Batavia Wins Again!

Thank you to the Edgewater Primary School Community for turning out in such great numbers to support the students during our annual Faction Athletics Carnival. Thank you also to the P&C for keeping the populace watered and fed. Thank you to our volunteer judges; you did a great job. Thank you to Mrs Bock for her enthusiasm in making sure there were some great photos of our successful students. Thank you to all staff for their invaluable assistance before and on the day.

A BIG, BIG, thank you to Mr Lanlgey and Mr Bossert for setting up. I couldn’t have done it without you. MOST OF ALL, thank you to our wonderful students for their efforts and competitive spirit. You made it a great day for all of us. Even though BATAVIA won the event, you are all winners in my eyes.

Russell Grey - P.E.Specialist

Lapathon Raises Funds For Chaplain

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lapathon. We had a great turn out from parents on what was a very HOT day on Wednesday. The heat didn’t deter the children with many completing 20 plus laps. The animal costumes were great, although by the end of the afternoon many of them had been taken off. It was fantastic to see everyone having fun and smiling. The funds go towards keeping me in the school for two days a week. I am very grateful for your generosity and absolutely love being at Edgewater Primary, so thank you for your support. Please don’t forget I am available at the school for a chat on Wednesdays and Fridays. I would love to meet you.

Lisa Ingham - School Chaplain

Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly today:

PP1 Grace, Gus | PP2 Benjamin | R2 Isabella, Jemima | R3 Dominic, Tayla | R4 Sophie | R5 Aaron, Madeleine, Sabien | R7 Jacob, Kyeisha | R9 Dylan, Ewen, Liam | R10 Caitlin, Ethan, Jessica, Michaella | R11 Alex | R12 Joshua | R15 Dennis | R16 Clara, Matthew |
**Principal’s Comment**

Over the past two weeks we have enjoyed the very successful completion of our annual Athletics Carnival and Lapathon events. Congratulations to Batavia, the winning faction, and to everyone who competed or helped out in any way during the carnival day. The Lapathon was also well-supported and we look forward to the fulfilment of pledges made to our students, who ran many laps to raise money for our Chaplaincy program. There is always a great buzz around the place when the school community comes together for such events.

Next week we will shift our emphasis to healthy eating with a Great Aussie Crunch morning recess on Wednesday 16th September. Students are encouraged to bring an apple or carrot to crunch on and the canteen will be providing a healthy range of snacks that fit with the theme. In support of healthy eating our Canteen Committee recently purchased a special resource - That Sugar Film School Action Toolkit. The kit is comprised of That Sugar Film on DVD, That Sugar Book, as well as study materials and activities for students which are all linked to the Australian Curriculum. That Sugar Film presents the facts about sugar in an entertaining and accessible way and provides ideal stimulus material for teachers wanting to explore food and nutrition content in Years 5-6. A big thank you to Lee Tanner for searching out the toolkit and the Canteen Committee for their ongoing work in providing nutritious foods and an excellent service to Edgewater families.

In the final week of this term we will be holding a Multicultural Day for students K–6. This year we will not be having an assembly, however students will be encouraged to dress up in costumes that reflect their family heritage for a gold coin donation. Each class will be involved in deciding how their gold coin donation will be spent through World Vision to help children in less fortunate circumstances. More details about this event will be sent home next week.

There are now only two weeks till the end of the term. In the last week of term the Edgewater Primary School Business Plan will be distributed to each family through the oldest child. The Business Plan sets out the school’s long term strategic direction in broad terms through to 2017, describing key focus areas of development intended to have maximum impact on overall school performance in both academic and non-academic areas. The Edgewater Primary School Board, together with school staff, have been involved in the development of the plan and will have an ongoing role in reviewing its implementation and the outcomes achieved in terms of school performance.

Finally, for any families that will be leaving us at the end of the term or the end of this year we would greatly appreciate you informing the school office of your intended departure so we can accurately forecast student numbers for 2016. Julie Tombs - Principal

**KOOB Incursion**

On Tuesday 1 September as part of our Book Week celebrations the students were entertained by a colourful character named KOOB. He cleverly presented a series of short plays to teach the them about the importance of libraries and to improve their understanding about books. Did you know that KOOB backwards spells BOOK? Some children were even lucky enough to participate in the puppet play. A great time was had by all.

