



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter

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Welcome Back

In addressing the school staff at a morning meeting, Mrs Tombs indicated that this year had been one of the smoothest starts she had experienced at Edgewater. With five new staff members and an additional class, the school has settled into the routines easily following two days of workshops where staff planned for the year ahead. 2017 will see an increased emphasis on differentiation to cater for the learning styles of all of our students as we continue to put in place strategies from the School Business Plan.



A very big thank you to Casey Haw from West Perth Football Club for attending our assembly today with two of their rising football players.

Casey talked about registrations for Auskick, a girls only football competition at HBF Stadium, and signing up for the local football team, Edgewater Woodvale Eagles. More details can be had by contacting Mr Grey at school or from the club's website—

<http://www.ewjfc.asn.au/>

Get out there and have a go!

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From the Principal

Welcome to our first school newsletter for 2017.

I would like to congratulate students, staff and parents on the very smooth start to the year. It has been the best for quite a number of years with very few tears and lots of smiles. I have had the pleasure of welcoming new families to our school and catching up with families returning after the holiday break.

The Edgewater P&C are inviting all families to a Welcome Back Picnic next Friday, 17 February from 3.15pm. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope as many families as possible will be able to join in this event.

Edgewater Staff

I am pleased to advise parents that we have a full complement of teaching staff. Many are returning for another rewarding year and there are a few new faces. We warmly welcome Miss Circosta (PP2), Mrs Brewster-Luff (K1), Miss Tangermann (Rm 16) and Miss Thomas (Rm 17) to the team. All staff, both teaching and non-teaching, are committed to working with you and your children throughout this year to ensure a rich, diverse and challenging education program.

2017 Information Booklets

Communication links between home and school are vital in ensuring that each child's unique needs are met. With this in mind, teachers will be communicating with you early this term through a Class Information Booklet which will be sent to you via your child. Later in the term we will conduct parent – teacher interviews to allow parents the opportunity to meet one on one with teachers to discuss their child's progress and plans for the future. A 2017 School Information Booklet was sent home to each family last week detailing important information about school operations. If you did not receive it, you can arrange for another to be sent to you, or alternatively, the booklet can be found on the school's website. A full list of staff is detailed in the booklet together with email contact details for each teacher. Should you have a concern about your child, please speak to the teacher as soon as possible by arranging an appointment through the school office or contact the teacher by email.

Business Plan Priorities

We are in the last year of our 2015-2017 Business Plan which has four key focus areas - *Learning Excellence, Teaching Excellence, Aspirational Leadership, and Sustainable Partnerships*. The School Board will continue to monitor our progress in each of these areas with our attention very firmly centred on continual improvement. The School Board will have its first meeting of the year next Monday. On 13 March an Open School Board meeting will be held and all are encouraged to attend.

I look forward to a fabulous 2017 and trust that each child will continue to learn and grow in an environment they find stimulating, safe and caring. Should you have any concerns throughout the year regarding school operations or matters in relation to your child/children that cannot be addressed through the teacher, please don't hesitate to contact our Associate Principals, Mrs Gray or Mr Baily, our Corporate Services Manager, Mrs Dean, or myself.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

February	
Monday 13	School Board Meeting 7:15pm
Friday 17	P&C Welcome Back Picnic 3:15pm
Monday 20	PEAC Round 1
Friday 24	Assembly
Monday 27	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
March	
Friday 3	School Development Day—Students do not attend
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Lost Property

We seem to accumulate large amounts of lost property, particularly school jackets. As these items are quite expensive, we are keen to see all of these items returned to the student who owns them.

Lost property is placed in a plastic container in the area outside the library. When you are next at school, please check this container to lay claim to any missing uniforms.

Please ensure that all items of school uniform, including hats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Furniture

As the result of our school refurbishment programme, from time to time we have furniture and equipment that is surplus to our needs, or requires repair.

In the area outside the library we have placed a large number of items that we do not currently have a need for and do not have the space to store them. Parents/carers and friends of the school are invited to view these items and then see Mr Baily if they would like to take ownership of them. A gold coin (or other) donation to the school library would be greatly appreciated.

From the Chaplain

Welcome back everyone!

It's hard to believe that it is nearly Week 3! It only seems like yesterday I was still on holiday.

This is going to be a great term with our student councillors being voted for and announced in the next few weeks, and of course, the Year 6 Camp. This year I will be the cook at camp which I am really looking forward to. I have dusted off my cook books and written a long shopping list! It is going to be heaps of fun.

