



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### March

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| Mon 16 | ◆ School Board Meeting 7.15pm<br>◆ Harmony Week   |
| Tue 17 | ◆ R12 to Cockman House  |
| Wed 18 | ◆ Rhymetime/ Storytime 9am-9.30am   |
| Fri 20 | ◆ National Day of Action Against Bullying<br>◆ Free Dress in Orange   |
| Mon 23 | ◆ P&C Meeting 7pm   |
| Wed 25 | ◆ Rhymetime/ Storytime 9am-9.30am<br>◆ Parent Teacher Interviews from 12pm—Students must be collected from school at 12pm |
| Fri 27 | ◆ R15 Assembly  |
| Sat 28 | ◆ Edgemen 2020 Campout  |

### April

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| Wed 1 | ◆ Rhymetime/ Storytime 9am-9.30am<br>◆ Edgemen: Dads Date @ Timezone |
| Tue 7 | ◆ Colour Fun Run   |
| Wed 8 | ◆ Rhymetime/ Storytime 9am-9.30am                                    |
| Thu 9 | ◆ R3 Assembly<br>◆ Y6 Aussie of the Month                            |

## From the Associate Principals

While Ms Perkins is away having fun with the Year 6s at Nanga Bush Camp, Term 1 continues to keep us all busy and it is wonderful to see so many students still smiling at the beginning and end of each day. Thank you to everyone who came along to the **community picnic** on Friday 21 February. It was a wonderful afternoon. Our appreciation goes to the P&C who worked tirelessly serving food and drinks and our Year 6 students who ran games and activities.

In the last newsletter we introduced you to our new **student leadership team**. They have already been very busy. Our Faction Captains have been helping Ms Farinosi organise Friday sport and are doing a wonderful job. Last week, our executive student councillors were involved in their **first assembly**, which was superbly hosted by Room 1, who thrilled us with a Chinese tale that they have been learning about through their class lessons.

Last Friday, our entire student council were involved in their first meeting for the year where some exciting ideas were discussed. On Monday, the councillors and faction captains attended the **Halogen Leader's Day** at the Perth Convention Centre, supervised by Mr Butt and Ms Farinosi. This day provided an opportunity to listen to some inspiring leaders and develop their own leadership skills that they will utilise throughout the year and in the future.

We have some exciting activities coming up in the next few weeks. **Harmony Week** is next week, and students will participate in a range of classroom activities. The **National Day of Action Against Bullying** is on next Friday 20 March, which is at the end of Harmony Week. On this day, students are encouraged to wear orange to school. The **Colour Fun Run** is on Tuesday 7 April (Week 10). This is an important event as the funds raised will support our student mental health and wellbeing programme. More information about each of these events will come out soon.

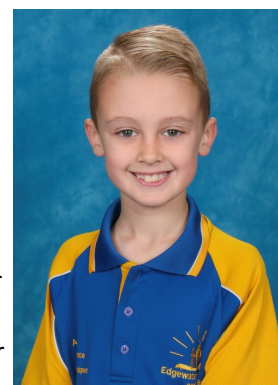
Today our new **Bounceback signs** were put up around the school. These are to show that we are a Bounceback school, using the award-winning program to promote positive mental health, wellbeing and resilience for students and teachers. All students are engaging in the Bounceback program at Edgewater Primary School.

It has been slightly quieter this week with the Year 6s on **camp** with Mr Butt, Mrs Grant, Ms Perkins and Chaplain Di. We know that they will have enjoyed every moment and are sure that everyone involved is looking forward to a good sleep this weekend!

**Michael Minson and Brian Bailly**

## Aussie of the Month

Kerr is a thoughtful, well-mannered and caring student who encourages other students to do their best, both in class and in the playground. He is keen to help those around him, and promotes a caring attitude towards all other students. Kerr cares about and respects the school environment by looking after his own and other people's property. He displays a high level of personal endeavour in his own learning, using many strategies to keep himself focused when working, and aims for a high level of achievement by setting realistic goals. Kerr is a friendly, well-liked student, and a deserving winner of the Year 4 Aussie of the Month Award.



# Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 6 March: R1 Dylan G, Natalia W, Roxane A | R2 Hugo T, Kushee H | R3 Finlay G, Emma J | R5 Blake C, Jade K | R11 Alexis P, Leyla E | R12 Jacob G, Shanae C | R15 Scarlett G, Layla D | R16 Kian B, Aurora K | R17 David H, Maddison W



## Welcome Back Picnic

Well over a hundred parents/carers and children took advantage of the wonderful afternoon weather on Friday 21 February to enjoy a picnic tea in the wonderful surrounds of our Nature Play Area. P&C members manned the barbecue to turn out many sausage sizzles and satisfy the hungry hordes. Some of the senior students in the school were kept busy as they provided games and activities for the children present.

Thanks to all those who supported this outstanding school community event.



# Assembly—Year 4 Room 1

The Room 1 assembly highlighted two aspects of Chinese culture. The first was a Chinese Folktale explaining the origin of the four big rivers in China. According to the folktale, four dragons noticed the people on Earth were suffering due to lack of rain. The dragons approached the Jade Emperor and asked for him to send rain to save the people. The Jade Emperor initially agreed, but failed to send the rain. The four dragons decided to spray seawater into the clouds to make rain, and the people were saved. The Jade Emperor was enraged and demanded that the Mountain God place a mountain on each dragon so they could never go against him again. The dragons then turned themselves into four great rivers in China.

The second item was a song the children have learned during online Chinese lessons (My Chinese Tutor) called Ni hao Panda. The words of the song were based on common greetings and responses: “Hello”, “How are you?”, and “Very well, thank you”.



## Congratulations from Ziggies Educational Supplies

Congratulations to the Goodin Family who, from all the families throughout the state that paid online for their children’s personal items list, won one of 20 pre-paid credit cards to spend at Ziggies. Maybe next year this could be you!



## Rhymetime Storytime

Last week a lovely group of families attended our first session which was ‘Rhymetime’. The children enjoyed joining in many traditional rhymes and songs as well as music and movement activities.

This week was ‘Storytime’ and had a ‘Star’ theme. It was lovely to see the children enjoy the stories and participate in a simple craft activity.

Come and join in the fun each Wednesday morning in Room 14, 9am—9.30am.

The sessions are open to everyone with young children and aim to foster oral language and social skills as well as becoming familiar with our school environment, staff and to meet other families.

Looking forward to seeing you next week.

**Ann Rose—Kindy teacher**



# Parent/Teacher Meetings

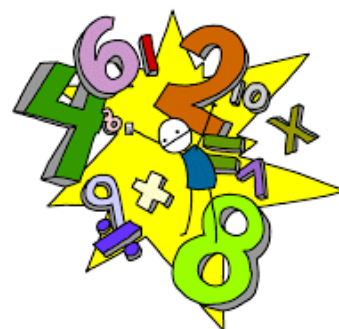
Parent/teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday 25 March from 12.30pm. At the meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss with the class teacher how your child is progressing at school this year. Together you will be able to discuss any strategies or activities that might be essential to apply to ensure a smooth movement through the year.

Booking slots are filling up fast. If you haven't already done so, please log on to our online booking system through our website – [www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au](http://www.edgewaterps.wa.edu.au) – or download the PTO app and make a booking. A booking could also be made now, by clicking on the following [link](#). The earlier the booking, the better chance you have of getting the timeslot that is most convenient for you.



## Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have made personal achievements in Mathematics: R1 Roxane A, Lucy K, Kerr M, Gracie N | R2 Kushee H, Jayden S | R3 Emma J | R4 Lacy G, Lewis G | R5 Joshua L, Jayden W | R7 Cameron D, Kate S, Jan M, Jack G | R8 Jayden C, Isabelle E | R11 Leah J, Cynthia Z | R12 Cody C, Jacob G | R15 Stella F, Lucas W, Claire W, Khalid S | R16 Millie B, Cole J | R17 Lucy N, Jack W, Elise W, Jack G



## Featured Class— Year 2 Room 12

In Science this term Room 12 have been learning about Biological Sciences. They are learning about how living things grow and change. At the beginning of the term they planted bean seeds and this week they were ready to plant. Lena, our parent gardening expert, explained all about the school garden to the children and helped them plant their bean plants. They are really looking forward to eating the beans once they start to grow.



# From The Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Stacey Kelly and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **042 4085 091**.

## Colour Blindness

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

An information leaflet on colour blindness will be distributed to all Pre-primary students in Term One. Please take the time to read the pamphlet.

For more information and see the Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group on <http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton/>

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some general practitioners, eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, **Stacey Kelly** on **042 4085 091**.

**Stacey Kelly—Community Health Nurse, Child and Adolescent Health Service**

## Room 15 at Cockman House

On Thursday 12 March the students from Room 15 and parent helpers visited Cockman House as part of our HASS program.

We explored the history of Cockman House and the local area by building a human timeline from 1829 to the present. We also learned about the life of a pioneer family and participated in a range of activities and games from this area. Last of all we created our own peg dolls which was a lot of fun.

We all had a fabulous time!



## From The Canteen



Next week Edgewater Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Week and all the families from different countries and cultures that make up our community.

The Canteen has cooked up some delicious traditional meals from various countries in recognition of our multicultural nation. Look out for the meals on the following days:-

**MONDAY** - Chinese Chicken Chow Mein

**TUESDAY** - St Patrick's Day falls on this day so we've got Irish Shepherd's Pie. We'll also have some "green" treats for sale at recess (50c, while supplies last)

**WEDNESDAY** - Japanese Sushi (4 pieces of either Chicken Teriyaki or cooked Tuna)

**THURSDAY** - Mexican Rice with Ground Beef (mildly spicy)

**FRIDAY** - Australian Meat Pies and Sausage Rolls (we have to celebrate our own beautiful country and culture. Besides, it's the children's favourite meal of the week)

The meals are available to purchase for \$4.50 each, except the pies and sausage rolls, which are \$4.00 each. There are a limited number of portions available, so get your orders in quickly.

**Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager**

## Coronavirus Health Update

The Department of Education and Department of Health have been working closely together to inform schools about coronavirus as required. Last week on March 6, Ms Perkins sent a message via *SchoolStar*. Please refer to this information and we will continue to update you as directed by these departments.

Please remember that it has always been the standard expectation to ensure that your child stays home from school when they are feeling unwell and this continues to be important.

More information is available at <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus> or the Health Direct helpline on 1800 020 080.

## Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

At the end of last year, the Department of Education enforced a mandatory mobile electronics policy that all students in Western Australian government schools are required to adhere to. Edgewater Primary School's mobile policy can be found in our *Supporting Positive Behaviour Plan* under the 'Publications' – 'Plans, Policies' section of our school website.

While all of the information can be found there, we would like to remind parents and students that a mobile device may only be brought to school with the permission of the Principal or an Associate Principal and, if permission is granted, the device must be switched off and handed in at the office at the beginning of each school day.

# EDGEMEN 2020 CAMPOUT



Calling all EPS Fathers and Father Figures - the Yanchep Campout is back!

## **DATE & TIME**

Saturday the 28th March 2020. Arrive after 12pm Saturday and leave before 12pm Sunday.  
(Optional Friday night bolt-on for those interested in adding a day in front)

**\*\* ALL BOOKINGS CLOSE MIDNIGHT 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH \*\***

## **LOCATION / COST**

Yanchep National Park, 30kms north of Edgewater.

