IS YOUR CHILD FULLY IMMUNISED?

Goldfields-Midwest Medicare Local (GMML) will once again be targeting pre and primary schools during 2014, encouraging parents to check their children’s immunisation status with their local GP or immunisation provider.

Immunisation plays an important role in protecting the health of individuals and the entire community. Childhood vaccinations provide protection against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polo, measles, mumps and rubella and other serious diseases. Infection with these diseases can lead to permanent disability or prove fatal.

- Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting your child against harmful diseases.
- Immunisation not only protects individuals, but also others in the community, by reducing the spread of disease.
- Ask your doctor or community health nurse to check if your child is up-to-date.

Parents for assistance on how to obtain a history statement as proof of immunisation for school enrolment use the following contacts:

ACIR general enquiries: 1800 653 809
ACIR internet helpdesk: 1300 650 039
Indigenous Access Line: 1800 556 955
Central Immunisation Clinic: 08 9321 1312
Regional Population Health Geraldton: 08 9956 1985

AIDANS PLACE INC.

(Supporting families, supporting children with disabilities) is offering the following programs:

Lego Club: Wednesdays 4.00 – 5.30 pm, Lotteries House, 114 Sanford Street, Geraldton. This group is to help children improve on their socialization skills, while incorporating planning, problem solving and cooperation.

Art-n-Craft: Fridays 4.00 – 5.00 pm, PCYC, Pass Street, Geraldton. These classes are designed to explore the five senses through art.

My Time: Mondays 9 – 11 am, Lotteries House, 114 Sanford Street, Geraldton. This is a support group for parent/carer of children with disabilities. A play leader is available to entertain the children while parents have a cuppa and a chat. Various speakers attend throughout the term, and fun activities are also planned.

Grandparents My Time: First Tuesday of the month 9.30 – 11.30 am, Lotteries House, 114 Sanford Street, Geraldton. This is a support group for any Grandparent parenting again. It gives our wonderful grandparents to meet others in similar situations.

If you require further information, please call Julie Baker on 9938 0793 or email on info@aidansplace.org.au

Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 2014 No.1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 11th February
Parent Meeting Room 3 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 12th February
Parent Meeting Rooms 9, 10, 11 & 12 @ 6–6.30pm

Thursday 13th February
Parent Meeting Rooms 2 & 20
Parent Meeting Room 17 @ 6.00pm
Parent Meeting Rooms 15 & 16 @ 6.00–6.30pm

Monday 17th February
P&C Meeting, 7.00pm in Staffroom

Wednesday 19th February
Year 7 Leadership Day
KidsMatter Welcome BBQ @ 6.30pm
Parent Meeting Rooms 1, 19 & 4

Thursday 20th February
Year 6 Leadership Day

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:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and members of our school community whether they be parents, carers, relatives or friends. We are in exciting times and our school is looking forward to a great year.

First up a very important date:

KidsMatter Welcome Barbecue Wednesday 19th February 6.30pm

Your child will bring a note home to remind you but please put this date in your diaries. We would love to see all our students and their families represented at the barbecue.

We have had some significant developments at school over the Christmas break. Firstly, our school oval has been completely re-turfed but unfortunately can’t be used until the end of the first week in March. It will take this long for the new turf to establish itself to a point where our students can subject it to heavy use. The gates are locked and we request that parents and community members do not use the oval until it is ready.

Secondly, Mr Normington who is the teacher in Room 17 has developed a new app which you will soon be able to download to any mobile device including Android Devices. This app contains "Contacts", "About Us", "Events", a "Map" (of the school’s location) a link to our “Facebook” page and a link to our "Webpage". This app is available from ITunes but currently can only be downloaded to Android devices. If you are trying to access the app it is the second one shown – the first one doesn’t work. The "Apple" friendly version i.e. for IOS devices should be able to be downloaded in the very near future. The App of course is free to all those who care to use it – and we recommend that you do.

Thirdly, this will be the last Newsletter that will be delivered to you in hard copy (unless you do not have Internet access at home). We will upload the Newsletter to the webpage in the future and there will be a link from the Facebook page to the web page to the Newsletter. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you still want a hard copy and we will arrange for that to occur.

We will be updating about half of our computers with new devices probably some time this term and it is likely that we will replace the desktop machines with laptops which will give us more flexibility with our approach to Information and Communication Technology.

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2014
A Contributions and P&C Advice will be sent home by Friday 14th February for each child via their classroom teacher. Charges for In-term Swimming and Incursions/Excursions will be pay as you go. Class teachers will provide details of incursions/excursions and costs, payment to be made to class teacher (cash or cheque).
Credit card payment is only available for Contributions and P&C.
Contributions and P&C are voluntary and are used by the school to provide materials, services and facilities for the educational program of students. Charges and other optional costs are for the participation of students in events such as excursions, performances, in-term swimming and sporting events. Students cannot participate in these events unless the charges have been paid. Students may still be in credit for unexpended Incursions & Excursions from 2013, parents will be advised if this applies to their child on the statement received.