**Upcoming Events**

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**From the Chaplain**

*Markers of healthy self-esteem & confidence, tips 5 & 6.*

5. **Downplay and accept mistakes, failure and imperfections.** They don’t dwell on mistakes or failure. Mistakes are part of learning, just ask any golfer!

6. **Are willing to try and show initiative.** Conversely, children with low self-esteem give up easily or show little confidence in areas that are new.  

Lisa Ingham - School Chaplain

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**Beldon Dental Health Services**

If you have changed address or contact details recently, please do remember to contact us to update ALL your details otherwise you may be missing your appointments and your children may not have been seen for a couple of years. All appointments are sent to your home address, not through the schools. As we are not connected to the schools, any new phone numbers etc, need to be updated with us. We are open Monday to Friday, 8:00am-4.15pm; telephone: 9307 1425.

Beldon Dental Staff

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**P&C Halloween Event - Saturday 31 October 4:00pm-8:00pm**

Spooky Games, Food Stalls, Fancy Dress Competition, Cookie Decorating and more.

Calling all parents....... To help us again create the wonderful raffle baskets, we would like to ask if you are able to buy and donate a new item to be included in one of the following raffle boxes:

- **Baking****
- **Toys – Girls***
- **Toys – Boys ***
- **BBQ – Summer Pack***

Collection boxes are now inside the library.

**Lollies**—If you can please donate a bag of lollies to help us with prizes that would be much appreciated.

P&C Fundraising Committee

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**Absence Notes**

It is a requirement of the Education Act that a reason is given for all absences from school. This can either be written (note or email), through a phone call, or in person. For your convenience, an online absentee form is available on the school website. All absences and explanations are kept on the Department of Education’s electronic information system, and the data is collated and entered automatically into school reports.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please let us know through the school office.

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**The Kindy Vegetable Garden**

This year the Kindy students demonstrated a particular interest in building. This child initiation, or provocation, has been fostered throughout the year. Through brainstorming it was decided that a wall would be built.

With the help of our school gardener, Mr Langley, students built a wall which was then used as the surround for a vegetable garden. Again through brainstorming, a variety of vegetables were chosen and planted. Students planted the vegetables and made signs to identify each one. Of course no garden is complete without a scarecrow, which the students collaboratively built together.

They are enjoying caring for the vegetables and seeing their growth. To complete the task, everyone enjoyed sharing and eating the vegetables at snack time.
**Massed Choir Performance**

On Monday August 31, our senior choir participated in the Massed Choir Festival at UWA’s Winthrop Hall. They sang together with five other schools and presented 10 songs to an audience which consisted mainly of parents, relatives, teachers, school principals and other distinguished guests. The performance was brilliant. It was tiring towards the end of the concert as it had required children to get on the bus soon after school finished. However, it was a great experience and they felt a great deal of pride in taking part in such a big event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children and their parents/carers for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Mrs Tombs, Mrs Bock, Mrs Gray, Mr Grey and all other staff members who assisted. Their help in organizing this excursion is highly appreciated.

Nevad Hadzic - Music Specialist

**Fruit and Veggie Week 14 - 18 September**

In recognition of Fruit and Veggie Week next week, the canteen will be bulking up its menu with more fruits and vegetables. In addition to normal daily counter sales, delicious, crunchy and nutritious fruit cups, veggie sticks and watermelon icy poles will be available. Wednesday Wrap Day will also feature salad wraps and salad bowls (you can include cheese, chicken, ham or tuna if you wish). On Thursday Burger Day we will have veggie burgers in addition to our chicken and beef burgers, and on Friday Pie Day students can enjoy quiche Florentines (spinach and cheese) as well as the regular pastry items.

Also during this week, children bringing their own apples can have them slinkied for free!

Thank you again to all the parents and grandparents who pitched in last Friday to make the faction sports carnival a huge success and a fun day for the children. The canteen committee and I really appreciated all the help in the food tent and canteen on the day. Special thanks to all the mums for making and donating yummy goodies. They were a hit with the kids and spectators alike. I still have some containers for collection in the canteen.

Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager

**Families’ role in creating a supportive school culture**

Research demonstrates that efforts to change the attitudes and behaviour of students are more likely to be successful if families are actively involved and share a sense of ownership over the process.

**What can you do to help reduce bullying in our school?**

• Talk regularly with your children about bullying.
• Encourage your children to ‘ask for help’ if they are being bullied at school.
• If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution.
• Encourage your children to be assertive by helping them to practise speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves.

*Friendly Schools Plus*

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents”. – Jane D Hull