



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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# Newsletter

## Issue 1

20 February 2023

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### Upcoming Events

#### February

Mon 20 ♦ Y6 Beach Swimming Continues

Wed 22 ♦ P&C Meeting 7pm  
♦ EDU Dance

Thu 23 ♦ EDU Dance

#### March

Wed 1 ♦ EDU Dance

Thu 2 ♦ EDU Dance

Fri 3 ♦ Councillor & Choir Assembly

Mon 6 ♦ Labour Day Public Holiday

Tue 7 ♦ Y6 Camp

Wed 8 ♦ EDU Dance

Thu 9 ♦ EDU Dance

Mon 13 ♦ School Board Meeting 7.15pm

Wed 15 ♦ NAPLAN Online commences  
♦ EDU Dance

## From the Principal

The first three weeks of the school year has been very busy with students settling into new year levels and new families settling into or returning to the neighbourhood.

On Wednesday of Week 2, the school hosted two Principals, Rebecca Bope working as a Director in the School Accountability Directorate, and Blake Ingersole, from Sutherland Primary, as they guided the school through validation of our self-assessment for public assurance, called a Public School Review. I sincerely thank all staff and school board members for the six months of preparation for the review. The school was validated with a three-year return review period in all six standards. The standards being: Relationships and Partnerships, Teaching Quality, Learning Environment, Use of Resources, Leadership and Student Achievement and Progress. The report will be available later in the term.

Edu Dance is well under way and our Year 6 cohort have completed one week of In-term swimming, this year at the beach. On Friday we announced the Year 6 Executive Student Councillors and Faction Captains, along with Semester 1 Year 4 and 5 Student Councillors. All student can be proud of their speeches last Friday. It is a joy to be an observer as the children grow and mature into responsible, caring and capable community members. Opportunities to take on a leadership position is available in Semester 2 for Year 4 and 5 students and Year 6 Harmony and Sustainability leaders are still to be selected.

It was wonderful to see families at the welcome back picnic on Friday. Come along to the first **Parents and Citizen's meeting** for the year on **Wednesday 22 February at 7pm.**

Congratulations to Mrs Miraudo (Miss Circosta) who gave birth to a baby girl last Monday, Evie.

Kim Perkins

*Running club*  
*Every Wednesday*  
*from 8.10am*

## School Information Booklet

Our [School Information Booklet](#) provides details of the operational aspects of our school. We trust you will find it a handy reference throughout 2023 as we look forward to a highly successful and rewarding year ahead.



# Councillors/Faction Captains

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2023:

## Executive Student Councillors



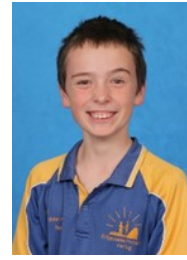
**Zoe C**



**Leah J**



**Alexis P**



**James L**

## Faction Captains

### Parmelia



**Dejontae N**



**Ava G**

### Batavia



**Autumn D**



**Makayla W**

### Challenger



**Liam A**



**Jack G**

### Leeuwin



**Adam B**



**Blake S**

## Y5 Councillors (Semester 1)



**Aislin M**



**William D**



**Elara B**



**Scarlett B**

## Y4 Councillors (Semester 1)



**Dominic S**



**Hunter N**



# School TV—FRIENDSHIP & BELONGING

[School TV](#) is available through the school website.

Please take a few minutes to look through the topic highlighted, **friendship and belonging**, under **positive parenting** if you access from school website.

[Friendship & Belonging | Edgewater Primary School \(schooltv.me\)](#)

It is not always easy for children and teenagers to always know how to manage friendships. Learning how to make new friends and keep them involves a number of skills every young person needs to understand and develop. For some these skills will come very naturally, allowing them to easily move between different friendship groups, sharing their experiences and opening up to new people. For others, this can be much harder to navigate. Belonging to a group that is like-minded with similar interests is highly beneficial to a child's wellbeing. Friendships are full of ups and downs and it is better for kids to learn how to manage and build their own friendships, even though as an adult carer you may be tempted to interfere.



What skills do kids need to develop friendships?



## Welcome Back Picnic

The P&C's Annual Welcome Back Picnic was held last Friday 17 February. It was a massive success with well over 100 parents, carers, staff and students enjoying the food on offer under the shade in the nature play area.

Sausage sizzles and cupcakes were the order of the afternoon, washed down with ice-cold drinks.

