



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Fri 5 ♦ PP3 Assembly
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Mon 8 ♦ Open School Board Meeting 7.15pm

Tue 9 ♦ Buckingham House Excursion
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Fri 12 ♦ Friendly Sports @ Woodvale PS—Selected Students Only

From the Principal

As we near the end of a very busy Term 1, it is time to say “**well done**” to not only our staff but to parents and carers. Our kindy students have settled into a routine, our pre-primary students have adjusted to a five-day school week (though very tired), Year 1 students are the “big kids” and the Year 6 students have settled into their final year.

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students for completing the **NAPLAN** assessments.

As part of the Department of Education’s processes and procedures they regularly review and revise policies and procedures that guide schools. Their current work is focused on **Student Health and Student Behaviour in Public Schools**. This provides a timely reminder on the cyclical work of schools. Future work will involve our school reviewing EPS’s Supporting Positive Behaviour Plan.

For your interest, the Department’s definition of **positive behaviour** is: *A student’s competence and capacity to, in context of the school community expectations and values:*

- *establish and build positive connections with adults and peers*
- *develop empathy for others and understand relationships*
- *recognise and regulate their own emotions*
- *make responsible decisions*
- *work effectively with others*
- *cope with challenging situations constructively.*

This term it was wonderful to have five new parents join the **P&C** and all join committees! Rebecca Wright has taken on another three-year term on the **School Board**. However, we have a two-year board member position open. If you can help out, please submit an [EOI](#) and join in guiding the governance of the school.

A couple of dates to save:

Thursday 4 May: PPP Fearless/Anxiety Parent session

Monday 8 May: Open School Board meeting: focus on sustainability (maybe Tuesday 9 May if long weekend for King’s coronation) Attached is the [Agenda](#).

I hope you enjoy the photos of our Year 6 students on camp. It was a great adventure for all. We are all looking forward to the end of term Edudance concerts.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

Kim Perkins



**First Day of
Term 2
Monday
24 April**

Collect your Free RATS

More RATS have been delivered to the school. They are available to collect from the classroom or office.



In This Edition of SchoolTV— ANXIETY

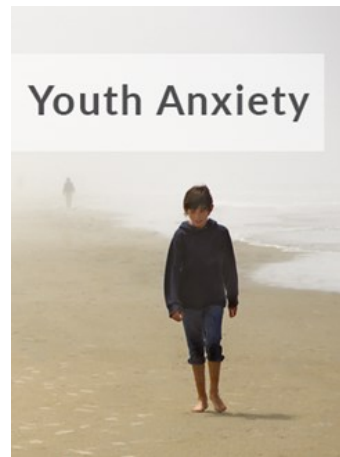
Most young people today experience anxiety at some point in their life. Sometimes that slight rush of anxiety that occurs prior to an exam or sporting event, can enhance their performance. However, experiencing too much anxiety, over long periods of time, can be extremely damaging to their health and wellbeing. There is a difference between 'good' and 'bad' anxiety.

Statistics show, that the psychological health of young people today is far worse than it was a generation ago. This is having an adverse affect on children in both primary and secondary levels. Some of their issues of concern include stress, school, study, body image and friendship.

Parents need to be aware of the warning signs of 'bad' anxiety. There are preventative measures parents can implement as well as teaching children the skills to cope more efficiently with their anxiety.

Here is the link to the [Anxiety](https://edgewaterps.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/youth-anxiety) edition of [SchoolTV](https://edgewaterps.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/youth-anxiety).

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What is the difference between 'good' and 'bad' anxiety?



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on **Friday 31 March**: P3 Arriana F, Riley B / R1 Mason C, Emma J, Orlando N, Spencer V / R3 Berry H, Harper G / R4 Kensington W, Hudson D / R5 Max W, Olivia H / R6 Lorelai D, Maddie W / R8 Jesse F / R11 Luan W, Eva S / R14 Sehansa S, Izabella G / R15 Quinn K, Jacob M / R16 Arlo P, Eleanor A / R17 Brody S, Francesca L



Aussie of the Month

Isla has been chosen as the Year Six Aussie of the Month award as she possesses a wide range of excellent characteristics that makes her a wonderful student and more importantly, a wonderful person. Isla 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. Isla has a mature and responsible nature and utilizes her superb leadership skills to set a magnificent example for those around her, consistently being looked up to as a role model of the school. She possess a great sense of humour and a spark of individuality which brightens up the classroom on a daily basis.

Isla 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 her role as Sustainability Leader this year. Her bright, bubbly and positive nature is infectious to those around her.

For all of these reasons, Isla is a valuable asset to her class, school and wider community and is a very deserving recipient of this award.

Congratulation Isla.



Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Edgewater Primary celebrated this day hoping to show inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

To show our respect for other cultures the year 3-6 classes all learnt to eat with chopsticks. We hoped to include ourselves with the 1.5 billion people that use chopsticks daily. Below are some pictures from our class when we also ate rice crackers. Some students also made all the teachers laugh by trying to eat their lunch with their new chopsticks!



Whadjuk Gift

Year 5 students had a great day of games, face painting and cookie decorating during the Whadjuk Gift at Mater Dei College on Thursday 30 March. After a short downpour of rain where they all got soaked, the sun came out dried them off and everyone was busy with all the activities.

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

A highlight was lunch where each student received a hotdog and an icy pole.



NAPLAN

Over the past week and a half, 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.

This year, the tests moved to Term 1 so that students, parents and schools will hopefully receive the information earlier. 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!



From The School Board Chair

We had our two meetings of the year this term. We discussed the upcoming meetings, Ms Perkins provided an update on the start of the year, we provided feedback on the Public School Review, and we Endorsed the 2022 Annual Report.

I would like to thank Ms Perkins and all the staff at the school for their hard work to prepare for the Public School Review. A lot of information is required, as well as supporting evidence, and the thorough preparation made the day go smoothly. The Reviewers were very impressed with the staff and the school. Thank you very much to everyone involved.

There has been one parent representative position open up on the Board. I encourage all parents with children K-6 to consider nominating for a position on the Board. An [Expression of Interest notice](#) for parents/carers is attached, and if you are interested in joining the Board, please fill out the form. If you have any questions about the Board, I can be contacted through the school office.

As a parent on the Board, I value the opportunity to contribute to the enrichment and consideration of all the children at Edgewater Primary School.

Rebecca Wright—School Board Chairperson



Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings

As an integral part of our *Reporting to Parents* responsibilities, these meetings were extremely well-attended as parents/carers took the opportunity to hear how their children were progressing.

With over 290 fifteen minute meetings spread across the afternoon of Wednesday 29 March, teachers were exhausted but happy to have had the chance to work in partnership with our parent/carers community.



Edgemen

Help keep the Edgemen group going!

Edgemen is a father's group that emerged from the Fathering Project initiative. <https://thefatheringproject.org/>
Phil Dawson (P&C member) took on the inaugural leadership role in 2017. On stepping down in 2021 no leader has volunteered to continue this valued initiative.

It is with great regret that Edgemen will need to discontinue unless at this last "call out" a willing volunteer emerges.



Assembly—Year 4, Room 1

At this mornings' assembly, we were very privileged to have Paul Kovalevs, who was principal of Edgewater in 1988 to 1989 and his wife Kaye attend. Paul explained some of the differences between now and then indicating how things have changed.

Year 4 Room 1 took us back to 1983 this morning for their assembly. The class presented many wonderful things that happened in 1983 including the start of the internet and the introduction of mobile phones, and told us of important people who were born that year. The children performed two advertisements that were on TV that year: Slip, Slop, Slap to remind us about sun safety and then the Duracell Bunny ad. They also performed skits from three books that were first published in 1983: Hairy McLary from Donaldson's Dairy, Possum Magic and Angelina Ballerina. Of course, 1983 is the year that Edgewater Primary School opened. Year 4s celebrated 40 Years of our great school.



From The Canteen

And just like that, Term 1 of 2023 is almost done! One week to go until a two week break, a visit from the Easter Bunny and, hopefully, lots of chocolate. To celebrate this fun time of year, the Canteen, in addition to our usual fare, will be selling Easter themed cookies and "Bunny Bait" (popcorn with a few extra goodies in) at recess. The cookies have been frosted and decorated by our wonderful volunteer helpers, and I can confirm that they are "egg-cellent". Both the cookies and bunny bait are selling for \$1 each, while supplies last.



Please be advised that Term 2 commences on Monday 24 April 2023. Unfortunately, the Canteen will be closed for lunch orders and over the counter sales on this day, as well as on Tuesday 25 April (ANZAC Day). We will open for business as usual on Wednesday, 26 April. Wishing everyone an enjoyable Easter break.

Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne
Canteen Managers

National Young Leaders Day

Last Monday 27 March, our school students leaders travelled by train to attend the National Young Leaders' Day at the Perth Convention Centre.

They heard from guest speakers who are leaders in their fields.

Pro-surfer Eliza Greene, Writer and Illustrator, James Foley, retired Fremantle Docker player, Matthew Pavlich and Minister for Youth Simone McGurke addressed the gathered students from many Perth schools.

Not only were the guest speakers informative and interesting, our students loved DJ Raf and his dancer, Ezra.



Sensei's Japanese Language Class

Minnasan Konnichiwa!

