

Welcome to Week 7 Term 1, 2019 Monday 18th March 2019

There are quite a few events happening at the school this week so please take the time to read the newsletter so you or your children do not miss out on something. I have spent the last few weeks talking about the P&C and I have been impressed by the initiative displayed by parents to drum up support for the students and the school. I look forward to Wednesday's meeting.

Greatschools.org, while an American centric website have a wide range of parenting articles aligned with the Yale Centre for Emotional Intelligence. One article is on the importance of developing gratitude in children and its impact on happiness and satisfaction. With a generation focused on immediate needs, e.g. our children will never know how long it took for the internet to connect and how you would go have dinner while waiting for a picture to download. That is not even imaging a world without the internet. A time when we played war games in the vacant block and not on a screen.

With new versions of technology coming out all the time, the next must have items and the development of FOMO (fear of missing out), have we stepped away from a family expectation of gratitude. What were your children grateful for today? What about yourself? What were you grateful for? Did you share this with each other? Let's make a conscious effort in our school community to model gratitude and develop gratitude in our students. For me, I am grateful that Freo are not playing a top eight team this weekend.

Regards,

David Paine

This week...

Icy Poles

Year 6s are selling icy poles out of the canteen at Recess on every **Wednesday**. Icy poles will be a dollar each with profit going towards the Year 6 Camp.

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting to elect new office bearers will be **this Wednesday at 2pm in the staffroom**. I look forward to seeing you all there. Let's see if we can beat last meeting's attendance. It is not too late to join as a member of the P&C so if you are unsure what the P&C do please come along to the meeting.

Healthy Sandwiches - Wednesday

Years 1-6 will have an opportunity to make themselves a healthy sandwich for a gold coin donation in the undercover area from 8am on **Wednesday**.

Harmony Week

This week is Harmony Week. An opportunity to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. To celebrate, our students have been exploring the cultural background of their families so that each class can make a flag representing all their backgrounds. On Thursday, the school will come together to share our flags and celebrate how our diversity is not what divides us but unites us in our Garden.

Summer Carnival

Year 5/6 students will be competing at the Summer Carnival this Friday against other Baldivis schools in the sports of tee-ball, tag rugby and cricket. Go BGPS!

Faction Swimming Carnival

Last Friday was our Year 4-6 faction swimming carnival at the Rockingham aquatic centre. The event ran smoothly through the preparation and organisation of Mr Gardiner. Well done to all students who did their best on the day with Green coming in first place. Our Faction Captains, Sabreen and Madison, accepted the Faction Cup and their acceptance speech was impressive. Our best swimmers will attend the Baldvis Interschool Swimming Carnival in a couple of weeks.

	Champion	Runner Up
Year 4 Boys	Eoin / Zealand	Lincoln
Year 4 Girls	Dasha	Emily
Year 5 Boys	Archer	Tyler
Year 5 Girls	Felicity	Caitlin
Year 6 Boys	Jasper	Hunter
Year 6 Girls	Tia	Tyler



Pre-primary students getting dirty in the garden

