



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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Newsletter

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**The School
Office
re-opens
Tuesday 28
January 2020**

From the Principal

This week the Director General for Education, Lisa Rodgers, released the strategic directions flyer *Every student, every classroom, every day* for public schools 2020-2024 that states aspirations, improvement drivers and what success will look like (see next page). Attached is the link to the [Building on Strength](#) document which explains in further depth the future directions.

As the year draws to an end, it is time to acknowledge and thank administrators, teachers and support staff for their amazing contribution to the teaching and learning of the students in their care. The School Board, under the guidance of Rebecca Wright, and the P&C, under the guidance of Jason Beltran, contributed to the schools rating of effective at the public school review in Term Three.

We say goodbye to families who are leaving the school, those who have been at Edgewater for many years and those who are venturing into new neighbourhoods, interstate or overseas. We wish the Year 6 students all the best as they leave their primary school years to commence secondary schooling.

This week there was a letter in the WA newspaper editorials from a paediatrician that focussed on the value of grandparents. As we head to the holiday break I leave you with some of her tips for learning adventures that we know grandparents provide as they mentor and guide young children.

Read, sing, dance, play, make music, talk, listen, watch and wait. Imagine, create, inspire and innovate. Show manners, kindness and tell when wrong. Walk, climb, hop, skip, swim, swing and bike ride. Grow snow peas, tomatoes, lettuce and squash snails. Build, create, cook, sew, glue, paint and colour in. Collect treasures-shells, stones, sticks, leaves and flowers. Thank you to all our EPS grandparents for all that you contribute to making our school great.

Students and families stay safe throughout the holiday break.

We look forward to your return in 2020 as we welcome in a new decade.

Kim Perkins

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 13 December: P1 Chase B, Harry M, Stephanie M | R2 Lila H, Taj E, Tingsheng J | R3 Charlie-Jean G, Emma-Lia W | R4 Jack H | R5 Alexander K, Annah-Maye V, Jake D | R7 Leon B, Sean A, Tavia B | R8 Jackson D, Joshua L, Karen C, Luca S | R16 Harrison R, Kiera F, Olivia H, Xavier B, Zoe C | R17 Dash F, Hamish W, Leah B, Marnie M, Megan K, Zander E





Every student, every classroom, every day

Strategic directions for public schools 2020–2024

The Western Australian public school system is a major contributor to the State's prosperity and growth as a fair society promoting the wellbeing and participation of all its citizens.

Our aspiration is for every student to:

Unlock and fulfil their learning potential

Be equipped with contemporary and emerging work capabilities

Develop the personal and social attributes that form the basis for future wellbeing

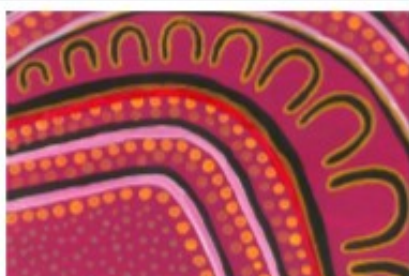
Achieve year on year growth in their learning throughout their schooling

Be well prepared to take the step beyond school into further education, training or work

Our improvement drivers:



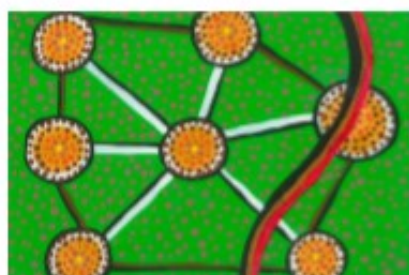
1 Provide every student with a pathway to a successful future.



