



**EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*An Independent Public School*

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# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back Picnic



It was a hot and humid day on Friday 17 February when many of our school families and staff members enjoyed a wonderful picnic afternoon under the shade of the trees in the Kindergarten2 playground. Several Year 6 students were present to provide fun games for our younger students, while members of the P&C served up a delicious sausage sizzle. Mr Hadzic provided the music and many people took the opportunity to buy a ticket in the Year 6 Camp and Graduation fundraising raffle for a delicious hamper. The winner of the raffle was Monika Muniak.

### Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly today: R3 Stefan, Tye | R4 Hugo | R5 Hannah, Rebecca | R6 Danielle, Monty, Ryan | R7 Amelie | R8 Ben, Tyler | R9 Ella, Kaitlin | R11 Jayden, Sean | R12 Jack, Joshua | R15 Jacob, Madison | R16 Harry, Isabelle | R17 Holly, Jamie-Lee

Thank you to Dean at Harvey Norman in Joondalup for the printing of the photographs.

## From the Principal

Over the past four weeks students have been fully immersed in the business of learning. It has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm displayed across the school. Our Year 6 students are getting ready for their much anticipated Nanga Bush Camp; our youngest students in Kindergarten are being introduced to school life; and all our fabulous students in between these years are working well and showing determination.

### Edgewater Primary School Board and P&C

Both the Edgewater Primary School Board and the Parents and Citizens' (P&C) Association have held their first meetings for the year.

The P&C Association comprises a very active group of parents/carers who contribute to the school in many ways. Fundraising is one aspect of their operations with the next venture being a sausage sizzle on Election Day, March 11. Our school will again be a polling place for voters in the coming state election so you can support your P&C by buying a sausage sizzle on the day. The P&C are always on the lookout for new members to join the team. If you are interested, please come along to next Monday's meeting at 6.30pm in the school staff room.

The next meeting of the school board will be an open meeting which will be held on 13 March at 7pm. You are invited to attend this meeting. Information about this event will be distributed to families next week. Please put the date in your diary if you are interested in finding out about how the school board functions.

### Class Information Booklets

Next week Class Information Booklets will be distributed to parents to provide details that are particular to each child's class. These booklets are supplementary to the 2017 School Information Booklet which was recently distributed. The Class Information Booklet will include details about classroom organisation, approaches to supporting positive classroom behaviour, homework expectations and other general information about your child's class. The booklets will be published on the school website and may be updated during the year as the need arises.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

These meetings will once again be held during Week 7 and 8 of this term for students from Pre-primary to Year 6. The meetings are an opportunity for teachers and parents to come together to discuss each student's progress and what might need to be considered in to assist them to reach their potential as they progress through the year. More details will be provided very shortly. If you have a pressing concern however, please make an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

### School Development Day

A reminder that next **Friday, 3 March** is a School Development Day and students are not required to attend school. Edgewater staff will come together with other teachers from across the Joondalup Learning Community to share ideas, explore new curriculum content, and network to improve teaching practices and approaches to cater for young people from Kindergarten to Year 12.

**Julie Tombs**

## Dates For Your Diary

February	
Monday 27	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
March	
Friday 3	School Development Day—Students do not attend
Tuesday 7 to Friday 10	Yr6 Camp
Friday 10	Assembly Y5 Aussie of the Month
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

## Year 6 Student Leadership Team

Our Year 6 Leadership Team members were announced at today's assembly. Mr Jan Norberger MLA was on hand to present these students with their badges. The Year 4 & 5 councillors will be featured in the next newsletter.



**Executive Councillors (L-R)**  
Amity B, Meg F, Rafa S, and Jakob B



**Faction Captains (L-R)**  
Heath R, Ben N, Joseph M, Grace C, Reuben B,  
Loula J, Cameron S, and Ethan M

### Do you have the school App on your smartphone?

It is called **Updat-ed** and can be downloaded from the Play Store (Android) or the App Store (iPhone). Instructions on the [school home page](#).



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## Online Student Banking

Parents can now open a school banking account for their children using an online option. Log on to [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and follow the instructions.

