



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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28 March 2024

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- Wed 24
- ANZAC Service
- Thu 25
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Fri 26
- PP2 Assembly
  - Y5 Aussie of the Month

#### May

- Wed 1
- P&C Meeting
- Mon 6
- School Board Meeting
- Fri 10
- R3 Assembly
  - Mother's Day Stall
- Fri 24
- R12 Assembly
- Wed 29
- P&C Meeting

## From the Principal

Dear parents,

Term 1 ends today with the joy of students PP-5 entertaining the community with their EDU Dance performances.

Our Edgewater Dad's Squad held their first event last Sunday. It was a relaxed event where parents and children took the opportunity to engage with different sporting activities. Great work 'Super Dad' organiser Brendan Ballarine and his support team of Dads. The children are already talking about a campout and scavenger hunt!

We have a few goodbyes this term and some welcomes to look forward to.

After 14 years at Edgewater PS as Library Officer, Mrs Sandercott is retiring. Mrs Sandercott is a keen tennis player. She plans to take up golf and embark on her fourth hike walking the Camino trail in Spain. We thank her for her years of service and wish her all the best in her retirement years.

We wish Mrs Sevastos and Miss Duncan all the best as they take parental. Miss McGurnaghan and Mr Cooper will be teaching in Room 16 and 11 respectively.

As Mr Minson continues his Acting Principal role at Springfield PS, Mrs Sugg and Miss Smith will continue in the role of Deputy Principals.

We welcome Mrs Pip Byrnes to teaching in Kindy on a Wednesday and Mrs Lauren Egan to teaching in Room 2 on Thursday and Friday.

This week we held interviews for the position of School Officer. We have two recommended applicants who will job-share the position with a crossover day on a Wednesday. We will share the names of the successful applicants at the start of Term 2, after the recruitment process is complete.

Miss Smith will be returning with a name change to Mrs Leaver. We wish her all the best on her special day.

Save the Date

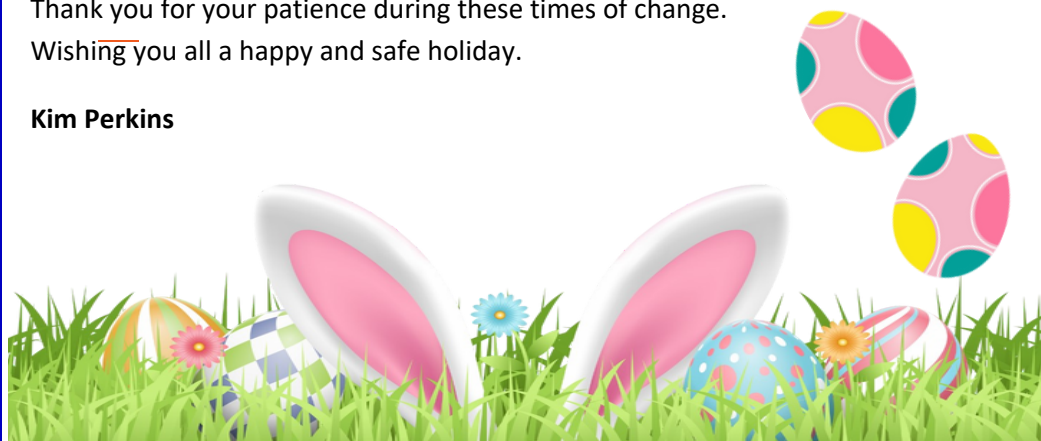
Monday 6th May — Open School Board Meeting: Focus on new Business Plan and Languages Report (Japanese). Click [here](#) to view the Agenda.

Click [here](#) to view the 2023 Annual Report.

Thank you for your patience during these times of change.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

**Kim Perkins**





# First day of Term 2 Mon 15 April

## Aussie of the Month

Kate has been chosen as the Year Six Aussie of the Month award for March 2024 as she possesses a wide range of excellent characteristics that make her a wonderful student and more importantly, a wonderful person. Kate displays a strong work ethic and is always one to push herself to achieve her best. She is kind and caring and showcases respect and empathy towards her peers. She is particularly strong at helping others, as was evident on Year Six Camp where she would regularly offer to help with extra roles and responsibilities. Kate possess high levels of initiative and can consistently be relied upon to act as a role model and leader of our school. She has a great sense of humour and a spark of individuality which brightens up the classroom on a daily basis.

