FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Welcome to our Week 6 newsletter. Some people have commented that the last six weeks have gone very quickly. It certainly doesn’t slow down as we head into the final weeks of the school year.

Last week we held our Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Year 5 students performed their duties in the ceremony very professionally and were a great credit to our school and school community. The ceremony took a lot of planning and I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Speed, Ms Yates and Ibu Tiana for their work in preparing the students. I would also like to comment on the outstanding behaviour shown by all of our students during the ceremony.

Four of our students, Zac Steds, Zayne Gray, Erin Harries and Schenay Bignault travelled to Perth last week to participate in the 2016 State Numero Finals as per page 3 item. I would like to thank Mrs Bannister and Mrs Speed for their work training and selecting the teams and to Mr Harwood for accompanying Mrs Speed and the team to Perth.

Our Year 5 students are busily campaigning to be elected as school leaders in 2017. They have produced some wonderful posters that are displayed on the windows of Rooms 19 and 20. Next Thursday they will deliver their speeches and then our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will vote to decide our school councillors for next year. Our 2017 school leaders will be announced at the Whole School Presentation Assembly on the 9th of December.

Mr Ken Wallingford, our school gardener is retiring on Friday 25th November. Ken has done a wonderful job over the last six years looking after our school grounds and gardens. We wish Ken all the best for his retirement.

Next Friday Rooms 9 and 10 will be presenting the final class assembly of the year. My spies tell me it is a musical written and produced by Mrs Tupman and not to be missed! On that Friday we will also be hosting our annual morning tea to thank parents and volunteers who have helped us over the year.

Lastly I encourage all parents to complete our 2016 parent survey. You can access the survey via the following link: https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/pDjvscdV

I hope you will be able to find the time to complete the survey as we value your feedback. The survey closes on the 22nd of November.

MARLENE BEVAN
PRINCIPAL
FORMER MTPS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
At the recent Geraldton Senior College Valedictory, former Mount Tarcoola Primary Students (2011) were recognised with a number of awards, including:

Jake Quinton - Sportsman Award
Jesse Mardon - Suzette Carr Memorial Citizenship Award & ATAR Human Biology Subject Award
Tim Adams - Caltex All Rounder
Amy Wellman - Richard Pym Award
Chloe Chapman - ATAR Phys Ed Studies Subject Award

Caleb Long as Head Boy, gave a very polished Valedictory Address.

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SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS CAROLS!
To be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm. Open to all Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Students and families. Class Christmas Parties will also be held Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December. More information to follow on both Carol evening and class parties.

PLAYGROUND BUSY BEE
To complete Stage 1 of our nature-based playground we will be holding a busy bee on Saturday 26th November 9am - 12pm. This will be followed with a sausage sizzle lunch for all involved.

We are hoping to carry out the following tasks: assemble a garden shed for ‘loose parts’ play, make a music station & water wall, concrete a bridge into position, plant trees, position logs into place and dig into ground, attach trellis to fence & install an old sink.

We are also collecting donations of items for our playground. (Second hand is fine) Required items include:

- a sink
- rubber conveyor belts
- concrete slabs
- logs
- pallets
- pots, pans & lids
- baking trays
- pipe offcuts
- hub caps
- wire, cable ties, chain
- steering wheels
- old xylophones
- funnels
- concrete slabs
- pipe offcuts
- old xylophones
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- pallets
- cement
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If you are able to donate any of these items, it would be most appreciated if they could be brought in the week before the busy bee (Monday 21 November). Thank you in advance. If you would like any further information or have some ideas for the playground, please contact Lisa 0408 914 090.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub closes on Tuesday 22nd November 2016.

