COMMUNITY NEWS

2014 SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY SEASON

Nominations are open for students who wish to PLAY HOCKEY this season. To assist in the organisation of teams, could parents wishing their child to participate, please complete a registration form available at the school front office from Wednesday 26th February 2014. Completed forms to be placed in marked box in school office foyer by no later than Monday 17th March 2014.

Children can be involved at various levels, according to their age, skill levels and experience. The season will commence in Term 2 and fees will be payable by Friday 14th May. The hockey grounds are situated at the east end of Eighth Street, Wonthella.

For further information please contact Kyra Ingle on 0419 201 206.

AUTISM TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Autism Association of WA’s Autism Regional Outreach team will be visiting a number of regional areas across 2014 to support families and communities in the rural and remote areas of WA. We will be delivering a range of training and professional learning opportunities for parents and professionals in each regional area.

Gerladton — Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th March 2014

For Families:
- Early Days Understanding Behaviour Workshop (children aged 0-6 years)
- Positive Behaviour Change: A Recipe for Success Workshop (children aged 6-15 years)

For Community Organisations
- What is Autism? Seminars have morning and evening sessions

To find out more and secure a place register online today at www.autism.org.au or email Regionaltraining@autism.org.au

If you would like further information on our workshops or for any other information please contact us on free call 1800 636 427 or email Regionaltraining@autism.org.au

The Autism Advisors will be available for individual appointment for families/carers with children under age of 6yrs to provide more information on the Helping Children with Autism package. Staff from the Autism Association of WA will also be available to meet with community agencies to provide more information on support for individuals with Autism.

OLYMPIC F.C. 2014 REGISTRATION DAY FOR JUNIOR SOCCER

Saturday 8th March, 11am to 2pm at Fitzgerald Hall, Chapman Road (Next to St Lawrences Primary school)

GERALDTON TENNIS CLUB EIGHTH STREET WONTHELLA

Junior Club 7 to 16 Years — Saturdays 9.00am to 10.30am
Matches, Fun Games. Members Free, Non Members $6 per week.
Kidsport Club
Enquiries to Janniel 0427 912 685 or Brett 9964 9321 after hours.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Our KidsMatter Welcome BBQ held last Wednesday for members of our school community was again attended by many. We can interpret from the number of families, friends and relatives that turned up at the BBQ that our school is well supported and we offer our thanks to those who attended.

Thankfully, the evening was cool after a real “stinking hot” Geraldton day (in the mid 40s) and it was amazing to see the numbers that attended. Our faithful sausage chefs, including “Mums” Liddle in his MKR apron did a sterling job at the barbecue cooking more than 800 sausages and our teachers and parent helpers also distributed the sausages, bread and sauce and on behalf of our school I thank them for their efforts “above and beyond the call”.

We also ran the Year 7 Leadership day at the Buff Point Camp School last Wednesday preceding the BBQ and our year 7s displayed great maturity and initiative on the day. The activities that were set for them required leadership, cooperation and teamwork and our students displayed all these qualities despite the heat. The staff at the Camp School were very impressed by the qualities that our students displayed and they didn’t let the high temperatures get them down at all.

Our Year 6 students attended their Leadership Day on Thursday last week and again their behaviour was outstanding. They also displayed great leadership, teamwork and cooperative qualities and enjoyed the experience, again despite the heat.

We are a very fortunate school in having students of such high quality and also very fortunate in that we had significant parent assistance for both Leadership days. It is a lot to ask parents to give up a full day mid-week to help out but their assistance was forthcoming with great enthusiasm and I thank our parents for their involvement - we literally could not have run the days without their help given that the Camp School has very strict student to adult ratios.

We had a very successful (and long) P&C meeting last Monday night attended by 18 members of our school community. In an era when attendance at P&C meetings is declining across many schools, the support shown for our school is very encouraging. One of the outcomes is that the P&C funded the purchase of a new Interactive Whiteboard which will be installed in Room 18 and the mobile Interactive Whiteboards will be moved to Ibuz Tiana’s Room for Indonesian and Music. The P&C also funded the classroom allowance for each room for first semester at a cost of $2,400 which will be gratefully received by each classroom teacher. The P&C’s main Office Bearers will be vacanting their positions at the AGM on the 28th March so we will be looking for a lot of support and nominations for these positions at the AGM.

Mrs Davies, who is a great supporter of our school, has recently donated a ride-on mower in tip-top condition for which Ken our gardener is very grateful. It has saved him a lot of time which he can now use for other purposes. Mrs Davies also donated a commercial quality sound system for our undercover area which we have began installing. It should be ready for use in the very near future and will probably put out as much sound as an AC/DC concert - can’t wait for that!

Recently we have had a number of children who have arrived at school unwell and we have had to call parents to take them home. Some have spent considerable time in the sick bay. We request that if your child is showing signs that they are unwell that you keep them at home.

MARK WHISSION
PRINCIPAL

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 28th February
Parent Assembly Rooms 7 & 8
Monday 3rd March
Public Holiday

SEND IN YOUR TALENTS

Want to add your talent to our newsletter? Let us know!
CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2014

A Contributions and P&C Advice has been sent home 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.

WELCOME BBQ

Last Wednesday 19th February was a scorcher for our Annual Welcome BBQ. Over 800 sausages sizzled away and families enjoyed a relaxed get together on the grass with staff. Many thanks to Bakers Delight for their generous donation of bread, Gearing Butchers Tarcoola for supplying sausages, P&C for covering the costs involved, Kate McConkey from SDERA and Corcyra Kentish from Allied Health Child Development for manning their information stands. A great night was had by all.

FROM THE P & C

SPELLING AND MATHS BOOKS

Year 2 - 4 Students who are purchasing the Spelling and Maths Books are to have their money to the class teacher by Friday 28th February.

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

New and used uniforms are on sale every Monday morning between 8.30am and 9.00am in the undercover area.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting will be held in Week 8, keep this date.

Projects and Plans for 2014 include:

- Parent & Staff Information Night to be held in Week 3
-랭 가족 시간. Family time. Ms Sawyer, AKA Dancing Queen enjoying the evening.