Kate is a well-liked member of Edgewater Primary School by both staff and students. She is a very reliable student who has made a brilliant start to the school year. Her bright, bubbly and positive nature is infectious to those around her.

For all of these reasons, Kate is a valuable asset to the classroom, school and wider community and is a very deserving recipient of this award.

Congratulations Kate.



## Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 21 March**: PP1 Hendrix A, Franklin W | PP2 Finn H, Jarrah N | R1 Ava A, Chase C | R2 Charlie V, Lila F | R5 April S, Lola A | R6 Kirana A, Tillie C, Abdul M | R8 Spencer V, Troy H, Jessica M | R14 Summer W | R15 Harry E, Lucy B | R16 Cooper S, Hudson K, Allyssa O, Kensington W





# R1 Assembly

Our assembly on Friday 22 March was hosted by the Year 4 students from Room 1. Their performance was both entertaining and informative! We followed various animals as they made their way to the zoo for a party, overcoming many different obstacles along the way using a range of simple machines. The animals were guided by helpful fairies and scientists who explained the use of these fascinating machines —we learnt about an incline plane, wedge, wheel and axle, pulley, lever, and more.

Thank you Room 1 and Mrs Sugg for a wonderful assembly!



## Whadjuk Gift

Year 5 students had a great day of games, face painting and bracelet making during the Whadjuk Gift at Mater Dei College on Wednesday 27 March. Although it was quite warm, there was lots of water to drink and everyone was very involved in the activities.

Many past Edgewater students who now attend Mater Dei were on hand to greet the students and help them enjoy the day.

A highlight of the day was lunch where each student received a hotdog.

**Gail Bailly**



# Harmony Week

Last week we celebrated Harmony Week at Edgewater Primary School. Harmony Week is about celebrating the wonderful diversity and multiculturalism of Australia. The theme this year was *'Everyone Belongs'* which recognises that everyone's contributions are valued and everyone is welcome in our country. We celebrated with the aim of demonstrating inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

Throughout the week our students completed various activities related to Harmony Week in their classrooms and the Harmony Team hosted a colouring competition. Congratulations to our winners: **Y1** Saif M, Finley H | **Y2** Johnny D, Alivia T | **Y3** Zara P, Emma M | **Y4** Aryana T, Ella A | **Y6** Noah M. These students won a prize and their submissions were displayed on the library windows!



# Bully Zero

**Bully Zero** delivers bullying prevention programs and Edgewater Primary School is fortunate to be able to bring the program to our school on Wednesday 17 April. It is being funded by Telethon - 7 so there is no charge for this event. Their evidence-based-practice model consists of research, practitioner wisdom, family experience and insights, enquiry, application, analysis, feedback and much more. Our programs have been created in conjunction with educators and reviewed by peers, psychologists, and counsellors, which is an ongoing development process.



## The Year 3 and 4 presentation – 'Move & Groove'

The focus of this resilience presentation is on individual ownership of behaviours through the development of fundamental emotional intelligence of students. Students will be supported and empowered to recognise the impact of their choices on both themselves and others.

## The Year 5 and 6 presentation – 'Safety Net'

Students will be provided with information about cyberbullying and online safety. This includes learning about what cyberbullying is how it can be recognised. It also provides practical opportunities to build skills that will help young people develop personal strategies to protect themselves online.





# National Young Leaders Day

Last Wednesday 20 March, some of our student leaders travelled by train to attend the National Young Leaders Day at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Students listened to inspiring speakers from a range of fields. This year's speakers included Australian Memory Champion, Anastasia Woolmer; Ninja Warrior Superstar, Bryson Klein; bestselling cartoonist, Gavin Aung Than; and the Honourable Hannah Beazley MLA.

