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# Newsletter

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# **Edgewater's Got Talent**

his year's talent show, held last Friday in the assembly area, was a huge success. We had many people audition and they were all brilliant. Unfortunately we could only pick eight senior and seven junior winners. There was a wide variety of talent. We understand that it takes a lot of courage to perform an act in front of people. First place in the juniors was Hula Hoops and Irish Dancing, second place was Tuxedo Torpedo and third place was All Time Low. First place in the seniors was Hall of Fame, second was Elastic Fantastic Lia and third was Let's All Celebrate. Thank you to all the

students who auditioned and got up on stage. An enormous thank you to our brilliant guest judges, Miss Smith and Lisa who managed to honk their way into everyone's hearts.

Amity, Jakob, Meg, Rafa— Executive Student Councillors

Prize Winners First Prize—\$10 Voucher Clara W R7 Imogen C R16 Hanna E R12 Lily C R12

Second Prize—\$5 Voucher Lia W R6 Lily S R15

Third Prize—\$3 Voucher Heath R R5 Joe M R6 Luke M R6 Ben N R6 Joshua L R11









#### Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: PP1 James B, Ava G | PP2 Lucas H, Lilah F | R2 Alexis P, Zoe J R3 Dylan G Mia T | R4 Oliver N | R5 Debopam B | R6 Andre S, Charlotte S | R7 Declan K, Clara W | R9 Jack O, Brendon M | R11 Lyncoln B, Clayton P | R12 Ryder K, Cameron D |

Thank you to Dean at Harvey Norman in Joondalup for the printing of the photographs.

## From the Principal's Desk

Over the past two weeks our school has been a hive of activity with the annual Cross Country, Billy Cart Racing, EPS Talent Quest, our senior choir performing as part of the One Big Voice and Book Week. These are all fabulous experiences for our students and there are many more to come before the end of term.

#### National Quality Standard (NQS) Verification – Early Childhood

On Tuesday 5 September we will have a visit from Department of Education NQS Verification Consultants to review the learning environment we provide for our students from Kindergarten to Year 2. The consultants will be guided by the National Quality Standards Framework, which sets out consistent, high quality standards for early childhood education and care. Our Early Childhood team welcome this visit as an opportunity to review their practices and further enhance the work they do on a daily basis. I am confident that the wonderful work of our ECE staff will be acknowledged and celebrated.

#### NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

Student reports have now arrived in the school and will be sent home with Year 3 and 5 children on Monday 28 August. An information brochure will accompany the reports to assist parents in interpreting the information. Please remember that NAPLAN tests are just one measure of a student's academic performance in English and Mathematics. Teachers undertake numerous other assessments to make judgements about a student's performance throughout the year and use all the information available to support each child's learning. I encourage parents to seek further clarification if needed from the class teacher, Mrs Gray, Mr Baily or myself.

#### CHAPLAINCY Program

The provision of in-school chaplaincy services in public schools supports the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services. The chaplain service also seeks to enhance support strategies already in place for the broader school community. Our chaplain, Lisa Ingham, has been at our school for four years. Over her time with us she has worked tirelessly with our students, staff, parents and other agencies to build strong relationships, offer pastoral care, provide practical support and be a positive role model within the school community.

Funding to allow us to have Lisa in our school two days a week comes from both the Federal and State governments. As a school community we are also required to commit to funding the position. Each year we hold a fundraising LAPATHON for this purpose. Next Friday 1 September is LAPATHON day. All children from Pre-primary to Year 6 will participate in this event seeking sponsors from family and friends. I hope that you will get behind their efforts to support our chaplain.

Julie Tombs

Canteen Closed this Monday Only—28 August

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

August	
Monday 28	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Wednesday 30	Father's Day Stall
September	
Friday 1	Father's Day Stall Lapathon 2pm
Tuesday 5	Safety House Show
Friday 8	Assembly R5
Wednesday 13	Jumps & Throws
Friday 15	Faction Carnival
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

## **School Crossing**

Our wonderful school crossing lady, Caz, was unable to work this week and unfortunately a relief was unavailable. Department of Education Staff are not permitted to direct traffic on the crossing but we were able to monitor the area to ensure the safety of our students. It was encouraging to see so many drivers stopping at the crossing allowing people to cross safely. We look forward to welcoming Caz back next Monday 28 August.



## P&C Father's Day Stall

This will be held on **Wednesday 30 August** - for Kindy Blue and Kindy Green classes, and **Friday 1 September** for Kindy Red and the remaining classes. All items will be priced between \$3 and \$5. We know that there will be many Dads

who will be very grateful to the P&C for arranging this annual event come Sunday 3 September.



## Fire Fighters' Visit

On Monday 7 August Rooms 11,12 and 17 were lucky enough to have a visit from the local fire brigade. The fire fighters spoke to students about different aspects of their job and that they don't just fight fires. They also rescue people from car crashes and help when there is a chemical spill.