Many thanks to the year 6 parents and carers who provided the delicious cakes and the members of the P&C who slaved over the hot barbecue.

The outstanding support of our school community once again is very much appreciated.





## Year 6 Beach Swimming

As a modification to our PE programme, it was decided that Year 6 students would attend swimming lessons at Mullaloo Beach this year.

Given the warm weather we are experiencing at the moment, Year 6 students report that they really like completing the surf section of their swimming awards.



## Smart Watches

Not only do we have smart students, smart teachers and smart parents/carers and smart phones, we now have smart watches.

Whilst students must hand all smart phones to the office for safe-keeping every morning, smart watches can be worn provided that all other functions including photos and messaging are deactivated during the school day. This means that they are just watches!

A quick search found the following:

- There is a smart watch designed specifically for children at school called Space talk smart watch which has an app called School Mode.
- An Apple watch has the function called School time.





## NAPLAN Online

Last week, Year 3 and Year 5 parents/carers received a letter regarding the NAPLAN assessments in 2023. This year, NAPLAN starts on **Wednesday 15 March (Week 7)**. Our assessments run formally until Tuesday 21 March (Week 8), and we can also make up assessments for students who may be absent. These 'catchup' tests can run until Monday 27 March.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NAPLAN assessments, please contact your child's classroom teacher or arrange a time to speak with Michael Minson.



## From The School Board Chairperson

Welcome parents and carers.

There is one parent representative place opening on the Board at the beginning of Term 2. I encourage all parents with children K-6 to consider nominating for a position on the Board. An [Expression of Interest notice](#) for parents/carers is attached, and if you are interested in joining the Board, please fill out the form. If you have any questions about the Board, I can be contacted through the school office.

As a parent on the Board, I value the opportunity to contribute to the enrichment and consideration of all the children at Edgewater Primary School.

**Rebecca Wright—School Board Chair**



## Wear A Colour Day

We all swapped our uniforms to dress in our favourite colour on Friday 17 February to help Year 6 students raise funds for the purchase of relaxation equipment for the grassed area between Dwert and Koomal clusters.

With collections at more than \$400, the Year 6 students are thinking about what equipment they can buy.





## 2023 is Edgewater Primary's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

As part of our yearlong celebrations, we are hoping to share stories, photos and information about past students' parents and staff who have shared the journey and been part of our history.

As many of you know we have an Edgewater Primary 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Facebook page where people have been catching up with old school friends, sharing photos and revisiting memories from the past.

During the year people are being invited to come along to assemblies to share their memories; we will featuring others in newsletter items and some will be beaming in from overseas with their thoughts and best wishes.

Our first special guest will present the Aussie of the Month award on Friday 31 March 2023. So come along and hear some stories of yester year.

The celebrations will culminate on **Friday 3 November 2023** with an Open School afternoon.

If you would like to share your memories in future newsletters, this can be done by emailing us at [edgewater.ps.anniversary@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:edgewater.ps.anniversary@education.wa.edu.au) or by filling in the questionnaire on the school website [www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au](http://www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au) under 'Cheers to 40 Years!'

To kick off the reminiscing, we would like to thank Shay for sending through some of her memories.

### **Shay CHADD (nee Drewett)**

#### **Then**

*I went to Edgewater Primary School from 1983 to 1987. I had Mrs Baily in 1983 and 1985. I remember the old fitness track every morning and cross country around the school. Mum and Dad owned the Edgewater Deli at the time and before there was a canteen we used to order from the shop for lunch. I could order anything I wanted but always had a Vegemite sandwich. I remember the big tree on the corner where the retirement homes are and Clint Colquhoun running out of class in Year 6 and climbing up the tree and hiding there.*

#### **Now**

*I have 2 children one 27 and one 15 and have worked in various jobs including 15 years at a Finance Broker, 10 years at Qantas and now at Rio Tinto and living in Paraburdoo.*



**Gail Baily & Anniversary Committee**



# What is a TOTAL FIRE BAN?

To find out what you can and cannot do during a Total Fire Ban (TFB), please visit the link below:

<http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/campaign-resources>



## From The Canteen

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. It's been lovely seeing all the old faces and some new ones across the canteen counter over the last couple of weeks. I think everyone has had a growth spurt! The children all seem to have got taller over the Christmas holidays.

If you're new to the EPS family, we (Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne - co-managers) would like to introduce ourselves. We run the school canteen, which is open 5 days a week from 8am to 1.45pm for meal orders and over the counter sales at recess and lunch.

