



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*An Independent Public School*

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# Newsletter

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## THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC

**O**n Monday 30 April, students, teachers, parents and special guests attended our service to commemorate the ANZAC spirit. The choir performed beautifully throughout the service, as did the rest of the school and community during participation songs. Wreaths were laid to show our appreciation and respect.

A big thanks to all of our helpers and readers on the day and to Mrs Gray for organising and providing the afternoon tea after the service.

**Danielle Circosta**



### Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Michael M | R2 Charlotte J, Marcus H | R3 Levi B, Ruby B | R4 Jack W, Rihanna S | R5 Ashton A, Ella W | R6 Annah-Maye V, Lean B | R7 Kaitlin W, Xander G | R9 Barra P, Roxy Q | R11 Grace S, Xanthe B | R12 Jan M, Xavier B | R15 Amelia W | R17 Charlotte C, Lily S |

Photographs will now be emailed to parents/carers

## OUR ANNUAL REPORT 2017

## From the Principal

Welcome back to the first newsletter edition for Term 2. I would particularly like to welcome new students, their families and our new Chaplain, Mrs Amanda Wendt.

### **NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)**

Commencing next week students in Year 3 and 5 across Australia will undertake the mandated NAPLAN assessment program. This will be the first year 200,000 students will undertake the program online.

Edgewater has been selected as one of the schools to use the online platform for all tests in Year 3 and 5, with the exception of Year 3 writing which will be pencil and paper. Our students have been given numerous opportunities in past weeks to become familiar with the new format and will not be disadvantaged.

In fact, the on-line assessment will allow teachers to get results back within a 2-3 week timeframe enabling them to analyse the data for each student and plan accordingly to address any areas of weakness. Another benefit of using NAPLAN on-line is a feature known as 'tailored testing' where the test automatically adapts to the student's test performance asking questions to match their achievement capability. This feature is useful in preventing students from 'topping out' on tests because the test allows students to continue at a higher level than others in the test cohort.

Teachers will be able to get a better measure of these high achieving students' abilities in order to tailor teaching and learning more effectively.

It must be acknowledged that NAPLAN is still only one measure of student achievement in literacy and numeracy. Teachers will continue to collect a range of assessment data throughout the year to assist them in working with students.

### **Building and Grounds Upgrades**

Over the coming term there will be a range of works going on around the school. The cluster one junior toilets are to be refurbished through the Department of Education Maintenance and Works program. The school will fund the widening of the entry pathway alongside the Administration building leading to the Kindergarten area. New fencing will be installed and a general enhancement of the Kindergarten area will be undertaken. We have been fortunate in receiving a grant to provide additional shade. The P&C, together with the school, are continuing to plan for improvements of our Nature Play area with major work scheduled to take place over the July school holidays. I'm sure the students will be very pleased with the results.

### **Change of Principal**

As mentioned, in a recent Connect message to all parents, I will be retiring at the end of this semester. A merit selection process for a new permanent principal will take place this term. The priority ahead will be to ensure a smooth transition in the leadership of the school. I will provide you with more details regarding the new principal later in the term. Until then, it's business as usual.

Finally, I would like to thank our very special guests and parents who attended the recent ANZAC memorial service. I was particularly delighted to welcome back some of our diggers, Private Alick Newby, Able Seaman Ron Privledge, Jack le Cras OAM, and Corporal Tony Easterby who have shared their stories and love of our country in the years they have attended. A special mention goes to our senior choir, and Miss Circosta and Mrs Gray who coordinated the service.

**Julie Tombs**

## Dates For Your Diary

May	
Monday 14	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Tuesday 15— Thursday 17	NAPLAN
Wednesday 16	Rhymetime/Storytime 9am
Monday 21	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 21— Thursday 24	NAPLAN
Wednesday 23	Rhymetime/Storytime 9am National Simultaneous Storytime & In Class Activities
Friday 25	Assembly R11 Aussie of The Month Y4
June	
Friday 1	School Development Day—Students do not attend
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

## Edgewater's Got Talent

On Thursday 31 May the annual Edgewater's Got Talent Show will be held. This is a great chance for students, young and old, to showcase their entertainment ability. Please watch out for the information flyer.

**Aiva, Clara, Corey, Chris—Executive Student Councillors**

## Automatic Absence Notifications

This term we launched a Department of Education initiative whereby our communication software will automatically send an SMS to parents and carers if a student is absent without explanation before 10.15am. Please respond to the message as soon as possible so that our attendance records are accurate.



## Featured Class—Room 16

Throughout this term in Biological Science, Room 16 has been learning about living and nonliving things. To explore this concept we have been growing beans, making observations on the beans' growth, and noticing the different characteristics throughout the stages. We have investigated the plant structure, the life cycle of the plant and looked at the similarities between plant and animal life cycles. We now hope to plant the seedlings into the school garden to allow them to grow further.

**Melanie Tangermann—Class Teacher**



## From the School Board

Welcome back to second term already! We have a very busy Term 2 to look forward to.

### Open Meeting

The Board hosted its annual School Board Open meeting on Monday 9 April 2018. I presented an overview of the responsibilities of the Board (what we can and can't do), followed by each member providing an update on their areas of responsibility. Thank you to those who were able to attend and for your questions. We hope you found it informative.

