



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Mon 13 ♦ School Board Meeting 7.15pm

Wed 15 ♦ EDU Dance
♦ NAPLAN Online commences

Thu 16 ♦ EDU Dance

Tue 21 ♦ Harmony Day—wear orange

Wed 22 ♦ EDU Dance
♦ P&C Meeting 7pm

Thu 23 ♦ EDU Dance

Wed 29 ♦ EDU Dance
♦ Parent/Teacher Interviews from 12pm—School closes at 12pm for students

Thu 30 ♦ EDU Dance
♦ Whadjuk Gift

Fri 31 ♦ R1 Assembly
♦ Y6 Aussie of the Month

April

Wed 5 ♦ EDU Dance Concerts

Thu 6 ♦ EDU Dance Concerts
♦ Last Day of Term 1

From the Principal

Thank you to the new parents who came along to the **P&C meeting** in

Week 4. It was

pleasing that these parents have taken the leap and joined a committee. I hope to see more parents volunteer to assist the P&C in supporting the school. It can be rewarding to join in the “ups and downs” of school life and to become part of your child/ren’s primary school journey.

After confidently leading their first assembly last Friday, our **Year 6 Executive Councillors** are ready to lead future class assemblies. They spoke clearly and ensured that their first assembly ran smoothly. The choir were once again outstanding and inspired us with two wonderful songs.

We will be moving quietly around the school over the next couple of weeks as the Year 3 and 5 students sit the **NAPLAN** assessments. The students are well-prepared, and it is important to remember that these assessments are just one part of their educational journey.

Please remember to access [SchoolTV](#) for support and guidance for all things parenting. This edition is about Blended Families and there is more information on the next page of the newsletter.

Don’t forget to save the date, **Wednesday 29 March, for parent/teacher Interviews. The school day for PP to Year 6 students ends at the earlier time of 12 noon.**

Kim Perkins



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 29 March

From 12pm

School closes at 12pm for students

PP-Y6

Normal School Day for Kindy Blue Students

In this edition of School TV— **BLENDED FAMILIES**

Blended or stepfamilies, come in all shapes and sizes. Today, the term “blended family” is more commonly used as opposed to “stepfamily”. Although their original meanings differ slightly, today both terms are used interchangeably.

The blended family is the fastest growing family dynamic in the world with one in five families now being a ‘step’ or ‘blended’ family. However, when families “blend”, it rarely progresses smoothly. Some children resist change, and parents become frustrated when the new family doesn’t function in the same way as the previous one.

For many step-parent’s, the greatest challenge lies in determining what their role is within the family. The process can be both rewarding and challenging. Children affected by the union of a new couple may not be excited at the prospect of becoming part of a new family.

Although blending families requires adjustment and patience from everyone involved, in this edition of [SchoolTV](#), parents will be given some guidelines of real expectations that can help their new family work through the growing pains.

Here is the link to the **Blended Families** edition of [SchoolTV](#)

<https://edgewaterps.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/blended-families>



What are
some of the
realistic
expectations?



HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Please wear orange to school on Tuesday 21 March

Executive Councillor & Choir Assembly

We were treated to an amazing assembly on Friday 3 March which was hosted successfully by the newly appointed executive councillors. To finish off, the school choir, under Mr Hadzic's direction, entertained us with two songs.



From The Canteen

A healthy body = a healthy mind. A healthy mind makes your body work better, and a healthy body improves your mental wellbeing. Taking care of our whole selves can significantly improve wellbeing.

It's what we in the canteen believe in and strive for. At EPS our students are exposed to plenty of exercise and physical activity to keep their young bodies healthy and strong.

To support our physical education teachers the canteen is committed to serving healthy and nutritious meals to your children. We use only wholemeal bread, rolls and wraps. Our tray meals are made fresh in the canteen and contain plenty of hidden vegetables. Muffins and cookies, also baked in-house, are low in sugar and fat. Plenty of fresh salads and fruits are available to purchase.

