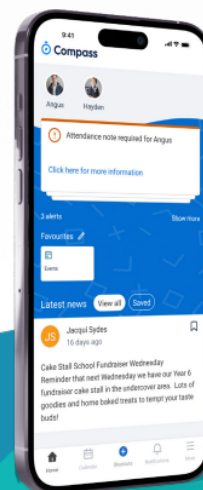
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Connect to your school's Compass portal and stay updated with your child's progress and important school news.



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What's in the Compass parent portal?

Your child's profile

- View attendance and behaviour/ wellbeing records
- Email your child's teachers
- Submit absent or late notes

Important reminders

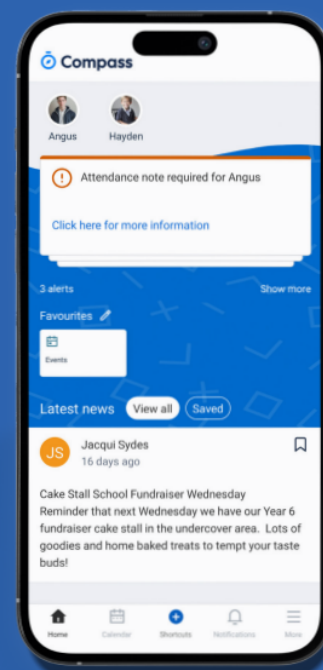
- For attendance notes
- Consent for excursions

Latest school news

- Receive news updates relevant to you, such as newsletters or details of upcoming events

Calendar

- View your child's upcoming excursions and school events



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The Kaartdijin Solution for parents/guardians allows schools to invite parents/guardians to connect with them online through their Compass parent portal.

All 2024 school photos are currently still available to purchase, but they will be removed from the Kapture Photography website at the end of Term 4 in readiness for next year.

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Edgewater PS Quiz Night 2024

Thank you to all the following local businesses and individuals who supported the Edgewater PS Quiz Night with their generous donations. (Listed in alphabetical order).

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Kapture Photography
Lisa Freeth Designs
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MTM Physiotherapy
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