COMMUNITY NEWS
FREE PARENTING SEMINARS - for EVERY PARENT
Positive Parenting Program SEMINAR SERIES  Term 1 2014
Parents/carers are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical, positive and effective ways to:
- strengthen bonds with their children;
- encourage children’s social and language skills;
- develop children’s emotional self-regulation, independence and problem solving ability;
- manage common behavioural concerns.
Research has demonstrated the acceptability of the strategies across cultures.
Parents may choose to attend one, two or all three of the following seminars
When: Wednesday March 5 Seminar One: The Power of Positive Parenting
Wednesday March 12 Seminar Two: Raising Confident Competent Children
Wednesday March 19 Seminar Three: Raising Resilient Children
Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm
Venue: Allendale Primary School (in the library)
Cost: Free - however bookings are essential.
Parents of children aged between three and eight years are welcome to attend.
For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please:
Collect a registration form from the school office and return it to:
Nicole Kubank, John Willcock College – 9965 8300 or email nicole.kubank@education.wa.edu.au
Marama Forster, Allendale Primary School – 9964 1888 or email marama.forster2@education.wa.edu.au

KIDSMATTER WELCOME BBQ
Wednesday 19th February. Commencing at 6:30pm behind the library—just follow your nose!
All families and caregivers are invited to come along and meet the school community. A note has been sent home with this newsletter.

2014 FACTION CAPTAINS
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected Faction Captains for 2014.

Year 7
Water— Kye McVee, Finlay Clarke
Fire— Jaxon Meharry, Sarah Adams
Earth— William Pike, Phoebe Jackson
Air— Josh Normington, Jordan Butson

Year 6
Water— Shaun Brennan, Lali Mardon
Fire— Rory Shane, Ashley Ramsamy
Earth— Jais McIntock, Emily Bishop
Air— Darcy Ingle, Chloe Spence

PARENT MEETINGS
Class teachers will be conducting Parent Meetings over the next couple of weeks to inform parents of the operational procedures for their class. Parents will receive a note home regarding the day and time for their child’s class meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS—PREMIERSHIP WINNERS OF 2013 SENIOR PRIMARY CRICKET
A combined team of Geraldton Grammar & Mount Tarcoola Primary Schools, G & T Giants, won the Senior Primary Cricket Competition in December:

6& T Giants: Combined Geraldton Grammar & Mount Tarcoola Primary
Back: Riley Ingle (GGS), Louis Pepper (GGS), Kim Ingle (Coach), Reagen Connor (GGS), Shane Ford (MT), Steve Ford (Coach), Scott McAudile (MT), Clinton Eastwood (MT), Kane Chesson (GGS).
Front: Drew Shepherd (MT), Darcy Ingle (MT), Jack McKie (GGS), Louis Eels (GGS)
Absent: Blake Weldon (GGS), JJ Perry (GGS), Kyle Keating (GGS), Digby Boehetti (GGS), Cesaans Rauniyar (MT).

POYC TERM 1 ACTIVITIES.
Junior Boxing: Mondays and Wednesdays 4.30-4.30pm $5 per child 5-13 years.
Junior Judo: Wednesdays 6-7pm 8+ years
Kung Fu: Mondays 5-6.30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5.30 -7pm 14+ years $5—7 per person
Junior Gymnastics: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm ages 4 - 6, $5—7 per child
Cheerleading: Saturdays 9-10am 5 - 10 years
Kidney Gym/Klowns: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30 -10.30am $5—7
Art and Craft: Tuesdays 4–5pm 7+ years.
Please Call POYC for more information, registrations or to become a member on 9921 1317 or emailgeraldtonadmin@wapyc.com.au.

VEGEMITE SURFGROMS with MIDWEST SURF SCHOOL
VEGEMITE SurfGroms offers youngsters aged between 5 and 12 years old the opportunity to learn how to surf in a fun, safe and supervised environment, whilst also learning vital ocean awareness and beach safety skills. These are essential skills for every child growing up in this region of Australia.
The program is non-competitive based and designed to build confidence in everyone taking part.
As well as professional instruction, every participant receives a special VEGEMITE SurfGroms participant pack which includes a Quiksilver backpack, t-shirt, cap, and rash-vest; a tube of VEGEMITE; and a Wahu beach toy!
Geraldton lessons will be conducted during Term 1:
- Friday Mornings 6:30-7:30am Term 1 Starting 14/2/2014
- Saturday Mornings 8:00-9:30am or 9:30-11am Starting 15/2/2014
- Other Classes for all age groups and abilities available by appointment book at www.surf2skool.com or 0419 988 756

To sign up to a VEGEMITE SurfGroms program, simply visit www.surf2skool.com
If you would like further information, please don’t hesitate to contact:
Keith Roffman, Midwest Surf School; 0419 988 756
email: kroffman@scc.wa.edu.au or www.surf2skool.com