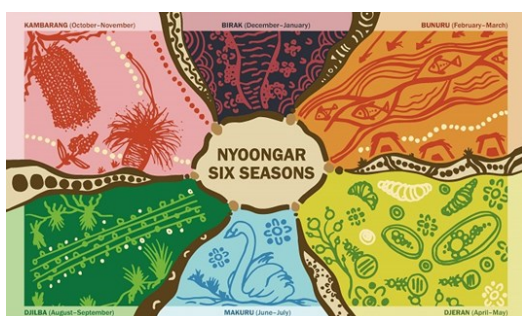
However, what would life be without a treat every now and then? St. Patrick's Day (Friday 17 March), where we celebrate all things Irish, and Harmony Day (Tuesday 21 March), where we celebrate all the different cultures living in harmony within our community, are coming up.

A few green and orange treats, in addition to our usual healthy fare, will be available to purchase at recess on these days.

Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne—Canteen Managers



Bunuru Season



It is the Noongar season of **BUNURU**, the second summer and the hottest, driest time of the year.

Bush fires remain a threat to our community – please don't let down your guard! Check that your bushfire plan is up-to-date and that everyone in your family knows what to do in the event of a bushfire emergency near you.

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au>



Edgewater Primary School

Celebrating 40 Years

Friday 3rd November 2023



Then & Now
1983 - 2023

ASPIRE - CONFIDENCE - RESPECT



2023 is Edgewater Primary's 40th 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 40th 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 be 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 yesteryear.

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 or by filling in the questionnaire on the school website www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au under 'Cheers to 40 Years!'

To follow on from Shay in the last newsletter, we would like to thank Kerry for sending through some of her memories.

Then:

Kerry Hall was a very active member of the Edgewater Primary School community between 1987 – 2000.

She was a member of the P&C and held the position of Uniform Coordinator for many years. Through those years the P&C would purchase the school uniforms and sell them to the families at the school. They also had a second-hand uniform shop where parents could purchase preloved uniforms.

After her three children, Bradley, Renee` and Cameron left primary school, she continued to support them through their high school years at Lake Joondalup Baptist College and started working.

Now:

Kerry now spends a lot of her free time enjoying her grandchildren.



Gail Baily & Anniversary Committee

Rihanna—WA State Junior Youth Walk Jog Champion

All Rihanna's hard work paid off in a very successful weekend as she became the WA State Junior Youth Walk Jog Champion. She won her first buckle and got the opportunity to show two of the best horses in Western Australia.

She also won one of the most special awards anyone can win. The Encouragement Award, which is awarded to the person that is the best sportsman, the person that looks out and helps others with their horses, the committee and other riders. This is a huge achievement for anyone to win.

She can't wait to do it all again in March at quarter horse state show.



Matthew—Teeball WA State Championship

Matthew S in Year 3 Room 14, competed at the Teeball WA State Championship at the weekend and came away with a silver medal in the A division for Under 9s. He hit 3 home runs in the last game alone.

Well done, Matthew!



Off to Camp

Our two Year 6 classes have been enjoying their time at the Nanga Bush Camp under the watchful eyes of Mr Butt, Mr Smith, Ms Farinosi, our Chaplain, Michelle and our Principal, Ms Perkins.

We're sure that all will need an early night and sleep in when they arrive back.



From Manager Corporate Services

Wow, what a response to online payments for dance! Can I please ask that you also email me, Kathy.Dean@education.wa.edu.au, so I can match up money with the correct child. The other day I had 88 online payments to do!

Year 5 parents, start putting money into your child's account in readiness for camp next year. The cost could be in the region of \$500. This will make it easier when the camp comes around in Term 1, Week 6.

Kindy parents and new families, welcome to our school. Did you know you can pay online for incursions, excursions, and school contributions. You can even put extra money into your child's account, so they have credit there, saving you finding that \$5 as you are rushing out the door. Please call into the office and we will be happy to explain further.

