



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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♦ Y6 Dinner Dance

Thu 15 ♦ Last Day of Term 4
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Thu 26 ♦ Australia Day Public Holiday

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Wed 1 ♦ First Day of Term 1 for students

Wed 8 ♦ EDU Dance Lessons PP-Y5

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From the Principal

In week 8 we welcomed our new **2023 Kindergarten students and families**. It was a reminder that we have so much to look forward to as we educate these future citizens of the world. At present they represent curiosity and wonderment at the big world and it is our joint responsibility to build a safe and secure learning environment at Edgewater Primary School to foster their strengths and support their development.

With the three-year pandemic almost behind us we can be proud of facing the challenges of 2022 with a "can do" attitude. The **School Board and P&C members** have been amazing in their understanding and support of the school this year. A huge thankyou to all, but especially to Anita Walczak (Treasurer) and Laura Hart for their years of service to the school community.

Some of the highlights this year have included:

- ♦ Edu-Dance Concerts
- ♦ Peace Pole
- ♦ Year 1/2 playground upgrade-nature and swings
- ♦ 100% uptake in Year 4 BYOD iPad program
- ♦ New initiative: Telethon Ambassadors-presenting raised money on TV at Telethon
- ♦ New Initiative: Sustainability Staff Leader and Student Team-events such as walk to school and waste free lunches
- ♦ Grants: Native and Vegetable garden, Solar Panels and Furniture
- ♦ Winning JLC Science competition shield
- ♦ Winning the Interschool Cross Country shield
- ♦ WA Massed Schools Choir
- ♦ Twilight Concert

This newsletter **Parent TV** focuses on information for parents with students transitioning to high school and we decided on a soft launch in this newsletter. The special report is labelled STARTING YEAR 7.

We say goodbye to 28 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, country locations and to other neighbourhoods.

A huge thank you to all staff at Edgewater for their commitment to students and families in a most challenging year for all.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the 2023 school year as we celebrate the schools 40 year anniversary.

Kim Perkins

School Office Re-opens

Wednesday

25 January 2023

In this edition of SchoolTV— SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages.

These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

In this edition of [SchoolTV](https://edgewaterps.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions), parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

Here is the link to the [School Transitions](https://edgewaterps.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions) edition of SchoolTV.

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Aussie of the Month

Finley has been chosen as Aussie of the Month for Kindy, as she always demonstrates the Edgewater Primary School core values of aspiration, confidence and respect both in and out of the classroom.

She brightens up our class with her fun, kind, caring and considerate nature, always putting others before herself. Finley enjoys spending time with her friends, where her positive attitude, contagious giggle and cheeky smile towards all aspects of life make her such a wonderful friend and a role model to her peers. Her ability to find the good in everything and everyone is admirable.

Finley is an enthusiastic learner who displays a love of learning, always trying her very best in all that she does. She is a pleasure to have in our class and an absolute joy to teach.

Finley, you are a credit to yourself and your family and a very deserving recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award. Congratulations!



Thank you to Calan Williams, F2 Racing Driver and ex Edgewater Primary School student, for presenting the Aussie of the Month Award

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 25 November**: P1 Diyana T, Louie L, Polly S | P2 Harry G, Lorcan F, Maddie F | R2 Maja W, Tommy C | R3 Flynn E, Jack F, Meira J | R4 Ben S | R5 Blaize K, Tyler H, Xavier B | R6 Fynn I, Lois C, Stella A | R7 Ashely S, James W, Kaela F | R8 Cole J, Jack W, Taj A | R14 Charles C, Harper A

Also, congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 9 December**: P1 Alfie T, Dylan O, Hudson K, Mahan K | SIM Music Laila D, Cynthia Z, Tyson C



End of Year Picnic

Celebrating surviving 2022, staff joined well over a hundred parents, grandparents and carers at the P&C arranged EOY Picnic on Friday 9 December.

Held in the delightful surrounds of the P&C provided Nature Play Area, the sausage sizzle and cupcake corner were well-patronised. Along with a rugby and an ex-AFL player, students enjoyed playing their own organised soccer game and glitter tattoos abounded on many bodies.

The EOY raffle organised by our wonderful P&C fundraising committee was drawn with several very happy families taking home some amazing prizes.



