



**EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*An Independent Public School*

**Aspire • Confidence • Respect**

# Newsletter

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## Lest We Forget

**O**ur ANZAC Memorial Service was held in the afternoon on Monday 24 April. Run by some of our senior students under Mrs Gray's direction, this moving service attracted a large number of parents and friends. We had our Adopt-a-Diggers present with the choir leading those in attendance in several songs that allowed us to reflect on the fortunate life that we have as Australians, thanks to those who made sacrifices for us all.



### Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: R2 Isla, Oliver | R3 Aria, Rowan | R4 Blaize, Tyson | R5 Kierin, Max | R6 Gemma | R7 Aiva, Claire | R8 Clara, Matilda | R11 Charu, Jorja | R12 Lily, Tara | R15 Jamima, Lucas | R16 Emily, Jaxon | R17 Amelie, Darcy

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

## From the Principal

### Annual School Report 2016

The 2016 Annual School report will be published on the school website next week. This report highlights the achievements of the school for 2016, and includes progress against our 2015 to 2017 Business Plan targets. Student progress in Science and Maths compares well with similar Western Australian schools and all Australian schools. Some aspects of English are comparable, however student achievement in Writing requires improvement.

School Planning undertaken by staff at the end of last year, and again earlier this year, has been directed at improvement strategies to address targeted areas. During this semester school staff have undertaken additional professional learning to enhance their skills in working with students in the areas of Writing and Synthetic Phonics. The strategic use of school funds to provide professional learning and resources to support teachers work will be ongoing. Parents can help by ensuring regular student attendance and by maintaining two-way communication with teachers to ensure that particular learning needs are known and addressed through a collaborative home-school approach.

If you would like to learn more about the school's progress, please go to our website or make a request through our school office for a paper copy of the report to be forwarded to you.

### Communication Plan

An Edgewater Primary School Communication Plan had been developed in consultation with students, staff and parents. The purpose of the plan is to promote open communication, respect, fairness and positive relationships between school staff, students and parent/carers. The plan can be found on the school website under the *About Us* tab.

### Partnerships in Action

One key area of focus in our Business Plan is the forging of partnerships between staff, students, parents and the broader school community. A fantastic demonstration of this has been the redevelopment of the Nature Play area over the school holidays. Added to the wonderful work done by the Grounds Committee and volunteers in the Nature Play area, we also have a small group of parents who have been working hard to develop a school food garden next to the specialist Arts block. The project kicked off last term with a very generous donation of labour and resources from Bunnings. Now that the hot weather has passed, further planting and enhancements of the garden are planned. Food grown in the garden will be utilised by our school canteen. Thank you to all parents and volunteers who have given their time and expertise to both projects. It is greatly appreciated.

**Julie Tombs**

## Playground Equipment Before and After School

Students have been told that they are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before or after school, even if their parents/carers are present. The reason for this is to ensure the safety of all our students. If students see others playing on the equipment, they often feel it is OK for them to do so, even though their parents/carers aren't present.

## Dates For Your Diary

May	
Monday 8	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11	NAPLAN
Wednesday 10	Kindy Oral Language Workshop Evening 6-7pm
Monday 15	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 18	Assembly R3 Aussie of the Month Year 4
Monday 22	In-term Swimming commences
June	
Friday 2	In-term Swimming concludes
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	



## OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017

Guided tour at 9.00am

We offer your child:

- Superior academic performance over the past five years
- STEM programs to ATAR level
- A comprehensive extension program for high ability students
- Merit selected, highly qualified and enthusiastic teaching staff
- Approved Specialist Programs in Cricket and fashion design
- A quality, performing arts program
- Excellent pastoral care and student support programs
- Learning in exceptional facilities and grounds
- Extensive Vocational Education and Training program
- An elite Netball Academy.

### CHILDREN IN YEARS 5 AND 6

DO YOU WANT TO TRY  
CRICKET, NETBALL or FASHION DESIGN?

Join us at our course taster morning for our cricket, netball and fashion design programs from:  
8.45am to 12.00 noon.

Please contact us for more information and the timetable.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EVENTS

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)



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# Nature Play Makeover

On Saturday 22 April the school's Grounds Committee organised a Busy Bee to rejuvenate the Nature Play area. A team of volunteers worked hard all day to create this amazing space for our students. A big thank you to



Trevor Browne for his time and earth moving equipment, Chris Langley the school gardener, Lee Tanner and the canteen for providing food and drinks, and Vanessa Browne and Rebecca Wright who are the parent representatives on the school Grounds Committee. These ladies have spent a lot of time coordinating volunteers and materials.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their Saturday so that our students could enjoy their new nature play area.

All parents and children are welcome to use this space on the weekend, but please be respectful and take care of our area.

**Pat Abbott and Danielle Circosta**

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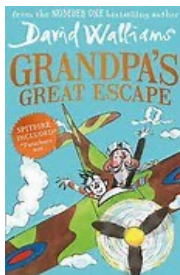
## Canteen

We have our first harvest! The herb and vegetable garden has produced a big beautiful bunch of basil. We have already chopped and dried all of it and will be using it to flavour our lasagne and spaghetti sauces. Thank you to Lena and the gardening crew for all their hard work. We look forward to more delicious delights from the garden for use in the canteen.

**Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager**

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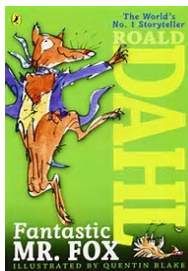
## Current Book Review Winners [Competition runs weekly]



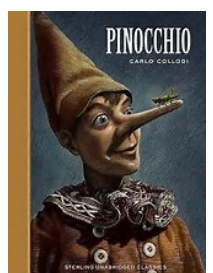
Holly E from R17 reviewed *Grandpa's Great Escape* by David Walliams. This is another fantastic book by this author and in her review Holly highlighted the humour in the adventures a Grandpa and his Grandson have. Holly also did a fantastic illustration of Grandpa in the Spitfire he used to fly in the war (and still sometimes thinks he does!). Well done Holly!



