Transforming Our School Grounds

Bunnings, in conjunction with Plant Ark, came into our school to talk to the senior students about the benefits of trees and plants to our environment, and with the students’ assistance, planted out sections of our grounds. As a school community we are very grateful to Bunnings and Planet Ark for this wonderful donation and contribution to our school for National Tree Day.
Principals Comment

Another two weeks have flown past since our last newsletter.

You will see from our newsletter features that we have been celebrating the fabulous talent of our students, as well as the wonderful generosity of our school community. A very special thanks to Bunnings for the work they have done in our school grounds.

In our next newsletter we will be including a link to the new National Schools Opinion Survey for parents to complete online. The survey seeks to gain feedback from parents, students and staff. Both National and State Education Ministers have agreed that all Australian schools will participate in this survey and each has prescribed questions within the survey. In addition, the Edgewater Primary School Council has included further questions. Your response to these will guide our future strategic planning. We would appreciate you completing the survey online within the specified timeframe. If you would prefer a paper copy, one can be collected from the school office.

Finally, if you have been keeping an eye on the coming events calendar, you will note that next week is Book Week. We have planned a Story Keeper Incursion for the students to enjoy, as well as, a dress up parade. The parade will be held on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August, in the undercover area, commencing at 8.50pm. If you would like to join in the fun we would love to see you there.

Julie Tombs
Principal

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Our Website
An analysis of visitors to our website indicate over a thousand visits a month which is very high. It is in line with our policy of making the website our ‘one-stop-place’ for accurate and timely information for our education community.

School APP
In order to remain abreast of new technology, we are hoping to have a school APP available for download to smartphones/mobiles this November.

Website Mobile Friendly
Our website uses the latest technology and is optimized for smart phone/mobile phone use. So that you can access the website on the go, why not consider adding a shortcut to our website to your phones’ home screen.
Instructions for doing this on iPhone or android are on the Home Page of our website.

School website:
www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au

Edge Factor X Talent Contest

Congratulations to the winners -
First: Flippity Flipsters
Second: Katie & The Girls
Third: The SWATS

Last Friday 8 August a number of students from our school performed in front of the whole school in the Edge Factor X Talent Contest. These students put on a wonderful show and the judges were very impressed with all of the entrants. The Talent contest was organised by the Prefects

2014 School Terms
Term 3 - Monday 21 July  Friday 26 Sept
Term 4 - Monday 13 Oct  Thursday 18 Dec

2014 Professional Development Days
Term 3  Monday  4 August
Term 4  Monday  27 October
There are a number of families who still need to pay their child’s voluntary contributions for this year. If this is you, please make arrangements for payment as soon as possible. I am still looking for donations so that we can hold another raffle at the end of the year. If you wish to donate either a Cole’s or Bunning’s card, it would be much appreciated. I have one Bunning’s voucher a big thank you to the person who donated it, you know who you are. :) Are you time poor? Here are something’s that might help you, check out our website you can update your child’s details and if your child is sick then you can let us know via the website as well. If you have to take your child for an appointment before school they will give you a note to bring to school. This will save you having to park the car come into the office write out the note then take your child to class. This 10 minutes you save is valuable learning time for your child. Running late for various reasons then a note from home will also do it does not need to be the form from the office.

Kathy Dean - Registrar

The Impact Of Persistent Absences
Regular attendance is a learned behaviour. Children learn from an early age that punctuality and ‘showing up’ are expectations that people have of us in various social circumstances. When children engage in activities outside of school such as sport, employment, or even going to the movies, arriving home on time is regarded as essential. Attendance patterns are established in the early years of school. Disparities in attendance rates are carried into, and become wider, in secondary school. These patterns are evident in the early years of schooling and are established or set by Year 3. Many parents hold the belief that children will not be adversely affected by missing school. Parents would benefit from understanding what normal attendance looks like and to hear the consistent message that every day their child misses school will have consequences for their learning and achievement. Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

School Car Parks
The use of these car parks by people other than school staff, has now reached a level where we have safety concerns. Your adherence to the following would be appreciated.

Kestrell Mews Car Park
Some parents/carers are using this car park to drop off or pick up students. Not only that; some are using the Disabled car parking space.

Treetop Avenue Car Park
This car park is being used by several parents/carers as a drive through to change direction on Treetop Avenue - some people are also driving in, reversing back on to Treetop Avenue, and driving back up the hill. Others are driving into the car park to drop off students, and in the process, block the access of staff. Students are not permitted in either car park.