

Week 8 27th November 2017

I would like to share some very exciting news. Some time ago we applied for funding to refurbish one of our classrooms as a purpose built Science laboratory and \$25 000 of Science resources. I am delighted to inform you I received an email on Friday afternoon informing me our application was successful. I understand the refurbishment will occur either in 2018 or 2019. I am awaiting confirmation of when our school will be scheduled for this refurbishment. As you know we already have an excellent specialist Science program thanks to Mrs Raphael, a passionate, highly educated and experienced Science teacher. This refurbishment and the \$25000 of Science resources will expand and enrich the learning opportunities available to your children. When I have a greater understanding of when this will take place I will let you know.

Music Assembly

I would like to acknowledge the work of our Music teacher Mrs Graham in preparing our choirs for their performances at our Music Assembly last Friday. The choirs' performances were excellent and the whole school song was sung so enthusiastically and with such

confidence. Your children are receiving excellent Music tuition and training in their weekly Music class and those children who commit to the choir rehearsals are having additional opportunities. You may like to discuss with your children the possibility of them joining the school choir in 2018. Mrs Graham will be only too happy to talk with you about what is expected and what are the benefits of joining our choirs.

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

Wow! What a great afternoon of skipping last Friday and a huge thank you to those of you who supported your child in gaining sponsorship to raise funds for the Heart Foundation. We are trying to encourage our students to demonstrate the value of Compassion and respectfully consider the needs of others. We are keen to create a school with a 'giving heart' and thank you for supporting the projects that allow students to demonstrate these values in a practical way.

Tuesday is Pikelet Day!

Our senior students are supporting a World Vision child and tomorrow they will sell pikelets for 50c from the canteen at recess time. So send your child to school with 50c and help our Year

5/6 students raise the necessary funds to ensure their continued support of Ragni their sponsor child who lives in India.

Rockingham Beach Excursion

There has been a great response to our end of year Rockingham Beach Picnic excursion. Please ensure you have returned the permission form and paid the \$3 by the end of the week. I have attached a copy of the note in case yours has gone missing.

Are your children's details correct ?

Unfortunately we are finding that parents are not updating their child's contact information or informing us of changes that impact on the child. If you are on holiday or not currently caring for your child please inform us who is taking on the role of carer and ensure we have the necessary contact details for that new carer. When students are sick or injured it is very distressing for them if we cannot make contact with a parent or designated support person.

Kindergarten Transition

The Kindergarten transition days last week were a big success and I would like to thank Mrs Stewart for her co ordination of these special days and our wonderful Kindergarten teachers Miss Steiner and Mrs Bailey for their professionalism and their eagerness to ensure our new Kindergarten students have the best possible start. We are running four classes of Kindergarten for 2018 and we currently have a

few spaces. So if you know of friends and family moving into our area who have a Kindergarten child encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

P and C Bike Raffle

The P and C is trying to help us raise funds for our much needed new playgrounds. By buying bike raffle tickets you are helping us get closer to being able to afford a new playground for our Year 1 and Year 2 students. Tickets can be bought from the front office or you can use the order form sent out last week. If you win you can choose your bike and you are not limited to the one on display.

End of Year Attendance

The end of the year is getting near but nothing has changed at school. Your child's attendance matters every day so please ensure your child attends regularly until the last day Thursday 14th December. This is our whole school excursion day.

Please remember over the holidays you have a wonderful opportunity to reinforce the skills learned at school this year. Your children have made amazing progress and this is reflected in their end of year reports, so please continue to provide plenty of opportunities to read, write and practise their number facts over the holidays. This will allow them to consolidate their learning and be ready for another great year of learning in 2018.

Healthy Lunches

Just to let you know we are getting some very generous donations of fruit and veg from businesses, parents and staff. When we put fruit and veg out at recess and lunchtime the students eagerly consume this fruit. So don't hesitate to add more fruit to your child's lunch box and put a little less packaged refined foods in their lunch box. Packaged food are high in salt, sugar and additives and we find children's behaviour and capacity to attend is impacted on by these highly processed foods. What your child eats influences their achievement so consider carefully what you put in their lunchbox.

Have a happy week and don't forget to lock these dates into your calendar:

8th December Awards Assembly and Carols Evening

13th December Graduation Assembly

14th December Rockingham Beach Excursion.

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