### Board Membership

The School Board has now had a change of membership with the retirement of Kylie McCullough, one of our Parent Representatives. Thank you Kylie for your efforts over the last three years. We now welcome Scott McManus and Rhianna Stone as Parent Representatives. Simon Young stepped down as our Chairperson at the end of 2017 and will remain on the Board as a Community Representative until the end of this term. In addition, my tenure as a Parent Representative also came to an end. I have been co-opted until the end of 2018 to serve in the position as Chair.

All School Board parent and school community representatives are contactable through the school office.



**Sue McInnes**



**Rebecca Wright**



**Simon Young**



**Scott Mcmanus**



**Leah Beltran**



**Rhianna Stone**

The principal and two staff representatives make up the school board. The staff representatives are Sue Sugg and Gail Baily.

### Business Plan

We have now completed our previous three year Business Plan cycle (2015-2017) which will form the basis of our Independent Public Schools Review. Accordingly, the first order of business for the School Board for this term will be the completion of our business plan for the next three years. This will describe the key focus areas of development and strategies designed to have maximum impact on our overall school performance.

**Sue McInnes—Chairperson**

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## Manager Corporate Services

**Student Banking** Term 1 rewards have proven very popular. Now that we are in Term 2, and as it's only a short term of 9 weeks, I encourage you not to miss a week of banking.

**School Contributions and P&C Levy** Thank you to the P&C for donating \$40 towards our end of Term 1 raffle draw. This was drawn this morning with the assistance of Mrs Stables. The winners were the Carter family and the Hunt family.

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. Statements will be sent out this week. If you have any questions on your statement please call me and I will be happy to help.

**Credit** I encourage all families to maintain credit in their account. We have two major costs still to come for this year—in-term swimming and dancesport. To relieve the stress of finding the money in one go, if you were to put in \$10 per week or fortnight into your child's account this will build up.

**Kathy Dean—Manager Corporate Services**

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## Canteen

Term 2 has started with a bang in the Canteen and I'm struggling to keep up with the demand for tray meals. If you have some spare time, please consider helping out in the Canteen for a few hours. Students love to see their parents behind the Canteen counter at recess and they will receive \$5 off their lunch order on the day you help out. The volunteer sign up board is waiting for your name to be inserted.

Look at these wonderful capsicums (opposite)! Thank you to Lena, Coralie, Gabrielle and all the green thumbed volunteers tending to our school garden and keeping the Canteen supplied with fresh, organic and healthy vegetables and herbs. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

**Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager**

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## Mother's Day Stall

A huge thanks to our industrious P&C fundraising committee who prepared and ran their annual Mother's Day stall this week in the assembly area. If you receive a delightful and thoughtful gift for Mother's Day, thanks are due to the fundraising committee.

We trust that all of our mothers will have a delightful Mother's Day and that the children do as we have requested and really look after them on Sunday 13 May.



## Happy Mother's Day

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## School Star—Our New App

After struggling to get our previous school app, Up-dated, to work, the Department of Education has released to us their chosen app product, **School Star**, which we will be rolling out over the remainder of the term. This software integrates with our official school database and allows us to send text messages to your mobile along with a newsfeed. It is absolutely secure and you can rest assured that entering your phone number to register is simply to validate you as a parent.

Please download **School Star MGM** from your app store and follow the instructions to register. This software is the centre piece of our communication strategy which aims to ensure that you receive important school information in a timely and easily accessible form.

If you need any help with the download or the registering, please contact the office.





## Our New Chaplain

Edgewater Primary School is fortunate to be able to continue with a School Chaplain to support students, staff and the school community.

Mrs Amanda Wendt is part of the YouthCARE programme and has joined our school this term, replacing Lisa who is spending more time with her grandson. Amanda will be in the school on Wednesdays and Fridays working closely with Christy McAnally (Chaplain) who is supporting us on Wednesdays until the end of this term.

Both chaplains are currently spending time in classrooms getting to know all students on an informal basis as well as meeting with a small group of students to discuss how to get along with others in a positive manner.

The chaplains can be found out and about in the playground before and after school as well as at lunch times.



**Gail Baily—Pastoral Care Coordinator**



### We offer your child:

- ♦ STEM programs to ATAR level
- ♦ a comprehensive academic program for high ability students
- ♦ highly qualified and enthusiastic teaching staff
- ♦ Approved Specialist Programs in Cricket, and Fashion and Design
- ♦ high quality Performing Arts Program
- ♦ excellent pastoral care and student support programs
- ♦ learning in exceptional facilities and grounds
- ♦ extensive Vocational Educational and Training program
- ♦ a Netball Academy and Music Program

### For children in Years 5 and 6

wanting to try Cricket, Netball, Music or Fashion and Design

Join us at our course taster morning for our cricket, netball, music and fashion and design programs from:  
9.00 am to 12.00 noon.  
Please contact us for more information

#### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Telephone 9408 8000 to book a tour or place for the course taster morning

17 Gwendoline Drive, BELDON  
[www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au](http://www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au)



The City of Joondalup Leisure Centres provide sport coaching courses for children aged 5-7 years and 8-11 years. Coaching is available for participants of Netball, Basketball and Soccer.

The nine-week courses teach children the sport's fundamental rules and techniques, while having fun and staying fit.

Participants will develop their fitness, footwork and ball skills and will gain match experience in preparation for joining a club team or a junior team sports competition.

Check out all the Term 2 courses available for children's Netball, Basketball and Soccer by clicking here <https://joondalup-leisure.com.au/activities/short-courses> or contact our friendly staff at 9400 4600 to enrol today!