COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC EVENTS

Youth Week Events at PCYC — Friday April 11, 3.30-6pm
Free activities for young people aged 10-15 years. (Climbing Wall, Circus, Cooking and Boxercise)
SHREDIFEST Skate Scooter and Freestyle BMX Competition — Saturday April 12, 11-5pm
Free Competition for all ages at Wonthella Skate Park
PCYC Pre School Play Day - Monday April 14, 9-11am
Ages 2-5 years
Activities include Kindy Gym, Art and Craft and morning tea. Bookings Essential!
PCYC School Holiday Program — April 15, 16, 17
For ages 6-13 years
Activities include Circus Fun, Boxercise, Soccer, Cooking, Sandboarding. Bookings Essential!
Phil Duncan Artist/Performer—Community Performance and Workshops for kids aged 8-
Monday April 14, 1.30-4pm
Contact PCYC for more information about all of our Holiday Activities!
P 9921 1317 or E geraldtonpcyc@wapcyc.com.au

Holiday tennis clinic

Have fun and improve your tennis skills these school holidays. Clinics suitable for all ages.
Free from 28th March to 18th April Klub Machine, Match Play, Prizes, Free 1-Shirt for NEW registering players.
Geraldton Tennis Club
Eight St Wonthella
Commencing Monday 14th April, 2014

SCUBA RANGERS

Scuba diving is a totally awesome sport. Until recently, only older kids and adults could dive. Not anymore! Now there’s SCUBA RANGERS, “A Way Cool Kid’s Club” for children ages 8 to 11.
With SCUBA RANGERS, you can scuba dive in a pool with real scuba diving equipment, play games underwater, and other fun stuff.
If you are looking for a new activity these holidays that’s way cooler than soccer, karate and scouts, check out the SCUBA RANGERS!
The next SCUBA RANGERS course will be held at Batavia Coast Dive Academy from Monday the 7th to Thursday the 10th of APRIL 2014.
To enrol or for more information please contact: Batavia Coast Dive Academy
Email: info@bcdsa.com.au Or phone: (08) 99214229

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 9th April
Mr McKeen Excursion Pp–yr 2
Friday 11th April
ANZAC Assembly—9.00am
Hillcrest Lodge Excursion—Rooms 15 & 16
Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday 30th April
Students commence Term 2
Monday 5th May
Class Parent Rep Meeting
Tuesday 6th May
Parent Newsletter
Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th May
NAPLAN Testing
Tuesday 20th May
Parent Newsletter
Friday 30th May
Parent Assembly Rooms 1 & 13

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 4055 or School Watch on 131 444.
Please keep children out of the school grounds after hours.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The end of first term is almost upon us and it is timely to reflect on what has happened at our school over the past 10 weeks.

As you are aware, this is the last year that we will have Year 7 students at our school. This means that we have offered our Year 6 students leadership opportunities and activities that they will miss out on at our school next year. So as well as having a Year 7 Student Council, we have a Year 6 Student Council and both Councils have participated in a leadership training opportunity. All students in Years 4-6 who were invited to participate in school based leadership activities at the Camp and School were offered the opportunity to participate in Challenge activities which ran this week. This program is working well and I know our students appreciate the opportunities they have been offered. Our thanks go to Mrs Delicata and Mr Normington who looked after the Year 6 and 7 Councils respectively.

Feedback from our school community over the term has indicated that some of our parents and community members were having difficulty in accessing our digital newsletter which is why we have included detailed information on how to access the Newsletter in this hard copy edition. One of the issues was that there were a number of school websites and parents and carers were having difficulty accessing the correct web page. Mr Normington has removed a number of irrelevant websites so accessing the correct page and the Newsletter should be easier. (It is important to remember that the Newsletter comes out in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of each term.) We now have an operational school website, a Mount Tarcoola Primary School Facebook page and an app for both iOS devices and Android devices. Communication with our school has never been easier.

Another important development at our school has been the “Parent Representative” program. Under the KidsMatter banner all classes who have a need for a parent rep have identified a parent to take on this responsibility. A meeting for parent reps will be held in the Staffroom at school on Monday 5th of next term. One of the first tasks the parent reps will undertake, in consultation with each classroom teacher, will be to compile a class group of parent email addresses which each teacher can use to communicate with parents and which can be used to send a link for the Newsletter each term.

The school oval has been completely re-turfed and is in much better condition than it has been for many years. Our students and staff are making good use of the oval and it should be in top condition for the Athletics Carnival in Term 3.

