



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

**Aspire • Confidence • Respect**

# Newsletter

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## Ahoy There!

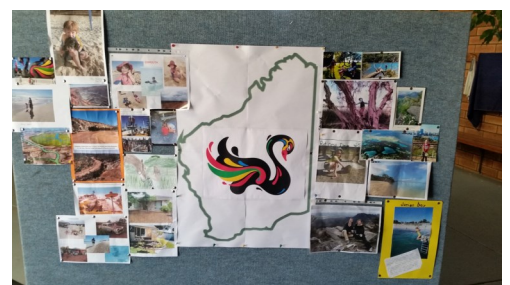
**T**he school was overrun with pirates on Friday 9 June as students and staff alike dressed up for Pirate Day Friday. Gold coin 'treasure' was placed into Mrs Tombs' treasure chest until it was almost full. The Kindergarten students were hard at work designing treasure maps in an effort to locate the treasure chest where X marked the spot.

Once the 'treasure' was counted by the students in Room 8, we were able to donate \$488.25 cents to the Kids' Cancer Project to assist them in finding a cure for childhood cancer. Thank you to wonderful parents and carers who went to a great effort to support this very worthy cause. We all had a lot of fun.



## Our Great State

In recognition of WA Day, students were asked to bring images of their favourite place in WA and post them around the map on a board outside the library. This was a great discussion point for many students during break times. Thank you to all those who brought in an image and took part in this activity.



## Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week: P1 Bodhi M, Laila D | R3 Dash F, Toby S | R4 Josie R | R5 Sam T, Caitlin T | R11 Kate S, Cameron B | R12 Lachlan C, Abbie B | R15 Chloe D, Edward S, Dakota R | R16 Adam S | R17 Matilda B, Sebastian C

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

## From the Principal

My, how time flies when you are having fun! It's newsletter time again.

This past week has seen swimming over for another year, WA Day come and go, teachers participating in the Talk 4 Writing professional learning, the launching of the new look Nature Play area and a very successful Pirate Day Friday fundraiser.

### Professional Learning

This semester, staff have engaged in some significant professional learning. Early years teachers and Education Assistants participated in Letters and Sounds professional learning. Letters and Sounds is a synthetic phonics program the school has adopted across Kindergarten to Year 2. It is designed to help educators teach children how the alphabet works for reading and spelling by:

- Fostering children's speaking and listening skills which are valuable in their own right and as preparation to learning phonic knowledge and skills
- Teaching high quality phonics work at the point teachers judge children should begin

Most staff have also undertaken Talk 4 Writing professional learning.

This program develops good writing practice by commencing with expanding oral language skills. It has been adopted by many schools with great success and we expect to improve our writing results as this whole-school programme is fully implemented in 2018. Both these initiatives are part of our action plan for English and designed to improve students' literacy skills.

### Pirate Day Friday

Edgewater was invaded by pirates on Thursday in the Kindy and the whole school on Friday. Everyone had the option of dressing up as a pirate and placing some gold in the treasure chest. We, me hearties, raised \$488 for Children's Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to this worthy cause. A fun day was had by all!

### Reporting To Parents

Reports are complete and ready for proofing before the final print run and delivery home on Friday 23 June. If your children are not at school on this day the reports will be held in the office for collection when they return. If for some reason your child is not at school and you would like the report posted please provide a stamped self addressed A4 envelope to the office and it will be sent after the release date.

**Val Gray—Associate Principal**

## Dates For Your Diary

June	
Thursday 22	Interschool Lightning Carnival
Friday 23	Reports Home Pyjama Dress Up Day
Friday 30	Assembly R8 Last Day of Term 2
July	
Monday 17	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 20 & Friday 21	School Photo Days

## 2018 Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for our 2018 classes.

If you have or know of someone who has a child born between 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 and wish to enrol for 2018 please check at the office for information and enrolment paperwork. A birth certificate and immunisation paperwork must be provided.

As places are highly sort after, it would be wise to contact our office as soon as possible.



## Bike Safety

Many of our students ride bikes to school and it is important for their safety that their bikes are regularly checked to ensure that the brakes are fully functional and the tyres are pumped up. It is a requirement that students riding bikes wear a helmet and ride carefully on dual use paths. It is recommended that students under Year 4 do not ride to school as their perception distance and speed is not well-developed.





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## Aussie of the Month

Mia from Year 3 is a responsible, trustworthy young lady who treats everyone with kindness and respect. She cares about people and is always the first person to offer support to others, both in the classroom and in the playground. Mia has a keen sense of right and wrong and always works hard to do what is right. Her beautiful manners and her diligence make her an excellent role model for her peers. Mia's fine qualities of reliability, respect, thoughtfulness and responsibility make her a very worthy recipient of the Year 3 'Aussie of the Month'. She is an asset to Edgewater Primary School.

Congratulations Mia!



