COMMUNITY NEWS

PERTH COLLEGE CHALLENGE

Perth College is giving regional students (girls only) in Years 5 and 6 a new opportunity to experience life as a boarder before moving away from home for their secondary schooling. The Perth College Challenge aims to provide a glimpse into boarding life, allowing students to participate in activities across the school grounds. The event is free and is designed to provide parents an insight into how boarding works. A flyer is available from your school office if further information is required. Closing dates for expressions of interest is Friday 15th November, 2013.

AIDAN’S PLACE INC — LEGO CLUB TERM 4

Wednesday 23 October 2013

4 – 5 pm for 6 weeks (except on 30 October the time is 4.30 – 5.30 pm)

Lego therapy has been developed as a way for children to develop their socialization skills, have fun, problem solve, negotiate, and learn to work in a team. These groups have originally set up in other areas for children on the Autism Spectrum however we welcome any child who would benefit from improving their socialization skills. The children will work in small groups to focus on planning, problem solving and cooperation to make some of our fantastic Lego sets. Your child will enjoy and benefit from this group if:

- They are ready to learn to work in a small team (on Lego projects)
- They are able to independently join in
- Able to follow simple instructions
- Able to express themselves and be able to relay simple instructions to their team members
- They are able to stay on their own for an hour (eg. able to go to the toilet without supervision)
- They are between 8-13 years

Friends welcome!
The group will be run in the Conference Room at Lotteries House
114 Sanford Street, Geraldton

Please email info@aidansplace.org.au for further information and to obtain Registration Form.

VACSWIM DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Enrolments are now open. Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s December/January school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For information and to enrol, visit det.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information, telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 25th October
Parent Assembly Rooms 11 & 12
Year 7 Cake Stall

Monday 28th October
P&C Meeting

Monday 28th October—Friday 8th November
Intern Swimming PP—Year 1
Thursday 7th November
K/PP Art Auction 6:00—7:30pm
Monday 11th November
Remembrance Day Assembly
Wednesday 13th November
Numeral Fund—Parth
Thursday 14th November
Young Writer’s Day
Friday 22nd November
Parent Assembly Rooms 1 & 3

SCHOOL WATCH ALERT

Our school is being subjected to increasing vandalism after school and on weekends. Please report any after hours visitors to the police on 9923 4555 or School Watch on 131 444.

Please keep children out of the school grounds after hours.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

After taking leave for third term it is great to be back at school. Mr Rutter is taking Long Service Leave this term but we have maintained stability by having Ms O’Neill and Mrs Bevan continuing to share the Deputy Principal role and of course Ms Richmond is continuing in her substantive role as Deputy Principal. Apart from this, our staff is stable and will see the term out pretty much as we are at the moment.

Mr Rutter was successful in gaining a $1000 grant from the NACC and we have used this money to construct a raised garden bed outside Room 9. The students and staff in Rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12 will design and plant a garden in this bed and our Gardener will ensure that it has a water supply. It will be quite an experience for our Year 1 and some Year 2 students to be involved in this project and we look forward to them using the produce from the garden. We would like to place limestone blocks around the base of the garden so if you have any blocks at home that you don’t need can you please let us know. We will come and pick them up if needs be.

There has been an addition to the natural playground in the K – Pp area with the addition of logs, boulders, balancing boards, monkey bars and a ‘tightrope’ of sorts. The playground is very popular with our students but can only be used under supervision of an adult. We are aware that students use the playground after hours and we request that parents supervise their children when they use the playground. I would like to thank chief supervisor Lizzie Newman and the dedicated crew in the K – Pp area for ensuring that the playground additions were actually built – well done!

We are working closely with the Principal and Registrar of the new Wandina Primary School to sort out enrolments and progress is being made as we work within the policies of the Education Department. Parents will continue to be informed as the term progresses.

Planning for the Year 7 Graduation Dinner Dance at the Towns Football Club is almost complete. I would like to remind parents and Year 7 students that attendance at the Graduation Dinner Dance is not a right but rather a privilege. Students who behave inappropriately at school during this term will not be invited to this event which would be very disappointing for them and their parents and carers.

