

Welcome to Week 7 Term 4 2019

Monday 25th November 2019

Thank you Morning Tea

We have valued the support of parent volunteers and other community members who have supported our school in a variety of ways. On Tuesday 17th December we extend an invitation to parents who have volunteered their time to help our school community, to attend a morning tea at 10.30am in the staff room. Your help is valued highly and I am encouraged by the number of parents who have already contacted me to express an interest to volunteer in our school next year.

Rockingham Excursion Note

As many of you will remember, our 2017 end of year whole school picnic to Rockingham Beach was a great success and lots of fun for students, parents and staff. This time we have a lot more students but we are off to Rockingham Beach again on Thursday 19th December, the last day of school. We have had to make some changes to the organisation to accommodate the larger numbers, however there will still be plenty of fun and games in the water and the sand.

We look forward to parents joining us at this very special school community event. The school is covering the cost of the bus fare so parents are only required to sign and return the note.

Subway lunch orders will be available. Otherwise students can bring their own packed lunch or parents can bring a picnic lunch to share with their children.

I am interested to hear from any parents, grandparents or older siblings who hold a current Bronze Lifesaving qualification to join our trained staff who will be supervising the water games. Please contact me at Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au

Reports

Student reports will be emailed home by Monday 16th December to allow parents to contact their child's teacher if they have any queries or concerns. Teacher will contact parents prior to the report being sent if they wish to see you in relation to the end of year report.

Pick Up Time

A student's school day finishes at 2.50 pm and we would appreciate if parents could ensure that someone is on site to pick up your children at 2.50 pm. Occasionally we know you can be unexpectedly delayed, and we are happy to accommodate this, but unfortunately we have a few parents who are repeatedly picking up their children well after the school bell. Staff have meetings to go to and other commitments after school. We cannot provide care and supervision of your children after school. Similarly we ask parents not to drop children at school before 8.00 am as we cannot provide any supervision prior to this time.

Nominations for the School Board

As an Independent Public School the School Board has a very important role in the governance of our school. Three parents have already nominated for the

School Board and next week I will send you an online voting slip to vote for this vacant Board position. If you would like to nominate please come and see me by Wednesday this week and I can explain what you need to do to nominate. It is very encouraging to meet parents who are keen to contribute to our school in such a positive way.

Christmas is Coming! A Time for Giving!

One of our Nine Core Values is Care and Compassion and we would like to give our students and our whole school community an opportunity to give generously to those less fortunate. Children learn by doing and by modelling others, so let's give generously as a community and demonstrate to our students the joy of giving.

Our school has linked up with the Salvation Army to collect perishable food items to give to needy families over the Christmas period. Collection boxes will be placed in every classroom over the next few weeks until the Friday of the Awards Assembly when the boxes will be collected.

Do you speak another language at home?

Next year we would like to celebrate Harmony Day as a whole school, and in order to do this we would like to know what languages are spoken at home. We know that children who learn to speak more than one language at home are more advantaged and learn more quickly. If you speak more than one language in your family home please let us know. You can phone the office, email me or call in and see us.

End of Year Events:

Here is a list of events for your diary. It is a busy time of year so we don't want you to miss out on these school events.

- Community Assembly Friday 6th December
- Awards Assembly Friday 13th Assembly
- I Dance concerts Monday 16th December

- Kindergarten Concerts 9th and 10th December
- Volunteer Thank you Morning Tea Tuesday 17th December
- Graduation Assembly Wednesday 18th December
- Rockingham Beach Picnic Thursday 19th December



Change of Date for the P and C General Meeting

The P and C has informed us that the **General Meeting planned for tonight Monday 25th November is cancelled** and a new meeting is scheduled for **Monday 2nd December at 6 pm** at the school.

The P and C sincerely apologises for any inconvenience.

There are many exciting opportunities to support our school in 2020 through the P and C and I'm keen to meet with interested parents at this meeting. So if you are new to the school or you have never been involved in the P and C, then come along and have a listen. There will be no voting for Executive positions at this meeting. This will be done next year.

Hand Foot and Mouth

We have heard of a case of Hand Foot and Mouth disease in our school. It is a mild infection caused by different human viruses. It usually begins with a mild fever and runny nose and then the appearance of a blister like rash in the mouth and on the hands and feet. Children must be excluded until the blisters have dried. For more information go to:

https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Hand-foot-and-mouth-disease

Kite Festival is on this weekend in Rockingham.

Please see the attached flyer advertising the Kite festival in Rockingham this coming Saturday 30th November. As you know your children have been making kites at school and they may be very interested in attending the kite festival and seeing the large kites that will be on display. There will also be an opportunity for children to decorate a kite. It should be a great family outing.

And don't forget Tuesday is Icy Pole Day!



**Tuesday Treat ~
Fruity Icy Poles**

99%
Fruit
Juice

\$1

Fruity Icy Poles will be on sale in the under-cover area on Tuesday morning at recess for only \$1.

The perfect treat to cool you down in the sunny weather!

Funds raised will go towards the cost of the 2020 Year 6 camp.

Have a great week!

Jayne

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Principal