



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Mon 15 ♦ P&C Meeting
7pm

From the Principal

With the arrival of winter comes the wonder of rainbows. I hope you have been amazed by their duplicity, range and vibrancy of colours. We have been fortunate to have also had much needed rain. The school's wet weather policy is designed to keep the children indoors at times of heavy rainfall, yet flexible enough to allow movement on showery days.

On the school development day last Friday, staff worked through critical incident management planning and future directions with our ICT learnings that were fast tracked during distance education preparation.

As of Monday 8 June, parents will be welcomed back on site to escort children to classroom doors and carry out school business. A maximum of 100 parents/visitors is allowed.

Over the last month the unexpected benefits of Year 1-6 students entering the school site from the gates around the school have been:

- a noticeable improvement in student independence and confidence
- a quieter learning environment
- lessons beginning on time
- teacher focus on students as they enter classrooms; and
- our emerging teenagers having space to engage and settle before classes begin

Parents who attended the P&C on Monday 18 May all agreed that encouraging this independence and confidence in students should continue. Students will continue to be met at the school gates in the morning by a member of admin, whilst a second member of admin continues to circulate around the school grounds. Please continue to communicate with teaching staff via email to arrange meetings or raise any questions or concerns.

As a school we will remain cautious and we ask that Kindergarten 2 and Pre-Primary parents continue to drop off and collect children at the classroom doors on the opposite side of the playground when the gates are opened at 8.30am by Pre-primary staff.

School Assemblies will continue to be conducted by student councillors over the PA system for the rest of Term 2.

At this stage, we will be running the cross country with no parental spectators. We plan to video the end of each race. Save the date – Wednesday 24 June – in the event that restrictions ease/change.

Health Considerations

Thank you parents for your continued precautions with your child/ren's health by staying home if unwell. As we officially head into winter, be reassured that our school has followed the Department of Education's prescribed infection control processes and infection site readiness preparations. Be mindful that members of our whole school community have been and will continue partaking in precautionary COVID-19 testing.

The school has provided staff the opportunity to have an influenza shot. We encourage all parents to take up the current opportunity for primary school children to have influenza shots free of charge through your GP.

Semester 1 Reports

Please note teaching staff have been allocated extra time for report preparation and writing. Student reports are planned to be released by Thursday 2 July. This semester, there is no requirement for teaching staff to allocate grades. The interface of student reports has been adjusted by the Department to reflect this change for Semester 1 reporting.

Staff Update

Mr Richards has been employed full time for Term 2 and has been allocated the LOTE teaching support role for Year 4 and at this stage teaching in Room 8. Mrs Lock (education assistant) and Mrs Dawson will be sharing the education assistant role in Kindy 2 for the rest of term. Mrs Nock and Mrs Sandercott are on leave. Mrs Smith and Miss Hart have continued to support students throughout.

Kim Perkins

State Restrictions Still in Place

Maximum of 100 adults on site

Adult social distancing

For Edgewater Primary School please continue to:



Collect students from front office for appointments throughout the day.



Communicate with teachers via email.



Only enter classrooms via prior appointment.



Preferred drop off/collect students at school gates.



Second hand uniforms accessible near atrium.

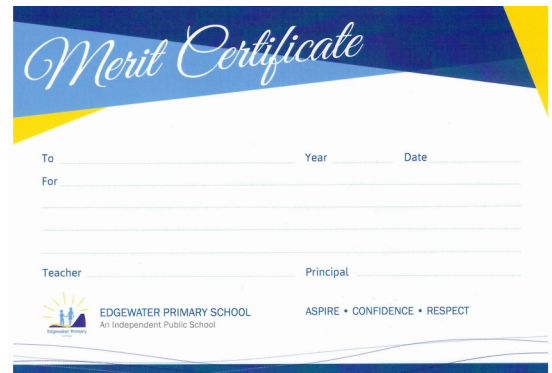


Keep children home if unwell.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate on Friday 22 May: R1 Marnie M, Milla P | R2 Conor B, Kayla R | R3 Ingrid D, Brax D | R4 Charles C, Harlow Y | R5 Jorja A, Roxy Q | R7 Cash S, Jordan S | R11 Amy W, Marcus H | R12 Lucas C, Misha B | R15 Rhys C, Stella F | R17 Alexis H, Devon S

