

EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

We started Term 2 with a difference. Parents were requested by our Government to drop off and collect their children at the school gates. Congratulations to our parents for emotionally preparing your children for this change. Your success has been evident in classrooms, as teachers report an increase in student independence in setting up for their work day, which has led to increased learning time as students are super ready to begin their lessons as the siren sounds.

Over the three weeks *soft approach* to returning to school, student numbers have increased from 49% in week 1 to 73% in week 2 and 86% by the end of week 3.

With the announcement that all children are to return to school, teachers can look forward to face to face teaching for all students.

Parents will continue to drop off and collect children at the school gates. To date, parents have distanced appropriately. From Monday, students in years 4-6 who leave from the front gate of the school, will be re-directed to exit from the double gates at the corner of the school. Older students who collect younger siblings can continue with pre-existing arrangements.

Please collect your child/ren and depart swiftly to assist with easing congestion at the front gate.

Extra cleaning of hard surfaces, playgrounds etc., will continue throughout the school day.

We will continue to be overcautious and send children home if they appear to have colds. Please keep them home if they appear unwell in the morning. With allergies, we understand this can be difficult. If you believe your child's medical information is not current on allergies etc., please contact the front office.

Please parents, unless you have an ACROD sticker/exemption do not park in the staff carpark off Kestral Mews. Safety of children must be our priority.

Kim Perkins

School Development Day

Friday 29 May

Students Do Not Attend

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 8 May:
R1 Layla A, Micah V | R2 Jayden S, Rylie H | R3 Casey G,
Lianna T | R4 Lacey G, Malcolm V | R7 Charlotte C, Jack G | R11 Corben K, Sharlett B | R12 Cody C, Eabha C |
R16 Max W, Oliver D | R17 Rihanna S



2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for our 2021 classes. If you have, or know of someone who has a child born between 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and wish to enrol for 2021 please check at the office for information and enrolment paperwork. A Birth Certificate and Immunisation history statement must also be provided.

As places are highly sort after, it would be wise to contact our office as soon as possible.



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MGM School Star—from the App Store
or Google Play.



Happy Mother's Day

A big thank you to our industrious P&C fundraising committee who prepared their annual Mother's Day stall in Room 9 on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May. Our classroom teachers, education assistants and executive student leaders played shopkeeper due to the times we are living in. So, if you received a delightful and thoughtful gift for Mother's Day, thanks are due to the fundraising committee. We trust that all of our mothers had a delightful Mother's Day and that the children did as we requested and really looked after them on Sunday 10 May.







ANZAC Service

This year a different approach was taken to our usual ANZAC service due to COVID-19. Under the guidance of Miss Circosta, two Year 6 students, Dakota and Elise, had the opportunity to read an insightful and touching service over the PA system on Friday 1 May. Students respectfully listened and participated in their classrooms.









Scholastic Book Club

We're really excited to have Scholastic Book Club running again this term, however, it will look a little different while we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Book Club will be delivered through a virtual catalogue rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

To order from this issue go to: https://scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/

Place your order on LOOP as normal by Sunday 17 May.

Your order will be received at school as normal and will be distributed through classrooms. Alternate collection can be arranged if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact the EPS Book Club Organiser, Samantha Blake: blake.samantha@outlook.com



Distance Education

As students begin returning to school, it has been heartening, and at times amusing, to hear of the wonderful job parents and carers have been doing implementing our COVID-19 Distance Education packages. When students return to school, we ask that they bring in any work that they have completed whilst learning at home. Class teachers will then make any assessments that are appropriate.





From the Manager Corporate Services

School Contributions and P&C Levy Thank you to the P&C for donating \$40.00 towards our end of Term 1 raffle draw and to the School Board for approving the prize of \$60.00. This was drawn this morning with the assistance of Mrs McGrath, Ms Perkins and Mrs Stables. The lucky families have been notified. They were the Flux family \$60.00 and the Triplett family \$40.00. A big thank you goes out to all families who paid their child's voluntary contribution. I am hoping to do another draw at Christmas time for two \$50 vouchers for either Coles or Bunnings, so you are still in it.

Credit I encourage all Year 5 families to start putting money aside for the Year 6 camp next year.

Kathy Dean—Manager Corporate Services

Community Gardens

Our community gardens are looking fabulous and that's thanks to two of our parents, Coralie and Mercedes, for helping Andy, our school gardener, develop the various gardens around the school. They have given up their time to help plant, dig, weed and clear and are doing a great job. Together they have helped to plant a large range of native plants endemic to the Edgewater area, continuing to support the natural school environment.



From the Canteen

Some of the COVID-19 restrictions will be easing as of Monday 18 May. Unfortunately, the Canteen still has to adhere to fairly strict social distancing rules. We've gone two weeks without opening the Canteen for recess and counter sales and we know some of our little customers are missing their snacks and treats. During Week 4 we are going to try PREORDERED pizza slices (which students can pick up from the Canteen at 10.45am) and ice creams (which can be collected from the Canteen after lunch and at the beginning of lunch recess, i.e 1.15pm). Students can order and pay for the pizza slices and ice creams at the Canteen before 9.30am. Alternatively, the treats can be ordered through QuickCliq, the online ordering system.



Thank you for your patience, understanding and ongoing support as the Canteen navigates it's way through the changing COVID-19 regulations and restrictions.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

