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UPCOMING EVENTS
Monday 24th November — Friday 28th November
Yr 7 students visit JWC

Tuesday 25th November
PEAC Graduation—Year 6

Wednesday 26th November
PEAC Graduation—Year 7

Monday 1st December — Friday 5th December
Yr 6 students visit JWC

Tuesday 2nd December
Parent Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd December
Parent Morning Tea

Friday 5th December
Parent Assembly—Room 3

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:
Our very dedicated teachers are constantly looking for ways to improve the education of our students. Over recent weeks we have had a number of successes in attracting funding to our school for a variety of projects.

Mrs Tupman from Room 9 has received $1000 from the Early Years in Education Society which she will use to make a set of drums and also purchase some other musical instruments. Mrs Tupman and Mrs Thompson will integrate the use of the drums and musical instruments into the teaching and learning programs for literacy, numeracy and science.

Mrs Batty from Room 1 was also successful in obtaining a $500 grant from the NACC. To win this her students wrote a big book on motorbike frogs. The book is about the metamorphosis of tadpoles to frogs and also has sections on the frog’s location and habitat in the Mid-West. Mrs Batty and her students will use the money to buy soil and plants for the raised garden beds that will be installed near the undercover area.

Mrs Cohen was successful in obtaining a grant for $10 000 from the Cancer Council of WA. This will be used to increase the shade sail area at school. It is likely that the shade sails will be installed between the undercover area and Rooms 15 and 16. We are a Sun Smart school and although our students are very aware of the dangers of overexposure to sunlight, the addition of the new shade sails will be welcome.

This week we purchased a “worm tower” for the vegetable garden near Room 11. The worm tower is a length of plastic pipe with holes drilled in it and is installed vertically in the soil. A bed of shredded paper is placed at the bottom of the pipe and the 500 worms we bought were then placed in the pipe along with some compost. Students collect the food waste from “crunch and sip” and this is used to feed the worms. Mrs Pollitt also donated several thousand worms and the students from Room 9 dug them into the garden. In time, the worms should have a very positive effect on the vegetable garden. Our students from the Junior Block are very involved with the garden and are enjoying watching the watermelons, zucchinis, tomatoes, cucumbers, corn and pumpkins grow. Parents and carers are also showing a lot of interest in the garden and it is becoming quite a focal point when they drop off and pick up their students.

Finally, this is the first time that our newsletter will be emailed directly to our families. It has been a long, slow process but we finally have collected the email addresses for most of our families and have constructed a group for a bulk email. My thanks go to Mrs English and Mrs Pearse who collected the addresses and constructed the group. The newsletter will be sent via the BCC box which means no one’s email address will be visible to any other person. If you hear about our newsletter but didn’t receive it electronically and wish to do so, please leave your email address at the front office. The newsletter will still be available on our website which has a link from the Facebook page.

MARK WHISSON
Principal
2015 Charges & Contributions Years K—6
(As ratified by the School Council on Monday 3rd November, 2014)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PER CHILD

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P & C CONTRIBUTION $5.00 Per child

Provides for purchases of sunscreen, awards and prizes etc

Notes:
- Maximum Voluntary Contributions payable per family is $180.00, parents will be advised at the beginning of 2015. The P&C Contribution of $5 per child will also be included in documentation.
- Phone approved Credit Card payment is available for Contributions only (Visa, Mastercard), fill in the bottom of the advice and return to the office.
- Charges for incursions and excursions and swimming in 2015 will be pay as you go. Class teacher will provide details of incursion or excursion and cost, payment to class teacher (cash or cheque).
- Other Optional Costs are additional items such as camps/Instrumental Music/Year 6 Activities and the above table shows maximum costs.
- Please note that the level of Charges & Voluntary Contributions has been approved by the School Council.
- If necessary, payment options may be negotiated with the school, please contact the Registrar.
- It may not be possible to refund for excursions.

EXAMPLES - CONTRIBUTIONS

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Year 6 not charged for Contribution as maximum of $180 per family reached.
BOOKCLUB
A reminder that the latest Bookclub closes on Tuesday 25th November 2014.

ROOM 1 YEAR 3 WIN
The students of Room 1 have been working hard learning about raising Motorbike frogs from Tadpoles. We made a photo log of our frogs as they metamorphised from tadpoles to frogs. We wrote about our Frogs and made a book which we entered into a competition Inland to Oceans. We were lucky enough to win $500.00 for our efforts and will be presented with our prize this Friday 21st November at the Greenough Pioneer Museum. We will use the money to buy plants, soil and a gate for our raised garden beds and Vertical garden.

NUMERO TEAM - MATH-PI
Last Tuesday 11th November four students headed off to Perth to compete in the State Grand final of Numero.
Jasmine Anderson, Michael O’Neill, Ashlea Ramasamy and Jayden Stevenage competed against 17 teams from around the State. They worked well and used their Mathematical skills for 3 hours. They won a Scramble and received bonus points for finishing first. All teams were separated by a few points. Our Team came 13th in the overall scores.
Thank you to Mrs Batty and Mrs Cohen for driving the bus and organising the Numero camp.
Great effort everyone!!

SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES
The photographer from Classic Studios West will be in the school on Thursday 4th December to do photo retakes of students where parents have been dissatisfied with the photo received or student may have been absent on the day. Please advise the office of student’s name and room if a retake is required by Friday 21st November.

LIBRARY NEWS
The library is currently looking for volunteers to assist with book covering. If you have any spare time we would love to see you SOON !!
Many Thanks
Rikki, Judy & Lynda

COMMUNITY NEWS
GERALDTON TENNIS CLUB
Junior Social Club
Come and Try Day
(No Cost)
Saturday 9am to 10.30am
Eighth Street
Enquiries to 0427 912 685