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UPCOMING EVENTS
Friday 24th October
Parent Assembly Rooms 4 & 9
Year 7 Cake Stall
Annual Arts Showcase
PEAC Sci-Tech Excursion

Monday 27th October—Friday 7th November
Pre-primary to Year 1 Intern Swimming Lessons

Friday 31st October
Possible P&C Disco

Tuesday 4th November
Parent Newsletter

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:
We have compiled a list of email addresses for most of our families and by the time we publish the next newsletter we should be able to send it directly to you through a bulk email. We have taken the addresses from the enrolment forms that each parent or carer fills out and we have filled in the gaps through classroom teachers and parent reps. Mrs Stacey Pearse did the bulk of the work and I thank her for this - it was quite a task! If this arrangement does not suit you or if you don't receive the newsletter as planned, please let us know and we can either delete you from the address list or amend your email address if it is different from the one on the enrolment form. The newsletter will still be published on our website which has a link from the Facebook page.

If you walk past the Kindy - Pre-primary area from the back of the school you will no doubt notice that the two large water tanks are leaking rather badly. That is because they were installed many years ago (probably in 1978) and have concrete cancer. Work on replacing the tanks will begin next Sunday when the contractor will begin to knock them down and install new tanks. Installation may be completed towards the end of the week. With the re-surfacing of the school oval, we have decided to "shandy" the bore water with mains water to reduce the salt content and give the new turf a better chance of thriving. This means a new pipeline will have to be installed from the mains water outlet. The pumps will also have to be re-wired so it is a big job. As the area will be a worksite, I request that parents make it clear to our students that they are not to walk through or play in that area while work is underway.

Mr Rutter and I attended Professional learning last Friday in regards to the Performance Development of our teaching staff. It is now mandated that our teachers will be observed while teaching in their classrooms for a minimum of 100 minutes over three sessions by their line manager who will provide constructive feedback on that particular lesson. The observation is quite structured and the outcome is expected to be very positive as classroom observation has been recognised across the world as the most effective way of improving teacher performance. Teachers will also be given the opportunity to observe each other in their classrooms and to provide feedback to each other if they wish. This is not mandated and teachers will choose whether or not they wish to participate.

The selection process for our substantive Deputy Principal position is now complete. The successful applicant was Mrs Marlene Bevan and I congratulate her on her appointment. Mrs Bevan has demonstrated over the past couple of years that she has the ability to excel in the position and she will be a great asset to our senior staff.

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
This newsletter I have taken on an ICT theme and thought it important as I often talk about the internet as a source for learning for our children when I write about Numeracy. Our children have not known anything other than a digital world and are very confident in what they do via the internet and social media. This has led to some parents being left behind and a gap developing between their child's and their own knowledge.

As parents we feel comfortable teaching our children how to cross the road in a safe manner as it is something we have done many times ourselves, but when it comes to online safety we may need some assistance, and children may not be aware of possible risks.

If you are looking for a starting point in making your child's online time safer there is a not for profit group called The Family Online Safety Institute [http://www.fosi.org/] and they offer tips for parents on various things and one item under the Resources tab, then Parents, is the Family Online Safety Contract. I am not saying that everyone needs one of these but it can get parents and children talking about safe usage. The parent section is interesting as one of the parent conditions of the contract is that they will get to know the services and websites my child uses. So if your child asks about Facebook, Kik, or other social media or internet programs take the time to do your own research so you know the benefits and if it is suited to your child's needs. Sometimes our own wants and needs don't match up let alone our children's.

The child's part of the contract is predominately about safety but it also contains one item that states, "I will help my parents learn more about the internet and understand what I do and where I go online".

On line safety is very important for children and that is why schools have contracts that children sign in order to use the internet at school. As I said it may on be for everyone however it may be a conversation starter or a means of establishing your own family guidelines when it comes to the internet, which is a wonderful source of information for learning and communicating with friends if used responsibly.

Shane Rutter
Deputy Principal

BOOKLISTS 2015 : IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Student Booklists for 2015 were sent home last Wednesday. Please be aware of the following:

- Booklist orders and payment in a sealed envelope labelled “Booklist 2015" are to be returned to the canteen NO LATER than 1pm on Monday 27th October. No orders can be accepted at the front office.
- No orders can be accepted after Monday 27th October due to tight time restraints.
- Please check your order and ensure correct money is enclosed if paying with cash.
- Please include a contact phone number with your order.
- Year 3 students will need to order the Spelling Book from the booklist unless it can be retained from Year 2, it cannot be purchased locally.

2ND HAND UNIFORMS
Our 2nd hand uniform shop is run by P&C volunteers and is open each Monday during Terms from 8:30am—9:00am in the Assembly Hall.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub will be closing on Tuesday 28th October 2014.

