



## Faction Captains Elected

**E**dgewater Primary School Faction Captains for 2018 have been elected and are already proving to be valuable additions to the Student Leadership Team. The Faction Captains have numerous roles within the school including:

- \*Assisting with the maintenance of sporting equipment.
- \*Setting up both Junior and Senior sport.
- \*Acting as Role Models and Mentors for their peers.
- \*Participating in, and organisation of, lunch-time games.
- \*Assisting with Running Club.
- \*Making sure the sports sheds are clean and organised.

During the first part of the year the Faction Captains will also be responsible for the collating of the Coles Sport For Schools vouchers.

As you can see part of the privilege of being a Faction Captain is a lot of extra work. I look forward to working with these fine young people throughout the year.

**Russell Grey—Physical Education Specialist**



**Matilda C, Ethan Y**



**Claire B, Ashton A**



**Clara M, Xander G**



**Jacinta S, Aaliyah K**

### Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Anthony C, Scarlett B | P2 Gino F | R3 Harrison R, Lucas H | R4 Corben K, Olivia H | R5 Grace D | R6 Dana-Maree B, Lincoln D | R7 Mark T, Isaac Q | R8 Alex L, James H | R9 Chiara T, Holly E | R11 Cameron D, Sienna S | R12 Amelia H, Jamima J | R15 Lucia C, Xavier B | R16 Tamzin W | R17 Adam S

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

## From the Principal

### Positive School Culture

A positive school climate is one where individuals feel valued, cared for and respected. This sits at the heart of our school's vision.

Over the next two weeks we will have a whole school focus on enhancing a positive school culture through involvement in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 16 March, and our celebration of Harmony Day on Wednesday 21 March.

The **National Day of Action** calls on schools to put their anti-bullying programs in the spotlight and together with the school community saying 'Bullying. No Way!' We will be undertaking this challenge, not just on this day, but throughout the year. Teachers will use the Friendly Schools program to explicitly teach skills and develop student understandings of what bullying means and how to deal with bullies. This will be complemented with other school-wide strategies to support our students' wellbeing. **Harmony Day** focuses on celebrating our cultural diversity, individual differences and the many unique benefits this brings to our school community. Students will be involved in class activities to reinforce the above concepts and will celebrate Edgewater Harmony Day with a whole school assembly from 2- 3pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us at this assembly.

### Farewell

Unfortunately, our wonderful chaplain Lisa Ingham will be leaving us at the end of this term. Lisa has endeared herself to many of our students and parents over the 5 years she has been with us. We will be holding a special morning tea after our Friday, 6 April assembly for parents and friends to wish Lisa all the best. Christy McAnally, who has been working with us every Wednesday, will continue to provide support to our students over this semester while a new chaplain is found. It is hoped we will have a one in place for the beginning of Term 2.

### Open School Board Meeting—9 April

Our School Board has had the first meeting of the year and set the date for the annual School Board Open Night. Board members are looking forward to meeting interested parents and community members. During the meeting board members will explain their roles, the actions the board has taken in recent times, and conclude with a question and answer session. The meeting starts at 7pm and will conclude no later than 8pm.

**Julie Tombs**

## School Car Parks

We have noticed an increase in the number of parents/carers using the Treetop Avenue car park as a 'drop off' for students, especially on our Running Club days. This practice is potentially dangerous. As the safety of our students is paramount, we ask that students are made aware that they are not to walk through the staff car parks for safety reasons. Please help keep all our students safe by reinforcing this message.

## Dates For Your Diary

March	
Monday 12	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Friday 16	National Day of Action
Monday 19	Parent/Teacher Interviews Commence P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 21	Harmony Day
Friday 23	Assembly R3
Monday 26	Interschool Jumps & Throws
Thursday 29	Interschool Athletics
Friday 30	Good Friday—Students do not attend
April	
Monday 2	Easter Monday—Students do not attend
Tuesday 3	Easter Tuesday—Students do not attend
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

## Student Councillors

On Tuesday 6 March we had our first Student Council meeting of 2018. There were a couple of topics and ideas that came up in the meeting.

On Friday 9 March there will be an assembly where the choir will perform. Also Year 6 student leaders will be attending the Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre on that day.

Another topic that was brought up in the meeting is that on Wednesday 21 March, Harmony Day will be celebrated with a whole lot of exciting activities.

Another thing we discussed was the P&C Picnic which will be held on Friday 9 March. The Student Councillors will help run this event where there will be games and raffles and it will be a great chance to meet other families at this school. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Year 6 Camp

From 20—23 February the Year Sixes travelled to Nanga Bush Camp in Dwellingup. We all had a wonderful time and loved every minute. We were involved in a range of activities including flat water rafting, super splash down, pipe-o-meter, climbing activities, building a raft and para shooting. The food was the best. We also had dorm time where we had to be quiet and write in our diary.

