



EDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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# Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

#### August

Mon 9	◆ Science Week ◆ West Oz Wildlife Incursion
Tue 10	◆ West Oz Wildlife Incursion
Wed 11	◆ P&C Meeting 7pm
Fri 13	◆ PP1 Assembly
Tue 17	◆ Bilya Kaatijin Incursion
Wed 18	◆ Y6 Dancesport
Fri 20	◆ School Development Day—Students do not attend ◆ One Big Voice Festival—Senior Choir
Tue 24	◆ Faction Jumps & Throws
Wed 25	◆ Y6 Dancesport
Thu 26	◆ Faction Athletics Carnival
Fri 27	◆ R5 Assembly ◆ Y6 Aussie of the Month

## From the Principal

This term we welcomed three new students, Joshua (R14) and Lilly-Mae and Isaac (R15).

Thanks to the end of Term 2 mini Perth and Peel lockdown that affected NAIDOC celebrations we have enjoyed a magical start to Term 3 as we simply continued to immerse Aboriginal and Torres Islander histories into everyday operations. After a term of our students practising the welcome song, Wandoo Wandoo in POL assemblies, Room 17 effortlessly blended this new addition into the school's assembly format. Another highlight has been Week 2 artist in residence, Allery Sandy, a Yindjibarndi elder from Roebourne in the Pilbara. Students have enjoyed the experience of working on a joint project with Allery and the school has the privilege of displaying the art canvas. In Week 5 the Yarra Yaakin Theatre Company will present Bilya Kaatijin (fresh water knowledge), a story about appreciating nature and sustainable water practices.

*"The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain" - Henry Wadsworth.* Due to the consistent rain our outdoor minor works projects, ANZAC garden and fitness track border upgrades are behind schedule but our Living Edge Term 2 plantings are benefiting. Yesterday students all pitched in with tidying up the bush land and woodland areas up by the oval nature play whilst Ms Farinosi coordinated the much needed faction "run offs" for the upcoming athletics carnival.

We welcome Mr Righton to our staff as Erin Ranson, our school handy person, takes six months leave. Dr Law will be retiring at the end of Week 4. Dr Law, our languages specialist teacher, has worked for the Department of Education for 19 years and has taught at EPS for 10 years. On behalf of the community I thank him for his dedication to students and the language program. We thank Mrs Li for supporting the language program during this transition.

As a community, our thoughts are with the family of Year 4 student, Thomas Croft, as he bravely continues his battle with neuroblastoma.

Kim perkins

## Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly on Friday 30 July: P2 Elodie N, Lachlan P | P3 Henry H, James B | R1 Joshua C, Siahna K | R2 Alexis P, Kaela F | R3 Casey G, Ingrid D | R4 Jasmine G, Ruby C | R5 Esme T, Everly T | R6 Roxane A, Jamima J, Xavier B | R7 Leyla E, Lucy N, Aria P, Natalia W | R14 Alfie C, Joshua B | R17 Emma-Lia W, Noah M



# Aussie of the Month

Elara has been chosen as the Aussie of the Month for Year 3 as she demonstrates the core values of Edgewater Primary School.

She is a kind and caring student who is always the first to offer assistance in the classroom. She willingly helps and supports other students when they need it and readily takes on responsibility with enthusiasm and maturity.

Elara is well liked by both her peers and teachers as she can always be relied upon to do her best in all aspects of school life.

She is always considerate and mindful of other students' feelings and is a great role model to her peers.

For these reasons, Elara is a very deserving recipient of Aussie of the Month for July 2021.



Thank you to Di Sanders, EPS Chaplain, for presenting the Aussie of the Month award.

## School Development Day

### Friday 20 August

### Students Do Not Attend

## Semester 2 Student Councillors

Introducing our Year 5 and Year 4 Student Leaders for Semester 2:

### Year 5 Councillors



Lucy K



Hugo T



Tyson C



Hamish W

### Year 4 Councillors



Alexis P



Lucas H

# First Nations Artist in Residence

We were very fortunate to have Allery Sandy at school on 27 and 28 July to work with students from Year 3 to 6 as part of our NAIDOC celebrations supporting the Heal the Land project.