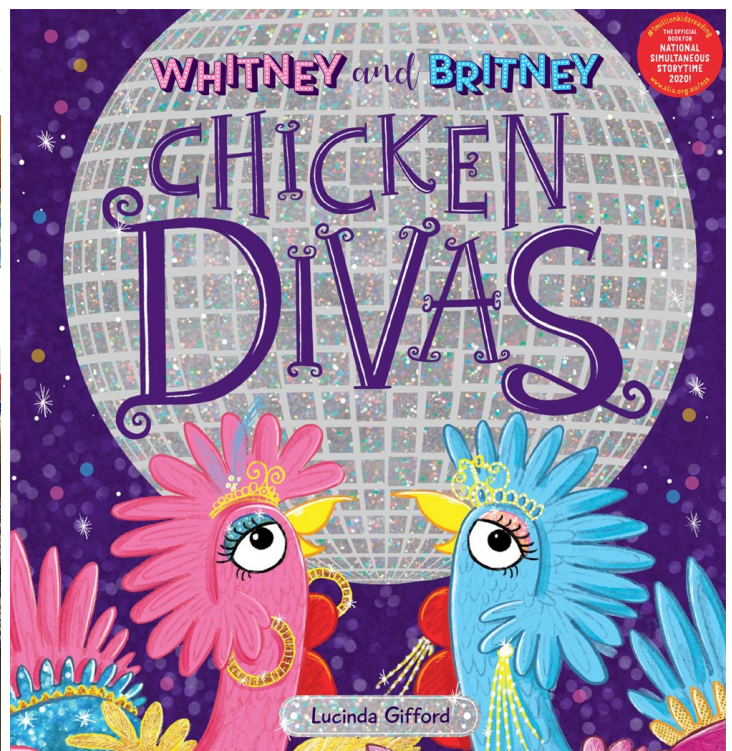
Also, congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate on Friday 5 June: R1 Abby J, Hamish W | R2 Josie R, Zac S | R3 Aryana T, Callum D | R4 Ella M, Stephanie M | R5 Dakota C, Matilda B, Tayla H | R7 Noam W, Clayton P | R8 Chloe D, Kayleigh G, Lachlan C | R11 Ava G, Xavier B | R12 Charlie-Jean G, Mika I | R16 Heidi B, Seren R



National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 27 May was the designated date for hundreds of schools nationally to read the new book *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas* to their students at 9am WST. Ms Perkins was lucky enough to be reading this wonderful story to our Kindergarten students.

Throughout the day Mr Minson, Mr Baily and Miss Hart read the story to our early childhood and junior classes, whilst the upper students joined in online.



New Laptops

As part of our move to enhance student achievement by the flexible use of our technology, the school took delivery of 40 new laptops. As these are small and light they can be moved to where teachers feel they can be best used logging on to the school's high speed wifi system.



From The Canteen

It's been a difficult and frightening time for all of us so far this year. We in the Canteen thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate our way through the ever changing rules and regulations governing social distancing to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. We are slowly getting back to our normal pre-pandemic operation of business, although students still have to socially distance when approaching the Canteen.

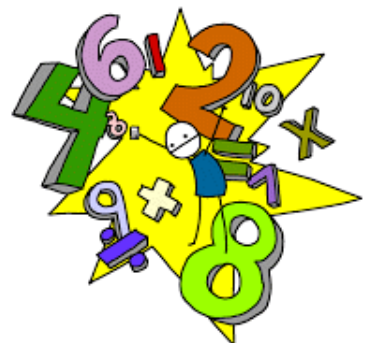
During this time of uncertainty, there is one certainty you can rely on: the Canteen will continue to provide your children with healthy, nutritious and home made meals! With the cooler weather coming in, how about ordering your children a warming meal for lunch? Our latest batch of tray meals packs an extra punch. They contain spinach (hidden, of course) grown in the school's community garden.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager



Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have made personal achievements in Mathematics: R1 Roxane A, Lucy K, Aleisha K, Milla P, George S | R2 Kushee H, Tyson C, Zac S, Aksara C | R3 Emma J, Callum D | R4 Malcolm V, Lacy G, Sienna K, Dominic S | R7 Kate S, Madison G, Devon C, Holly E, Cameron D | R11 Cynthia Z, Leah J, Corben K, Marcus H | R12 Dongcheng Y, Jacob G, Siahna K, Robert B | R15 Stella F, Claire W, Zoe B, Anaia J | R16 Emma-Lia W, Cole J, Thomas B, Ayla M | R17 Liam A, Jack W, Jack G, Poppy C



Featured Class—Science

This term as part of the strand *Earth and Space Sciences*, we're looking closely at sudden geological changes and extreme weather events and how they affect the Earth's surface.

