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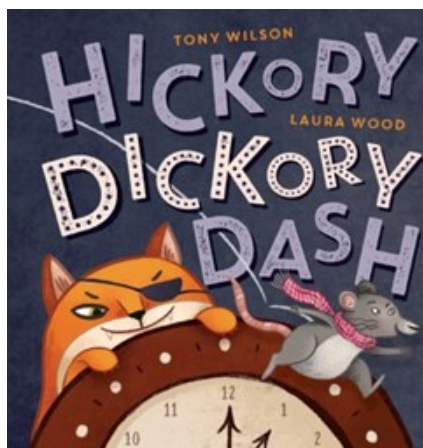
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Reading Together

We joined with many other children at our school and around Australia on Wednesday 23 May to read the book *Hickory Dickory Dash* by Tony Wilson as part of the 2018 National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). The aims of NSS are to elevate the value of reading for enjoyment and promote an Australian author.

After reading the book our class focused on onomatopoeia (words which imitate what they stand for) as there were many onomatopoeic words used in the story. We illustrated some of the words to make a display for our class. Then we wrote about and illustrated things that might be scary for a mouse.

Sue Sugg—Room 9



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P2 Audrey D, Joshua C | R2 Anaia J, Alexis H | R3 Heidi B, Jack W | R4 Isla S, Taj A | R5 Claire B, Clara M | R6 Rosie N, Sean D | R8 Jamie-Lee K | R11 Chloe C, Zachary Q | R12 Isabella H, Madison G | R15 Kushee H | R16 Jayden S | R17 Mia T, Jaden C |

Photos will be emailed to parents/carers

From the Principal

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS.

At Edgewater Primary School we want every child to achieve their very best. To get the best education, they need to attend school every day. Developing a habit of going to school every day is vitally important so our students don't miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

During the school day many concepts, particularly in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy are taught in sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning, which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important when essential foundation skills are being taught. Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute highlights that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students, who attend more, usually do better at school and in life.

Generally, the attendance of Edgewater students is very good and comparable to other like schools in the state; however, we still have children taking extending family holidays during the school term. Whilst, it is recognised that from time to time an important family event overseas or interstate may require a student to be absent from school, we would expect that these are infrequent. As such we do ask parents to, as much as possible, plan for and take absences from school during the designated school holidays. If you are intending to remove your child/children from school for such an extended absence, please notify me in writing prior to the absence. Having information about such absences helps us plan for the students return to school and any additional support that may be needed.

Julie Tombs

Dates For Your Diary

May	
Wednesday 30	Rhymetime/Storytime 9am
Thursday 31	Edgewater's Got Talent 8.45am
June	
Friday 1	School Development Day—Students do not attend
Monday 4	Western Australia Day Public Holiday—Students do not attend
Wednesday 6	Rhymetime/Storytime 9am
Friday 8	Assembly R15
Monday 11	School Board Meeting 7.15pm
Wednesday 13	Rhymetime/Storytime 9am
Friday 15	Winter Lightning Carnival (selected senior students)
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

School Development Day
Friday 1 June
Students Do Not Attend

Battery Collection

Our bin for recycling used batteries is now located in the front office for you to dispose of your batteries safely and help save the environment.



School-Aged Health Services Parent Survey

Help the Department of Health to improve school-aged health services

Do you have a child aged between three and 18?

Child and Adolescent Community Health and WA Country Health Service are reviewing the community health services provided to school-aged children across Western Australia. You are invited to complete a short survey to help them understand what is important to you, what is working well and what could be made better.

For more information and to complete the survey, visit <http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/School-health-services>.

The survey closes on Friday 8 June.

West Coast Eagles Visit

Last week Edgewater Primary School had a special visit from Jeremy McGovern, Oscar Allen and Daniel Venables from the West Coast Eagles.

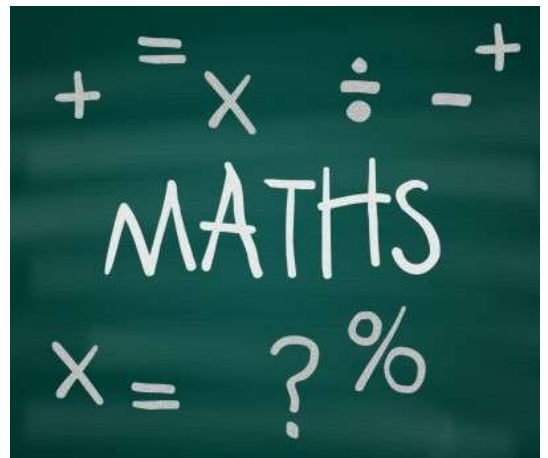
The students from Room 7 were surprised and delighted to have the AFL players teach them various drills including handballing, kicking and playing a game of dodgeball. In a Q&A time at the end of the session students learnt that two of the players were born in WA and they started their careers doing Auskick at age 4. What really surprised everyone was to learn that a professional AFL player can kick the football up to 50-70m.