Stanley B from Room 2 reviewed *The Mighty Avengers—an Origin Story* by Rich Thomas. Stanley's favourite part of the story was about the Earth having lots of super heroes. His illustration of these super heroes was absolutely brilliant! Well done Stanley!!



Isabelle E from R12 reviewed *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. Isabelle's favourite part of the book was when Mr Fox outwitted his foes and was able to provide food for his family and friends for the rest of their lives. Isabelle illustrated Mr Fox's triumph beautifully. Well done, Isabelle!



Hunter G from R7 reviewed *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi. The classic story of Pinocchio is one of adventure, emotion and morality—Hunter captured these aspects in his review wonderfully. This review was very thoughtful. Well done Hunter!

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The P&C 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 the children.

## P&C - Easter Raffle



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## 2017 Library Easter Competition Results

Congratulations to the students who enthusiastically took part in our library Easter competition.

We are pleased to announce the winners and congratulate these students on a great effort.

Siahna K, Anaia J, Andre C, William D, Lauren D, Millie B, Olivia H, Amelia C, Aria P, Alex F, Roxane A, Amelia W, Rebecca V, Rafa P, Jakob B, Ben N, Olivia B, Jacinta S, Clara M, Maryka D, Jaden Q, Chloe D, Alexander H, Aryan N, Paige G.

Please come to the library to collect your prize.

**Dearma & Laura**



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## Manager Corporate Services

The contributions raffle was drawn today and the winners have been notified.

Congratulations to the Roberts family who won \$60 credit and the Evans family who won the P&C \$40 credit.

I am hoping to have a Christmas raffle at the end of this year, so if you missed out this time good luck in December. Remember, the only way to be entered in the raffle is to pay your contributions in full.

**Kathy Dean - Manager Corporate Services**

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## Chaplain

- I was listening to Maggie Dent on the radio this week and she was talking about the stresses of everyday life and how our children are affected by levels of anxiety and stress that have never been seen before. She mentioned an app that can be downloaded and has been found to help kids and their parents in these anxieties and stresses. I had already heard about the it but thought I would look at it again. Can I say that it is great and I encourage everyone to have a look at it. It is suitable for all ages. <https://smilingmind.com.au/our-programs/>

Smiling Mind aims to build happier, healthier and more compassionate people.

Their mindfulness meditation programs are designed to assist people in dealing with the pressure, stress and challenges of daily life. The program improves mental wellbeing, sleep and concentration.

Give Smiling Mind a go and let me know how you've gone.

**Download the app for free from the App Store and Google Play**

**Lisa Ingham - School Chaplain**





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# Student Council Report

## ANZAC Day Biscuits

On Wednesday 26 through to Friday 28 April the student councillors were selling ANZAC biscuits to raise money for Legacy. Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the injury or death of a partner or parent, during or after their defence force service. We raised \$85.20 for Legacy selling all the biscuits. We would like to thank Mrs Gray for baking the delicious biscuits that were handed out at the ANZAC Ceremony and for supplying the biscuits to raise funds.



**Jakob—Year 6**

## Derby Day

Last Friday we raised \$332 for the Salvation Army. All students were encouraged to wear their favourite team colours. The Salvation Army help people who can't afford food and clothing. They make food packages. There was a Salvation Army fete on Saturday, 29 April, where they sold clothes, toys, food and accessories. I was lucky enough to help out. The closest Salvation Army Centre is in Heathridge on Christmas Road. One of the roles of the Student Council is to organise and fundraise for events and thank you all for participating and donating a gold coin.

**Amity—Year 6**

## Government House Dancing

On Sunday 30 April, nine students had the honour of dancing at Government House for the Governor, her Excellency Ms Sanderson. We danced five different dances and there were six other schools spread across two sessions. We were lucky enough to be selected by Scott from Humphrey's Dance Studio. We all really enjoyed the experience and are grateful for the opportunity.



**Meg and Rafa—Year 6**

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## Mother's Day Stall

The P&C are pleased to announce that they will be holding their annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday 12 May. Each student will have the opportunity to buy a gift for their very special mum. Items vary between \$3 and \$5.

A separate stall will be held for Kindy 2 and Kindy Blue group on Wednesday 10 May.



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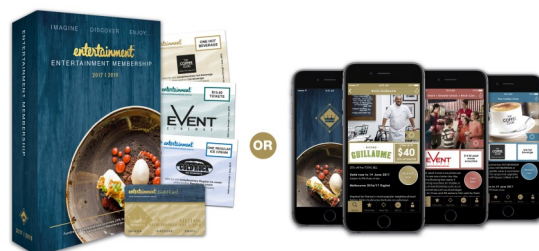
## Entertainment Book Fundraiser – OPT out Letter

We thought this year we would send an Entertainment Book home with each family for one week so you can have a perusal at your leisure and see if this is something you might be interested in.

We wanted to give parents the opportunity to 'Opt out' of receiving a book and sent a letter home on Monday 1 May. If you do not want to receive a book to look through and purchase, then please ensure you return the '**Opt Out**' form to the administration office by

**Wednesday 10 May.**

**P&C Fundraising Committee**





# School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

## New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

## Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on [commbank.com.au/beanstalk](http://commbank.com.au/beanstalk)



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case



**Things you should know:** The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

