



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

*An Independent Public School*

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# Newsletter

## Issue 5

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### Upcoming Events

#### June

Fri 3	♦ School Development Day—Students Do Not Attend
Mon 6	♦ Western Australia Day Public Holiday
Tue 7	♦ School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Wed 8	♦ Parliament House Lunch—Executive Student Leaders Only
Fri 10	♦ PP1 Assembly
Mon 13	♦ Interschool Lightning Carnival—Selected Senior Students Only
Wed 15	♦ P&C Meeting 7pm
Fri 17	♦ R11 Assembly ♦ Y4 Aussie of the Month
Tue 21	♦ Cockman House Excursion—Y2's Only
Wed 22	♦ Faction Cross Country
Fri 24	♦ Pyjama Day

## From the Principal

As we continue to navigate regular absences this term, we are grateful for everyone's continued support as school life begins to return to something more normal. Assemblies are back and it has been wonderful to see parents enjoying entertaining items from our students.

On Wednesday, we unveiled our new **Peace Pole** in the Cluster 1 courtyard, with special guests from Rotary WA, Rotary Joondalup, Rotary Mindarie and the City of Joondalup present to mark this special occasion.

On Wednesday 25 May, classes participated in the **National Simultaneous Storytime**, with students being read this year's book *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke.

Year 3 and 5 students (and teachers) were resilient in completing the **National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy** (NAPLAN), which was extended to allow for catch-up sessions for students who were absent during the testing period. Fortunately, all students were able to complete their assessments.

The installation of the **new playground** in the Year 1 and 2 area is going well and nearly complete. This is an exciting upgrade following the installation of the swings during the holidays.

On Monday 13 June, Year 5 and 6 students, and selected Year 4 students, are participating in the **Winter Sports Lightning Carnival** at Kingsway Reserve. Students have been busy training for their chosen sports with their teachers and under the guidance and coordination of Ms Farinosi.

The **Faction Cross-country** will be held on Wednesday 22 June. Parents are welcome to attend. Details about event starting times will be communicated closer to the date.

The **School Board** are meeting on Monday 13 June in the Library, starting at 7.15pm.

We hope that all students enjoy their long weekend.

**Michael Minson & Brian Bailly—Associate Principals**

**School Development Day**  
**Friday 3 June**  
**Students Do Not Attend**

# In this edition of SchoolTV—SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL REPUTATION

Social media has become such an integral part of a teenager's life. However, many miss out on some critical social skills with most communicating whilst looking at a screen instead of another person! Statistics show that 60 per cent of 10-11 year olds are using at least one social media site, with the majority using age-restricted platforms. What children do, post and say online is permanent and most are not mature enough to manage their own digital footprint. Friendships, relationships and even future job prospects are all put at risk.

Parents need to be aware of what picture their children are painting of themselves online. Unfortunately, many parents do not see the dangers inherent of these sites, as the form opinions based on their own experience. But predators are usually not interested in grooming adults. Over the years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of primary schoolers owning mobile phones, highlighting the importance to teach children about the dangers of social media and the implications it can have.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to talk to their children about the inherent dangers of social media and how to educate their children to be responsible users in the online world we live in.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the [Social Media & Digital Reputation](https://edgewaterps.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/social-media-and-digital-reputation) edition of SchoolTV.

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Am I doing everything I can to parent effectively?





# Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 20 May: P1 Johnny D, Kaleb D, Kensington W | P2 Hannah P, Sullivan H | R1 Bella D | R3 Isaac S, Victoria Z | R4 Heidi B, Vincent A | R5 Oliver N, Rylie H | R6 Aksara C, George S | R8 Lucas H | R11 Asher H, Oliver Q, Toby J | R14 Heidi G | R15 Bocheng Y, Daisy B | R16 Emma C, Harper L | R17 Kirana A, Sienna K



## National Walk To School Day

On Friday 20 May, the Edgewater community did a terrific job of walking safely to school. Over one hundred students, teachers, parents and community members turned out to meet at Emerald Park to begin the walk to school. We are so appreciative that we had such amazing community engagement.

We noticed that everyone walked safely, as they were checking for traffic, holding the hand of an adult and walking calmly on the footpaths. On top of this, we all did our part to help our planet and the environment by leaving the cars at home and reducing our omissions into the atmosphere. Not to mention the active and healthy start to the day we all had!

We hope you all had fun walking together to school and we thank you all again for your involvement and enthusiasm. The morning was a great success.

**The Sustainability Team.**





# National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 25 May was National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). Classes participated in the Australia-wide group reading and literacy event. 2022's chosen book was *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke; a story about family, celebrations and seasons. The aim of NSS is to promote the value and fun of books, reading, and story time activities, as well as the work of the featured author and illustrator.



## National Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday 1 June the Executive Student Councillors and Faction Captains were lucky enough to travel to the city by train with Mr Butt and Ms Farinosi to listen to many inspiring speakers who displayed courage and leadership. We all had a booklet to take notes about the special guests who were going to speak throughout the day.

Once we arrived we got to start the day with a man called Ezra who taught the many schools who were there a couple of dances.

