Welcome Back
Term 1 started with great excitement as students caught up with their friends, found their new classroom, met their teacher and unpacked their new books and pencils. Our Kindy students were quick to explore the wonderful playground equipment on offer.

We would like to give a very special Edgewater welcome to our new students and their families who we hope have already enjoyed our caring atmosphere.

All students have settled in well and class routines are being established. With the hot weather upon us, students are encouraged to bring water bottles into the classroom to keep them well-hydrated.
Principal’s Comment

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015.

The first two weeks back at school are now at end with all students gradually settling into their new classes. Our start to the year has been busy with everyone eagerly preparing for the year ahead and learning about the expectations for all of us as we transition into Independent Public School status.

During this term the Edgewater Primary School Board will be formed and take over from our current Edgewater Primary School Council. Nominations have now closed for staff and parent representation on the board. Over the next few weeks nominations will be considered and an election will take place if nominations exceed the positions available. Further updates about our progress in this area will be provided in future newsletters.

A 2015 Parent Information Booklet has now been sent home to each family, together with a term planner. Please spend some time reading the information provided, even if you are an ongoing parent in our school. Your knowledge of current information about the operations of the school may save stress and time as we progress through the year.

There are numerous whole of school activities planned for this term. The first of these is the P&C ‘Welcome Back Student and Family Picnic’ to be held on Friday, 20 February from 3.15pm onwards. I encourage all families to attend this first event for the term, especially new families.

This year we have a change in our School Athletics Carnival arrangements with the Interschool Athletics Carnival scheduled to take place at the end of this term and our Faction Athletics Carnival due to take place in Term 3. The new arrangements for this year has been prompted by the short first term, the absence of Year 6 students who will be attending their annual camp in Week 6 and the need to work in with other schools we compete against.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will once again be held during Weeks 7 and 8 of this term for students in Pre Primary to Year 6. This is an opportunity for teachers and parents to come together to discuss each student’s progress and what might need to be considered in term of assisting each child to reach their potential as they progress through the year. More details will come out to parents at a later date to organise interview times.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff and parents for their hard work and support in making sure that our students get off to a great start for the year. It’s now full steam ahead!

Julie Tombs

Principal

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Scholastic Book Club
This year Edgewater Primary School will again be participating in Scholastic Book Clubs. Twice a term students will receive a brochure full of fantastic, age appropriate books, starting at $1. Book Club is a great way to get your child excited about reading, allowing them to choose a book that is then delivered to them in their classroom. In previous years the Book Club has been a huge success, increasing students literacy and allowing the school to purchase resources and books for the library. 20% of all sales goes directly back to the school! The first catalogues of the year are heading out in Week 1 and due back by 19 February. We look forward to another fantastic year!

Joanne May and Lee Tanner
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Dr Suess

Safety House News
We are always looking for new Safety Houses within our community to keep our children safe. It's easy to be a 'Safety House' and you would be helping protect vulnerable children. A Safety Householder must be a caring adult who is usually in around school travel times and someone who is willing to assist any child who might seek help at their door. You must have easy street access to the front door, no screening walls or trees and a Safety House sign easily visible from the street. Please contact the school office for further information.

Safety House Coordinator

CALLING ALL YEAR 6 JUNIOR CRICKETERS! ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHOOSING CRICKET AS A FULL TIME SUBJECT AT SECONDARY SCHOOL in 2016?

THE BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE - ‘SPECIALIST CRICKET PROGRAM’ TRIAL DAY is being held on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at the testing venue of the WACA

Full information is available on www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au > Specialist Cricket Program where you can download a trial pack and application form. Applications close Monday 30 March 2015

Should you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact Scott Ogilvie, Cricket Coordinator for Belridge Secondary College on 9408 8000 or email scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

This Specialist Program is endorsed by the Department of Education and the WACA.

School Development Days 2015

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2015 School Terms

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# P & C Funding For The School Community In 2014

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Welcome Back Student and Family Picnic

Friday 20 February at 3:15pm
Early Childhood Area adjacent to the School Office

Please come along with a picnic and 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!

A Message From Our New Crosswalk Attendant

Drivers please do not park in the No Park Zones near the crossing. Parking there limits visibility which could cause a serious accident. The City of Joondalup Rangers can also issue an Infringement Notice for those drivers who continue this unsafe practice.

It is vital that all students crossing Treetop Avenue do so at the crosswalk as it is the safest place to cross, even if they are with a parent/carer.

Kathy’s Corner

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 your child the value of saving, spending and most importantly doing chores. If your child hasn’t banked in a while then I encourage them to do so they are missing out on so many great rewards and life lessons. See the office for this year’s rewards.

CARS Levy
Big thanks go out to all the families who have paid the CARS levy. All books have been ordered to be printed and should be at the school in 2—3 weeks time. If your child still has not paid please do so as soon as possible.

Voluntary Contributions
Many thanks to all parents who have paid the voluntary contributions. I am hoping to run the raffles again this year. One at beginning of Term 2 for everyone who has paid by end of Term 1 and the other one at the end of the year. Good luck!

Are you time poor?
Here are some things that might help you—check out our website where you can update your child's details and if your child is sick you can let us know via the online Absentee Form on the website. If you have to take your child for an appointment before school, ask for a Medical Note while you are there to bring to school. This will save you having to park the car, come into the office write out a note then take your child to class. This 10 minutes you save is valuable learning time for your child. If running late for various reasons, then a note from home will also do—it does not need to be on the form from the office.

Kathy Dean - Registrar