

Discovering Science

On Thursday 22 September, Room 17 went on an excursion to Scitech to consolidate what they have been learning in Science. The students visited the Planetarium where they watched a show on the dome cinema about aliens and how humans have been actively searching for life on other planets, this was an out of this world experience. They visited the whodunit exhibition where they solved a crime by following different clues. Lastly they visited the Science Theatre where they watched things that glow. They experienced explosive fire-balls to see chemical reactions, through UV and laser lights. It was a fantastic educational experience for all involved on the day.



Merit Certificate Recipients

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

P1 Levi B, Sabien M | P2 Adriana W, Ariana A, Cynthia Z | R3 Dylan G, Rowan D |
R7 Jesse-James F | R8 Erin L, Mark T | R9 Andreas R, Jacob F | R11 Lewis B |
R12 Mason W, Chloe C | R17 James H, Sienna H |

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

From the Principal

As the end of the school year approaches our planning for 2018 has moved into top gear.

Planning for Student Improvement

Last Monday staff came together to review and discuss our students' academic and social skills progress. An analysis of the data collected over the year allowed staff to begin formulating strategic improvement plans for 2018 and beyond.

There were many celebrations to be seen in the data such as the NAPLAN Year 3 and 5 student performance compared to *like schools* highlighted in the graphs below. This is a testament to the hard work of our students and staff. Writing still continues to be an area of focus. During this year teaching staff have engaged in professional learning to improve our students' writing abilities. In 2018 we will be embedding a more connected teaching approach to writing across the school with a common language and strategies for students to master as they move from one class to another.

SunSmart School Policy

During recent P&C meetings the topic of becoming a SunSmart school has been raised. Australia's skin cancer rates are the highest in the world and as such we are committed to various sun protection practices in order to educate and protect our students. The move to becoming a SunSmart school requires the adoption of a few more protective and educative practices. One of these is the availability of sunscreen around the school. A proposal that is currently being investigated is that the P&C supply sunscreen for each classroom and specialist area for students to access. Staff will proactively encourage students to apply sunscreen during the day but particularly before going outdoors at lunchtime. Parents will be asked to make sure students come to school with sunscreen already applied in the morning. Another area discussed was role modelling. Staff and parents would be encouraged to act as role models by wearing SunSmart clothing which includes a hat for all outdoor activities.

Dates For Your Diary

November

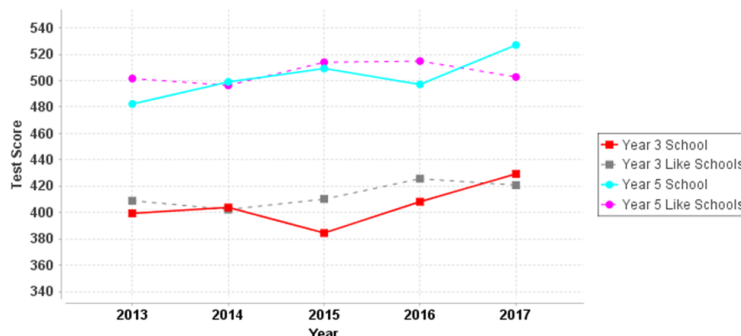
Saturday 4	P&C Christmas Market & Fun Day 3pm to 7pm
Wednesday 8	Kindy Sports Day
Friday 17	Assembly PP1 Kindy Aussie of the Month
Wednesday 22	2018 Kindy Orientation

Staff will be wear hats during recess, lunchtime and at other times when outdoors with the students such as sports time. Parents would be expected to do the same when assisting in camps, sports, excursions and when attending athletics carnivals or outdoor school functions. To move forward we need everyone on board in developing a whole school SunSmart Policy that meets the requirements to become a SunSmart school. We will keep you updated on our progress and welcome your support.

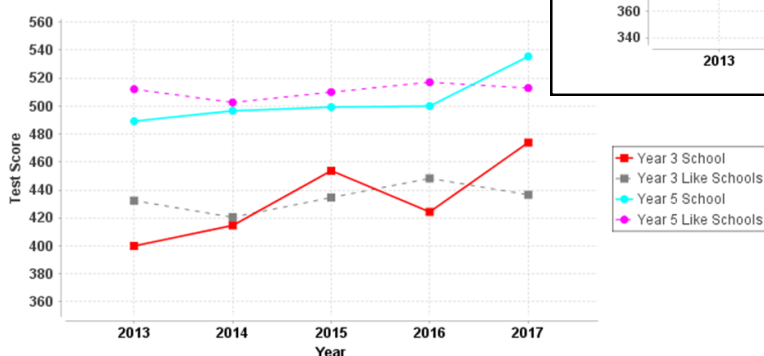
This weekend is the much anticipated P&C Christmas Market and Fun Day. I will look forward to seeing many of you there.

