



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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P&C Christmas Market

It was the perfect spring day for the Christmas Market and it was great to see so many people come down to enjoy the stalls, activities and games. The market had a wonderful community atmosphere and the junior and senior choirs, led by Mr Hadzic, did a beautiful job entertaining the crowd. Thank you to all those who contributed prizes for the raffle baskets including local realtor Tony Mullen, who donated the \$200 gift voucher and Florian von Guttenberg for goods from his brewery. Also a huge thank you to the generous people who donated sausages for the sausage sizzle. Lastly, a massive thank you to everyone who donated their time, volunteering on the day to run the activities, games, sausage sizzle and canteen. These events wouldn't happen without all the help and support provided by the parent community!

Christmas Market Committee



Merit Certificate Recipients

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

PP1 James L, Amy W | PP2 Rihanna S, Kael C | R2 Xavier B, Jack W, Lucy N, Ella D | R3 Toby S | R4 Xavier B | R5 Max T, Heath R | R6 Danielle S, Gemma B | R7 Christopher N, Hunter G, Aaliyah K | R9 Lucas M, Kohen A, Aidan A | R15 Elias A, Bobby K | R16 Sienna S | R17 Avni H, Logan K

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

From the Principal

This term is rapidly disappearing with only 4 weeks to go before the end of the school year. Some of our students are preparing to leave us while others are getting ready to start school for the first time.

Year 6 Students

Over the past month our Year 6 students have been involved in orientation visits to the various secondary schools they will attend in 2018. They are now preparing for their graduation ceremony scheduled to take place at Edith Cowan University on Wednesday, 13th December in the presence of invited guests, family and friends. This is an exciting and much anticipated event that will be followed with an evening dinner dance organised by the P&C Graduation Committee. The school will hold a farewell assembly on the final day of school for all students leaving us.

Kindergarten Orientation

The new Kindergarten students for 2018 will commence their orientation into our school environment next Wednesday, 22nd November. The children and their parents will meet early childhood staff and spend time exploring the early childhood classrooms and play area. A good number of the children will already have some familiarity with our school due to older siblings attending or through their participation in our **Rhymetime Storytime** program. However, there will be some children and parents who have not had the opportunity; so for them it will be a very new experience. We will look forward to seeing our new Kindy students and their parents.

Planning for 2018

Please check the school event calendar on our website for term holiday dates, public holidays and school development days. It is important to note that Term 1 is an 11 week term with Easter occurring during the term.

Edgewater Primary School Board and P&C

The School Board will have its last meeting for the year this coming Monday 20th November. A School Board update will appear in the next newsletter to inform the school community about the activities that have been undertaken over this semester. The P&C will hold their annual AGM on Monday, 27th November. This is an important meeting as it establishes the executive committee for 2018 and is an opportunity to finish the year with a celebration of all that has been achieved. The success of the recent P&C Christmas Market is an example of their fine work.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

November	
Wednesday 22	2018 Kindy Orientation
Friday 24	Y's 5 & 6 Big Bash Cricket Excursion
Monday 20	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Monday 27	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
December	
Friday 1	PP2 Assembly
Tuesday 5 & Thursday 7	Final Dancesport Lessons
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

School Development Days

Below are the dates for School Development Days in 2018. On these days students do not attend school as all staff members are involved in whole school planning sessions.

Friday 2 March

Friday 1 June

Monday 29 October

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

Electronic Delivery Of Reports

As previously notified by a note sent home earlier this term, apart from Kindergarten, all student reports will be available through a link in an email. This will be sent to parents/carers at the end of this term.

In order for this to be successful please notify us if you have changed your email in the last month or two.

Attendance

The Department of Education has been placing a great deal of emphasis on schools ensuring that their attendance rates are at the highest level possible. Currently running at 93% our attendance rate is above that for the state, but our target is to move it to 95%.

Please endeavour to ensure that your child attends school every day in order to maximise their learning potential. Any absences must be accompanied by an explanation. This can be through a phone call, an email, an online absence form on the school website, or a written note to the class teacher.

Kindy Sports Morning

On Wednesday 8 November, the three Kindy groups joined together for the annual Kindy Sports Morning. A wonderful day was had by all and it was great to see the children join in the events with such enthusiasm and confidence. The carnival concluded with a morning tea shared together with family and friends.