Kathy Dean—Manager Corporate Services

Online Payments

Use pay anybody

Recipient is: Edgewater Primary School

BSB: 016 494 / Account: 340968448

Narration: [child's name] amount

Edgewater Primary School 016 494 340968448

John Smith Room 15 \$60.00

Email: Kathy.Dean@education.wa.edu.au

Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have made personal achievements in Mathematics: R1 Dominic S, Lacey G | R3 Rory E, Bruce C, Peyton M, Sullivan H | R4 Hudson D, Kensington W | R5 Amy W, Jack G | R6 Cynthia Z, Leah J | R7 Dongcheng Y, Maddi C | R11 Isaac B, Caitlin T | R14 Sehansa S, Finn O | R15 Marley H, Luke G, Lucas D, Lachlan H | R16 Flynn E, Isaac S | R17 Bocheng Y, Asher H



JOONDALUP FESTIVAL 2023



SENSORY STORYTELLING

Saturday 25 March | 9.00am


Children will be captivated with this multi-sensory lyrical story.

SENSORY RHYMETIME

Thursday 28 March | 9.30am

Connects children with live music and interactive sensory play.

Aurora, Hillarys Boat Harbour

Book now at  joondalupfestival.com.au



BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Elite Netball Academy

DREAM BIG, SET GOALS, SUCCEED TOGETHER



Belridge Secondary College has built a reputation for excellence with its academic and sporting programs. The Elite Netball Academy was established in 2013 and in 2021 was endorsed as a **Netball WA Tier 2 Specialist School**.

The Elite Netball Academy is timetabled for 4 periods per week with a focus on the development of skill, tactics and strategies in the game, fitness requirements and teamwork. Over the course duration, students will also develop their knowledge and skills in the areas of coaching, umpiring, nutrition, first aid and sport psychology.

Throughout the year the Netball Academy's main competition is the School Sport WA - High School Cup Netball Competition. Here students compete against a number of different schools and make progress further into the competition with each game they win. We also compete in Lightning Carnivals and various friendly scratch matches over the year, finishing up with our final tournament the 'Belridge Cup'. This is our intra-school competition with all the teams throughout the Belridge Netball Academy from Year 7 - 12 competing against each other.

Students in Year 11 and 12 will be given the opportunity to travel overseas on an international tour (subject to travel directives). They will experience both the Netball competition within another country, as well as the different lifestyle and cultures. Students will come away from the tour gaining lifelong memories and friendships that they have made along the way.

Apply now! Scan the QR code or via
<https://forms.office.com/r/dTNgVVMDJ4>

For further information, please contact:

Elite Netball Coordinator – Janneke Markovic
Belridge Secondary College
Phone: 9408 8044
E: janneke.markovic@education.wa.edu.au



Note: Applicants will be contacted after the closing date inviting them to participate in trials

Host an ECU student in 2023

Edith Cowan University has partnered with Australian Homestay Network to make it easier for our international students to find accommodation while they are studying.

What is homestay?

Homestay is a cultural exchange between a local individual or family and a visiting international student. A homestay allows students the opportunity to stay in a warm, welcoming Australian household, rather than an impersonal apartment, dorm or hotel.

The rental crisis in Western Australia means our international students are finding it incredibly difficult to find accommodation. By hosting an ECU student through Australian Homestay Network, you will help them secure somewhere to live. You will get a cultural learning opportunity and even make lifetime friends, all while earning extra money to help with the ever increasing bills!

Australian Homestay Network will take care of everything for you, from matching a student, undertaking background checks and arranging payments. All you need to do is welcome an ECU student into your home.

MORE INFORMATION

✉ info@homestaynetwork.org ☎ 1300 024 628

🖱 www.homestaynetwork.org/edith-cowan-university-hosts

Benefits of hosting ECU's international students



Lifetime relationships



Cultural learning opportunity



Earn extra money