From the Principal's Desk

Looking back over this long school term, it is remarkable to think of how far our school has come, how great the achievements of each of our 440 students and 56 staff and our vibrant community, in just 11 short weeks. In particular to see the growth, both literal and figurative in the students this term reinforces for me the most wonderful part of my job - to celebrate learning. It’s been a term of achievement, and we've only just begun. In 11 weeks, we’ve made a difference.

Today, I also wish to highlight one of our students making a difference, Jake in Year 6. Like all of our students, Jake is encouraged to become a better citizen, to make a contribution back to his school, family, community, and maybe just change the world. Jake decided to coordinate the whole Edney community into creating and sending care packages to Australian Defence Force personnel overseas, that they might have some of the comforts of home, and a reminder that we don’t just say Respect and Excellence at Edney, we live it, and give it.

Jake did all of the work, he had to seek permission from the school leadership, coordinate notes and communication with staff, parents, students and the school community, and even used his own pocket money to provide the boxes and envelopes for the letters and treats. The support from all in our school community was really overwhelming, and we filled more care packages than there are rooms in the school!

That’s the power of one person with a good idea, and a united school community behind them. Making the world a better place, one idea at a time - one kind act. We’re very proud of Jake. And you know the best thing? - there are plenty of other students, staff and community members doing equally wonderful things, bringing about change and making our community and school a place to be proud of. I think I could manage a story for every week of the year, and still not run out.

ANZAC Service
It was my privilege to join our students, staff and community this morning in commemorating ANZAC day with a remarkable, sombre and moving ceremony, led by our student leaders. My thanks on behalf of the school to our honoured guests, and our special guest speaker, Mr Robert Irving. The service included the opportunity to reflect upon the freedoms that we enjoy due to the sacrifices, past and present of those who serve our country. Thank you to all of the parents and families who attended, and to those who donated flowers for the wreaths.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) from 15th - 17th May. The assessments form part of the overall picture of student progress and achievement, enabling parents, students and the school to identify areas of strength and those requiring support. These are not tests that should cause any concern for students, they are simply a demonstration of the skills that are being taught each day in school. Testing will be scheduled for each morning of the three days as follows:

Tuesday 15th May: Spelling, Grammar and Writing
Wednesday 16th May: Reading
Thursday 17th May: Mathematics

Results from NAPLAN will be issued in September. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Edudance
Edudance lessons commence for all students from Pre-primary to Year Six in the first week of Term Two. Please make the payment as soon as is is possible. The information form and payment options details are available from the School App and Website.

End of Term
Term One concludes at 3pm tomorrow, Friday 13th April. We wish all students, staff and families a safe, enjoyable break. Term Two commences for students on Monday 30th April. The Term Two calendar has now been posted to the school website and Facebook.
Synergy Schools Solar Challenge
Each week a small group of our Year 6 students are involved in Primary Academic Enrichment Studies (PACES) in partnership with the Darling Range Learning Community. As part of this work, students have designed and built solar cars for racing.

Edney student, Savannah Friday, came second in the PACES challenge, and qualified for the grand final which took place at Optus Stadium. This was the first time we've taken part in the competition and we beat 7 other schools in the region.

Savannah and the PACES team came 4th overall, it was a great team effort, Congratulations!

Position Vacant
We are seeking a diligent, part-time (split shift, morning and afternoon one day per week) Cleaner-In-Charge to join our excellent staff.

As our part-time Cleaner in Charge, you will be responsible for the management of cleaning staff, purchasing of cleaning resources, and up keeping of cleaning equipment. You will maintain the school environment, in accordance with Department procedures, and undertake cleaning of allocated internal and external areas.

For job-related information, including the specific selection criteria and process for this position, please contact Karina Mallard, Manager Corporate Services on 9454 8377 or karina.mallard@education.wa.edu.au or find details online at www.jobs.wa.gov.au, using search and “Edney” as your keyword.
Look what’s been happening!

ANZAC Ceremony
Edney Edition

P&C News
Please come along to our next meeting in Term 2 Week 3, Tuesday 15th May at 7pm in the Library. New faces are always welcome, and it is a great opportunity to learn more about the P&C. For further information, or if you want to become involved in the P&C and canteen, please email edneyprimaryschoolpandc@hotmail.com

P&C Donation to the School
Recently, the P&C have contributed $5000 towards the purchase of a stage, for use by all students at Edney. The big cheque was presented to Mr Chaplin at the last school assembly.

Community News
Here are activities our community has been talking about.

Zig Zag Community Arts
Free arts and craft activities, bring a picnic and enjoy a fun day at Stirk Park, Headingly Street, Kalamunda on Sunday 15th April from noon to 3pm.

Lion Heart Camp For Kids
A bereavement program supporting grieving children following the death of a parent, sibling or significant family member. This free program is for 5-12 year olds on the 18th and 19th of April from 8.30am—3.30pm. For more information and to register contact Shelly or Claire on 0481 199 758 or register online at www.lionheartcampforkids.com.au

High Wycombe Recreation Centre
School holidays kids cooking club is on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of April from 9:15am-12noon, cost $26.50 per child, per session, for kids age 5 - 12 years of age. For further information or to book a session please phone 9359 1700 or email recreation@kalamunda.wa.edu.au

Midland Gate More For Our Schools
The Midland Gate More For Our Schools campaign has also closed. We are eagerly awaiting the result to see if we will win a cash prize. As a reminder, the 3 schools with the top points win a cash prize - 1st $3000; 2nd $2000 and 3rd $1000. If we win, the money will go towards revitalising the Library. Fingers are crossed!

Edney Fair
As you may be aware, Edney Primary School will be hosting a Fair in October 2018. Preparations are well underway and further information will be posted in Term 2. Watch this space.

Nespresso Recycling Box
Place your plastic bag of used Nespresso pods in the box located in the Undercover area and they will be sent to Nespresso to be recycled.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the P&C, without you, donations such as this wouldn’t be possible.

Coles Sports For Schools
The Coles Sports for Schools promotion has now closed, with no further vouchers being issued. Edney Primary School is still collating and counting vouchers, so if you have some at home, please bring them into the school, there is a collection box in the Library. The box outside of Coles High Wycombe has now been removed.

We need to have all vouchers into the Library by Friday 25th May 2018.

Thank you for your support Edney, the current voucher count is 52100, with more to count! The more points we have, the more sports equipment we can buy for the school. Let’s use our great Edney teamwork to kick goals for the Edney Sports Programme.

Kalamunda Night Market
Friday 20th April, come along to between 6:00pm and 9:00pm, located Central Mall and Haynes St, Kalamunda. Fun for the whole family! For further information email admin@kalamundanightmarket.com.au

Kalamunda Senior High School
Open Day is on Friday the 4th May 2019. We will be conducting 2 tours, 9:30am and 11:30am. Parents who like to attend need to book via Trybooking using the following link https://www.trybooking.com/UZYH Information is also located on our website.

Darling Range Sports College
Trials for our high performance sports programs will be held on Thursday, 21st June. Children who currently participate in Athletics, AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Netball, Soccer or Swimming are welcome to trial for possible enrolment at Darling Range Sports College in 2019. Please visit our website for further details or phone 9453 0100.

Show In A Day is on 17th April, Triple Treat is on 18th & 24th April and Harry Potter Day is 19th April. For bookings or queries email Irma.actorsworkshop@gmail.com or phone 0406 640 750

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April 2018 School Holiday Program at Maida Vale Primary 310 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. Workshops run all day from 10am -3pm, suitable for 8 years and up, costing $60 per child per day.

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