Children's University Graduation

ECU was the venue for the Children's University graduation. Sixteen students donned caps and gowns when they were awarded their graduation certificates on 29 November.

The students who graduated had completed between 30 hours and 130 hours and all were very proud of their achievements. Congratulations to all who participated.

We look forward to more students from year 3 to 6 participating in the program in 2023.



Assembly—Pre-primary PP2

On Friday 25 November PP2 presented our assembly item. The theme was based on our current Biological Sciences focus, Living Things Change. Our amazing students spoke and narrated with confidence and spirit, enjoying a very positive reaction from the audience. Our Christmas song, “All I Want for Christmas is a Hippopotamus” was a delightful and joyful end to the presentation. Thank you to Loved Ones for the gorgeous costumes!



Assembly—Kindergarten

This term at Kindy we learnt all about ocean animals and even had an excursion to AQWA, which was amazing. On Thursday 8 December all three Kindy groups came together to host the whole school assembly. The theme for our assembly was ocean animals with a Christmas twist. The audience was treated to a spectacular show where the children performed a number of ocean themed songs finished off with our Christmas twist, Santa Shark. We were very proud of each and everyone of our Kindy students as they performed with confidence and enthusiasm in their singing, dancing and speaking in front of a huge crowd. Thank you to all the parents for helping make wonderful costumes for their children.



Chaplain's Chat

Hello everyone! Over the last two terms of being at Edgewater Primary school, I have had the absolute privilege to meet many of the students and their families. I have had such a great time participating in many of the class activities and even some school excursions. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me into the Edgewater family.

I just wanted to wish you all a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas and encourage you not to forget to take some time to slow down and embrace your family time over these next few weeks of festivities. I can't wait to see you all again next year!

Michelle Olivier—Chaplain



Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have made personal achievements in Mathematics: R1 Millie B, Jacob G, Alex L, April S | R2 Natalie R, Dongcheng Y, Lauren D, Owen W, Emma-Lia W | R3 Isaac S, Flynn E, Luke G, Lee S | R6 Stella A, Hamish W, Lucy K, Tyson C | R7 Cynthia Z, Alexis H, Kaela F, Sabien M, Jack W | R11 Asher H, Finn O, Tobias G, Ava A | R14 Isaac B, Tasmin W, Harper A, Hunter N, Dominic S | R15 Kesh S, Lola L, Wesley P, Saachi T | R16 Finley M, Sienna I, Mya A, Charlie C | R17 Lacey G, Teagan S, Harlow Y, Spencer V



From The Canteen

Soaring food prices, supply shortages, high fuel costs! It's been a tough year, but thanks to a lot of hard work and your ongoing support we've made it through and managed to keep the canteen open. Huge thanks to the three lovely ladies who volunteer so much of their time to lend a helping hand - Kaye Tait, Kerry Miles and Gabrielle Grimes. The canteen couldn't operate without their assistance. Time for a well deserved break now. We wish all of you a fabulous festive season and a safe and happy holidays. See you in the new year.

Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne—Canteen Managers



From The School Board

This last term, the School Board has been mainly focusing on monitoring the School Business Plan and progress against it, student achievement and the Public School Review (held in early 2023). We have also reviewed the Finances, and passed a Motion for the 2023 school development days and the half day closure for reporting. We finished our last meeting with an enjoyable meal together. I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break, ready for 2023.

Rebecca Wright—School Board Chair



Year 6 Camp

Normally held in Term 1, the Year 6 camp was rescheduled to last week.

Arriving back on the bus on Friday were some very exhausted, very tired and very excited people—and that was just Mr Butt and Mr Smith!!

All in all students reported that an amazing time was had with many friendships strengthened.

Both Mr Butt and Mr Smith have started planning the 2023 camp in Term 1!



Year 6 Graduation—Tuesday 13 December

Once again, the Year 6 Graduation was held in a lecture theatre at ECU with over a hundred parents, carers, relatives and siblings present.

Students had been rehearsing the speeches for many weeks at school and it was amazing to hear about their dreams, goals and school highlights.

With a large number of people providing very positive feedback at the conclusion, it appears that the time spent on the organisation by Mr Butt and Mr Smith was very much appreciated.

Several awards were awarded by visiting dignitaries and staff.



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

