

EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL An Independent Public School

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Newsletter

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It's Crunch Time!

Il students and staff from Pre-primary to Year 6 came together in the assembly area on Wednesday morning to support the Great Vegie Crunch. Coordinated by Mrs Radford, the Great Vegie Crunch aims to get WA kids eating more vegetables and having fun! There was a wide variety of both vegetables and fruit consumed during the 15 minute session as we tried to see how loud we could crunch!

Many of our classes run a Crunch & Sip programme where students eat salad vegetables, fruit and drink water some time during the school day. This simple and cost effective strategy supports the *traffic light* system used by our P&C canteen. They have a wide range of healthy and nutritious snacks and lunches available.









Merit Certificate Recipients

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

PP1 Hunter O | PP2 Isla S | R2 Lucia C, Maddison W | R3 Rowan D, Aleisha K | R4 Lennard S | R5 Philipp v, Ethan M, Loula J | R6 Grace C, Bailey P | R8 Ben P, Isaac Q | R9 Florence F, Kristian M | R11 Imogen S, Taryn T | R15 Noah F, Harry K R16 Zac Q, Esme T | R17 Annah-Maye V, Paige G |

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

From the Principal

"Every Child Is Important"

National Child Protection Week (NCPW)

NCPW is a national public education campaign that aims to educate and engage all Australians to understand they have a part to play in keeping our children and young people safe.

To emphasise the importance surrounding child protection, our students participated in a number of activities throughout this week. Children in Pre-primary to Year 3 attended a Safety House Performance organised by our P&C Safety House Co-coordinator, Vanessa Browne. Our Year 4 boys and their dads had a great deal of fun together when they joined Lisa, our chaplain, for a Dads and Lads afternoon and all Year 4 to 6 students engaged in an online presentation called *Keeping safe in the game*. This presentation was designed to assist students use safe strategies when gaming to avoid cyberbullying or unwanted contact, identify ways that strangers may try to seek personal information online, recognise the implications for in-app purchases and seek support if they are experiencing cyberbullying or feel unsafe when gaming.

There is more information throughout the newsletter about all of the above activities. Parents/carers might also be interested in attending the Community Cyber Security Forum on 20 September at Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club commencing at 6.30pm.

Edgewater Primary School Bush Fire Plan

Our school is in a designated bush fire zone; therefore it is a requirement that we formulate a Bush Fire Plan.

In consultation with various agencies and the Edgewater Primary School Board we have developed a plan in readiness for the approaching bush fire season. A copy of the plan can be found on our website.

Two key messages in the plan are as follows –

- In the event of a bushfire the principal will follow the direction of the emergency services, and
- If an evacuation from site becomes necessary the school will contact parents via phone or email.

In such a situation it is vitally important that we have the correct contact details for parents/carers. Please ensure all your contact details are up to date by notifying the school office of any changes as they occur.

National Quality Standard Verification Visit

This week we had a visit from two representatives of the Department of Education's Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning. The purpose of the visit was to support us in a verification process to ensure the quality of our early childhood programme (Kindergarten to Year 2). We are pleased to report that we have met each of the standards, and in fact exceeded them in some areas. This is due to the dedicated work of our early childhood team who work tirelessly to provide high quality teaching and care for our students. I would like to congratulate all our early childhood staff on a job well done and particularly Mrs Rose who has lead the team in this area over the past three years.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

September	
Wednesday 13	Jumps & Throws
Friday 15	Athletics Faction Carnival
Thursday 21	R17 to Scitech
Friday 22	Assembly R2
	Last day Term 3
October	
Monday 9	First Day Term 4
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

How can I start playing my part to protect children every day?

- Be a good role model for children
- Be kind to children, parents (and yourself!)
- Take the time to really listen to children and believe them if they tell you something
- Learn about what help services are available so you can support others if they need help
- Don't judge other parents and families; remember that we're all trying our best
- Look out for all children, not just your own
- Be a friendly, helpful member of your local community
- Don't be afraid to ask for help or to ask someone if they need help



2018 Enrolments

Parents/carers are asked to notify the school office if their child/children (Kindy to Year 5) <u>will not</u> or <u>may not</u> be attending Edgewater Primary School in 2018. This is to try to eliminate the need for class restructuring at the commencement of 2018 and to ensure adequate staffing.

Students will not be taken off the roll without formal notification.

Featured Classes—Rooms 15 & 16

Recently, Room 15 and 16 went on an excursion to Cockman House in Wanneroo. We were all very excited to have to opportunity to obtain a glimpse into how family life was in the past in order to make comparisons with present life.

The afternoon began enjoying lunch in the gardens and then playing old fashioned games on the lawn.

Luckily, the rain stayed away and we were able to sit in the gardens of the old settler's cottage and learn about the history of the house and the family who built it in the 1860s. Students formed a human timeline and dressed up in olden day clothes. They discovered that three generations of the Cockman family lived in the house and that at one time there were up to 14 children sharing the small bedroom.