Thankyou to Mr Grey and the faction captains for their support and to Mr Langley for marking out the track.

Ann Rose and Aimie Norris (Kindy Teachers)



Aussie of the Month

Abbey is a gentle, well mannered, polite and considerate student who always strives to do her very best. She always listens, follows instructions and is a role model to her classmates. Abbey's "can do" attitude and willingness to help others is outstanding. She is a conscientious student who displays a wonderful love of learning.

Abbey shows fantastic leadership qualities and is very popular with her peers for her kindness and willingness to accept others. She is a deserving recipient for Aussie of the Month. Congratulations Abbey.



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Chaplain/Pastoral Care

On Wednesday this week, I was interviewed on local radio station 89.7fm about my role as a chaplain and what issues students face at school today. I shared that my role at Edgewater Primary School was to be there for the students, but also for their parents and staff members. I talked about helping teachers settle a child who may be feeling worried about something, being a safe person at school for children to talk to about their feelings and anything else that may be worrying them. It was a nerve racking experience and I had to do some deep breathing, take control of my feelings and focus my brain on the task at hand. I had to listen to my own advice and boy did it feel good once I had finished! It felt really good to.....just breathe. I challenge you all to do just that as we start to enter into the "busy" season.

Lisa Ingham



Nature Play Update

It has been great to see so many children and families playing at the Nature Play area.

The Nature Play Committee has spent many months of careful consideration and detailed planning on the continued enhancement of the area, aiming to create a physically and mentally challenging course the kids will love. We are pleased to announce that the next stage has been approved by the Department of Education and the City of Joondalup. It is a large scale project which spans approximately 22 meters across the northern embankment of the area. Children will need to use upper and lower body strength to balance on log steppers, negotiate log climbers and large tractor tyres to get to the top platform. They can then race each other down our 8 meter custom built slide to the bottom.

We will begin fundraising for stage 3 early in 2018 and we will hold a volunteer mulching makeover day. Families, children and volunteers from the community will be encouraged to join us. We would love to hear asap from anyone with a trailer willing to collect mulch for us or donate us a trailer for the day. We are hoping to have at least 10 trailers doing mulch collection runs for us. Enquiries can be directed to Vanessa Browne at events@edgewaterpandc.com.

The support for our project has been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to all of the hardworking volunteers and fundraisers who have supported us to date. You are helping our kids to grow into resilient young adults who have a solid sense of community and strong values which will last a lifetime.

Vanessa Browne and Rebecca Wright (Nature Play Committee)

Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in their basic facts:

R2 Lucia C, Amelia C | R3 Gracie N, Scarlett B | R4 Roxane A, Natalie W | R5 Sam T, Heath R | R6 Liam K, Ben N | R7 Jackson B, Chris N | R8 Ben V, Matthew S | R9 Jacob R, Jaden Q | R11 Kate S, Dakota C | R12 Cameron D, Abbie B | R15 Alexander H, Jayden C | R16 Roxie L, Hugh P | R17 Ewan D, Glenn S

Canteen - \$2 Dancesport Final Snack Deal

The Dancesport finals are coming up in Week 9. It's a very exciting time for the children as they get to invite special guests to come and view all the moves they've learnt during the term. Notes will be going home shortly advising parents of the dates and times of the finals. The Canteen will be selling a snack deal - consisting of a small bag of crisps, a juice box and a piece of fruit - which the children are welcome to purchase AFTER their final dance, for \$2. There will be plenty of supplies so any siblings attending can buy a snack deal too. We will also be selling tea and coffee for the parents at a cost of \$2.

Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager

Gifted & Talented Visual Art Program Balcatta SHS



Applications are now open for the Gifted and Talented Visual Art Program for **Year 7 in 2019.**

Information is available from the Edgewater Primary School office or contact Balcatta SHS on 9345 8200

Kapture School Photos Update

We have been advised by Kapture Photography that all sports and/or special team photos taken this year will be removed from their website at the close of Term 4. This is your last chance to view and purchase these photographs. Please visit www.kapture.com.au and access the gallery using our school code; **SNZB4Q**. This code can also be used to purchase class or individual photographs should you have not ordered earlier in the year.