I have been visiting classes recently and enjoyed seeing our excited children in their new rooms. It has been a great start to the year. I am still operating a friendship group at lunchtime in the library on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is a place for students to come along and colour in with others around a table where we laugh and chat together. If your child is feeling a little lost at lunchtime, they are most welcome to come along and join in.

Have a great week.

Lisa .

Kiss & Drive

We are indeed fortunate to have a Kiss & Drive area at the front of the school on Treetop Avenue provided by the City of Joondalup. This facility allows parents/carers to drop off and collect students in a safe and timely manner. As a courtesy to others, it is important to remember that not only is parking not permitted in this area, users should remember that if a student is a little late in arriving for pick up in the afternoon, that they should leave the Kiss and Drive area and proceed up to and around the roundabout at Kestrel Mews and then drive down to the roundabout at Pioneer Drive and return to collect the student.

If all members of our school community remember and abide by these suggestions we can be assured of a safe and efficient valuable facility. Whilst staff members may be available to supervise the students in the area after school, it is important to remember that they are not permitted to do this outside the school grounds. They are also not allowed to direct traffic in the area.

From The Manager of Corporate Services

Student Banking

Big hugs going out to all our wonderful students who take advantage of the school banking we provide. If you are a parent of such a child then make sure you give them a big hug. Also let others know of the wonderful program and how it is teaching our students the value of saving to spend, and most importantly, doing chores. If your child hasn't banked in a while, then I encourage them to do so as they are missing out on so many great rewards and life lessons. See the office for this year's banking rewards. Last year \$596.50 in commissions from the Commonwealth Bank was received by the school. See below for more information on school banking.

Student Requirements Lists

We had a small problem with an item on these lists with the pencil sharpeners breaking. I have managed to get them replaced and new ones handed out to students. Both the school and the supplier apologise for any inconvenience.

CARS Levy

Big thanks go out to all the families who have paid the CARS levy at the time of payment for the student requirements from OfficeMax. However, we are still waiting for payments for some students. If this involves you, could you please remit the money so your child can have their book. Enquiries can be made through the school office.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all parents who have paid the voluntary contributions. I am hoping to run the raffle again this year for those families who have paid these. There would be one at the beginning of Term 2 for everyone who has paid by end of Term 1, and another one at the end of the year.

Kathy Dean

Canteen News

Welcome back to school. It's been lovely seeing all the student's happy faces again after the six week break. A special welcome to all the new families to Edgewater.

The canteen is located in the undercover area and is open four days a week (Tuesday to Friday) from 8.15am to 1.30pm. Orders can be placed in person before school or online through our ordering system - www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Online orders close off at 9.00am on the day of the order, but can be placed at any time before the cut off date and time. Menus are available from the canteen or can be viewed on the school website.

Did you know? Our canteen strives to provide healthy meals and snacks to students and we are very proud of the fact that 80% of our menu items are classified as green according to the food traffic light system. All our tray meals are freshly prepared in the canteen and are chock full of hidden vegetables. Tray meals include lasagne, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti bolognese, butter chicken and tuna mornay, and are available to order daily. Gluten free options are available too.

I'm always looking for assistance in the canteen. If you would like to volunteer for an hour a morning or a day, please come and see me or call me on 9405 3528. Volunteers will not only be provided with coffee and lunch, but will receive \$5 off their child's lunch on the day that they work.

I hope to see you soon.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

Get Involved in the School Banking Program

Edgewater Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for the school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of three ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

3. At the school office

Call in to the office before school any day during the week and Mrs Kelly will help you to open an account.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program

World's Greatest Shave

We are very proud of Matty Davis in Year 6 who is taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the second time this year. Matty will be doing this very brave thing for cancer research and will be coming to school after 17 March sporting a new look!

Please support Matty, and if possible, donate to this very worthy cause.



Dogs on Site

It is a breach of Department of Education Regulations for dogs to be brought onto public school grounds at any time, including weekends. Not only is this for safety reasons, dog excrement has been left on the oval and in other areas of the school grounds, making it unhealthy for our students.



P&C

Welcome Back Student and Family Picnic

Friday 17 February

3:15pm

Early Childhood Area adjacent to the school office



Please come along with a picnic and a blanket. This is a great opportunity for new parents to meet with other parents in the school and for our children to have some fun!



Approved Specialist Program in Cricket

Cricket skills testing day

Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to apply for our 2018 Approved Specialist Program in Cricket.

CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL-TIME SUBJECT

Closing date for applications
Friday 31 March 2017

Testing Venue: WACA
Monday 3 April 2017 at 9:30am

For more information or to request an application form and trial pack, email Scott Ogilvie (Cricket Coordinator) at scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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