The children (and adults) had great fun exploring the old house and its grounds and completing a scavenger hunt to find letters and crack a code. Everyone agreed that it was an awesome, super, and fun excursion.

Melanie Tangermann & Emma Smith









The People's Pick

As part of the WA Education Awards, we are asking parents and students to tell us who makes a difference in our school. Parents and students can now recognise dedicated and talented staff in our school and give our school a chance to win a \$1000 Modern Teaching Aids voucher.

Getting involved is easy for our school community—just follow these steps:

- 1. **Pick** who you want to recognise
- 2. **Create** a video, photo or testimonial showing what makes them incredible and upload the message on the WA Education Awards website or on the Public Education Facebook page.
- Share the message on Facebook and tell your family and friends to vote for it.

The message that receives the highest number of votes will become The People's Pick and their school will be given a \$1000 Modern Teaching Aids voucher.

Entries close at 5:00pm on Friday 13 October 2017. All staff recognised in The People's Pick will be acknowledged on the WA Education website on Friday 27 October on World Teachers' Day, along with the school receiving the \$1000 voucher.

Manager Corporate Services

Making payments online is a time saver for all of us. It is our preferred option, and whilst it is not quite automated at this stage, by using your bank's pay anyone facility you can rest assured that the money gets here safe and sound. The one thing you really must make sure you do is to email kathy.dean@education.wa.edu.au to indicate your payment. I will then ensure that your family account receives the funds and I will email you to indicate this fact. Further instructions are available on our website.

I really should have been in the scouts, with their motto be prepared. Dancesport lessons for all students from Preprimary to Year 6 are scheduled from Week 2 next term. With the cost of \$36 per student, my recommendation to parents is to start putting money into their family accounts to assist in payment of this. Less stress is better.

Kathy Dean

The Chaplain's Dads & Lads Afternoon

It was sunny and warm weather on Wednesday afternoon as 15 dads and their Year 4 lads joined in an afternoon of fun and games. I had arranged for a blow-up Sumo wrestling game to be set up and this was enjoyed by all. However, THE game of the afternoon was Dodge Ball which was played over and over with much fun and laughter. The afternoon concluded with a delicious sausage

sizzle—cooked by resident experts Mrs Baily and Mrs Sugg—along with an ice cold drink.

My sincere thanks to my son, John, and his two wonderful helpers, Trent and Kel, who so ably conducted the afternoon. **Lisa**







Book Review Competition Winners

The competition runs weekly so don't forget to get your entries in! Winners are on display in the library.



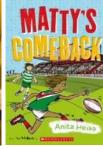
Jack W from R2 reviewed *Banjo and Ruby Red* by Libby Gleeson. He thought this touching story about a friendship that develops over time between a dog and a hen was very funny. Jack gave the book five stars and did a lovely drawing of

Banjo trying to scare Ruby Red away with his big bark.

Kane M from R6 reviewed *Matty's Comeback* by Anita Heiss. This is a book about being a star player in a winning Rugby team and, more

importantly, is also about overcoming adversity when things don't go according to plan. Kane liked the book and thought some parts were very exciting. It is also fantastic that Kane is our very first Book Review winner from Year 6!









Kate S from R11 reviewed *What Pet Should I get?* This book is another wonderful, funny story by Dr Suess. Kate liked all the different animals in the

book and gave it ten out of ten. In her review, Kate concisely summarised the plot and she did a wonderful illustration depicting the boy in the story and all his pets.

Jorja A from R11 reviewed Geronimo's Valentine

by Elisabetta Dami. This is a fun and adventurous story that Jorja rated ten out of ten. She especially loved the part in the book when the characters find a secret cheesecake factory. Jorja's illustration of Geronimo Stilton was fantastic.





Father's Day Stall

We are sure that there were many excited and grateful dads on Sunday when they opened their wonderful gift that was purchased from the P&C Fundraising Committee's annual Father's Day stall. Many thanks to our P&C for organising the stall.





Battery Collection

The school battery collection container kept in the library will be collected next week. If you have any used batteries at home please bring them to the school for recycling.













Gail Baily—Coordinator

Canteen News

The faction sports carnival is taking place on Friday, 15 September 2017. This is a very exciting day for the children and to make it an extra special and fun day the Canteen will be providing food, cold drinks and treats. However, we need your help with the following:-

Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal Order Forms and Payment

Order forms have gone home for a meal deal for all the children. THE MEAL DEAL IS PRE ORDER ONLY. Should your child wish to receive a meal deal on carnival day, please ensure a completed order form and payment is handed into the Canteen by no later than Monday, 11 September 2017. We regret, that as all supplies have to be ordered in, NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED. The online ordering system has been updated so meals deals can be ordered online if preferred.

Cake Donations

Get out your aprons and favourite recipes. We are calling on all bakers for donations of homemade goodies. Cakes, cupcakes, slices, cookies, etc - anything you fancy making as long as it is NUT FREE, please. Donations can be brought to the Canteen on Thursday, 14 September or on the morning of Friday, 15 September.

