

EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL An Independent Public School

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Light It Up Blue

utism affects approximately 1 in 100 people and is most common in boys. It presents differently in girls and can be more difficult to diagnose. Autism is a neurological disorder and has no cure—the cause of is yet to be established. On Tuesday 4 April students at Edgewater Primary School were asked to



come dressed in blue. The day was organised with the aim of raising awareness and understanding about Autism. During the day students were engaged in activities and discussions about Autism and watched an autism awareness video.

Over \$400 was raised from the gold coin donation for the Autism Association of WA. The association supports people with autism who range in ages and abilities through a number of different initiatives. For more information please visit their website. Other helpful resources about Autism can be found on the Positive Partnerships and Raising Children Network websites.

Many thanks to all those who supported this event.

Maribel Ward







Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Whanu | P2 Knash | R2 Kushee, Olivia | R3 George, Scarlett | R4 Conor, Rylie | R5 India, Samuel | R6 Cerys, Olivia | R9 Mitchell, Siobhan | R12 Isabelle, Kalais | R15 Isabella, Rhaman | R16 Charlotte | R17 Ewan, Jaeda

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

We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable holiday.

From the Principal

This is our last newsletter for Term 1. The term has passed by very quickly since our first day back for 2017. All of our students, including those who are new to the school, have settled in very well and contributed to a harmonious learning environment across the school. I am very proud of their achievements and the positive, caring attitude they display towards other students, staff and visitors to the school.

ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our annual ANZAC Memorial Service will be held on the first day back to school for Term 2, 24 April. All families and friends are invited to attend the service which will be held in the undercover area. The ANZAC Memorial Service is always important to us as we pause to remember those who lost their lives in the service of their country and those who continue to serve in many parts of the world. Mrs Gray has been working hard in planning the event and, as always, we look forward to welcoming back our special guests, in particular, our 'adopt a diggers'. We are privileged to have them associated with our school.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) will be held between 9 and 11 May. This is an important assessment for students in Year 3 and 5. I, therefore encourage all parents/carers with children in these year levels to ensure the students are at school to undertake the assessments.

IN TERM SWIMMING

Over the past three years we have enjoyed participating in swimming lessons during the summer months. This year we must take our turn and have a late autumn timeslot. Lessons for Pre – primary to Year 6 students will take place commencing Monday 22 May to Friday 2 June. The lessons are vitally important in teaching our students life saving skills. More details will be sent out to parents/carers early next term.

On a final note, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy Easter and school holiday break. Thank you to all families who have supported us in a very smooth start to the year. I will look forward to seeing all our students back ready to embark on another exciting term of learning, fun and friendship.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

April	
Monday 24	First day Term 2 ANZAC Ceremony 2pm
Tuesday 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
May	
Friday 5	Assembly R16
Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11	NAPLAN Y3 & Y5
Thursday 18	Assembly R3 Aussie of the Month Y4
Friday 19	School Development Day—Students do not attend
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Holiday Activities

Keeping kids amused and engaged during school holidays can be a challenge, especially if parents are working. The websites below have some great ideas for things to do—often at little or no cost.

Kids Around Perth
Weekend Notes
WA Around You
Experience Perth
WA Museum



ANZAC Memorial Service Monday 24 April at 2:00pm

Each student is asked to bring a flower to contribute to a cluster wreath. ANZAC biscuits, 3 per bag will be on sale at recess in the assembly area for 50c. All funds raised go to Soldier On, a support group for wounded Australian service men and women to enable them to access the world's best standard of care and support.

Any Scouts/Cubs/Guides/Brownies or Cadets are encouraged to wear their uniform for the service.





Featured Class Room 11 Buckingham House

On Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 March the 'Time Travellers' from Room 11 and 12 enjoyed a fantastic morning at Buckingham House learning about the early settlers in this area. Buckingham House was built in the 1880s and was a family home until the early 1970s when the Shire of Wanneroo took ownership and turned it into a museum.

The students were taken back to a much simpler time and they participated in a variety of activities including making butter, sewing, hand- washing clothes, milking a model cow and taking a lesson in the old classroom. The volunteers at Buckingham House shared a lot of historical information which was relevant to our Humanities

and Social Science studies and they made the learning fun and interesting. It was also pleasing to receive positive comments about the lovely behaviour of our students as they moved through the house. We are very lucky to have such an interesting piece of history right on our doorstep.















Maths Champions

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

R2 Ella D, Zoe S | R3 Gracie N, Chloe M | R 4 Roxanne A, Amelia W | R 5 Sam T, Heath R | R 6 Andre S, Jacob B |

R7 Jackson B, Declan K | R8 Nelson B, Leo Z | R9 Jaden Q, Jacob F | R11 Ana V, Kate S | R12 Isabelle E, Abbie B |

R15 Alexander H, Kayleigh G | R16 Roxie L, Hugh P | R17 Glenn S, Elise R/Holly E

Bullying

At Edgewater Primary School we aim to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Sometimes it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. An important part of our work is to prevent bullying and respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks about bullying:

- 1. Listen calmly to get the full story
- 2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame
- 3. Ask your child what they want to do about it and what they want you to do
- 4. Contact your child's teacher
- 5. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going

We thank you for your support in making our school a great one for everyone.

