Fantastic Faction Carnival

The weather on Friday was perfect for our Annual Faction Sports Carnival. Our school gardener, Mr Langley, had spent countless hours ensuring that the oval and surrounding areas looked outstanding for the day. In front of well over 100 parents/carers and friends, our students from pre-primary to Year 6 performed admirably to give of their best throughout the day.

Mr Grey, our Phys Ed specialist, had organised a full programme of events, commencing with tabloid sports activities. Whilst the competition may have been fierce, our students displayed perfect behaviour at every turn giving support to all.

The canteen volunteers provided much needed sustenance for all present and there were often long queues at the coffee van for the very welcome flat white or latte. Even our local member of parliament, Jan Norberger, was roped in to present awards and prepare the odd bacon and egg roll.

At the end of the afternoon championship medals were presented by Mr Grey and Mrs Tombs. The final scores were: Parmelia 771, Batavia 634, Challenger 553 and Leeuwin 463.

We appreciate all who spent many hours preparing for this great day.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly last week: P1 Rylie, Zavier | P2 Dash, Layla | R3 Jaxon, Roxie | R4 Isabella | R7 Dylan, Megan | R11 Michael, Saxen | R12 Avni, Teilha | R15 Elliott |
From the Principal

Yesterday was a day of celebration as the school community came together to cheer on our students competing in our Annual Athletics Carnival. There are many people to be thanked for their contribution towards making the day such a success. I would particularly like to thank Mr Grey, our staff, the hardworking P&C and Canteen Committee, Mr Langley, our gardener and Mr Phil Bossert who comes in early every year to help set up the oval. Our students look forward to this day with great anticipation and the work done by all our volunteers and staff helps to deliver memorable moments for them that last beyond the day itself.

Parent Survey

Many thanks to all those parents who responded to the National School Opinion Survey. The School Board are currently examining the data and reflecting on what strategies we might use in continuing to strive for improvement. The strongest positive feedback from parents, students and teachers was that teachers expect students to do their best and that teachers care about the students. There were many more celebrations about the work we do within the school. An area in need of improvement continues to be communication between parents and school. The School Board have been working on this for some time and are currently in the process of endorsing a Communication Plan, designed to improve this important aspect of our work. The plan will soon be released to the school community.

2017 Scheduled of Fees and Charges

By the end of next week the 2017 Schedule of Fees and Charges will be sent home to each family. It will also be placed on the School Website. The 2017 Personal Items List (Booklists) for each year level will be sent home at the same time. Our supplier for the Personal Items List is again OfficeMax. It is important that you act promptly in placing your order with OfficeMax if you chose to use this option. This will avoid delays in delivery that may occur over the Christmas/Back to School rush period. Please note that if you chose 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.

A Big Thank You

Yesterday was World Teachers Day. On behalf of all Edgewater Primary School students, parents and broader school community, I would like to thank all our teachers and support staff for the great job they do to ensure the development of each of our students.

Julie Tombs

Safety in the Nature Play Area

As well as the benefits of free unstructured play, our nature play area provides our students with opportunities to improve their problem-solving skills and enhance their social skills. We are pleased to have noticed that some parents return after school and on weekends with their children to give them time in this area which is near the oval.

It is important to ensure that children do not dig large holes or tunnel into the side of the banks when they are playing there as these could be a source of danger.

Class Placements

Planning for 2017 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 18 November. Please note that requests for specific teachers cannot be guaranteed due to planning logistics.
Rhyme Time Story Time
This innovative and interactive program for pre-kindergarten students has been running all year. Next Wednesday 2 November will be the last Rhyme Time Story Time Session for 2016. We would like to thank Ann Rose, one of our kindergarten teachers, for planning and running this fantastic program which has proven to be very popular with our school community.

After School Music Class
Thank you to Mrs Gabrielle Grimes, a parent at our school, who has been holding a special music program for Pre-primary students after school. Mrs Grimes said that the participation of parents and students was fabulous—particularly the students who grew in confidence and enthusiasm as the term progressed. Their listening skills improved considerably, and the 'call and response' activities enabled parents to hear how their children's ability to audiate was developing. It was also lovely to see how well parents were interacting with their children through music, and to have the chance to socialise with other parents.
Featured Class—Year 2 Room 11
The Year Two students from Room 11 were very excited to have their Science lesson last week in our fabulous Science Lab. Our topic this term is The Earth and its Resources. We have been learning about the Earth's crust and how it holds many useful resources. So we headed to the lab last Monday to investigate some of the differences between sand and soil. First we put on our white lab coats (like real scientists) and then we used the magnifying glasses to have a closer look at the soil and sand. We also added water to our cups of sand and soil and recorded what we observed (like real scientists). We had lots of fun and learnt a lot. Mrs Bruce was very pleased that everyone worked well with their partners.

We will be going to the lab again before the end of the year for some more Science fun!

Mrs Bruce & Mrs Binks—Class Teachers

Canteen News
Thank you to everyone who helped make Friday’s sports carnival a memorable day for students. A special thank you to all the mums who contributed the delicious baked goods to our food stall, to all the parents who helped out with our barbeque and to the volunteers in the canteen who cooked and packed up the sausage sizzles for our meal deal. All your efforts and hard work are very much appreciated.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager
Junior Choir Concert

On Tuesday 18 October, the Junior Choir visited the Joondalup CWA Seniors Christmas Party at Emerald Park for a concert. Mr Hadzic, Mrs Stables and Mrs Bock helped get us and our equipment there. Some of the Senior Choir also came with us so that we could sing songs that had two parts. We sang One Big Voice, Sunny Day, Goodbye Beethoven, When the Lights all Shine and Jingle Bell Rock.

Mr Hadzic conducted us and showed what great resilience he had (and his musical skills) when his guitar string suddenly broke and he had to use a guitar that belonged to someone else without ever having held it before.

When we finished, the CWA gave us a lot of applause. As we left we were given a snack and a drink, which helped us deal with the uphill walk back to school.

We all enjoyed being in the concert, and look forward to singing again next year.