Volunteers to man the BBQ tent

The Canteen will have a tent near the sports field where parents and spectators can purchase bacon and egg rolls, sausage sizzles, cold drinks, cakes and ice creams. We need volunteers to assist with cooking and serving in the tent. We wish to draw up a roster where volunteers do a 30 minute shift when their child is not competing. This way everyone gets to enjoy the day and see their child/children participate in the various sports events. Please put your hand up to work a shift so that no one gets stuck working in the tent all day. There is a sign up sheet in the Canteen.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

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Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworths Earn and Learn programme is well underway and we are busily collecting stickers to use towards resources for our students all at no cost to the school.

Each family has now received a sticker sheet and when completed they can be returned to the school and placed in the boxes provided in the office or Early Childhood Centre, or given to classroom teachers. There are boxes positioned at Woolworths stores in Joondalup, Woodvale, Currambine and Whitfords shopping centres for your convenience.



Welcome To Our New Head Cleaner

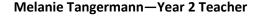
On behalf of the Edgewater community we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Aleksandra, our new Head Cleaner. If you see Aleks around the school please say Hi. We would also like to say a big thank you to Jacqulyne for doing a fabulous job as acting head cleaner while we were searching to fill the role.



Safety House Performance

September is Safety House month. On Tuesday 5 September students in Pre-primary to Year 3 participated in a Safety House Incursion. Now that the weather is warming up, and more students might be walking to school, we were reminded of some of tricky situations we might encounter. A Safety House is one

that has a triangular badge on a letterbox. It's a picture of a yellow house with a smiley face. Children know they can knock on the door of a house with a Safety House badge and someone will be able to help them. Students were reminded of the key message, "If you're ever unsure, knock at a Safety House door".









Keeping Safe in the Game Webinar

As part of our activities for National Child Protection Week, our Pastoral Care team arranged for our Year 4 to 6 students to participate in a webinar and online chat session on Thursday morning. Conducted by a professional from the Office of eSafety Commissioner and supported by the Department of Education, the 45 minute interactive session provided ideas for our students when they participate in online gaming. It would be useful for parents of these students to discuss the content of the webinar and reinforce the key messages.









Play What is play?



Play is children's language, children's work and children's relaxation. Children need to play for healthy development. Children's play belongs to children. It is for all children, all ages from babyhood on, and all abilities.

Children decide what to play and how to play. Play is their time to be free and to enjoy. Play can be pretending, learning a new skill, dressing up, being active or being quiet. Play can be with other children or alone. Adults can join in if they are invited, in fact young children often love best to play with parents, but children should make the rules (except rules for safety).

All children have a right to play. In our busy world, where parents and children are rushing from one thing to another, it is essential to make time for children to play.

Developing children's social and emotional skills through play

- Play is a way children can express their feelings even before they have the words to say how they feel.
- In play children are in charge of what they do. Being in control in play helps them to learn to manage their feelings.
- When children make or build things in their play, they are building skills and confidence in themselves.
- In play children learn about the give and take of relationships with their friends. They learn to lead and follow and to care for others.
- Play helps children to think about what they want to do, to plan and to be patient.
- Through play children learn how to mend mistakes and to feel better after things go wrong.
- Indoor and outdoor play helps to reduce children's stress.
- Play is a way children make sense of their world and practise for their future of being mummies, daddies and workers.
- Play is for imagination and creativity. In play you can enjoy magical worlds of joy.
- Play is something children can own in a world where most things are organised by adults.
- Play is a time when adults and children can have fun together.
- Play is for pleasure. You play what you enjoy and you stop when you want to.

Adults can support children's play

- By arranging safe places for children to play, indoors and outdoors, in parks and playgrounds.
- By arranging time for play and not scheduling too much in a child's day.
- By providing children with some playthings (eg dolls, building blocks, playdough, paints.) and also allowing children to find their own playthings both inside and outside (eg fabrics, boxes, leaves, gumnuts and puddles).
- By reading and storytelling with children.
- By playing with children when invited and stopping when children want to play their own games. Babies communicate through their expressions and body movements whether they want you to play or when they are tired and have had enough.
- By following the child's lead and resisting the temptation to criticise, direct or turn play into a lesson. Children learn and develop their social and emotional skills though playing on their own, with other children and with adults, and importantly, play helps children feel good about themselves.

In The News

Dash proving a big hit

He is not much more than a metre tall, but Dash's size matters little when his taekwondo prowess is on display.

A student in Year One, he enjoys surprising spectators who may expect less from his 110cm frame.

Dash likes earning new tags and winning medals at tournaments.

Edgewater Primary School wish Dash all the very best in achieving his Olympic dream.



Message From Our Uniform Supplier

Uniform Concepts at 5/7 Delage Street Joondalup **will be closed** for the first week of the school holidays, from Monday 25 September, reopening on Monday 2 October.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cathy Searson—Store Manager

Joondalup Super Shop

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