Julie Tombs

Average Numeracy Score



Average Reading Score



CWA Performance

On Tuesday 31 October the junior choir and some of the senior choir went to sing at Emerald Park. We walked there because it is only around the corner. When we arrived we sat on the grass until we were called in. When we got into place everyone looked very nervous. I was the first to speak and introduced the songs. We sang eight songs for the members of the CWA. I think everyone did very well, especially the soloists. Some people in the audience were cheering and clapping, everyone seemed to enjoy it. When we sang Jingle Bells the audience clapped along. I had a great time performing. Thank you to the CWA Joondalup Branch for letting us sing for you and to Mr Hadzic for organising everything.

Hannah



Thank you so much for bringing the children along to our Seniors' Morning Tea yesterday. They sang beautifully. The children brought a tear to some of the folk when they sang *We Are The Children*. Many of these seniors have no families who visit them but have memories which are often rekindled when they hear the children sing. A really special morning—thank you.

Please thank the choir they are a credit to the school.

Kind regards

Margaret—CWA secretary Joondalup Branch

World Teachers' Day

Last Friday was World Teachers Day which recognises the work of teachers and acknowledges the important contribution they make to students and the community.

Three of our fabulous young writers put pen to paper to thank their teacher, Mrs Bruce (R11), for her care and attention. Their writing was a text innovation based on Dorothea McKellar's *I love a sunburnt Country*.

Congratulations to Mrs Bruce, Cameron, Rosie and Charu.



My Wonderful Teacher

I love my wonderful teacher,

A smile of Mrs Bruce,

Of kindness and of beauty,

Of love that never falls loose!

I love her crystal clear eyes,

I love her jewellery,

Her friendship and her skills-

Her care for school and me!



Core of my heart sends love!

A school of kindness and laughter,

For fun filled days with you and me,

But bad days go faster!

I think of her every day,

And how she watches the room,

As the days go past the sun and the moon!



Cameron, Rosie and Charu

Mrs Bruce

Manager Corporate Services

On Tuesday Mrs Kelly and I did our final raffle draw for the year and I have notified the four winning families who all received a \$50 voucher from OfficeMax to be used when buying their child's personal items list. A huge thank you to all the families who have paid so far. If you are still to pay then I am hoping to have a \$50 voucher from Bunning's for the last week of school. Once again, we are utilising the services of OfficeMax for our school personal items list. I encourage for you to save the stress and order through them, especially if you wish to pay your child's school contributions on credit.

The winners of the \$50 Office Max vouchers are:

Voucher 0660	Mark T	R8
Voucher 0661	Ethan Y	R8
Voucher 0662	Charu B	R11
Voucher 0663	Leah B	R4

Kathy Dean

Canteen

I am very excited to announce that a new member has joined our Canteen Team. As we have decided to continue opening the Canteen five days a week, Sharon Varis will be taking over the running of the Canteen on Wednesdays, so that I can drop down to working my original four days a week. Sharon is very competent and has a wealth of experience working in canteens, having volunteered for many years in the North Woodvale Primary School canteen during the time her two sons attended that school, and now working one day a week in the Woodvale Secondary College canteen. You may have already seen Sharon around EPS as she has helped me out on many occasions with meal deals, sports carnivals and cooking the tray meals. I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming Sharon to our fabulous school.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

Class Placements 2018

Class Placements Planning for 2018 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 to be received no later than Friday 24 November. Please note that a follow up interview may be required. Requests for specific teachers cannot be guaranteed due to planning logistics.

Book Review Winners

(The Book Review Competition runs weekly so get your entries in!)



Amion A from R12 reviewed *Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets* by Dav Pilkey. This is Book 2 in the series and is another very funny installation where the two main characters accidentally create an army of talking toilets! Amion loved this book and rated it ten out of ten. He especially liked the part where George and Harold run away from the talking toilets and did a lovely illustration of this in his review.



Natalia W from R15 reviewed *Stories of Magic Ponies* by Susanna Davidson. This Junior Fiction novel was a hit with Natalia—she rated it five stars! Natalia put a lot of effort into completing her book review, describing and illustrating her favourite part of the book in great detail.