When a parent/carer opens an account online, they will be sent a pack in the mail. This should take 6-10 working days to arrive. This pack contains a yellow wallet and deposit book, terms & conditions and a voucher for your child to collect a Platy Money Box from their local branch.

If a parent or child's identification is not accepted through the online application, they will be directed to visit their local branch to provide these details. Without the identification process being completed, the child **CAN** still commence School Banking and will still receive their deposit book. They just won't be able to withdraw from the account until both the child and parent have been identified.

When the books arrive, parents need to write the account details onto the deposit book. If you have any problems please contact the help desk on **1800 674 496**.

The online account opening process at this stage is only for children under 14 years of age and can only be opened by the child's parent or legal guardian.

Grandparents can only use the online account opening process if they are their grandchild's legal guardian. If they aren't please refer them to their local branch to review their options.

The school is no longer able to hand out or accept paper based applications.

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## School Carpark Safety

School carparks are strictly for the use of staff and authorised visitors to the school. All parents/carers should use the street parking bays provided on Treetop Avenue or Kestrel Mews.

Students are not permitted to use school carparks on their way to or from school. Some parents/carers have been walking through the carparks to access the oval for the Target 200+ Running Club and for taking students to early childhood classrooms. Access to these areas should only be by footpaths provided to the school buildings to ensure the safety for all.

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## Canteen News

Hey Mums or Dads! Got some spare time on your hands now that the kids are back at school? How about volunteering in the canteen. Whether you can spare 30 minutes, two hours or the whole day, any help is gratefully accepted. Did you know that if you work in the canteen you receive \$5 off your child's lunch on the day you help out? So come on Mums (or Dads), enjoy a cuppa and a chat with me while we work for the benefit of our students Your kids will love seeing you in the canteen. Check your diaries and calendars, and either sign up on the volunteer board outside the canteen, or give me a call on 9405 3528. I hope to see you soon.

**Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager**

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## Featured Class—Room 6 Year 6—Mrs Ward



The Spectacular Sixes from Room 6 have had an exciting and eventful start to the year! We have prepared speeches, learnt about numbers into the millions, found out about the federation of Australia, explored virtual volcanoes and prepared for this year's camp.

The students in Room 6 also enjoyed making dream catchers as part of a number of goal setting lessons. As leaders of the school,

Room 6 has also spent some time working with their Year 2 buddies as well as lending a helping hand preparing the school garden with Pre-primary students. In order to stay on top of all the requirements and responsibilities of senior students, Room 6 is participating in a Mindfulness program using the Smiling Mind app. Students are thoroughly enjoying the benefits of this!

It is shaping up to be a BIG year for Room 6, and so far we are loving it!

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# Community Garden

With the wonderful assistance of Melissa and her team from Bunnings Joondalup, along with Mr Langley our gardener, the P&C have been able to establish a wonderful community garden in the area adjacent to the Visual Arts Room. During the week some students were given the opportunity to help plant the seedlings and to learn how beneficial worms are in helping gardens to grow.



## Edgewater Primary School

You are warmly invited to the  
**ANNUAL OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MEET AND GREET**

on Monday 13 March at 7:00pm  
in the school Library

Refreshments and Finger Food Provided  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## Dangerous Driving

A report from our crosswalk attendant, has indicated that some drivers are doing U turns in Treetop Avenue in order to collect their children. If parents/carers need to change direction for collection of their children, they should proceed to the roundabouts at either Pioneer Drive or Outlook Drive to do so. We have noticed the City of Joondalup Rangers have been active on Treetop Avenue checking that drivers are using the area correctly and safely when dropping of or collecting students.

## Hog's Breath Community Cash

Parents/carers and families are reminded that if they have a meal at the Hog's Breath Café in Joondalup they should collect the Hog's Community Cash cards and hand them in to the school office. A special thanks to Hog's Breath for treating our Executive Councillors to a free lunch at the end of last year. It was greatly appreciated.

Hog's Breath Café will donate the equivalent amount raised in cash or goods to support the students at our school.



## Classroom Cash

On the weekends of 18-19, 25-26 March, and 1-2 April, an entry coupon will appear in The Weekend West and the Sunday Times newspapers promoting this initiative.

Parents/carers and students are asked to collect as many coupons as possible and bring them to the school office.