EMAIL ADDRESSES
We are endeavouring to compile a list of email addresses for all families belonging to our school. Volunteers from the P & C will enter the addresses onto a data base which we can then use for communicating with parents and carers. Please fill out the tear-off strip below and return to your child’s teacher.

| STUDENT NAME: ___________________________ | ROOM: ______ |
| EMAIL: __________________________________________ |

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who were awarded
Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on
Friday 26th September 2014.

Room 1
Maleah Fisher, Sonsiri Rakcheep, Casey Bremner

Room 2
Kai Furukawa, Brooke Mowat

Room 3
Mia Brearley, Cruz James, Suhaimi Anwar

Room 4
Jonique Anderson, Emily Pollitt, Annabelle Southwell

Room 5
Phoebe Rushton, Rachel Heald

Room 6
Seth Schleicher, Ali Zain Azman, Lily Kennedy

Room 7
Tia Cox, Brieanah Underwood, Tristan Noble

Room 8
Rory Dorant, Harley Crotty, Bianca O’Malley

Room 9
Cassie Wellman

Room 10
Michael Southwell, Ella Marsh

Room 11
Sarah Morrison, Rose Farr

Room 12
Mekhai Lolang, Samuel Klette, Phillip Mogridge

Room 13
Sakura Furukawa, Jed Hagan

Room 14
Averil Searle, Hayley Pickett, Jayden Mustart

Room 15
Kye McVee, Jayden Stevenage, Ep Panraksa

Room 17
Charlene Van Rooyen, Rory Shane, Shantari Ryder

Room 18
James Pollitt, Phillip Farr, Ishika Nomlie

Room 20
Maddie Emery, Nate Fox-Muhl, Kalika Malloy

Aussie of the Month

Junior Student
Ben Ingle

Ben is a keen and enthusiastic student who is a good role model in the classroom. He sets a good example for others to follow and is always very positive. Well done Ben and keep up the great work.

Middle Student
Olivia Bond

Olivia is a true Aussie. Always using her manners and continually displaying respect to all her teachers. Her positive outlook on everything that she does makes her a pleasure to have in the classroom. Well done Olivia.

Senior Student
Kye McVee

Congratulations on being an outstanding Sport Captain during the recent athletics. You showed great leadership qualities, encouraging and motivating other students to do their best.

Principal’s Reliability Award

Junior Student
Zachary Pearse

Zachary is a friendly, co-operative student who can be relied on to do the right thing. Zachary always works to the best of his ability and offers support and encouragement to his peers. Thanks for being a wonderful member of our class and School.

Middle Student
Erika Yokwe

Erika is a polite and considerate student who can be relied on at all times. Her behaviour is, without question, highly respectful and courteous. Erika always puts a huge effort into anything she does, indicating a great sense of pride in her work and her school.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC FAMILIES
Sacraments Faith Education Classes for 2015:
If you would like to have your children participate in after school classes for Preparation to receive the following Sacraments-
First Reconciliation (Year turning 8 or older)
First Eucharist or (Year turning 9 or older)
Confirmation (Year turning 12 or older)
Please call in on a Tuesday or Wednesday, at the Centre for Parish Life & Mission, 9-11 Maitland St, for a Registration Form, or Phone Carol Quill or 9964 2716 or email me at libraryplm@westnet.com.au for further details.
GERALDTON REGIONAL LIBRARY INFORMATION SESSION
Did you know that a free online tutoring service is available for students in year 3 and above?
Come along to find out more.
Where: Geraldton Regional Library
When: Thursday 30 October, 2014
Time: 5:30-6:00pm
All parents and students welcome!
Please book at the library on 9956 6659 or email library@cgg.wa.gov.au

GERALDTON TENNIS CLUB
Eighth Street Wonthella
SunSmart Junior Social Play
Saturday Morning 9am to 10.30am
Cost: Members Free - Non Members $7 per week
For further Enquiries to Janniel 042 791 2685
or Email geraldontennisclub@westnet.com.au

TARCOOLA PARK TENNIS CLUB
We are opening up our club!
There will be free games, prizes and giveaways along with plenty of opportunities to get on court.
Our club welcomes everyone, so bring your friends, your family and the neighbor!
Tarcoola Park Tennis Club
Glengarry Court, Mount Tarcoola
Saturday 25th October 9—11am
0409 465 117 / admin@tarcoolatennis.com.au for further info

VARIETY SANTA FUN RUN
Get in the Christmas spirit for WA kids in need
Sunday 30th November 2014 in Geraldton
For further information or to register visit www.varietiesantafunrun.com.au, call (08) 9964 6977, 0408 923 205 or email Midwest@varietywa.org.au