The first guest speaker was a man called Lachie Smart who was the youngest pilot to fly solo around the world. This was an amazing experience and taught us all a valuable lesson. *Even if you are young, you can accomplish your dreams by working hard and never forgetting to be yourself.*

The next guest we met was a news reporter from Channel 10 called Tim Gossage. He also taught us a valuable lesson. *To be a good leader you must always listen, keep on learning and write your own script.*

Next we met a female AFLW player called Gemma Houghton. She taught us to *make change, be brave and believe in yourself.*

The last guest for the day was a man called Brant Garvey. He was a great inspiration to us all as he has an above the knee amputation and is a Paralympian. He told us that if you always have excuses, you will never know what you are capable of doing.

We learnt a lot that day and it was a great way for young leaders to be inspired.

**Hugo, Ella, Kerr, Gracie, Roxane, Rylie, Scarlett, Lucy, Ashton, Zac, Kushee & Leah—Student Leaders**





# Assembly—Year 1 Room 4

We all have lots of friends and Room 4, who hosted the assembly on Friday 20 May, explained in song and dance how to get and keep friends.

Here are some of the Year 1's suggestions:

- Make them feel welcome if they are new
- Help them if they're stuck on something.
- Play with them at recess and lunch.
- Help them if they're hurt.
- Say things that are nice.
- If someone has lost something, help them find it.
- Make them laugh.



## Peace Pole Assembly

Yesterday we unveiled Edgewater's Peace Pole which was very kindly donated by the Rotary Club of Mindarie.

The Peace Pole program which had its beginnings after the Second World War in 1955, was developed by the World Peace Prayer Society Founder, Masahisa Goi. Now, more than 250 000 Peace Poles stand in approximately 200 countries around the globe, symbolizing the common wish for a world at peace.

*Peace Poles are marked with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth", standing in silent vigil for peace not only to create a visual reminder to think, speak, and act in the spirit of peace and harmony, but to build community and school spirit and symbolises our common wish for a World at Peace. At Edgewater that message is written in English, Noongar and Chinese.*

We are privileged to be the first school in the City of Joondalup to install a Peace Pole with other schools now interested in doing the same.

**Harmony team**



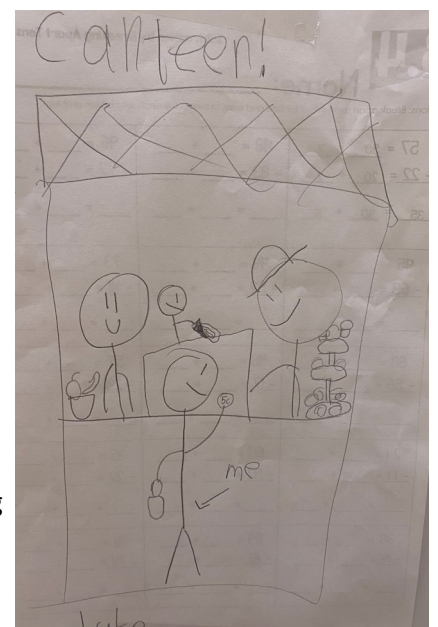
## From The Canteen

We've been receiving a number of complaints that the online ordering system, [Quickcliq](#), can be very slow in the mornings when trying to place a lunch order. Please be aware that we average over 220 orders per week which means that, in addition to yourselves, there are a number of other parents trying to log in between 6.30am and 8.30am of a morning too. Kindly consider placing meal orders the night before (orders can be placed up to four weeks ahead of time) to help ease your morning frustrations.

A friendly reminder to parents to pack a spoon when you send your child to school with a yoghurt or fruit cup. We've had to hand out quite a lot of biodegradable cutlery lately, which, as you can appreciate, is quite expensive for the Canteen to purchase.

We were delighted to receive a picture from Luke W this week. As you can see it is quite a detailed drawing of the canteen ladies and a volunteer serving morning recess, with Luke buying himself a slice of pizza. Note the cake stand and fruit cups on the counter. Well done Luke, you made our day.

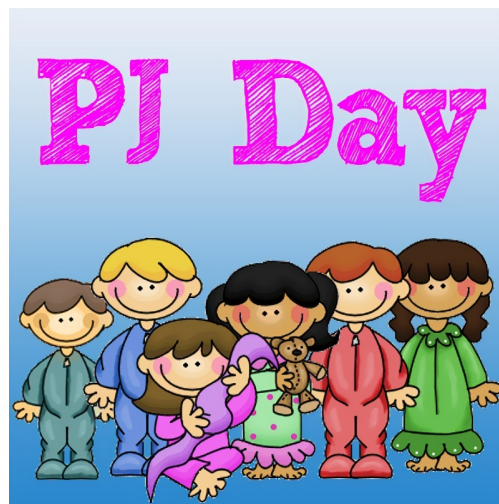
**Kerry van Drunick and Vanessa Browne—Canteen Managers**



## Pyjama Day

On **Friday 24 June**, Edgewater PS is having a Pyjama Day. We are raising money for the RSPCA, which stands for The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. So please bring along a gold coin donation on the day. We hope to see as many people wearing pyjamas as possible.

**Hugo, Ella, Gracie & Kerr—Executive Student Councillors**



## Telethon Fundraiser

Fat Cat has joined Edgewater Primary School. To help raise funds for Telethon, the EPS Telethon Ambassadors have created a Fat Cat 'piggy bank' which is located on the canteen wall. Students can donate small change by popping it in Fat Cat's mouth and watching it drop down into his tummy. All funds raised will be donated to Telethon in October.

Remember small change can make a big change.

**Josie & Tamzin—Telethon Ambassadors**