MARK WHISSON

PRINCIPAL
WHAT YEAR LEVEL DO ALL MT TARCOOLA STUDENTS & TEACHERS WISH THEY WERE IN...?

Pre-primary students started Term 4 with mouths agape at the playground additions. Nature Play Solutions from Perth installed monkey bars, slides, and tightrope challenge. Relaxing net hangout & balancing logs during the holidays! These new interactive elements were funded by a Department of Education Natural Playground Grant & Mt Tarcoola Early Childhood P&C fundraising. Many thanks to Patience Sand Supplies for their patience (yes without saying), delivering trucks of donated sand and all the staff and families that came to shovel sand over the holidays.

Thanks to all the early childhood staff for working so hard to get this organised - we are sure the smiling faces are a great reward.

We know that the staff enjoyed testing the equipment on their staff PD day (for safety purposes only I’m sure) but what do the real play experts have to say about the new space?

Trey - I reckon they are good and fun. I like the tight rope and the monkey bars the best.

Ruby - Yes, I love it because it’s got the tight rope and it’s really wobbly.

Cassie - I don’t like it .... I love it!

Timothy - I think it’s really great because it is fun on the tight rope but I can’t do the monkey bars yet.

Sunny - The tight rope is so tricky to balance. My brother knows all about the circus and it was tricky for him!

Mrs Bevan - wooooooooo ooo eeeee

Mr Whisson - weseese

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BOOKLISTS 2014 : IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Student Booklists have been sent home with this newsletter. Please be aware of the following:

- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November, the Booklist orders will be collected in the undercover area from 8.30 - 9.00am.
- No orders can be accepted after Friday 1st November due to tight time restraints.
- Please check your order and ensure correct money is enclosed if paying with cash.
- Please include a contact phone number with your order.
- If you choose not to order through Jacksons, please be aware that special maths and or word books requested on the Yrs 2–5 booklists may be difficult for parents to source locally.

Sam Thill, Booklist Co-ordinator, is seeking volunteers to assist with the collection of orders from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 9:30am–9:00am in the undercover area. Sam is able to do Monday, Tuesday and Friday but needs at least 1 mum/dad on these days and 2 on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please email Sam on dsthill@bigpond.com or phone 0427 447 570.

2013 MUM’S NIGHT .OUT

Following on from a great night out last year the MTPS P&C invite you to our 2013 Mum’s Night Out. Saturday, 16th November—7pm @ Geraldton Surf Club. Come dressed in your Best 80’s Fashion

- Tickets $25.00 (pre-sale) available from the canteen 4th–15th November, $30.00 at the door
- Supper provided
- Drinks on sale, no BYO
- Fashion Parade by Vee Bee Geez & Hazard Clothing,
- Door Prizes, Raffles & Games on the night

See you there, it’ll be MINTOX!

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HELP WANTED: MUM’S NIGHT OUT

After a successful event last year we are looking forward to our 2013 Mum’s Night Out. We would love donations of prizes, gifts and vouchers to be used on the night. If you can help, please deliver donations to Jodie in the canteen.

Also wanted are ladies willing to strut their stuff on the catwalk, and model fashions by Vee Bee Geez or Hazard Clothing on the night. Please contact Katie on 0417 231 433 if you would like to help.

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P&C NEWS

BOOKLISTS 2014:

STUDENT BOOKLISTS

Library Prize Box

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SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for students in Pre Primary to Year 1 (including Yr 2 students from Room 10) will commence Week 3 Term 4 on Monday 28th October till Friday 8th November. Students will complete 10 lessons at the Aquarena.

Although the lessons are free, parents do need to cover the cost of transport and entry to the pool. The cost is $40.00.

Rooms 9–12 students will leave school at 12.30 pm.
PP Units 2–5 students will leave school at 1.20 pm.

Forms and information has been sent home and will be due back by Wednesday, 23rd October 2013.

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STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2013

My child/ren ____________________________ will not be returning to Mount Tarcoola in 2014.

Destination School: ___________________________

Parent’s Name: ___________________________