

Welcome to Week 1 Term 4, 2018
Monday 8th October 2018

Term Four

Welcome back to another great term to end the year. What a year it has been already and this term is already shaping up to be full of learning and excitement. Attached to the Connect notice is a term planner outlining all the events such as in-term swimming, dance, excursions, cyber smart parent information session, a colour run, and a focus on quality teaching and learning in every classroom.

At the end of Term Three, our school's NAPLAN results was released. NAPLAN is a national test for literacy and numeracy in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The test provides further information on how our students are progressing and achieving against other students. We use NAPLAN and school based assessments to reflect on the quality learning environment we provide at The Garden. Below is a table outlining our school's performance over last year and this year. A score of zero indicates expected performance, with each whole number being a band higher or lower than expected performance. It is pleasing to see such positive growth in establishing sound results in Year Three and outstanding progress and achievement in Year Five.

	Year 3		Year 5	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Numeracy	-2.1	-0.4	-0.4	3.0
Reading	-2.4	0.0	0.0	1.6
Writing	-2.2	1.4	0.8	1.2
Spelling	-1.7	0.9	0.4	1.0
Grammar & Punctuation	-2.1	0.4	-0.5	1.3

This week...

Swimming

Swimming lessons for Pre-primary to Year 6 will start this Wednesday. Please ensure students come to school each day with their bathers and towels labelled in a separate bag. Students will get changed back at school after the lesson. If your child has their lesson first up in the morning, please send them to school ready for swimming.

Teacher Development

This Wednesday, our wonderful Garden Staff will be joined by some teachers from Melbourne who will be running class lessons across the school. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to share and learn from other educators as we seek to nurture our teachers to be the best teachers that they can be.



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Triple P Positive Parenting Program

You are invited to attend a Group Triple P. Triple P teaches positive, practical and effective ways to manage common issues which most parents will face.

Parents will learn effective parenting strategies such as ways to encourage behaviour you like, how to promote your child's development and how to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems.

The next **FREE** 8 week Group is held:

When: Starting 17 October 2018
Location: Darius Wells Library, Kwinana
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.



To book online:
www.trybooking.com/XNPA

Unable to book online?
Please call 1300 749 869

To find other available programs visit our website
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups

Cyber Safety

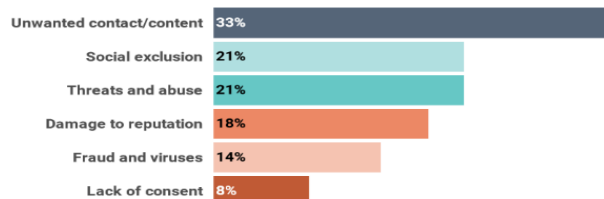
During the holidays some students may have been on technology longer than they usually are during a school term. With the increasing number of young people playing games and interacting online it is always worthwhile considering what we can do as parents to keep our children safe while on the internet.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner's website has some valuable tips, information and resources for parents to ensure our children have more positive experiences online.

Young people 8-17: Kids 8-12 yrs, Teens 13-17 yrs

THE NASTY STUFF

The most common negative online experiences reported by young people



The website provides information around popular online games, apps and social media and how parents can protect theirs and their child's information and how to report cyber bullying. There is also iParent, which is an interactive tour for parents of 10-14 year olds that offers plenty of tips and practical steps to help you support your child to explore safely and manage online issues should they arise.

I have included a parent guide on Connect for your information.

School Photos

This week, student photos will be going home. Please check to ensure that your order is correct and if there is anything missing please let us know.

David Paine
Principal



Childhood Friendships 101
Practical workshop for parents

Tuesday 16 October 2018
6pm - 7.30pm
Gary Holland Community Centre

A captivating exploration of the complex world of children's friendships. Join parenting expert Helen Davidson to discuss friendship and learn practical solutions to the common friendship issues such as making and keeping friends, identifying and managing unhealthy friendships, tackling drama, and friendship bullying. Suitable for parents with children of all ages.

Registrations essential.
Contact the City of Rockingham to register or for any enquiries on **9528 0333** or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

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