Working on a prepared background, each student was able to contribute some dotting, with colours pre-mixed by Allery, to enhance the layered artwork. While students were busy adding dots, Allery was able to tell stories about her land and how much she loved it by depicting it in her paintings.

The finished artwork will be framed and hung above the double doors leading to the library from Cluster 1.



## Assembly—Year 3 Room 17

There were a lot of birds on the stage when Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Cleaver's Year 3 class hosted the assembly last Friday 30 July.

The class had been learning about the importance of Country and Place to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and they shared two short plays with the audience. They were based on stories written and illustrated by Theresa Walley, an elder of the Noongar Whadjuk community.

The tales told of friendship and care and what can happen when people forget their friends. Performed in English, the text in Noongar Whadjuk was shown on the large screen behind the stage.



## Crazy Sock Day

On Friday 3 September in Week 7, we are holding a Crazy Sock Day Fundraiser. All the money we raise will go towards the Ronald McDonald House, supporting families who have been touched by cancer. We hope to see lots of people with crazy socks on the day.

Please bring a gold coin along to support this most worthy cause.

Thank you.

**Executive Student Councillors—Xanthe, Isabella, Esme, Cash**



# Mater Dei Arts Tour

On Monday 2 August we welcomed the Mater Dei Musical Tour to our stage and assembly area.

Our students sat enthralled as the concert band, the rock band and the Mater Dei dancers, performed several entertaining items.

There were ex-students among the group and we were lucky enough to hear one of them perform a song from Mater Dei's recent musical, Matilda.



## Kapture School Photos

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our recent school photography by Kapture, you can now view and order any **special photos** taken this year.

When visiting <https://www.kapture.com.au/event.asp> you will need to enter our school code under the Sports & Event tab to access the gallery: **4USMCC**

The school photo orders will be coming home next week. Please note the following:

- Magnetic photo frames and additional prints are slotted between the prints of your package.
- Key chains are packed separately and distributed by the school office to the classroom teachers, who then distribute to the students. Check with your teacher if you have not received yours as yet.
- Sibling photos (if applicable to your school) are delivered to the eldest child and placed inside their photo package as additional prints if applicable.
- Digital negative orders will be sent to your email address supplied within 3-5 days of the school photo delivery. Don't forget to check your junk mail folders.

You are still able to place additional orders via the Kapture website including orders for sports, music or special group photos taken on school photo day. Use the same school code as previously supplied.

If you ordered photos more than 10 days after photo day, your order will be handled separately and mailed directly to your home address within the next 28 days. Check your confirmation email for more information.

Kind regards

***The Kapture Crew***



## From the Canteen

**HELPING HANDS NEEDED! Our faction sports carnival** is coming up in three weeks time on **Thursday 26 August**. It is a fun-filled and action packed event and our students look forward to this day every year when they can showcase their athletic prowess. Its a great day out for the parents too. As we usually do, the Canteen will be running a refreshment station adjacent to the sports oval, where bacon and egg rolls, sausage sizzles, home baked goods and cold drinks can be purchased. We can't do this without help though. Please sign up online (see the link below) to donate baked goods, help with set up and/or pack up, or volunteer an hour of your time in the tent, either cooking or serving. If everyone pitches in a little bit we can all enjoy the day. We promise that you won't miss for volunteering.



The Canteen is also offering pre-ordered **sushi packs** for students, which will be delivered to the faction tents at lunch time. Look out for notes which will be going home shortly. Please ensure order forms and payment is received by the Canteen by no later than **Monday 23 August** to take advantage of this offer.

<https://signup.com/go/WWxnzwK>

### Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

## Chaplain's Chat

I hope you have all had a wonderful start to the term. Today we finally had some sun! I must admit, while I love the rain, I have missed the warmth of the sun. I took every opportunity today to walk outside with students while chatting. It was glorious.