Maths Champions

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

R2 Leah J, Cole J | R3 Heidi B, Lucy N, Liam A, Jack G | R4 Bodhi M, Olivia H, Ava G, David H | R5 Jackson B, Declan K, Jacinta S, Blair M | R6 Kate S, Lincoln D, Mia C, Liam K | R7 Felix A, Chris N, Mark T, Xander G | R8 Alex L, Jaden Q | R9 Lewis B, Amelia T, Abbie B, Clayton P | Isabelle E, Jenny C, Chloe C, Liam J | R12 Madison G, Jan M, Samar A, Cloe D, Taj E | R15 Lucia C, Kushee H, Xavier B, Kayla R | R16 Lucy K, Gracie N, Jayden S, Amelia C | R17 Roxane A, Jayden C, Mia T, Charlotte C



Chaplain

I want to start off by saying a big thank you to all the families that have made me feel so welcome since starting this term. What a great school community we have.

I have really loved spending time in the classrooms getting to know students and the teachers. (Still some more to go!)

This term we have been running a 'Friendship Group' which has been a great success. We will be extending this in other year levels in the next couple of weeks. Having groups like this available helps children feel they belong and they are encouraged to make good choices.

Being a part of the Edgewater Primary School community is a great way for you and your children to get the most out of their primary school life; helping them feel safe, supported, encouraged and included.

By clicking on the link below you can read an article about "Belonging" from the Kids Matter website.

"A sense of belonging has been found to help protect children against mental health problems and improve their learning. Children who feel that they belong are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners." (<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/belonging>)

I would love for you to come up and say hello if you see me around the school.

I'm at school on Wednesdays and Fridays or you can contact me at amandaw@youthcare.org.au or by phoning the school.



Aussie of The Month

Elise has been chosen as 'Aussie of the Month' for May 2018 as she displays all of the qualities that make her an excellent student. She is an extremely kind and caring Year Four student who is not only an asset to her classroom, but the whole of Edgewater Primary School. Elise is constantly trying her hardest in the classroom and is always completing her work to the best of her ability, without any fuss. She is a mature and thoughtful student whose attitude to her schoolwork should be commended. Elise is always putting in hard work and as a result achieves excellent results.

Elise is a well-liked member of Edgewater Primary School by both staff and students. She is a very reliable student who constantly goes out of her way to help her peers.

Elise possesses many great qualities, including respect, responsibility, eagerness, and an appetite for hard work.

For all of these reasons, Elise is a very deserving recipient of this Aussie of the Month award and she should be very proud of this achievement.

Congratulations Elise.



Proudly sponsored by the Edgewater Primary School P&C

Canteen

Some fun facts about fruits:-

- Red fruits (strawberries and raspberries) help keep your heart strong;
- Orange fruits (oranges and mangoes) help keep your eyes healthy;
- Yellow fruits (bananas) help prevent you from getting sick;
- Green fruits (apples and avocados; yes - avocados are regarded as fruits) help keep your bones and teeth strong;
- Blue and purple fruits (blueberries and grapes) help your memory.

Make sure your children eat a 'rainbow' of fruits to ensure healthy little bodies and minds.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager



Edgewater's Got Talent

Auditions for the talent show are now over and we saw many amazing acts. All music needs to be given to the Executive Student Councillors by Tuesday morning. We are really looking forward to actual show which will be held on Thursday May 31.

The show starts at approximately 8:45. The councillors have selected six junior acts to compete and will announce the six successful senior acts over the P.A on Monday. We hope to see lots of parents and relatives enjoying the show and supporting the performers.

Aiva, Clara, Corey, Chris—Executive Student Councillors

Toilet Refresh

Edgewater Primary School has received funding to refresh the Cluster 1 student toilets. On Thursday 24 a team of tradesmen demolished them internally. Work will then involve tiling the floors and walls and installing new toilets. It is envisaged that all will be finished within three to four weeks. In the meantime alternative arrangements have been made for our Year 1 and 2 students.





**Early Learning
Languages
Australia**

ELLA is a fun and easy digital language program for kindergarten children. The program is an Australian Government initiative designed to encourage more students to study languages. ELLA inspires children by driving a genuine interest in a new language and culture. In the apps, the children meet a cast of characters called the Polyglots, who introduce the children to words, sentences and songs in Mandarin through play based learning. The children are required to log on using photo ID and teachers are able to monitor usage by using timers and checking the program selected by each child.



Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Joondalup
12 & 13 June 2018

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue:

HBF Arena

Kennedya Drive
Joondalup WA 6027

When:

Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 June 2018
9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)

Catering:

Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online:

positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open Tuesday 1 May 2018 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions?

If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email
parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au