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## Pastoral Care

### Have you seen our new 'Buddy Bench'?

Sometimes students are left feeling isolated and lonely as they navigate the complexities of relationships and play at school. As part of our Pastoral Care Programme and to help create a more inclusive playground, Edgewater Primary School has installed a Buddy Bench.

The Buddy Bench, located outside the library, is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship in the playground. When a student feels the need for a friend to talk to, they can show this by using the Buddy Bench. Other students and staff will recognise this as a sign that some help, support or comfort is needed and will come to talk with the them.

The Buddy Bench is a means by which students can seek support without the need to rationalise their feelings or to seek-out a particular member of staff or special friend. Because the bench is in the day-to-day environment of the school, it can be used at any time and for any reason—from seemingly trivial matters to more serious concerns—and it encourages students to ask for help when they feel troubled.

**Gail Baily—Pastoral Care Coordinator**



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## Nature Play Update

All items donated to the nature play area must be approved by the school before being left. We have a huge surplus of tyres which are being left at the school on a weekly basis. **Please, NO more tyres.**

The Nature Play Project Stage 2 is taking place from 9am Saturday 24 June. For this stage of the project we need volunteers who can help with a whole range of tasks. From cooking a snagger, shovelling sand, concreting rocks, drilling and painting tyres, people with carpentry skills, high pressure cleaning, painting and more are required. For the day we need:

Battery operated drills / wheelbarrows / shovels.

**\*\*Please note: NO** children will be allowed due to safety issues as excavators, bobcats and trucks will be in use. ALL volunteers must register. As we are breaking people into work groups, if you have a specific tool or trade please let me know.

Our canteen committee will be catering and providing refreshments throughout the day.

Please email me at [admin@tfbeearthmoving.com](mailto:admin@tfbeearthmoving.com) to register as a volunteer or find out more information or you can call me during business hours on 0411 373 567 .

Thank you for your support of this amazing project.

**Vanessa Browne—Coordinator**



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## Canteen

It was Healthy Tuckshop Day on Wednesday 14 June 20, and we decided it was the perfect time to celebrate our healthy canteen. Over the last two and a half years the past and present members of the Canteen Committee (Lee Tanner, Liane Brown, Louise Skuse, Sammy Bell, Jade Munzer and Lisa Mauchien) and myself have worked very hard to revamp the canteen's menu to include homemade meals and snacks that are low in sugar and packed full of vegetables. We are very proud of what we have accomplished. Thank you to the EPS family for supporting us over the years and celebrating with us on Wednesday. We hope students enjoyed their free apple kindly donated by Ilani Aucamp.

We trialled a couple of new veggie filled tray meals on this special day - bangers and mash and rainbow risotto. We'd like your feedback on these meals to determine whether they become permanent additions to the menu. I take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have given their time to work in the canteen. We couldn't have done it without you.

**Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager**

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## Kitchen Garden

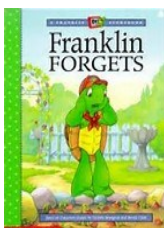
The kitchen garden near the art room is thriving and we had our first class planting broad beans. We have been able to harvest some of vegetables with some of our produce being handed to Kerry in the canteen to use in the preparation of healthy meals.



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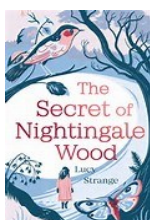
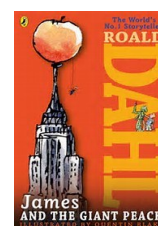
## Book Review Winners

*(The Book Review Competition runs weekly so get your entries in!)*



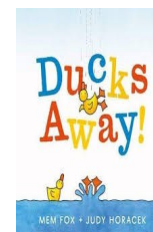
**Ella M from R3** reviewed *Franklin Forgets* by Paulette Bourgeois. Ella produced a great review even though she didn't really like this book! She felt Franklin wasn't doing the right thing by not doing his chores and she did a lovely little illustration conveying this.

**Jacinta S from R8** reviewed *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. She thought this book was a wonderful read with James embarking on an extraordinary adventure. Jacinta loved most of the characters in the book, including all the creepy crawlies, although she did not like James' mean Aunts. This review was written with great care resulting in a fantastic review by Jacinta.



**Mia N from R17** reviewed *The Secret of Nightingale Wood* by Lucy Strange. This is a new book to our library, full of adventure and discovery. In her excellent review, Mia explained how she liked this aspect of the book. She also loved the nature and wildlife in the story, and produced a beautiful illustration highlighting this as her favourite part of the book.

**Alex F from R3** reviewed *Ducks Away* by Mem Fox. This is another new book to our library. Alex's favourite part of the story was when Mother Duck and her five ducklings were reunited. His lovely illustration in his review highlighted this beautifully.





***Ex-Library books  
for sale***

***Tuesday 20 June  
before and after school***

***Only 20c each***

***(bring your own bag and small change  
please)***