

Welcome to Week 3 2018

It was a cool and windy night but those who attended our Picnic in the Garden on Friday had a happy time. The children loved playing with each other and dancing to the music from the band Copykatz. The P and C did a great job with the sausage sizzle and it was lovely to see so many of our new families attend. We look forward to more school community events in the future.

Parent Class Meetings

Great to see so many parents at today's parent meetings. The following meetings are still to be held. Please don't miss out on this chance to hear from your child's teacher. Please ensure you return the student information update form handed out in this meeting. We need accurate contact details so we can communicate with you. It is very distressing for a sick or injured child if we cannot contact you.

Pre Primary and Year 1 Class Meetings

Thursday 15th February at 3.00 pm

Year 1/2 class (Mrs Taylor) and Year 2 Class Meetings

Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 am

Year 3 and 4 Class Meetings

Tuesday 13th February at 3.00 pm

OR

Thursday 15th February at 7.30 am

Year 5 and Year 6 Class Meetings

Thursday 15th February at 3.00 pm

Community Assembly

This week's community assembly is hosted by our Year 4 class and both the senior and junior choir will perform. Some students will receive a GROW award and the school student leaders for 2018 will be announced. The assembly starts at approximately 8.45am and usually takes about half an hour. Please stay for a cuppa in the covered assembly area at the conclusion of the assembly.

Choir

Choir has started for 2018 and the response was very positive with many students attending for the first time. Wednesday is the day for Senior Choir (years 4-7) and Thursday for Junior Choir (years 1 -3).

From Forest to Garden: We would love your help !

Our students were back in the garden today as part of our 'From Forest to Garden project'. 'From Forest to Garden' is an integrated program that has our school garden as the focus for studies in Science, Humanities and our German Languages Program. If you have a special interest in gardening and you would like to help out in any way please email or phone the school.



P and C AGM



Change of date for the AGM!

Wednesday 28th February is the new date for the AGM.

You should have received a P and C flyer today. We would love you to come along to this meeting and show your support for the school by becoming a member of our P and C. I am hoping to see lots of parents at the AGM. Please think very carefully about whether you could take on a role on the Executive. The P and C cannot run if we don't have an executive team.

Faction Swimming Carnival

Years 3 -6 will be participating in a swimming carnival on **Friday March 16** at Rockingham Aquatic Centre. You should have received a note on Friday. Please try and return payment and the permission slip as soon as possible. This event is part of the Physical Education curriculum and all students are expected and encouraged to participate. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Whole School Healthy Lunch

Today a note went out about a whole school healthy lunch next Tuesday 20th February. We want to encourage our students to try healthy lunch options and on this day the whole school will be making a healthy sandwich. Please return the permission slip and the \$2 per child or \$5 a family and enjoy a day when you don't have to make school lunches!

Parents are encouraged to wherever possible reduce the amount of packaging in your children's lunch boxes. Many children have far too many extra packages and they are not eating their sandwich and fruit as they are distracted by the 'packets'.

Breakfast Date

Our whole school breakfasts were a great success last year so put the 27th March in your diary. You won't want to miss our first whole school breakfast for 2018.

Coles Sports for Schools



Please collect the tokens and return to school if you are doing your shopping at Coles. If you have family members without children please encourage them to collect the tokens for our school. Tokens can be handed in to the school office or classroom teacher.

Some Interesting Research

Your involvement in your child's schooling WILL make a difference in how well they do at school. There is research and studies to back this up. This is an excerpt from some recent research carried out by the Commissioner for Children and Young People. 1,812 West Australian students participated in this research and the findings are both compelling and thought provoking for teachers and parents alike.

Some of the findings included:

The attitudes and behaviours of family members influenced student engagement with school and learning for students across all year levels.

Students described the varied ways in which family members acted that were both supportive and unsupportive of their engagement.

Family members were noted as positively influencing engagement with school and learning when they:

- show interest in and encourage learning progress (not just academic achievement)

- provide motivation, understanding and support with practical, emotional and academic matters
- directly participate in school activities or communicate with the school regarding learning.

Students valued family members taking an active interest in their life through proactively asking about school, learning and how they feel and, critically, listening to their response and respecting their views. These actions showed family members cared about students and their learning, and emphasised the importance of learning and school. Importantly, this was not about family members knowing the answers to homework questions for example, but about spending quality time talking and listening to the student.

Our school's Vision acknowledges the importance of parents and staff sharing the responsibility for our students' growth and development. We are keen to work in partnership with our parent community to ensure the very best outcomes for your children.

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