



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter

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Year 6 Nanga Bush Camp

On 7 March the Year Sixes headed to Nanga Bush Camp. There were lots of fun activities including ziplining, kayaking, flat water rafting, raft building, team activities, team water activities, supervised swims, bush walking, rock climbing, night activities, a talent show and loads of fun games. As you can tell we were kept very busy over those few days.

If you don't know where Nanga Bush Camp is, it's in Dwellingup, about an hour and a half away. We had so much fun and we made heaps of great memories. Thank you to Mr Butt, Mrs Ward, Mrs Grant and a massive thank you to Lisa, our amazing Chaplain, for cooking all of the delicious meals we enjoyed.

Hannah and India—Room 5



I can hardly believe that camp happened 2 weeks ago as I feel as though I am still recovering from the experience. I loved cooking for the kids and filling their bellies with good tucker. They were all perfectly behaved and very well-mannered making it a pleasure to cook for them. We had lots of laughs, and together as a group we made memories that will last a lifetime. I am so proud of those children that pushed through when the 'homesick' bug hit and those that conquered their fears for the different activities. Overall, it was a great week and very tiring. I think I slept most of the weekend but loved and enjoyed every moment.

Lisa Ingham—School Chaplain



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: | P1 Jack, Grace | P2 Blake, Marcus | R3 Micah | R4 Amelia, Natalia | R5 Matthew, Meg | R6 Alba, Isabella, Logan | R7 Erica | R9 Chloe, Jaden | R11 Jayden, Leon | R15 Euan, Samar | R16 Everly, George

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

From the Principal

Embracing our Differences

Nearly half of the Australian population was either born overseas or has at least one parent born overseas. Our school population reflects this and throughout this week we have been celebrating our cultural diversity and the harmony we enjoy in Australia as a peaceful, democratic country. Students in Pre-primary to Year 6 have been involved in a number of activities. The slogan, **everyone belongs**, has been used during the week to reinforce the message of acceptance and respect for each other. Our final activity for the week, after enjoying a hip hop performance on Thursday, was a treasure hunt for the Pre-primary, Year1 and 2 students where they collected artefacts from different countries and then matched them to the name of the country. There were many excited faces and a lot of speculation about the origins of the treasure that was found.

Learning and Teaching Excellence

Learning and Teaching Excellence is at the core of the work we do within our classrooms and is a crucial aspect of our School Business Plan. During this term staff have been involved in a range of professional learning opportunities designed to build their capacity to more effectively teach our students by using research-based teaching practices that are targeted to meet the varying needs of our students.

Mrs Gray and I recently joined our early childhood teachers in learning about the Synthetic Phonics approach to teaching letters and sounds and how we might enhance the program we already have in place. A quality early childhood program is the cornerstone for a child's continued success throughout primary and secondary school. Our early childhood staff do a wonderful job and are always looking for ways to improve.

Our middle and upper primary teachers are also seeking new ways to improve practice and will soon be embarking on professional learning targeted at skilling students in writing more effectively.

Mr Baily and the teachers in his digital technologies team continue to research and develop programs such as coding to enable our students to acquire 21st century skills. Continued learning and application in the classroom is essential if we are to achieve our goals.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Next week selected students from Year 1 to 6 will participate in the annual Interschool Athletics Carnival competing with Currambine, Joondalup, Springfield and Heathridge primary schools. Special thanks to Mr Grey, Mrs Rubidge, and our very special running coach, Mr Leseberg, who have been working with the students to get them ready for the two days of events.