This week, the students participated in hands on activities, simulating a tornado, hurricane and tsunami.

We are fortunate here in Australia, because of our geographical position, we don't experience these natural disasters. We are, however, prone to cyclones.



Belridge Secondary College – Get To Know Us!

Parents of prospective students are invited to register their interest for parent tours via the following booking link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=wxnDqk>

Event Code: **j9nqd**

Once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, Belridge Secondary College will contact you to advise of arrangements for new tour dates.

As well as our sought after specialist and elite programs, detailed in our attached [What We Offer](#) brochure, Belridge SC will be introducing a **STEM Extension Program** in Science, Maths and ICT Digital Technologies and **HASS Enrichment Program**, both commencing in 2021 – details to follow.

Our programs have something for EVERY student to draw on their own personal strengths.

Learn more at www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au





Nature Play Mulch Day

Saturday 27th June from 9am

Nature play significantly improves all aspects of child development. Playing outdoors grows resilience, self-confidence, initiative, creativity and best of all its fun.

Volunteers Needed to help spread mulch and do a general tidy up to keep the nature play looking fantastic for our kids.

Due to covid restrictions volunteers **MUST** register. For more information Or to register please contact Vanessa Browne on 0411 373 567



If you are able to help we would love to hear from you.

Please bring gloves & a mulch fork - if possible a wheelbarrow

Looking for work or a career change?

Can you see yourself working in a school?

Need help to find work in the coronavirus craziness?

Schools and other organisations are regularly hiring people for the following roles:

- Gardener, cleaner, administration, management, canteen, education assistants and many other roles.

Starting in July 2020, North Metropolitan TAFE are running a one-semester course on the skills required to be a successful candidate for employment in a school or elsewhere. The course aids in preparation for entry into gardening, cleaning, administration, management, canteen and education assistant work.

We have had huge success supporting people to find work and the chances of gaining employment are strong. This course is suitable for existing gardeners, cleaners, administrators etc., and people looking to change career or people looking for a return to work.

The course includes:

- Training in skills specific to the role you are interested in e.g. IT skills
- Work experience in a school or other organisation
- Help and support to find work
- Help accessing further training as required e.g. Certificate III in Education Support
- Development of your job application cover letter, resume and help with selection criteria

Entry requirements:

- 18+
- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Must be able to send and receive emails
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Department of Education Clearance

Course details:

- Dates - Starts Tue 21st of Jul and finishes Fri 11th of Dec 2020 (20 weeks)
- Days - 3 days per week, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15 until 2:45
- Cost - Approximately \$170 (subject to change) total course fee for full 20 weeks
- Location - North Metro TAFE Leederville and on work experience
- Qualification - GATE (Gaining Access to Training and Employment) Certificate I

If you would be interested in this course, then please email:

Chris Hodson

chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au

Disclaimer: North Metropolitan TAFE does not guarantee work after completing this course. This course supports you to find work. The course is run by North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO code: 52786) and is not endorsed by any authority or government department.

Does Your Child Need Help in Mathematics?

Our final year Education students studying in the Primary programme and working under the guidance of mathematics education staff will be conducting support sessions for children experiencing difficulty in mathematics. These Education students are Mathematics Education specialists so they should be able to support your child very effectively.

We are offering **free** places to children in Years 4 to 6, who attend schools where teachers mentor pre-service teaching students from Edith Cowan University. The support would involve four one-hour mathematics assistance sessions. Due to the COVID-19 situation we are limiting this clinic to 18 children and we will ensure that appropriate measures are taken.

When: The program involves an initial test of approximately one hour and four subsequent one-hour weekly sessions. This would require a **sincere commitment** to ensure that children attend **all four one-hour sessions**. The session dates and times are listed below:

<u>Maths Program 2020</u>		
<i>Initial Test:</i>	Wednesday 5 th August	4.30-5.30pm
<i>Workshops:</i>	Wednesday 19 th August	4.30-5.30pm
	Wednesday 26 th August	4.30-5.30pm
	Wednesday 2 nd September	4.30-5.30pm
	Wednesday 9 th September	4.30-5.30pm

Where: These will be held at Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus, **Building 8 Room 323**



If you wish to register interest or know more about the program, then please feel free to ring Helen Dixon on 6304 5485 8am-4pm Mon-Fri or email; h.dixon@ecu.edu.au. Places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.



Sarah Tamburri – Tutor
Associate Professor Paula Mildenhall - Unit Coordinator