I have been thinking of lot about gratitude lately. Gratitude is a powerful tool for our emotional wellbeing.

I read an article recently written by Deborah Jepsen which said, “... there is also scientific evidence that expressing genuine gratitude on a daily basis can improve physical health as well by improving quality of sleep, cardiovascular (heart) health and immune function.” Here is the link for the article, it is a great read and includes a 30 day gratitude challenge. <https://www.melbournechildpsychology.com.au/blog/importance-grateful/>



As parents and carers we have the privilege of helping to shape how our children view the world. How wonderful would it be to take the 30 day gratitude challenge with your whole family! I wonder if you would notice any changes in attitude, sleep patterns or behaviour. Here are some child friendly links for more gratitude resources and a fun video. I would love some feedback if you try some of the activities and notice some positive changes.

<https://www.friendzy.co/friendly-freebies/gratitude-challenge>

<https://positivepsychology.com/gratitude-tree-kids/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA5Qpt1JRE4>

## Di Sanders

## From the School Board

At the last meeting held on Monday 2 August, we received an informative presentation on Science at EPS by Ms Milentis and Mrs Grant. Mrs Baily presented an analysis of the Student/Staff survey held last year. Mrs Lowe followed with an update on wellbeing and mindfulness. She also ran a short mindfulness session for Board members which was similar to the way it is done in our classrooms.

**Rebecca Wright—School Board Chair**



**A big thank you to our wonderful, hardworking P&C for the tireless work they do each year to improve educational facilities at our school.**



## Clean Up Thursday

As our school is situated on Whadjuk land, and as an initiative of our Reconciliation Action Plan committee, we have helped to heal the land by planting over 500 trees and bushes in designated areas around the school.

On Thursday morning 4 August, under a cloudless sky, all students from Pre-primary to Year 6 were warmed by the beautiful sunshine as they buddied up to clean and de-weed the area around our outstanding well-used nature play area.

With gloves and buckets at the ready, enthusiasm was at an all-time high as we managed to over-fill a blue skip bin with an assortment of rubbish, sticks and weeds.



# Belridge Secondary College

## ENROL NOW FOR 2022!

Is your child commencing high school in Year 7 in 2022? Enrolment packs are available from our partner primary schools or by contacting us on 9408 8000. If you know someone in the community that is looking to enrol, please share this post or visit [www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au](http://www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au) to find out more about our comprehensive programs and something for EVERY student.



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# **VacSwim** enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water.  
Enrol in VacSwim now for the October  
2021 and summer 2022 school holidays.

[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)



# Get Involved in Science Week 2021!



## SUSTAINABILITY SCAVENGER HUNT!

**When:**  
13th - 21st  
August 2021

**Who:**  
Everyone can get  
involved!

**How:**  
Find out more & download  
your Sustainability  
Scavenger Hunt via the  
QR code below:



## BUNNINGS JOONDALUP SCIENCE WEEK FAMILY FUN DAY

**When:**  
21st August 2021  
10am - 2pm

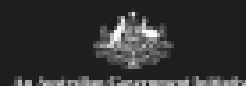
**\*Deadline for entries\*  
11am**

- Learn about science & sustainability with live shows
- Cooking demos
- Garden suppliers in-store
- DIY Fun
- Scavenger Hunt Prize Draw & giveaways
- The Bee Man

...And so much more!



14-22 AUGUST 2021  
[www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au)



ECU STUDENT GUILD

# MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY AUGUST 20



**FREE  
KIDS  
ACTIVITIES**

LAUGHING CLOWNS  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
GLITTER TATTOOS  
FACE PAINTING  
BALLOON ANIMALS



**FOOD  
TRUCKS &  
STALLS**

KAZZ'S JAMAICAN  
CHICKEN  
CHURRO CENTRAL  
NA'DEES CUISINE  
MJ'Z ICE CREAM  
AND MORE!



STUDY **Perth**



FRIDAY AUGUST 20 | 4.30PM - 8.30PM  
EDITH COWAN COLLEGE - 10 INJUNE WAY, JOONDALUP