On Friday 7 November, seventy seven excited choir members from Years 2-7 boarded the bus to the West Coast Songfest. When we arrived at Joondalup Arena, we joined with around 1400 other primary school students for a 2 hour practice. After lunch, our parents, Principals and other important people from the community, such as the Mayor of Joondalup, Mr Troy Pickard, came to listen to what everyone agreed was ‘an incredible concert’. We sang and danced to songs like One Big Voice, Riptide, Best Days of my Life, Harmony and Fireworks. We all enjoyed clicking and rubbing our hands together during Rainsong to make it sound like it was raining, and then jumping to simulate the sound of thunder. Halfway through the concert all 1500 of us got to be a backing group for Bethany O’Brien who sang ‘Let it go’ and Robbie Anderson from The Voice Kids who entertained the entire Arena with his versions of ‘Hey Soul Sister’ and ‘Happy’. Mrs Bock, Mrs Gray and Mrs Harris came with us and were very pleased with how fabulous we all looked in our choir outfits, especially with our white shoes, and how well we behaved. While Songfest wasn’t quite what some of us thought it would be (there was no tiered stage and definitely no party), everyone really enjoyed the experience of being part of a massed choir and we are all looking forward to going again next year.
Principal’s Comment

Yesterday the first of our 2015 Kindergarten students visited the early childhood area of the school to get a taste of the exciting learning journey that lies ahead of them. It was wonderful to see the eager faces of the children and it was a great reminder of the important work we do, in conjunction with parents, to prepare a much younger generation for the future.

Planning for 2015 classes is well underway and will be continuing over the next few weeks. Class structures and staffing will not be finally confirmed until the beginning of 2015 due to the fluctuations of student numbers and tight budget constraints around the new student centred funding model. As in previous years, class lists will be displayed in the windows at the front of the school from 2.30pm, Thursday, 29\textsuperscript{th} January 2015. Students in Pre Primary to Year 6 begin school on Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} February.

Last week you would have received our 2015 School Contribution and Charges schedule together with the Student Personal Items List. I encourage you to use our preferred supplier for the Personal Items List as the school receives a commission on total sales which in turn comes back to us to buy additional resources for the our students. As always the decision is up to parents who may wish to shop elsewhere. If this is the case please ensure that the supplies listed are purchased as described to ensure uniformity across the year levels. The School Voluntary Contribution Fees remain unchanged and other charges have been kept to a minimum wherever possible.

There have been some staffing changes made over recent weeks due to both Mr Christman and Mrs Abbott taking leave. Mr Christman has been replaced by Mrs Harris and Mrs Milentis has taken over Mrs Abbott’s art classes. We will look forward to seeing both Mr Christman and Mrs Abbott when they return.

In the lead up to the end of the school year there are numerous events planned including swimming lessons, Year 6 & 7 graduations, the ever popular P&C disco and much more. During this time it is important that students keep a focus on learning. Please assist us in making sure that children arrive at school each day ready to learn after a good night’s rest and a healthy breakfast. The body needs fuel to perform at optimum levels and at Edgewater we are all about trying to reach our potential.

Julie Tombs
Principal

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Do not Forget!
Class Placements 2015
Planning for 2015 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 needs to be handed in to the school office no later than Friday 21 November.
It is important to let us know as we cannot make alterations at the beginning of the school year.

2015 Enrolments
Parents are asked to notify the school if their child/children will not or may not be attending Edgewater PS school in 2015. This is to try to eliminate the need for class restructuring at the commencement of 2015 and to ensure adequate staffing. You can also log on to our website and under Parents/Student Class Numbers, complete the form and submit it.
No children will be taken off the roll without formal notification.

Lost Property
The school has a large amount of lost property including items such as toys, jewellery, reading and sun glasses, wallets, keys, books and miscellaneous articles. Please contact the office if your child has mislaid an item at school. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The due date for the final issue of the year is Thursday 27 November.
If you are looking for stocking fillers for Christmas, or if you need a few extra books to keep the kid’s minds active over the summer holidays, this is a great way to pick up a bargain and help the school raise money for more resources at the same time with prices starting at $2 a book.
This year, by supporting the book club we have been able to purchase $2,403.00 worth of books for the library and classrooms.
If anyone would like to purchase books for Christmas we can arrange for your orders to be picked up from the office instead of the classroom.
Simply write Christmas presents on your order form and leave your mobile number and we will let you know when they are available for collection.
NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED
Thank you

Veronica Leseberg and Joanne Humphrey

School Development Days 2015

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2014 School Terms

| Term 4 - Monday 13 Oct | Thursday 18 Dec |
Healthy Kids are Happy Kids

Did you know that WATER is essential for you to stay alive and maintain a healthy body?

Water:
- helps athletes perform better,
- helps you think, focus and concentrate better and be more alert,
- helps relieve and prevent headaches which are commonly caused by dehydration
- moisturizes your skin, keeps it fresh, soft, glowing and smooth.
- saves you money.

At Edgewater, in our harsh Australian climate, we encourage our children to drink water regularly to promote a healthy lifestyle.

We have been lucky enough to be one of the 5 winning school across Australia in ‘Nestles’ Healthy Active Kids $5000 Grant Competition.

The question was;

‘How would we promote a healthy lifestyle at our school if we won $5000?’

After some consideration and an excellent submission by Mrs Grant, it was decided cool, fresh water was essential in schools to keep our children hydrated. Our entry stated that we would encourage our children to drink more by increasing the number of chilled water fountains around the playground.

Thanks to the Nestles $5000 grant, Edgewater now has five chilled water fountains; outside the library, on the oval, behind the canteen, pre-primary and outside cluster 3. The children are already enjoying the benefits of a refreshing, cool drink after running around at recess and lunch.

Let’s keep our kids healthy – drink plenty of water.
School Summer Disco
Friday 5 December - Tickets $5
Junior [K-Yr3] - 4:00-5:30pm
Senior [Yrs 4-7] - 6:00-7:30pm
Come dressed in your favourite summer clothing!
Volunteers are urgently needed.
Please leave your details at the office or email edgewater.ps.pandc@gmail.com.

Kestrel Mews Staff Car Park
Like the car park in Treetop Avenue, this car park is strictly for staff and authorised visitors to the school. Parents and carers are not to use the car park to drop off or pick up students.
The safety of our students is paramount and they are not to walk in either car park at any time.

Battery Collection
The last battery collection from the school for 2014 will be during the week commencing Monday 8 December. Batteries can be left in the container in the library or handed in to the office.