HALLOWEEN PARTY A HOWLING SUCCESS!

The P&C’s Halloween Party on Saturday October 31 was supported by a large number of parents/carers and friends who all had a wonderful time. Many went to great lengths to dress up to the theme and there were many families where all members were in costume. This community event was organised to bring together Edgewater families and for them to enjoy a friendly atmosphere. There were many stalls staffed by volunteers from the P&C—the Haunted Classroom and the food stalls were very popular with many families enjoying a picnic on the lawns. A huge thank you to all who attended and supported our hard-working P&C. See the Principal’s column for more information.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Dakota, Harry, Ryan | P2 Imogen | R3 Charu, Holly | R4 Edie, Isabella | R5 Layla, Summer | R7 Jakob, Jasmyn, Kristian | R9 Demi, Kate, Reuben | R10 Emma, Natacha | R11 Jamie, Sebastian | R12 Jesse-James, Samuel | R15 Brendon | R16 Amelia, Connor, Jared
From the Principal

Halloween Party
I would like to thank all the hardworking members of the P&C and volunteers who contributed to the outstanding success of our Halloween Party. It was fabulous to see so many of our Edgewater families, friends, staff and the broader community turn out for the festivities. The success of the event was judged, not only by the funds raised, but also by the community spirit that was on display.

P&C AGM
The P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday, 30th November at 6.30pm in the school staff room. The welfare of our students and their learning environment is a top priority for the P&C, as evidenced through the numerous resources they have directed funds towards this year, such as, the new audio visual system in the assembly area, reading resources, together with maths and science equipment. They are also instrumental in managing our school canteen that is open 4 days a week. We are very fortunate as this is a luxury in comparison to many schools in our area. The P&C needs your support to continue the great work they do so please make a note in your diary and come along to this important meeting.

School Development Days 2016
On these days students are not required to attend school. Please note them in your diary.
Friday 4th March - Term 1
Friday 3rd June - Term 2
Friday 12th August - Term 3
Friday 4th November - Term 4

Further information about term dates for 2016 will be published in the next newsletter or can be found on our school’s website.

Shining Stars
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Julie Tombs - Principal

Aussie of the Month

Chloe is a friendly and well-mannered child who comes to school each day with a huge smile on her face. She has a positive attitude towards everything she does and this is reflected in her school work and the large friendship group that surrounds her. Chloe is a kind, caring and enthusiastic student who is always willing to help others. She has a great sense of humour and gets along with adults and children alike. She is a fantastic role model and this has made her a worthy recipient of Aussie of the Month.

Congratulations Chloe; you deserve it!

Dates For Your Diary

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2016 Enrolments & Class Placements

Parents are asked to notify the school if their child/children will not or may not be attending Edgewater Primary School in 2016. This is to try to eliminate the need for class restructuring at the commencement of 2016 and to ensure adequate staffing. No children will be taken off the roll without formal notification. Planning for 2016 classes will soon be underway. If you have any valid educational reasons you believe need to be considered when placing your child/children in classes, please put them in writing in a sealed envelope addressed to the Principal. The envelope then should be handed to the school office no later than Friday 20 November.

It is important that you act on this as soon as possible to ensure that your child is well placed for the start of 2016, and better still, get ahead before the Christmas rush starts. You will note that if you choose to order through OfficeMax, the school will receive a percentage of your expenditure back to reinvest in resources for the students. You are of course, at liberty to purchase from whichever supplier you prefer; however if you are unsure of an item, please ask your child’s teacher. This will ensure that your child has the correct items to begin the new school year.

The 2016 Contributions and Charges Schedule will be sent home to parents early next week.

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From the Chaplain—Dads and Lad’s Afternoon

Last Wednesday we held our first Dads and Lad’s afternoon and what a great time we had. I was really happy with the number of dads and their boys who came along. The boys challenged their dads to games and other activities with the result being a draw! Some of the games that we played were Newspaper Hit, Dads and Lads against each other to hit a ball with a newspaper bat through a set of goals. The Egg and spoon race was fun with many of the dads cheating—they didn’t think I could see their thumb holding the egg (ball) on the spoon! We had a good laugh with the Dress up Relay, The challenge was to dress in a onesie and race the boys to the finish line where they took off the onesie and swapped it with the next person. There was a bit of cheating going on here too—from both sides this time! Heaps of fun.

Everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle which was cooked by Mr Grey.

Thanks to Mr Grey for giving his time to help and cook the snags, and to Mrs Baily who also gave her time and helped prepare the BBQ and drinks. I really appreciate all your help.

We finished with some “Minute to Win It” challenges. This is always good fun and I got some great photos. Dads covered in Vaseline with cotton wool noses, Dads trying to get a biscuit from their forehead into his mouth, Dads holding a popstick in his mouth while trying to balance dice, and Dads stacking cups whilst the wind is trying to blow the stack over. Well done to all the dads and their lads who competed in the challenges. There was lots of laughing and happy faces. I think everyone who came along enjoyed themselves.

Bring on the 2016 Dads and Lad’s Challenge!

Lisa Ingham — School Chaplain

Kindy Sports Day

On Wednesday the three kindergarten groups combined to have our Kindy Sports Day. We marched down to the oval dressed in our faction colours to participate in a number of fun activities including hurdles, the sack race, bean bag race, egg and spoon race and running races. We even had a sibling’s race, a Mum’s race and a Dad’s race! The events helped us learn about taking turns, cheering for our friends and most importantly, having fun. When the activities were finished the children were presented with a participation award and a medal which was kindly donated by the P&C. To conclude the day we had a lovely play and picnic lunch with our families in the Kindy 2 play area. Everyone had a fantastic day. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying their first sports carnival.

Canteen News

A big thank you to the Kindy and Pre-primary mums who helped in the canteen and/or donated baked goods to the P&C’s recent Halloween Picnic. Our coffee and cake stall was a "spooktacular" success. Your containers are available for collection from the canteen.

The canteen’s volunteer sign up board is still very empty for this term. If you have some time to spare please consider assisting in the canteen. Remember your child will receive $5 off their lunch on the day you work and your name goes into a draw for a beautiful gift hamper to be drawn at the end of term.

Kerry van Drunick — Canteen Manager
**What is bullying?**

Bullying is when one or more of the following things happen **AGAIN** and **AGAIN** to someone who finds it hard to stop it from happening again.

Bullying is when a person or a group of people offline or online (mobile phone or Internet):

- Make fun of or tease someone in a mean and hurtful way.
- Tell lies or spread nasty rumours about someone to try to make others not like them.
- Leave someone out on purpose or not allow them to join in.
- Hit, kick or push someone around.
- Deliberately damage, destroy or steal things.
- Threaten or make someone feel afraid.

**What is not bullying?**

It is **NOT** bullying when:

- Teasing is done in a friendly, playful way.
- Two people who are as strong as each other argue or fight.

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**Scholastic Book Fair**

Due to the huge support shown by the School Community during the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Library on 21 October during Open Night, a total revenue of $4,643.10 was received.

As a result of this record achievement, the school library earned $928.52 in cash commission which will go a long way towards purchasing new resources for teacher and student use.

We would like to thank everybody who purchased items during the Book Fair. This is a major fundraising event for the school library and to have achieved this great result is a credit to students, parents, carers and friends.

Many thanks and happy reading!

**Dearma Sandercott — Library Administrator**

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**POLE Knitting**

The poles on the verandah in front of one of our Kindergartens are looking very cuddly and colourful at the moment. That’s because Kayla’s grandmother from Kindy Red Group, Linda, has singlehandedly yarn bombed them all! Linda handcrafted each piece and then sewed them all to the poles. It’s taken up a lot of her time but we think it looks great! These colourful poles help to brighten up our Early Childhood Centre.

Thank you Linda!

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**Kids Say the Darndest Things!**

“I don’t know how to act my age. I’ve never been my age before!”

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**Belridge Secondary College Orientation**

The Year Six students attending Belridge Secondary College in 2016 participated in a half-day orientation at the college last Thursday.

This was an opportunity for the students to familiarize themselves with the layout of the buildings and to work through a ‘mock’ timetable. They were also involved in some leadership and ‘getting to know’ activities. It was an opportunity to meet and work with students from other feeder primary schools. The students will return to Belridge Secondary College for a full orientation day later in the term.