\$15 per adult and \$3 per child. (Book via [www.edgemen.com.au](http://www.edgemen.com.au))

\$13 Park entry per car payable on arrival (or \$23 for an annual pass)

## **WHATS THE GO?**

The event is designed to offer a unique camping opportunity so participants are encouraged to bring along their favourite activities and games to play, as you would on any traditional camping adventure. It will be a great opportunity for Edgewater fathers and kids to catch-up, socialise and enjoy the park's facilities. Be as interactive as you would like or just do your own thing. A few fun, light activities may be conducted however the focus of the event remains directly on fathers and their kids.

## **CAMPSITE INFORMATION** \*\*ALL SITES ARE UNPOWERED\*\*

This year we've secured the actual campsites, not the oval free-for-all like last year. Tents, swags and rooftop/awning tents are preferred however campervans, small caravans & camper trailers are also permitted. The campground has flushing toilets, showers, picnic tables and gas barbecues.

## **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Yanchep National Park boasts a free koala boardwalk, an abundance of kangaroos, 9 bushwalking trails, bike trails and free BBQs everywhere. Crystal Cave and a 'Trees Adventure' rope and zipline experience is open for those who dare.

**Further information and booking links are available on the [Edgemen website](http://www.edgemen.com.au):**



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### **BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS LESSONS**

We are pleased to announce we are now conducting before school tennis lessons At Edgewater Primary School to allow your child to start the day in an active and engaging manor. Details of the program are as follows:

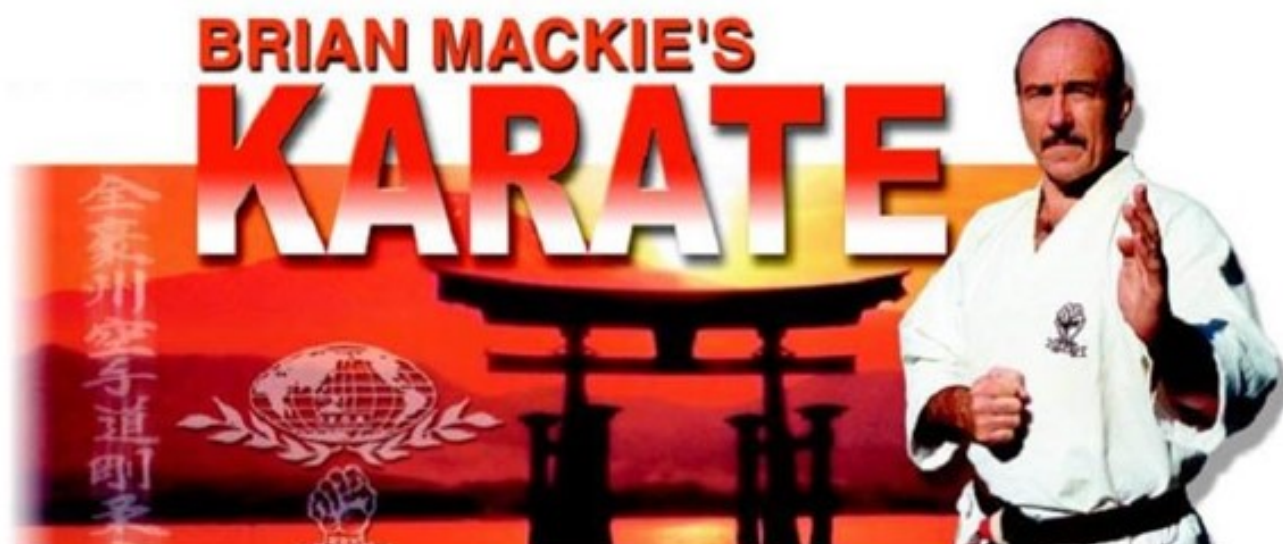
Years 1-3 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (8 weeks)

Years 4-6 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (8 weeks)

7.45-8.30am, \$130 / child

To Register please email [info@oceanridgetennis.com.au](mailto:info@oceanridgetennis.com.au) or call Glen on 0433 340 646 with the following information:

- Child's Full Name
- Child's Date of Birth
- Mobile number
- Email address



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