This event is always a great opportunity for our senior students to get out there in the world and hear the unique experiences of different people taking on different challenges.



## NAPLAN

Over the past two weeks, Year 3 and Year 5 students have engaged in NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN tests provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned and how they have progressed in the last two years.

The tests ran smoothly, and all students tried their hardest.

It is important to remember that the NAPLAN tests are just one source of information about how your child is progressing at school.

Well done to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students!

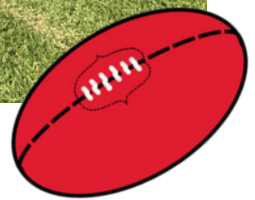
**Emma Smith**



## AFL Girls Dockers Cup

On Tuesday 26 March, a team of Year 6 girls and Emmersyn headed to Des Penman Reserve in Nollamara to participate in the Fremantle Dockers Cup against 16 other teams. We played 5 games. They were against Hocking Primary 1, 2 and 3, Karrinyup PS and Merriwa PS. We won 3 out of 5. We were up against some pretty tough competitors but we all had an amazing time. We came 6th overall. We all had fun kicking, handballing and especially tackling all the other players.

Cindy Farinosi



## Ride2School Day

It was amazing to see so many students get into the spirit of 'active travel' by riding, walking, or scooting to school on Friday 22 March. Every year National Ride2School Day inspires teachers, parents and students to discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future.

A big thank you to the Sustainability Team for encouraging all of us at Edgewater Primary School to take part.





# EduDance

After a disrupted (and very hot) start to EduDance, we were able to ensure all students completed their dance programs. They finished off a great term of dancing with fantastic concert performances for parents, where they were able to get dressed up in costumes and show off all their new dance moves. These fast-paced, high-energy lessons are always great fun for the kids and they come away with renewed confidence in themselves.

A big thank you to the wonderful instructors at Edu Dance for lending their expertise and showing the students some new moves. Not only are these dance lessons great for students' physical fitness and dance confidence, they also help to develop self-esteem and teamwork skills.



# Canteen News

It has come to our attention that there have been a few concerns over what we are serving in the Canteen after we placed a Facebook post, advising that we would be selling some Easter treats in Weeks 8 and 9, in addition to our usual recess fare. We'd like to reassure parents that we only offer these treats at Easter and Christmas time as a bit of fun for the students and also to do some fundraising for the Canteen. We are desperately in need of a new refrigerator.

The Canteen follows the guidelines as set out by the Western Australian School Canteens Association (WASCA). For example, we:

- Reduce the sugar and fat in our baked goods and swap plain flour with wholemeal flour where possible;
- Serve only wholemeal bread, rolls and wraps;
- Cook all tray meals in the Canteen using fresh ingredients (no additives or preservatives) and include "hidden vegetables", many of which come from the school's community garden (see picture);
- Fill the menu with at least 60% "green" items according to the Food Traffic Light System. This means items that are the healthiest choice and can be served everyday.



Should you still have concerns regarding our menu, please feel free to contact us in the Canteen to discuss or consider joining the Canteen Committee. We are always looking for suggestions for new "green" items to add the Canteen menu.

Thank you for your support this term. We look forward to your continued support in Term 2. Enjoy the Easter holidays.

**Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne**  
Canteen Managers

# Maths Competition

Congratulations to the following students who have made personal achievements in Mathematics!

**R1** Bocheng Y, Kesh S, Finley M, Caleb G | **R2** Isaac B, Daniel D, Sehansa S | **R3** Louise B, Darcy M, Thea H, Fern W | **R4** Lily G-C, Delilah N, Sean C, Isaiah C | **R5** Claire W, Scarlett B, Noah M | **R6** Dongcheng Y, Jacob G | **R11** Sreshta B, Alistair L | **R12** August H, Logan N, Layla A, Amada S | **R14** Annabel C, Tobias G, Meira J, Isaac S, Patrick H, Ollie Q | **R15** Lucy B, Harry G, Max R, Hudson D | **R16** Bruce C, Sullivan H, Hannah P | **R17** Luke H, Jack F, Eleanor A, Connor B





# WA Student Assistance Payment

Get ready to claim the WA Student Assistance Payment.