Our P&C has undergone a reorganisation in terms of its Office Bearers and committee members and as has been firmly established in the past, the P&C has again worked hard at fundraising with a successful Disco, sausage sizzle at the election and the Easter raffle to be held this week. The Interactive Whiteboard funded by the P&C was installed in Room 18 a couple of weeks ago and Mr Yates and his students are making good use of the new technology.

The transportable Interactive Whiteboard has been moved to Room 19 which is now Zeb Tiana’s classroom.
Finally, on behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mrs Davies who donated a very sophisticated sound system to our school. We will be using the sound system for our Anzac Ceremony this Friday and for all our assemblies and discos in the future. Term 1 has been very productive overall and I thank our community for their on-going support. I also wish everyone a restful break over the holidays and look forward to working with you all next term.

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS

Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on Friday 28th March 2014.

| Room 1 | Deana Pollitt, Palm Rakcheep, Amelia Elliot, Digby Gallop |
| Room 2 | Lucas Ronan, Nevaeh Hill |
| Room 3 | Khairth Van Lierop, Samaia Friesen |
| Room 4 | Emily Rassamy, Alex Metcalfe-Nash |
| Room 5 | Isaac Benson, Jordan Trimby, Harmony Molloy |
| Room 6 | Shekya Hagan, Georgia Ross, Zac Jackson |
| Room 7 | Jed Robinson, Tahnee Weir, Kaelin Ryder |
| Room 8 | Zayne Gray, Abbas Zain Azman, Mia Baker |
| Room 9 | Isaac Boucher, Ruby Lin, Kira Roper |
| Room 10 | Lachlan Ryan, Natasha Archer |
| Room 11 | Linette Louis, Ben McGowan, Kezia Philip |
| Room 12 | Tallula Koltasz, Levi Mackay, Kristen Harries |
| Room 13 | Abigail Cunningham, Jordan Phillips, Zachary Shields |
| Room 14 | Keanu Ryder, Michaela Clarke, Noi Changchau |
| Room 15 | Jasmine Anderson, Elfeezza Mazlan, Scott McAliffe |
| Room 16 | Peta Gould, Leroy Brennan, Leah Whitewood |
| Room 17 | Joel Kavic, Abby-Joe Augustson, Bravin Patel |
| Room 18 | Hayley Bell, Darcy Ingle, Karna Lolang |
| Room 20 | Ben Ingle, Zac Tomuri, Maddy Sylvester |

**Aussie of the Month**

**Junior Student**

Hannah Muchamore

Hannah is a motivated and conscientious student who can be relied on to complete all tasks to a high standard. Her attitude towards school, her love of learning and her exemplary behaviour are a role model to other students.

**Senior Student**

Emily Bishop

Emily consistently displays “True Blue” Aussie attributes. She is considerate of others and tries hard to ensure everyone feels included in our class with her tolerant, friendly manner. She is also honest, courteous and 100% reliable. You are an awesome Aussie Emily - Great Effort!

**Principal’s Reliability Award**

**Junior Student**

Tennessee Forrester

Quietly helpful, Tennessee listens, follows instructions and cares for her peers.

**Middle Student**

Zhaka Tamehana

Zhaka is exceptionally considerate and helpful. If something needs doing he does it, if his teacher loses something, he finds it, if his teacher drops something, he picks it up, if his teacher needs help through the doorway, he holds it, all without question. Zhaka is such a treasure, a most reliable student.

**Senior Student**

Kya Rowcroft

Kya can always be relied on to be polite, cooperative, respectful and reliable. She consistently demonstrates a willingness to help others in class and around the school and is a great role model for others. Thank you for being so reliable Kya!

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**P&C EASTER RAFFLE REMINDER**

The P&C are conducting an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. Each class will have its own raffle and each child has been asked to donate an Easter related item for prizes.

These could be items such as Easter Eggs, chocolate, cards, books, stickers etc. There will hopefully be enough items to make up multiple prizes in each class.

Due to the warm weather donations are requested to be sent to classes between the 7th & 9th April.

Raffle numbers are available in classes at a cost of $1 each. The final day for buying will be tomorrow morning 9th April when the raffle will also be drawn. The raffle is open to all students, family members and friends.

**PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2014**

**REQUEST FOR HARD COPY OF PARENT NEWSLETTER**

☐ I require a hard copy of the Parent Newsletter sent home via my oldest child.

Child’s Name: __________________________ Room No: ____________

Parent Signature: __________________________