Students were taught about how to stay safe if there is a fire and what number to ring if they have a fire emergency.

The fire brigade brought along two trucks to show students and explained all the different equipment they have to help them fight fires. Before they left, each student was given the chance to spray water using the special fire hose connected to their truck. All students had a great time and found the incursion very interesting and informative. **Tracy Rubidge—Year 2/3 Teacher** 



#### Aussie of the Month

Alexander has been chosen as the Year 2 Aussie of the Month because he is a kind, caring and reliable student. He displays a high level of respect to both his peers and teachers and is always ready to lend a helping hand to those who need it. Alexander is a mature and thoughtful student whose behaviour and attitude towards school is outstanding. He truly immerses himself in the school culture and has shown great commitment to before school programs such as Running Club. This commitment is also seen within the classroom where he always aspires to complete his work to a high standard. Alexander is a valued member of Edgewater Primary School and is to be congratulated on being selected as the Year Two Aussie of the Month.



The Aussie of the Month is proudly sponsored by the Edgewater Primary School P&C

#### **Maths Champions**

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in their basic facts: R2 Hamish W, Tyler H | R3 Grace N, Scarlett B | R4 Megan K, Roxane A | R5 Rafa S, Heath R | R6 Ben N, Ryan W | R7 Jackson B, Clara W | R8 Alexander K, Nelson B | R9 Jaden Q, Jacob F | R11 Kate S, Josh L | R12 Abbie B, Marisa M | R15 Alexander H, Jamima J | R16 Roxie L, Hugh P | R17 Ewan D, Glenn S

#### From the Chaplain's Desk

I can't believe it is the end of Week 6 already, - this term is really flying past. In two weeks I am holding the Year 4 Dads and Lads afternoon, and I can confirm that I have an awesome surprise happening that the Dads and Lads will love. I have told some people from my other school what it is and they all want to come along too! So Dads, get time off if you need to, grandads and caregivers come on down and join in the fun. It is going to be AWESOME!!!! Lisa Ingham

## **Celebrating Book Week 2017**

At lunchtime on Wednesday 23 August the library held a 'Read and Relax' session on the grassed area near the Library. After eating their lunch, students could relax on cushions and beanbags in the lovely warm winter sun as they read their books. Our Chaplain, Lisa, read stories to some students, and our visual arts teacher, Mrs Abbott, also joined in. It was a lovely relaxing, colourful event and we hope to do it again soon. Remember, "Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere". **Miss Hart and Mrs Sandercott—Library Officers** 





#### <u>Book Review Winners</u> (The Book Review Competition runs weekly so get your entries in!)



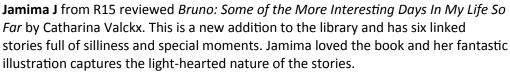
The Book With No Pictures

**Cameron B** from R11 reviewed *The Book With No Pictures* by BJ Novak. This is a fun book that literally has no pictures! She loved all the silly words in the book that the adult reader had to say out loud, in turn making them look a little silly! Cameron thought this book was very funny and produced a fun book review reflecting this.



**Tamzin W** from R4 reviewed *Stories of Mermaids* by Russell Punter. This book is for emerging readers and is full of adventure. Tamzin completed a very thorough book review and really enjoyed the book, especially the happy ending. Her illustration was very sparkly, just like a Mermaid's tail!

**Elliott B** from R11 reviewed *Thea Stilton and the Mountain of Fire* by Piccolo Tao. She rated this book ten out of ten as she thought the plot was really interesting and the story had her entranced. Elliott also did a wonderful illustration of the main character, Thea Stilton.







#### **School Board Update**

Welcome everyone and we are happy to see Mrs Tombs after her long service leave expeditions. I am sure you will all be happy to see her back on board.

I have been squeezed into a smaller space this time, with so many exciting things happening around school, so my review is shorter than normal.

So what's been going on? In the background, the Principal and the board have been reviewing the school's strategic plan which is now in it's final year. When the Department of Education gives us our date for the school review, we will be ready and raring to go.

We are still on track with the goals and milestones that were set for delivery within the strategic plan, with some reviewed and re-measured. We've been taking on board the lessons learned and preparing to put those into practise for our next plan. The board portfolio owners are also getting to grips with their relevant components of the plan.

In the coming month, we are also hoping to update the School Board page on the website so we can share who we are more readily with you, and enable you to put a face to a name, improving our exposure to you, our school community.

If you feel as though you're up to helping on the board, or want to know more about what we do, feel free to contact the school office—9405 4007 or <u>Edgewater.PS@education.wa.edu.au</u> for more information. Until next time.

Simon Young—School Board Chair

#### Canteen

#### Canteen Closed—Monday 28 August 2017

Due to a prior commitment before it was decided to trial opening the Canteen on Mondays, I am unavailable to work this coming Monday, 28 August 2017, and consequently the Canteen will be closed. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and kindly ask that you ensure that your child is provided with a packed lunch from home on this day. Please note that the Canteen will be open for business as usual for all the remaining Mondays this term.