The Year 3 to 6 Jumps and Throws competition will be held on Monday 27 March and the other athletic events will be held on Thursday 30 March at Windermere Reserve Joondalup, commencing at 9.30am. We wish all students who are representing our school the very best of luck. I'm sure they will give 110% effort. If you are able to get along to the events and cheer for the team, your presence would be greatly appreciated.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

March	
Monday 27	Interschool Jumps & Throws
Wednesday 29	Rhyme Time Story Time 9am
Thursday 30	Interschool Athletics Carnival
Friday 31	Easter Colouring-In Competition Closes
April	
Wednesday 5	Rhyme Time Story Time 9am
Friday 7	Assembly R9 Y6 Aussie of The Month Last Day Term 1
Monday 24	First Day Term 2 Anzac Ceremony 2pm
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Easter Raffle

Please don't forget to place your Easter donations in the Library and raffle tickets in the office ready for the draw.



Important dates:

- Last day to donate Easter Goodies – Monday 3 March
- Last day to submit raffle tickets – Tuesday 4 March
- Last day to enter the colouring competition – Friday 31 March

P&C Fundraising Committee

KidsMatter Survey

The school is embarking on an innovative mental health and wellbeing initiative called KidsMatter that has been specifically designed for primary schools. It involves our staff and families working together to support our students acquiring skills for good social and emotional development.

Please complete the survey on our website to assist in guiding our planning to realise these worthwhile outcomes for our students.

Canteen News

The Interschool Athletics Carnival is coming up next week. The canteen is offering a lunch meal deal to our athletes, parent/sibling supporters and any students assisting Mr Grey at the carnival on Thursday 30 March 2017. The lunch pack contains a wholemeal roll (with ham and cheese or chicken filling), juice box, piece of fruit and small treat, and costs only \$5. Ordered lunch deals will be delivered to Windermere Reserve in Joondalup at lunch time. Order forms have been sent home, but if your child didn't receive one or has misplaced it, more forms are available at the canteen. Please ensure that forms and payment are handed into the canteen by Tuesday 28 March 2017.

Year 1 and 2 athletes will be returning to school before lunch, but they are welcome to order the lunch packs which will be sent up to their classrooms in the lunch baskets.

Best of luck to all our interschool competitors!

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

Library Book Review Competition

Our weekly book review competition is so popular we are drawing two winners every week! All students are eligible to enter (entry forms are available at the Library). All entries receive a bookmark

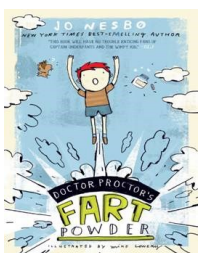
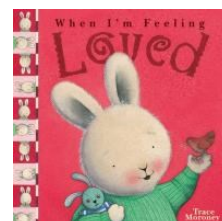
and the weekly grand prize winners win a book! New winners are:



Scarlett Room 8 reviewed *Weirdest Stories* by Paul Jennings. Her review highlights the funny characters in the book and the amusing adventures they have!



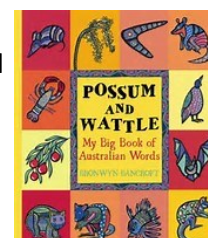
Lucy Room 3 Lucy reviewed *When I'm Feeling Loved* by Trace Moroney. Lucy loved the book and really highlighted how feeling loved makes you feel very special – so special you can grow wings and fly!



Ben Room 8 Ben reviewed *Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder* by Mark Lowery. This is a brand new book to the Library. Ben did a wonderful job in his review of describing the plot and he thought the book was very funny. Well done, Ben.



Marisa Room 12 Marisa reviewed *Possum and Wattle* by Bronwyn Bancroft. This book has wonderful illustrations exploring Australia's rich and amazing landscape. The illustrations Marisa included in her review from her favourite parts of the book were quite wonderful too! Well done, Marisa.



Jaden Room 9 reviewed *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. In his review, he described the plot very clearly and concisely. He also put a lot of effort into describing and illustrating his favourite parts of the book. Well done, Jaden.



