**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**VARIETY SANTA FUN RUN**

*Be a Clause for a Clause in the 2013 Variety Midwest Geraldton Santa Fun Run! Walk, run, skip, hop or jump the approximately 4 km route and help us raise money for children in the Midwest. Visit our website: [http://www.varietiesantafunrun.com.au](http://www.varietiesantafunrun.com.au) to register with your family and friends. Santa Suits are included. For further information contact: Variety Midwest Geraldton on (08) 9964 6977 or email: Midwest@varietywa.org.au*

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**PREMIES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2013-14**

The Challenge is open to all children from birth to Year 10 and runs from 2nd December 2013 to 31 January 2014. This year’s challenge is to read (or be read to) for 15 hours.

All entrants have the chance to win an overseas holiday for a family of four thanks to Challenge sponsor, Qatar Airways. Children also have a chance to fundraise for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA.

Entry forms are available from our school library, public library or the Challenge website: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au)

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**Year 7 Transitions to John Willcock College**

25 – 29 November - Week 7 is one of the busiest of the year for staff at John Willcock College. We welcome our incoming Year 8 students with a day at the College sampling some of the courses that we have on offer. Very popular sessions are those in the Design and Technology, Home Economics and Visual Arts specialist rooms. Mount Tarcoola will be with us on Monday, Allendale, Walkway, Beachlands and Chapman Valley will visit Tuesday, Waggrakine on Wednesday, Bluff Point and Geraldton on Thursday and Rangeway on Friday. We also welcome students from Shark Bay, Northampton and Chapman Valley.

**Year 7 Extension Program Transition**

During Week 8 we welcome candidates chosen to take part in our Year 8 Extension Program Transition. Students chosen from all of our partner schools will be invited to visit the College and work with Learning Area staff from 4-6 December. From this experience we choose the candidates for our Extension Program for 2014. If your child is to be part of this experience, they will be given a package at school for your information. Forms need to be returned to John Willcock College by Friday 22nd November.

A new shirt for 2014 and beyond

Our new shirt will be available from Total Uniforms for the start of the 2014 school year. Students who have purchased the current shirts (2013 and before) will be able to wear these until the start of 2015. The new shirts look to retain their colour and shape, even after much wear.

Quick Contacts at John Willcock College

Front Office - 99 658 300
Julie Campbell - Principal
Jennie Young - Business Manager
Phil Pound Associate - Principal (ICT)
Helen Lydon - Associate - Principal (current Year 9)
Shirley Forrester - Associate Principal (current Year 8)
Tamara Darling - Manager Student Services
Larry Williamson - Chaplain
Amy Pilliner - Community Health Nurse

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Indah Health & Beauty
Hazard Clothing
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Corner Surf Shop
Shoppers @ Three
Brett Parsons - Personal Trainer
DOME
Skin - The Universal Approach
Snap Fitness 24/7
Hot Lcs
Ivy Vibes
Venus Nails

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Library Going ON’S : :-) Ho Ho Ho**

Last week of borrowing for 2013 is Week 8 of Term 4, all books must be returned by Friday 13th December. The library will be closed for all borrowing Weeks 9 & 10 as Stocktake is being completed.

**Holiday Card Project**

Year 2-5 classes in the library are participating in the Holiday Card Project promoted by i Earn Australia, whereby students exchange cards with students from other countries explaining their Christmas and holiday traditions. We have been partnered with students from Chia yi City in Taiwan, North Carolina in USA, Krasnoyarsk in Russia, Minsk Region in Belarus, Grosuplje Country in Slovenija, Kirovograd in Ukraine, Bristol in England. Call into the library and view some of the cards as we receive them.

Judy Norton Library & S&A Teacher

**CLASS READING BOOKS**

Parents are requested to ensure their child’s class reading book is returned by Friday 29th November as a stocktake is required to be completed.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATION**

The School Council has positions available on the School Council for 2014/2015. We will be having an open meeting on Monday 9th December, 6:30pm in the Staffroom. All interested parents who would like to nominate for the school Council are welcome to come along.

If you would like to nominate to be on the council please complete and return the below nomination slips to the front office or ring the school on 9921 4066.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION 2014/2015**

I ___________________________ would like to nominate for the Mount Tarcoola School Council 2014/2015.

Signed: ___________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________

Email address: ___________________________________