The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your digital identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer from 15 April 2024.

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## From the School Board Chairperson

The school Board has had productive meetings this term. We endorsed the Annual School Report, which is available on the school website, and worked on and subsequently endorsed the 2024-2026 Business Plan. This will be presented at the Open Board Meeting. We had an update on the results of the South Australian Wellbeing and Engagement Census, and we held staff and parent elections.

Thank you very much to Mrs Claire Greenwood (parent), and Mrs Maria McGrath and Mr Terry Butt (teachers) for their valuable input, support and ideas during their time on the Board.

I would like to welcome our new parents, Mrs Michelle Bullen, Mr Grant Moriarty, and Mr Rhys Howard (returning), and new staff members, Ms Caitlin Dawson and Ms Di Alaikis, to the Board. I look forward to working with them in the future.

Our Open Board Meeting will be held Monday 6 May (Week 4), and I would like to encourage you to come along. We will have reports from Ms Kim Perkins and myself, the new Business Plan presented, and a Language Report from Mrs Rayner and some students, followed by drinks and nibbles.

I hope you have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Easter break.

**Rebecca Wright**



# Chaplain's Chat



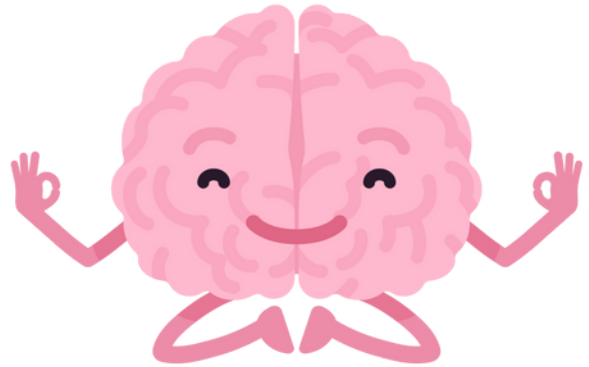
## Mindfulness

Mindfulness is a good thing to implement in children's weekly and even daily schedules. It allows children to learn how to calm their mind and body, helps to reduce the negative effects of stress, and increases their ability to stay engaged and avoid behaviour problems. Some other benefits include increased focus, attention, self-control, classroom participation, compassion, improved academic performance, ability to resolve conflict and overall well-being. It also helps to decrease levels of stress, depression, anxiety and disruptive behaviour.

The school holidays are a perfect time to start practicing mindfulness with your children. Here is some more information on the benefits on Mindfulness and some strategies to implement it into your daily routines:

### [Can Mindfulness Calm My Child?](#)

If you are interested in wellbeing activities specifically geared toward mindfulness, you can access the [Wellbeing Activities Booklet](#) through the link provided or via our school website.



Michelle Kipps

## Career Conversations

The Department of Education will once again deliver the Career Conversations events for families and schools throughout the state in 2024. This is a valuable opportunity to hear accurate, up-to-date career pathway and labour market information. A key highlight for past participants was hearing from industry representatives and employers.

**Career Conversations – Pathways and Opportunities 2024** will be hosted at Joondalup Resort on Tuesday 23 April from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Parents and students are encouraged to join the conversation about post-school options at these free family events in their local area to hear about:

- exploring university and training pathways
- career pathway information for young people with disabilities
- the labour market and where the jobs are
- future work trends
- what employers and industry are looking for.

Click the link below to book and find out more information.

[Career Conversations – Information for families \(Joondalup\)](#)



### **Career Conversations** Pathways and opportunities 2024

**Preparing young people for  
the many pathways and  
opportunities available.**

Information session for parents and students  
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# Year 7 – 2025 Parent Information Evening

**Wednesday  
17th April 2024**



**College Tour**  
**4.15pm - 5.00pm**  
meet in Administration



**Information Sessions**

**General Enrolments**

**&**

**Specialist Programs**

meet in Performing Arts Centre

- General Enrolments 5.00pm - 5.30pm
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