All lunch orders are to be made online via the online ordering system, [Quickcliq.com](https://www.quickcliq.com). Please visit the site prior to ordering for the first time to register and set up an account for your child. The cut-off time for orders is 9am on the day the meal is required, however, orders can be placed up to 4 weeks in advance. Cash is accepted for students wishing to purchase over the counter items at recess and lunch time.

We are proud to run a (mostly) healthy school canteen. All our tray meals are homemade and prepared in the canteen using fresh and nutritious ingredients. Hidden vegetables are our catch phrase! We use wholemeal bread, wraps and rolls and bake low sugar and low fat pizza, muffins and cookies. Check out our menu on the [EPS website](#) or on [Quickcliq](#).

Are you wishing to play a more active role in your children's primary school and the decisions affecting it? Please consider joining the P&C Association and, specifically, the Canteen Committee. We are desperate for members to help in the Canteen, bring fresh ideas regarding nutrition, and input as to upgrading the appliances. Interested? Come along to our first meeting of the year at **7pm on Wednesday 22 February** in the school library.

**Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne—Canteen Managers**





# DON'T MISS OUT,

SIGN UP AT YOUR LOCAL JUNIOR FOOTY CLUB TODAY.



**THIS IS US THIS IS FOOTY**



## ENROL NOW FOR TERM 1 TENNIS



**DATES AND PRICE:** WEEK 2 – 9    \$130

**TIME:** 7:40-8:25AM THURSDAY

**WHERE:** EDGEWATER TENNIS COURTS

**JOIN US FOR A HEALTHY AND FUN WAY TO START  
THE MORNING**

**CONTACT** JACK LYTTLE: [LYTTLESTARSTENNIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LYTTLESTARSTENNIS@GMAIL.COM)

OR 0411390100

WITH CHILDS NAME, YEAR, CONTACT PHONE AND EMAIL





**CALLING JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYERS!**

# JOIN OUR SPECIALIST CRICKET PROGRAM

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING CRICKET AT HIGH SCHOOL  
AND EXPANDING YOUR SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL?**

**REGISTER NOW FOR CRICKET SKILLS TRIALS DAY**

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2024**

Our Endorsed Specialist Cricket Program provides a first class education for both male and female cricketers. As part of this program students are exposed to a holistic cricket education. Through the provision of quality coaching and access to excellent facilities your child will be challenged and supported to achieve at the highest level. Students will be provided with a number of opportunities to excel in the game, such as involvement in Interschool and State Competitions, attendance on Camps and graduation at the WACA. Being a part of our program is a rewarding experience, watching them grow not only on the pitch but as leaders in the school community.



Contact: Scott Ogilvie - Cricket Coordinator  
E: [scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au)  
M: 0412 057 000

**BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE**

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## KEY INFORMATION

**Trial Date:**  
**Thursday 30 March 2023**

**Venue:**  
**Murdoch Playing Fields,  
Murdoch University**

**Submit your application to  
Scott Ogilvie**

## COURSE CONTENT

- Develop your batting, bowling, fielding and mental skills
- Fitness training
- Match strategies
- Training camps
- Umpiring
- Captaincy
- Scoring
- Modified games/indoor cricket
- Interschool matches
- Interstate and international tours (when travel permits)
- Year 11/12 students Cert III Sports & Recreation (Cricket Studies) leading to TAFE and Diploma courses.

The BSC Cricket Program is fully approved  
Department of Education and fully endorsed  
by the WACA





**40**  
**YEARS OF**  
**DRAMA!**

**Boost Confidence**

**Increase  
Self Esteem**

**Learn Life Skills**

**Improve  
Communication**

**Develop  
Drama Skills**



- **KINDY DRAMA**  
**3 - 5 YRS**
- **LOWER PRIMARY**  
**5 - 8 YRS**
- **UPPER PRIMARY**  
**9 - 12 YRS**
- **YOUTH**  
**12 - 17 YRS**

## **WEEKLY CLASSES ENROLLING NOW**

- |                   |                     |                   |                      |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| ● <b>AVELEY</b>   | ● <b>CURRAMBINE</b> | ● <b>DUNCRAIG</b> | ● <b>GREENWOOD</b>   |
| ● <b>KALLAROO</b> | ● <b>KINGSLEY</b>   | ● <b>KINGSWAY</b> | ● <b>QUINNS ROCK</b> |

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