First Aid Incursion – Years 4 to 7

Learning First Aid was lots of fun for many students at Edgewater last week. A representative from St John Ambulance visited our school to teach us some very important skills in First Aid. The instructor demonstrated what to do when someone's in trouble as well as how to keep ourselves safe when we are helping them. First she demonstrated what to do and then showed us some videos. We also listened to an emergency phone call from a Year 6 student.

The whole class got involved by getting into pairs to practise DRSAB (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airway and Breathing). We learnt how to clear a person's airway, put them in the recovery position and how to make an emergency call.

It was a very good and interesting experience.

Matilda—R8



Student Council Update

Free Dress Day

Last Friday the Student Council arranged a Free Dress Day to raise funds for World Vision. All classes showed great support for this worthy cause, with most of our students from Pre-primary to Year 6 spending the day in free dress and donating a gold coin. Each class discussed what they would like World Vision to purchase to help families less fortunate than ourselves. Items chosen:

- A goat x 2 - \$80.00
- Chickens & eggs x 10 - \$100.00
- Fast-growing seeds x 4 - \$40.00
- School pencils x 6 - \$30.00
- Mosquito nets for a family x 10 - \$200.00
- A fish farm x 1 - \$30.00
- Childhood immunisation x 2 - \$60.00
- Ducks x 1 - \$40.00
- Clean drinking water x 2 - \$120.00

All included we managed to raise over \$650. We would like to thank everyone who supported World Vision.

Fundraising For Telethon

As part of our recent Open Night, members of the Student Council organised and ran a number of fun activities such as Splat the Rat and Bean Bag Toss.

We managed to raise \$90 for Telethon. We would like to thank everyone for their great support of WA children who unfortunately suffer from a range of diseases.

Amity B, Meg F, Rafa S and Jakob B



School Development Days 2018

There will be three School Development Days during school terms in 2018 as detailed below. Students do not attend school on these days.

Friday 2nd March 2018

Friday 1st June 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

The 2018 school year for students commences on Wednesday 31st January.

Beldon Dental Therapy Centre Upgrade

The Beldon Dental Therapy Centre has relocated to the Ocean Reef Primary School [Kaufman Avenue Ocean Reef] for the next 6 months while their centre is being upgraded.

The phone number is 9307 4775.

Pastoral Care

Tips from KIDS MATTER

Parents and carers support children's learning by leading and coaching them towards coming up with their own answers. This shows them how to learn, and makes it more likely that they will succeed. The next time your child asks for help, you might try some of the following ways to support thinking and learning.

- Ask them to think through alternatives: "That would be one way, what's another way we could try?"
- Provide support for thinking through difficult tasks: "Let's have a think about this together." Ask them to explain the steps
- Help children to plan their approach: "What is it that we need to do?"
- Ask them to review their steps so far: "Tell me more about what you have already tried."
- Help children who are stuck by breaking the task into smaller steps.
- It's a good idea to ensure the first step involves something that children can already do. This way they will experience success early which helps their confidence.
- Be sure to provide praise for completing each step as they work through a task.
- Guide children step-by-step to build their skills so they can eventually complete the whole task on their own.

Smiling Minds Program

KidsMatter and Smiling Minds share the goal of promoting children's mental health and wellbeing in schools. Smiling Mind is a free program that provides resources to support the development of mindfulness and meditation skills. These skills help to manage stress, increase awareness of emotions, improve attention and focus, and can prevent difficulties from getting worse.

Smiling Minds has been designed for primary aged children and all classes at Edgewater Primary School have been trialing the program this year. It has been successfully implemented in a wide variety of government and non-government schools with positive results.

The Smiling Mind Education program provides a range of freely accessible resources and mindfulness programs that can be used in the classroom across all age groups. You can read more at [Smiling Minds](#).



DigiClub

Miss Smith and Miss Tangermann, with the help of some wonderful Year 6s, have established a lunchtime Digital Technologies program called 'Digiclub'. Students in a particular year level from Year 2 to Year 6 attend once a week during lunch to explore and experiment with new technologies. So far the Digiclub members have been using the Ozobot technology and the Osmo technology with iPads. Students are coding Ozobots to perform particular movements, getting them through mazes, completing tangram puzzles using Osmo and testing their artistic abilities with Osmo Masterpiece. Digiclub provides students who are interested in technology with an opportunity to meet with other students with similar interests and broaden their skills for the future.

**Miss Smith &
Miss Tangermann**