Manager Corporate Services

This term is nearly over and before you know it notes will start coming home asking for money for swimming and incursions. I realise that life is full-on when you have a child in primary school and to help relieve some of the stress I encourage you to use your child's billing account to build up a credit with us. Credit in your child's account saves you having to find that money for the note that came home two weeks ago and which you are only just given as you rush out the door. I only wish this was around when my children were at school. The money stays with your child while they attend Edgewater Primary School and then when they leave will go to their sibling or you will get any monies refunded to you. If you want more information, please call me or send me an email and I will be happy to assist you.

Kathy Dean

Year 6 DVD 2016

The 2016 Year 6 DVD is now available for collection. If you had a student in Year 6 in 2016, and ordered a Graduation/Class Assembly DVD, please come to the front office to collect it.

ANZAC Day 2017

This year our annual ANZAC service will be held on Monday 24 April at 2:00pm in the undercover area.

Students are asked to bring a flower to contribute to their cluster wreath on Monday morning.

If you know any current or ex-service people, please let the school office know so we can send them an invitation. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

We would like to thank everyone for their support in buying a bacon & egg roll or sausage sizzle on the day of the elections and to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time to help on the day. Without you it is hard to make events like this happen.

P&C



Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who are our current basic facts maths champions.

Room 2	Ella D, Stanley B	Room 9	Jacob F, Jaden Q
Room 3	Jayden S, Scarlett B	Room 11	Kate S, Dakota C
Room 4	Roxanne A, Natalia W, Hugo T	Room 12	Isabelle E, Abbie B
Room 5	Rafa S, Samuel B	Room 15	Grace S, Jan M
Room 6	Liam K, Lia W	Room 16	Jaxon C, Emily B
Room 7	Clara W, Xander G	Room 17	Ewan D, Glenn S
Room 8	Leo Z, Nelson B, Felix A, Ben V		

NAPLAN—Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May
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Uniform Concepts—News

Uniform Concepts, our official school uniform supplier, will be closed for the first week of the school holidays, from Monday 10 April. They will reopen on Tuesday 18 April. They will also be closed on Tuesday 25 April on the ANZAC day public holiday.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact:

Cathy Searson—Store Manager

Joondalup Super Shop

Uniform Concepts

5/7 Delage Street, Joondalup WA 6027—(08) 9270 4660

Little Athletics Champion

Jacob, who is part of the Woodvale Little Athletics Club (LAC) and trains twice a week in running, hurdles, discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and javelin.

He competes every Saturday morning at Kingsway Little Athletic Centre against a number of other clubs.

As a result of his winning results this year, he was not only presented with a trophy for Intermediate Champion Boy at Woodvale LAC, he was also given a trophy at Kingsway LAC out of hundreds of competing athletes.

Jacob competed at the Little Athletics State Championships at the HBF Arena (Challenge Stadium) at the weekend and he took part in three events and received a medal in all three events for the Under 10 boys category J. He got Gold for Shot Put, Silver for Long Jump and Bronze for Discus.

Jacob's brother, Noah (an ex student), also received three medals and he's been selected for the state team and will travel to Sydney to represent WA at the Nationals competition in April in High Jump, Discus and Shot Put.



Curtin University Mathematics Enrichment Classes for Years 5-11

Classes have been scheduled in Term 2 (Monday 1 May to Friday 23 June) and Term 3 (Monday 17 July to Friday 8 September). The web address for further information is:

<http://scieng.curtin.edu.au/science/mathematics-and-statistics/mathematics-enrichment-classes/>

Closing date for enrolment is Friday 14 April 2017.

Occupational Therapy at Edith Cowan

Groups are currently running for children in early primary school who are experiencing difficulties in school participation. These groups are being held at the Joondalup Community Clinical School commencing in Term 2 and have no fees attached.

If you would like further information please email jccs@ecu.edu.au.

Light It Up Blue Day

April is Autism Awareness month and we are going to 'Light it up Blue' on Tuesday 4 April.

Students are asked to wear something blue on the day and are welcome to give a voluntary gold coin donation which will

support the work done by the Autism Association of WA.