The blue group wasn't the best team at the water team work games, but they were the best at non-water activities. The best activities were the super splash down and flat water rafting. The Black Pigs were the best at rowing, but the Salty Sea Dogs were the best at singing and pushing the raft. Our raft that we built didn't float, but it was fun!

The red group did the ball activities first but when it came to the second activities we beat them to fill up the pipe-o-meter, but everyone wanted to get in the water after activities. We went swimming after the super splash down and the water was so nice.

The Year Sixes would like to thank Mr Butt, Mrs Grant and Lisa.

Camp was the best thing ever and we wish we could do it all again!



### Year 6 Students



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## Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in their basic facts:

R2 Leah J, Cole J | R3 Heidi B, Lucy N, Amy W, Ruby B | R4 Zoe J, Oliver D | R5 Nelson B, Declan K | Lincoln D, Kate S | R7 Felix A, Chris N | R8 Alex L, Jaden Q | R9 Ewan D, Amelia T | R11 Jaxon C, Siena S | R12 Isabella H, Jan M | R15 Hugo T, Kushee H | R16 Scarlett B, Stefan W | R17 Alex H, Micah V

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## JLC Conference

Being abreast of the latest developments in education is an important aspect of the professionalism of our teachers and educational assistants.

The Joondalup Learning Community's Annual Conference was held last Friday, 2 March, at the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel with keynote speakers Maggie Dent and Clark Wright. Apart from professional learning, the conference was a great time for our staff to network with other teachers across the Joondalup district.



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## Aussie of The Month

Maryka has been chosen as Aussie of the Month for March 2018 as she displays all the qualities that make her an excellent student.

She is a person who always strives to do her best and gets on with the task with little fuss. Maryka is a mature and thoughtful student whose behaviour and attitude towards school is outstanding. She works hard in all she does and as a result achieves great results in all her work.

Maryka is well-liked by both students and staff and can be relied upon to perform any task to a high standard. She is keen to help all those around her without being asked. Her exemplary behaviour and attitude was fundamental in her being elected as a Year 5 Student Councillor.

Maryka's fine qualities of endeavour, keenness, reliability, respect, thoughtfulness and responsibility make her a very worthy recipient of Aussie of the Month.

Congratulations Maryka.



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## Canteen

In recognition of Harmony Day, the Canteen is calling upon all parents and grandparents who might like to prepare a traditional dish or snack from their country of origin, to be served to our students during the week of 19 to 23 March 2018. We will be selling the meals or snacks on a first come first served basis so don't stress about how much to make. Any meals or snacks you would like to provide will be greatly appreciated. You are welcome to prepare the dishes or snacks in the Canteen; however, if you would prefer to cook them at home, that is fine too. The only request we have is that the dishes and snacks be nut free. The Canteen is happy to provide the foil containers to portion the meals. Please contact me should you wish to participate in Harmony Week. Thank you to the parents who have already contacted me regarding their contribution.

**Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager**

Harmony Day – 21 Mar. 2018



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## State Little Athletics Championships

Over the long weekend I had the privilege of attending the State Little Athletics Championships at the State Athletics Centre. Several current Edgewater students and some past students qualified to take part. They all competed to the best of their ability and they and their parents should be extremely proud.

There was one performance that I would like to share with the school community.

Jacob F competed in four events over a two day period and his accomplishments were outstanding. He finished his events with three Gold Medals and one Silver Medal. What a performance! Well done Jacob you should be very proud of your efforts.

**Russell Grey—Physical Education Specialist**





## Edgemen's Corner

We have a lot of great events being planned so check out what we're up to and register here:

[www.edgemen.com.au](http://www.edgemen.com.au)

March 10  
Fun Martial Arts



March 18  
Joondalup Lake Ride



### Dad's Joke:

*Police were called to a local day  
care centre this afternoon.  
There were 4 kids resisting a rest!*



## Evacuation Drill

On Wednesday 7 March the whole school participated in an evacuation drill. Students and staff moved quickly and calmly to the Muster Station at the end of the oval



## Harmony Day

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Join us in celebrating Harmony day at our special assembly on Wednesday 21 March from 2-3pm in the undercover area.



## Choir Assembly

This fortnight's assembly was hosted by the Choir with the Year 5 Aussie of the Month being presented to Maryka D by Sue O'Byrne from the Edgewater Out of School Care. We were treated to four wonderful songs from the choir, ending with the toe-tapping *Hey Hey Baby*.



At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

### If your child talks to you about bullying:

- **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your them.
- **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, *'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.'* or *'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.*
- **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
- **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
- **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
- **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

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5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

