

Welcome to Week 8 Term 3 2020 Wednesday 9th September 2020

Cyber Safety

There has been a lot in the media recently highlighting the dangers associated with young people having unsupervised and unprotected access to the internet and social media sites. Yes, we hear of concerning cyber safety incidents related to children and young people but it is easy to think this won't happen to my child, or it is not happening in my child's school community.

Well it is happening in our school community, and it is important that as a school we inform you of this. Students are engaged in very inappropriate communication with others and students are accessing sites not intended for primary aged children. Most concerning, is students in our school are being hurt and are suffering as a result of other students' online communications.

If you have a child who has unsupervised access to the internet you may like to check what your child is doing and saying online. I have been shocked and disappointed by what I have heard is happening and I actively encourage every parent to be proactive and start some open and honest conversations with your children about what they are doing online.

We are constantly working with our students to educate them about cyber safety and we have had

visiting speakers and Police visits in the past but it would appear that some of our children are simply not applying what they learn and they desperately need your help.

So you can be informed and hear from the experts in this field we have organised for a parent workshop that is open to you, other adult family members and your friends.

This workshop to be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 7 pm is presented by ySafe, Australia's leading provider of cyber safety education. Designed by their award-winning team of cyber safety experts, this practical, strategy-rich session will cover the most important points that all families need to know about online safety, covering key information about social media and gaming, screen time recommendations and step-by-step instructions on how to set up a cyber safe home for kids of all ages.

It has never been more important for parents to know what their children know about the online world, and to have the skills and knowledge to educate and protect. The workshop is only for one hour and you must register to attend. The workshop is being funded by the school and there is no cost to parents. Register here:

<http://bit.do/baldivisgardensps>

My staff and I hope to see you there.

Languages Week



Happy Languages Week!

This week our school is celebrating Languages Week. Learning a language encompasses much more than language proficiency. Knowing a language means knowing about the culture that is the foundation of that language.

More than 270 languages and dialects are spoken in Western Australia and Languages Week provides an opportunity to explore and celebrate language learning.

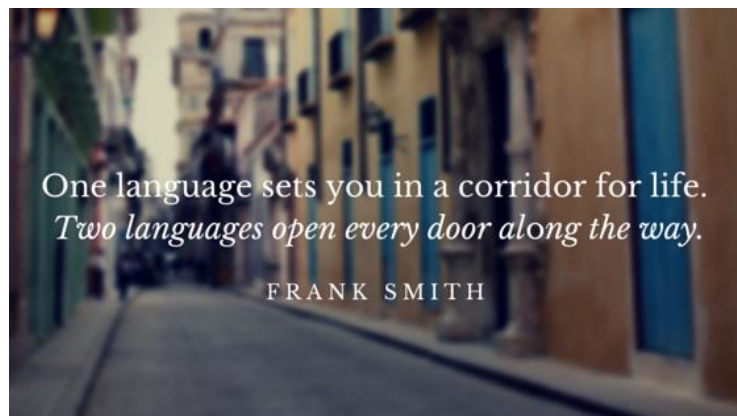
At our school we speak 23 languages. Among them are: Afrikaans, Arabic, Dutch, German, Hindi, Italian, Malay and Spanish. In this year's Languages Week Video we can listen to students and staff sharing a phrase in their language.

Thank you to all students and staff involved in this year's Languages Week Video!

<https://vimeo.com/456124327/fd9b534bda>

Thank you to all parents for your support!

Danke! Frau Merta



I Dance Performances

Unfortunately, in a COVID world we cannot have our large whole school I Dance performance. I am sure you understand there are restrictions on the number of people we are allowed in the covered assembly area. So what we will do is the children will perform their I Dance along with one or two other classes. Only the parents from those classes can attend. Each class has a rostered time on **Wednesday 23rd September** which is the last Wednesday of term. Attached is the list of times and information related to the entry to the school. Parents are asked to read this note carefully.

Open Board Meeting

The School Board welcomes you to our Board meeting TOMORROW evening at 6 pm. It is a chance to meet your parent representatives on the Board and also our wonderful school psychologist Emily Helmore who will share with you her role at the school and the programs and people that support her work. Thank you to the parents who have let us know they are coming. If you plan to come to the meeting as an observer, call the school tomorrow so we can have some light refreshments ready for you.



Did you know if every family paid their voluntary contributions your children would have 15 more ipads in the classrooms, 1000 more books in the library and every child would have their own "Maths Toolkit" to use in every Maths lesson? Voluntary contributions make a difference to school resources so please consider paying your voluntary contributions if you have the financial capacity to do so.

Healthy Sandwich Making Before School

Great to see so many children enjoying making and eating a healthy sandwich today in the covered assembly area before school. These sandwiches are fun to make, they are nutritious and they leave no waste. Well done to our Health and Wellbeing Committee who continue to organise this great whole school initiative.



Emily Helmore our School Psychologist looks forward to meeting you tomorrow evening at the Open Board meeting.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to a third of our families who have paid their 2020 voluntary contributions and are now in the running for a parking space for all of Term 4 or a family pack of movie tickets.



Pupil Free Days Term 4

Parents can you please note that there will be two pupil free days at the beginning of Term 4. **Both Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October will be pupil free days** as we missed our Term 2 pupil free day due to COVID. We encourage you to put these dates in your diary and make arrangements for your children on these two days.



Monday 14th is collection day for the cookie dough! This can be collected between 1.30pm - 4.00pm from the conference room. Please return your permission slip asap if you cannot make this time frame. See note attached.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to Veolia Environmental Services for their generous donation of a truck and driver to collect our cookie dough on behalf of us. We have that many boxes a few cars was not going to cut it!

We also need some man power too - if you are free and would like to get away from the toddlers at home (wink wink) we need some helpers to unload the truck and help with picking the orders. Please send us a message via Facebook if you can.

A really big response for this fundraiser. We thank you all for your support to making this a huge success.

Remember we have our next General Meeting **Wednesday 16th September at 5.00pm** in the conference room.

Congratulations Khloe!

Congratulations to Khloe who won herself a \$100 voucher and some books for our school library. Khloe was awarded an Inspired Young Person Award for the kindness and compassion she has shown over recent years at Out of School Hours Care. She was nominated by one of the parents who has seen her exhibit many positive qualities and wanted to acknowledge the difference she was making to other children's lives. We are so proud of you Khloe.



Garden Babies

As you know recently we farewelled four wonderful teachers who left us to start their journey as a mother. We are very happy to announce three of these babies have been born and we are eagerly awaiting Mrs Ashwood's news in a couple of week's time. I am sure you will agree our Garden babies are just adorable.



Here is Mrs Honey's baby boy Logan.



Here is Miss M's beautiful baby boy James.



Here is Mrs B's baby girl Mia.

I will send the community assembly link tomorrow via Connect. Thank you for understanding and respecting our need to comply with the current COVID restrictions. If our state moves to Phase 5 next month we will return to our community assemblies in the covered assembly area.

Have a great week and thank you for your ongoing support.

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