#### **Sports Carnival** - Volunteers Needed Please



The faction sports carnival is coming up on Friday 15 September 2017 and we need volunteers down on the sports field to assist with the sausage sizzle as well as in the Canteen to help with the meal deal we will be serving to the students. If you are able to help for a 30 minute time slot please let me know so we can draw up a volunteer roster. We will accommodate your children's race/game times when drafting the roster so that you won't be working while your they are competing. Please bear in mind that if everyone volunteers half an hour of their time no one is left in the Canteen or manning the BBQ all day and everyone can enjoy seeing their children participate in the sports carnival. You can contact me in person, phone me in the Canteen (9405 3528), text me (0410 951 844) or message me through Messenger or on the EPS Families page on Facebook. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

#### **NAPLAN Online**

In preparation for completing NAPLAN online next year, during the week all of the Year3 and Year 5 students participated in the School Readiness Test (SRT) which allowed us to assess whether the school network was capable of delivering NAPLAN Online. Whilst the students completed two mock tests, it allowed us to establish whether our bandwidth was enough for the demands that will be placed on it. Edgewater, as a trial school, will participate in NAPLAN Online in 2018 with all tests, apart from Year 3 writing, being delivered and marked electronically. More information is available on the <u>School Curriculum and Standards</u> website. (SCSA).

#### **One Big Voice**

On Friday 18 August the Edgewater Primary School Senior Choir participated in the One Big Voice Festival at Perth Arena. Around 4000 students from 73 schools from all over the Perth metropolitan and regional schools gave a fantastic and memorable concert to an almost sold out venue.

We travelled by bus to the Arena and arrived there at 3.45pm. Once we entered the venue and were in our lines, the rehearsal started. The biggest challenge for the conductors was to get 4000 choir members singing together. This year the sound was much better and students were able to hear the backing tracks clearly and sing in time.

It was very tough for everyone to be in one spot for the whole time until the end of the concert at 8.30pm. However, our students handled it very well.

Two of our choir members, Bailey P and Lia W, auditioned for individual parts and were chosen to be soloists in two songs on the program. They sang beautifully and confidently and were a credit to our school. Congratulations Lia and Bailey, you made us very proud.

Overall, it was a tiring night for students, but nonetheless, very memorable and enjoyable.

Congratulations to every member of the Edgewater Primary School Senior Choir and our appreciation goes to Mrs Bock, Mrs Gray and Mr Grey for their support.





## **Billy Cart Incursion**

Last week students from Pre-primary to Year six were getting a head start on their handyman skills at the Billy Cart incursion, a STEM activity. They learnt how to cooperate with each other to construct a functional Billy Cart using a variety of tools and materials. Students were obviously active and engaged and appeared to enjoy the experience. Even Mr Grey was hands on helping students achieve the ultimate goal. **Sue Grant—Science Curriculum Leader** 



## Ride to Conquer Cancer, a two-day bike ride that will take place on October 21-22 2017

Les Brooks from PT Kickboxing, will be participating in the above event for the fifth time this year. Les hires our oval to run fitness classes for adults in the Edgewater Community.

This is a 220km charity ride with a difference, as all donations once received are immediately used by the Harry Perkins Institute for Cancer Research here in Perth. This ride is an emotional experience with cancer sufferers and those in remission participating in the ride.

Les says, 'Cancer has made the ride very personal for me, not only because one member of my family passed away from cancer in 2013, I have other family members currently receiving treatment, but also for the parents of Edgewater Primary School and PT Kickboxing members that have trained with me that have passed away or are fighting the battle with cancer.

Being involved in such a worthy cause has opened my eyes to what can be done if we all participate. Over the last five years Perth Ride to Conquer Cancer riders have raised over \$4 million every year for cancer research with each rider having raised a minimum of \$2500.00 to participate in the ride. Please check out the Ride to Conquer Cancer website <u>www.conquercancer.org.au</u> to see how money raised is invested in numerous research projects. As you will see, the money raised is doing some fabulous work and together we can kick cancer's butt! No one should face cancer alone and with your support no one will.'

If you would like to donate to support Les in his fundraising ride please see below. Donations can be made by,

- Depositing a gold coin in the Ride to Conquer Cancer tin at the school administration desk or
- Online, following the instructions below.

You can submit donations online by going to <a href="https://www.conquercancer.org.au">www.conquercancer.org.au</a>

- Select Perth
- Select DONATE
- Select Search for participant
- Enter First Name Les
- Enter Last Name Brooks
- Click on Search

Click on, DONATE ONLINE NOW then follow the prompts.

Please, when paying online include your name and a personal note.

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductable with all money staying in WA and benefiting the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. So PLEASE help, as donations received may save yours or the life of someone you love, in the years to come.



