



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter

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Smooth Start to 2018

The beginning of a new school year always brings so much joy and excitement. This year we have two groups of Kindergarten students—Red and Blue. It has been wonderful to have welcomed all of our new students to Edgewater Primary School. They have already engaged in lots of fun learning experiences where they have been exploring their new environment, meeting their new teachers and friends. Students can expect an eventful year ahead where lots of learning and memories will be made.

Ann Rose—Kindergarten Teacher



NAPLAN Online

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing [NAPLAN online](#) this year as part of the move towards all schools nationally being involved over a two-to-three year period. Our students will not be disadvantaged with class teachers now including the skills required into their programmes. It is important to note that Year 3 students will this year complete just the Writing with pencil and paper—all other tests will be done online. NAPLAN tests will be completed in the period 15 to 22 May. [FAQ here](#).

Easter Holiday Break

This year, Easter falls outside the first term school holidays giving us an 11 week teaching term. The Easter holiday break will be Good Friday 30 March and Easter Monday & Tuesday 2 & 3 April. The school will be closed on these days.

From the Principal

Welcome to a new school year

The past two weeks have gone by very quickly as students and staff settle back into what promises to be another exciting school year. I would like to especially extend a very warm welcome to all new students and their families, particularly those who are starting out in Kindergarten. Our staffing profile has changed little from last year, apart from one new addition to our teaching team. Mr Adam Smith joins us this year as a classroom teacher for the students in Room 6. He is well known to many of our students having already worked in our school, and is highly regarded by staff. Mrs Marilyn Kelly, our long serving School Officer, will be taking long service leave as of 22 February 2018. Mrs Vanessa Stables will take over her role. We wish Mrs Kelly all the best.

2018 School Information Booklet

All parents should now have received a copy of the 2018 School Information Booklet which was sent home via the oldest child last week. If you did not get a copy they are available from the school office. Alternatively, you can access the booklet on the school website or through the Connect Library. The 2018 Contribution and Charges Schedule were reissued yesterday as a follow up to the one that was sent home in Term 4 last year. Nothing has changed in terms of the information provided, however, you may want to refresh your memory on likely charges that could occur during this year. I would like to thank all those families that have already paid their voluntary contributions. The money that is collected allows us to enhance the provision of resources for our students especially when state budgets are tight.

School Events

Numerous school events have been planned for this term and into the future. Yesterday a Term Planner was sent home to inform you of upcoming events. From time to time we do have changes or additions as the year progresses. I therefore encourage you to check the Term Planner on the school website to keep abreast of any changes or additions.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These will once again be held during Weeks 8, 9 and 10 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 terms of assisting each child to reach their potential as they progress through the year. More details will be provided at a later date; however, if you have a pressing concern, please make an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with renewed energy to make our school a place where students have the opportunity to aspire to be the best they can be, have the confidence to face challenges positively and respect themselves, others and their environment.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

February	
Monday 12	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Wednesday 14	Pre-loved Picture Book Sale 8am
Friday 16	Assembly—Student Councillors & Faction Captains Announced
Monday 19	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 20— Friday 23	Year 6 Camp—Nanga Brook
March	
Friday 2	Professional Development Day – students do not attend
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Communicating with Connect

Connect is the programme provided by the Department of Education for public schools to communicate with its school community.



Not only does it allow us as a whole school to send you timely and informative notices, this year class teachers will be communicating with their parents/carers on a regular basis with information regarding their classroom activities. This will help us all to work together to enhance the outcomes of our students.

All parents/carers for whom we had recorded an active email address were sent a system-generated email with log in details, including a password. If these details become misplaced, or you get locked out of your account, please contact the school office and a solution will be found.

Connect has an app, aptly entitled Connect Now, which will allow you to read notices sent from the school and/or all of your children's class teacher(s) on your smartphone. Attachments can also be opened.

If you can't find the answer to your query there, please phone the school office.

Manager Corporate Services

Welcome Back!

Student Banking Thank you to all our wonderful students who take advantage of the school banking we provide. I encourage all parents to use this wonderful opportunity to teach your child about money, work and saving.

Personal Items List We have had a problem with the pencil sharpeners on the list as some are breaking. I have managed to get them replaced and new ones have been handed out to the students concerned. Both the school and the supplier apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

CARS Levy Big thanks go out to all the families who have paid the CARS levy however, we are still waiting for some students to pay. If this is you please send the money in so your child can have their book.

To save yourself stress, I encourage all parents to put extra money into their child's account to build up their credit. **Kathy Dean—Manager Corporate Services**

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers are required in the library on Friday mornings to assist us with the covering of books. If you're new to the school and want to meet other mums/dads then this is a wonderful opportunity to do so. Please contact Mrs Dean in the office.

Canteen

Happy new year to all students and families of Edgewater. I hope you're all rested after your long break and ready for a fun-filled and action-packed 2018. A warm welcome to the new students and families. I'm sure you'll be very happy at our friendly school.

The canteen is run by the P&C through a small committee of supportive and enthusiastic members. It is open from 8:15 to 1:45 daily. Sharon Varis runs the Canteen on Wednesdays and I run it on the other four days of the week. Lunch orders can be placed at the Canteen in person until 9:20 (cash only) or online at <https://quickcliq.com.au/>. Please note that the cut off time for online orders is 9:00am.

We strive to be a healthy canteen so all tray meals are freshly prepared by Sharon and I, and are packed full of hidden vegetables, some of which are grown in our own school garden. Recess items are also baked and prepared by us and are low in sugar and contain wholemeal flour, rather than white flour. We even have some gluten free items on offer.

Please consider volunteering in the canteen. Whether you only have 30 minutes or a few hours to spare, we are appreciative of any time you can give to lend a hand. Students love to see their parents/relatives assisting at the canteen. If you help for a whole morning, your child will receive \$5 off their lunch order on that day. Check your diaries and please sign up on the board outside the Canteen.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager—9405 3528

Playground Equipment Before & After School

Please be aware that for safety reasons students are not permitted to be on the Kindergarten, Pre-primary or Junior playground equipment before or after school as supervision is unavailable in these areas. This also applies to children whose parents may be present, as often unsupervised students will want to join in, thus compromising our duty of care.





Ex-Library Picture Book Sale

50c per copy

Wednesday 14th February – 8am

outside the Library

(please bring small change)

School Board Nominations

Expressions of Interest for 2 School Board Parent Representative positions are currently being sought commencing Term 2 this year. Further information and nomination forms can be found on our school website or can be collected from the school office. We encourage any parent who believes they have the attributes and time needed to carry out this important role to apply. The closing date is **Friday 9 March**. If you have any questions you would like clarified, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Tombs through the school office.

Sunsmart

With the support of the P&C the school is moving towards implementing a Sunsmart policy. We have always had a policy of *no hat, no play in the sun*, and this is an integral part of a Sunsmart policy. The only supported hats are of the bucket style in royal blue. Students can still wear wide-brimmed hats and legionnaire style caps provided that they are in the school colour of royal blue. Bucket hats are available from our uniform supplier, Uniform Concepts in Joondalup, or through the school office.

The application of sunscreen is an important part of the Sunsmart policy and it encourages all parents/carers to apply this to their children prior to them coming to school. The P&C have provided a large bottle of sunscreen for every classroom so that students may reapply some prior to going out to lunch.