2 Strengthen support for teaching and learning excellence in every classroom.



3 Build the capability of our principals, our teachers and our allied professionals.



4 Support increased school autonomy within a connected and unified public school system.



5 Partner with families, communities and agencies to support the educational engagement of every student.



6 Use evidence to drive decision-making at all levels of the system.

Our success will:

1. Enable Aboriginal students to succeed as Aboriginal people
2. Ensure students are on track in the early years for continued success in school
3. Enhance student health and wellbeing
4. Progress student literacy and numeracy
5. Improve student attendance
6. Increase student participation in STEM
7. Increase retention and achievement of students to Year 12
8. Ensure students gain the skills, qualifications and knowledge needed to experience success

Year 6 Graduation

The 35th Annual Graduation Ceremony of our Year 6 students was held at the lecture theatre at ECU on Wednesday morning 18 December. The 45 Year 6 students were resplendent in their school uniform and spoke clearly about their wonderful time at Edgewater. The awards that were announced celebrated those students who had performed well in each of the areas. The Dinner Dance was held at the HBF Arena in the evening and it was encouraging to see the wonderful groups of students enjoying themselves as they danced their way through the night.



From The School Board

This has been another exciting and busy year for the School Board.

At the beginning of Term 2, we had new parent representatives join, increasing the number of Board members. Working together with the school, we have formed a partnership with ECU's Children's University, successfully underwent the Public School Review, and had insights into different Learning Areas. Thank you to everyone involved. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas holiday.

Rebecca Wright—School Board Chair

News Champions Forum 2019

Young people from across Australia had their voices heard at the News Champions National Forum 2019.

Twenty One students aged 10-17 came together to discuss the future of news media. Together they learned to lead discussions and become powerful News Champions in their local communities.

We are very proud of Chloe C from Year 6 who was chosen to be a part of this exciting opportunity. Here is a short [video](#) of the weekend held at the Museum of Australian Democracy in Canberra where the future of news media was discussed.



Assembly—Pre-primary 1

Our final assembly for the year was hosted by Mrs Radford's pre-primary class. It was all happiness and good cheer as the students, who were all dressed up in Christmas costumes, sang their way through many favourites, including the much loved *Santa Wears Shorts*. The excitement peaked when Santa made a surprise entrance— and he **was** wearing shorts!



Dancesport

Our popular dancesport sessions came to an end last week with a social dance where parents and carers were invited to join in. The canteen provided a special End of Dancesport treat to celebrate. Much fun was had by all.



From the Canteen

We have come to the end of the 2019 school year and what a busy, fun, eventful and successful year it's been. On behalf of myself and the Canteen Committee - Lee, Liane, Louise and Sammy - I thank you for your support this year and look forward to your continued support in 2020.

A big shout out goes to all the volunteers who gave up some of their time to assist me in the Canteen. I'm extremely grateful for your help - the Canteen couldn't operate without you. Season's greetings and happy holidays to all of you.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager



Hour of Code

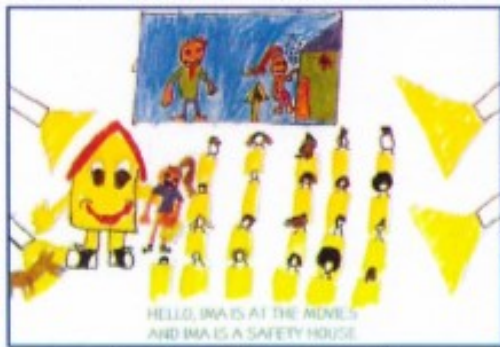
As a culmination of our coding programme, parents and carers of students from pre-primary to Year 6 were able to witness the skills that their children had learnt over the year. This outstanding programme supports the acquisition of *new work skills* like problem solving, creative thinking, collaboration and risk taking.



Safety House Competition

Primary schools all over Western Australia celebrated Safety House, the safe community child protection program; in the 2019 Art Competition. From thousands of students across all primary school age groups, eight winning student artists were recognized at their local school assemblies receiving Winners Certificates and cash prizes.

Edgewater Primary School is proud that artworks by our students each depicting Safety House mascot IMA in different settings won in two of the eight age groups. Congratulations to Amelia from Room 11 and Charlotte from Room 2.



Amelia - Year Three Group Winner



Charlotte - Year Four Group Winner

We wish all of our
parents, carers &
students a safe and
enjoyable holiday.