BANDANNA DAY
A big thank you to all the families who bought a Bandanna. We raised a total of $736.00 for teenagers living with cancer. The Cancer Council was very appreciative.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS 2017
Just a reminder for Parents to complete Student Requirements for 2017 online or take it into Staples on Chapman Road by Sunday 28th February 2017. The P&C receives a 5% rebate from all online pre-orders.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
In two weeks Wednesday 30th November students will be encouraged to walk to school where they will be rewarded with a light breakfast. Those students who come by bus or car will be asked a few safety questions to participate in the breakfast. More information will be given closer to the day.
STATE NUMERO COMPETITION—PERTH

For the fifth year in a row the Numero Competition held on Thursday 10th November was won by Excelsior Primary School. Hocking Primary School were 2nd and Aranmore came third, 4th Excelsior Squared, 5th NBC All Stars & 6th Randford Rockets. There were 18 teams competing from both city and country schools. St John’s Rangeway was the other Geraldton School.

Myself and Mr Harwood drove the team (Zac Sheils, Zayne Gray, Erin Harries & Schenay Blignaut) down Wednesday with the competition scheduled to commence at 8:30am Thursday.

Our team worked extremely well together, they were keen, enthusiastic and volunteered to do extra practice whenever they could (including the night before the competition)! They supported each other, listened and all contributed equally to the games. As a spectator it was difficult to tell how they were going in relation to everyone else because their results were up there with everyone (except the top 3). In the Scramble they got 7 card takes which was the same as the majority of competitors. (Top teams got 9 and 8). The addition of time pressure with other teams around you adds another level of challenge to what we could simulate in our practice sessions and our team handled this very well. Our best scoring events were the Team Top Take and the Individual Top Take. Although we did not score a place in the top 6 our team put in a performance of which they should be proud.

The organiser, Mrs Julie Richards said:
What an amazing final! Thank you so much to all of you for the commitment you, your students and schools give to Numero. Our guests at yesterday’s final were so impressed with the students, not just their skills but also their sportsmanship and respect to other students/teachers. They should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

Our team certainly showed these qualities in abundance! A huge thank you to Mrs Bannister for her work training & selecting the teams and to Mr Harwood for organising accommodation, transport and getting us there.

Suzie Speed
Numero Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING — Sun City Tennis Academy

Four week program commencing 18th November to 9 December. Sessions held at Tarcoola Tennis Park. Bookings are essential, contact Jarron on 0409 485 117 for further information and costs.
NGALA WORKSHOPS—GERALDTON
Child Parent Centre—Rangeway

1) Wednesday 23 Nov - And So To Sleep Workshop (9-11am)
2) Wednesday 23 Nov - Ngala Transition to School (7-9pm)
3) Wednesday 23 Nov - FIFO Focused Communities (12-3pm)
4) Thursday 24 Nov - Parents Working Away Workshop (12:30-2:30pm)
5) Thursday 24th Nov - FIFO Focused Finances (9-11am)
6) Starting 7th Nov - Budgeting - making life a little easier (every Monday morning 9:30-10:30am)
7) November— FREE Parenting Support with our Family Counsellor, no referral is necessary.

Bookings and further information:
M: 0438 860 669
T: 9921 6814
E: cpc@edcentre.wa.edu.au

Carers WA
Carers WA in partnership with Ngala Midwest Gascoyne and Chrysalis Support Services would like to invite you to join us for a short series of information sessions designed to inform, prepare and provide strategies to deal with issues relating to caring for someone with disability. Topics of discussion will include Protective Behaviours, Sexuality, Healthy Relationships and Private vs Public behaviours.

Call Ngala Midwest Gascoyne on 9921 4477 to register for one of our FREE information sessions.

Healthy Living Healthy Families

Week 1 Monday 28 November, 9.30am to 11.00am - Healthy eating and cooking with children
Week 2 Monday 5 December, 9.30am to 11.00am - Food without fuss and smart shopping ideas

FREE 2 week healthy lifestyle program for the whole family.
Interactive cooking and nutrition sessions
Fun activities for the kids
Healthy snack tasting
Tasty recipe renovations for family favourites

All families are welcome to join! For more information or to RSVP please contact Corrina or Temika on 9956 2204

Pamphlets regarding this program and accommodation are available from the school’s front office.