Mrs Baily—Pastoral Care Coordinator

NAPLAN—Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May

Interschool Athletics

Well done to those students who represented the school at the annual Interschool Athletics Carnival on Thursday 30 March

After winning the pennant for the Champion Long Jump School we entered the main competition nine points ahead.

At the completion of a fierce day's competition Edgewater finished the carnival in third position, only ten points off second place. An outstanding effort from all our students.

The parents and friends of our students who were in the crowd witnessed the tenacity, spirit, teamwork and behaviour that makes me very proud to be a teacher at Edgewater Primary School. The students gave up their own

time to train before school and at lunchtimes. Their commitment paid off.

A very big thank you to Dan Leseberg for coaching our sprinters and his expertise **did** improve our performance. Thanks also to Liane Brown for her assistance with the team games practice.

The next Interschool competition is the Winter Sports Lightning Carnival in Week 9 next term. If you can be of assistance in preparing Netball, Soccer or Football teams please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Again, a very big **Well Done** to our students, you were, and continue to be, FANTASTIC.

Russell Grey-P.E. Specialist



Manager Corporate Services

Wow! This term is over. It went so fast I didn't have time to respond to all of you with regard to payments. So if you emailed me and I didn't reply I please forgive me. Statements where posted out earlier this term. I highlighted the amount owing; however, I made mistake with the BSB. It should be 016 – 494. Thank you to everyone who has paid and good luck in the raffle which will be drawn early Term 2. As the cost of posting statements was \$196, I feel this money would be better spend on your children in the way of additional books, etc. Therefore in the future I will be emailing requests for payments. Well done to the families who have taken my advice to start a credit up for their child. For more information please email or call me and I will be happy to explain how it works. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Kathy Dean

Canteen News

Those pesky ants are on the march again - invading backpacks and devouring lunches. Please would you ensure that your child's packed lunch from home is securely wrapped and sealed in lunch boxes. If the canteen provides your child with a lunch to replace an ant infested one, could you make payment as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your help and support in Term 1. Have a safe and happy two week break.

Kerry van Drunick

P&C Easter Raffle

The P&C Fundraising Committee would like to thank all the parents of Edgewater Primary for their kind and very generous support with the Easter donations and purchasing of raffle tickets. Without your help we would not have been able to provide so many prizes for students



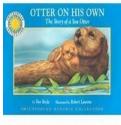
Current Book Review Winners





Claire - Room 7 reviewed *The Secrets We Keep* by Nova Weetman. This is a brand new book to the library about friendship and fitting in to a new school – with a twist! Claire thoughtfully described how the book made her feel and she highlighted the 'mystery' in the story. Well done Claire!

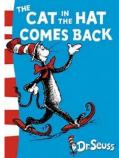




Conor - Room 4 reviewed *Otter On His Own* by Doe Boyle. Conor's favourite part of the book was when the Pup rests on his mother's chest. He drew a lovely picture of this, illustrating the scene wonderfully.

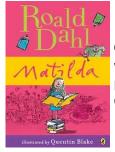
Well done Conor!





Amelia - Room 2 reviewed *The Cat In the Hat Comes Back* by Dr Seuss. Amelia put a lot of effort into describing and drawing her favourite part of the book, highlighting just how funny The Cat in the Hat really is! Well done Amelia!





Charu - Room 11 reviewed *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Charu's review was wonderfully colourful and neat. Her lovely drawing of her favourite part of the book clearly showed Matilda's love of reading. Well done Charu!

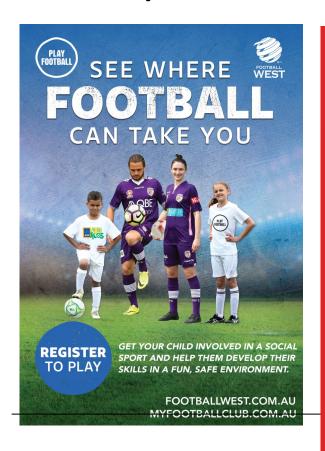
Aussie of the Month



Danielle has been at Edgewater since the beginning of this year and in a very short amount of time has demonstrated exemplary standards in behaviour, class work and consideration towards others. She is a responsible, kind and conscientious student who has made an impressive transition to her new school this year. She is a valued addition to the Year 6 cohort who has a positive influence on those around her and is a model student in every respect and a very worthy winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award, congratulations Danielle!



Community News



ECU Sports Centre Joondalup is home of the ECU Kids Holiday Program!



It is an exciting program that is not only fun for children, but extremely good for them. Our program is for **6-12 year olds** and focuses on giving kids as much sporting experience as possible! Activities are structured so they are appropriate for each age group and are supervised by experienced and skilled staff.

Our next program will run April

10th to 21st excluding 14th & 17th.

For more details and enrolment options please visit our website

www.ecu.edu.au/sport/khp or call us on 6304 5000