Welcome to 2023 the Year of the Rabbit. The Japanese New Year (正月, Shōgatsu) is one of the most important festivals on the calendar with many different customs and traditions. In the Japanese Zodiac there are 12 different animals, with each animal representing a different year. Traditionally if a person is born in that specific year they gain many of the animal's personality traits. For example, if you are born in the Year of the Rabbit you may have a mind for business, responsibility, cleverness, and devotion to your work. The Japanese Year 3-6 classes made Ema (an example is below) which come from the Shinto religion. These are wooden plaques with people's goals for the new year written on the back. These are then traditionally hung in the Temple and blessed by Priests. The other photo shows our students surrounded by all the Ema on the language room's windows. Please come and have a look at all the students goals as they make fascinating reading. I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous Year of the Rabbit!



2023 Sustainability Team

Edgewater Primary School would like to proudly introduce the Sustainability Leaders for 2023, comprising of Jack W, Lucy N, Heidi B, Isla S, Olivia H and Ayla M. This team will be working hard throughout the year to host sustainable school events, educate our school and community on how to better care for our country and help to give back to the land on which we live.

Below, our Sustainability Leaders have a little bit to say about the importance of caring for our planet.



Hi, I'm Jack and I'm so excited to be in the Sustainability Team for 2023. I love the environment so I love that I can help the school be more sustainable.



Hi! My name is Lucy and I am so excited to be a part of the Sustainability Team for 2023. I can't wait to start many sustainable projects to help our school and community.



Hi, I'm Heidi and I'm super excited about being a part of this year's Sustainability Team. I'm excited to work with my peers to make the environment happier and the world a better place to be.



Hi, my name is Isla and I am so excited to be in the Sustainability Team for 2023. I can't wait to be responsible for so many roles this year as part of this team.



Hi, my name is Liv and I can't wait to be a member of the Sustainability Team for 2023. I am eager to get my hands dirty and am keen to get to work with the other leaders.



Hi, I'm Ayla and I am very excited to be in the Sustainability Team this year. I care for the environment and want to make it a better and happier place!

Keep your eyes peeled for the school newsletter, School Star and Connect throughout the year for upcoming events, competitions and how you can help to lessen Edgewater's environmental footprint. So, please get involved this year! Help us to make our community more ecologically friendly and aware.

The Sustainability Team





Edgewater Primary School

Celebrating 40 Years

Friday 3rd November 2023



Then & Now
1983 - 2023

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Teacher from the Past **Mr Carlos Notarpietro**

I was at Edgewater Primary School as a Year 4 teacher in 1991 and 1992. My fondest memories are of a great staff and lovely students. The assemblies led by Mr Martin (Principal) were always entertaining, and Friday afternoon sport was something we all looked forward to each week. Believe it or not, Edgewater Deputy Brian Baily and year 4/5 teacher Gail Baily and year 6 teacher Terry Butt were working at Edgewater back in 1991. I remember them fondly, and it's been great to occasionally work with them again in the Joondalup Learning Community.



From Edgewater, I left for an interesting job at Balga Senior High School working on different projects with students and the community. After two years at Balga I worked at the Hillarys Education Office (now North Metropolitan Regional Education Office) as a school development officer and subsequently won a position as a middle school team leader at the newly opened Clarkson Community High School. I was there for seven years as a middle school leader and student services co-ordinator before heading back to rural WA as Principal of Gnowangerup Agricultural School in 2005-06. By this time I had a young family, with my two sons Luke, born in 1996 and Alex, born in 1998 starting primary school. I returned to Perth as Deputy Principal of Kalamunda Senior High School from 2006-2010, then in 2011 moving much closer to home (Greenwood) to my current job as Associate Principal at Belridge Secondary College. I love working at the college, and enjoy our relationship with Edgewater PS, which each new year hands a lovely bunch of new year 7s into our care.

Gail Baily & Anniversary Committee

Small changes,
big differences.



Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

FEAR-LESS SEMINAR

Everyone experiences anxiety occasionally. Anxiety is a normal response that can be helpful and typically passes quickly. However, anxiety can sometimes get overwhelming. Learning to manage anxiety effectively is a vital life skill.

This FREE seminar offers information about:

- ✓ Key anxiety-management skills that parents can teach children
- ✓ An understanding of how anxiety works
- ✓ Knowledge of how to help children develop coping skills and face feared situations
- ✓ How to manage children's anxious behaviour effectively

**Thursday 4th May
6:30pm – 8:45pm**

For parents of students at Edgewater PS in Kindy – Year 3

The seminar will take place at EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL library.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book in for your FREE seminar now!

**Child-minding is available in Room 2 with Mrs Sugg if required.
It is recommended that children please do not attend the seminar.*

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