

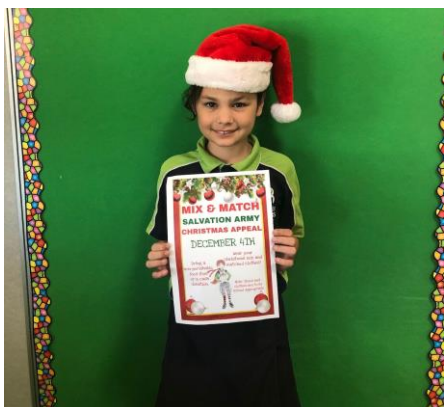
Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Week 8 Term 4

Christmas Appeal and Dress Up Day

This Friday is our annual Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Brihana Pene, one of our students has come up with a wonderful way for us to share the Christmas spirit and have fun while we do it. On Friday your children are invited to come dressed in Christmas 'mix and matched' Christmas clothes and bring either a cash donation or non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. The people from the Salvos will be speaking to our students on the day and will explain how our gifts will be used to help others.

You can start bringing non-perishable food items and leaving them in our front office or in the classroom tomorrow. Otherwise please send the food items or cash for collection on Friday.



Awards Assembly

On Thursday, 10th December, we will be holding our awards assembly for students from Pre-primary to Year 5. Due to COVID restrictions we are splitting the awards into two separate assemblies. The first is for students in Sandpiper, Goshawk and Whistler blocks and commences at 8:50am. The second is for students in Cockatoo and Swallow blocks and commences at 9:45am. A full program for both assemblies is attached to this newsletter.

We have also decided to use the Safe WA app to keep records of adult attendees (those over 16 years old) at both assemblies. You will need to have the app installed on your phone and then scan the QR code at the entry points to the covered assembly area. We do not receive or keep any data regarding attendees and the data is held for a period of 28 days on secure servers and only accessed by WA Health Contact Tracers if needed. Details of the app and the download instructions are available at www.wa.gov.au/safewa

We will also use the Safe WA app for the Kindy Christmas Concerts on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December and the Graduation Assembly on Wednesday 16th December.

Savings Program

JOIN A SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO \$500

Saver Plus is an award winning free financial education and matched savings program, that supports families and individuals on a tight budget to develop lasting savings habits. The program assists parents to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500. More than 46,000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$19 million.

It was developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) in 2003 and is delivered, in Western Australia, by The Smith Family and Brotherhood of St Laurence. The Department of Education of Western Australia promotes Saver

Plus to families in participating areas and eligible families now have the opportunity to participate in this initiative.

Saver Plus is a free, ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches your savings, up to \$500, for education costs. Attached is the information you will need to access this program.

Don't Miss these End of Year Events

The end of the year is so very close. Do you have these dates in your diary?

Friday 4th December

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal Day and Christmas Dress Up Day

Monday 7th December

Music Concert for our choir and instrumental music students. 5.30 pm start. Students arrive at 5 pm.

Monday Wednesday Kindy Concert at 9.00 am in covered assembly area.

Tuesday 8th December

Tuesday Thursday Kindy Concert at 9.00 am in covered assembly area.

Thursday 10th December

The Awards Assembly will be split into two assemblies. The first will be for students in Sandpiper, Goshawk and Whistler blocks and will commence at 8:50am. The second will be for students in Cockatoo and Swallow blocks and will commence at 9:45am. The choirs and band will perform at both assemblies.

Monday 14th December

The whole school Christmas Concert

This will be an outside event to allow more parents and family members to attend. The concert will

commence at 5pm. Students to be in their classrooms by 4.45 pm.

Wednesday 16th December

Graduation Assembly: this is only for parents and family members of our graduating students. This commences at 8.40 am.

Thursday 17th December

'End of Year Fun Day' on school grounds. This is for students only. Thank you to the P & C for donating the Bouncy Castles. Monday Wednesday Kindy group will have their 'Fun Day' on Wednesday 16th December.

Sunday Music Weekend Workshop

Both Junior and Senior Choir have a weekend music workshop this Sunday 6th December. The instrumental students are also required. If your child is in a choir, the band or plays an instrument then please read the attached note about Sunday's workshop.

News from our P & C



Next GM is TOMORROW Thursday 3rd December at 9,00 am in the conference room. It is our last one for the year and we are using this to start planning for next year and get a team ready. If you would like to be a part of the committee we would love to have you there. I will even bring some morning tea.

Michaela

P & C President

Thomas the Tractor has Arrived

Our Junior Playground tells our story 'From Forest to Garden'. Each quadrant of the playground reflects the history of the land upon which our school is built. Last week the arrival of Thomas the Tractor completed the Market Garden quadrant.

May we sincerely thank our past Board Chair Judith Hill and parent Jen Hill for buying the tractor and storing it on their property until we found the right person to restore Thomas. Thank you to a past Board member and P & C Secretary Tinashe Magwaza for his efforts to source the right person to do the job. Tinashe found David and Matthew Bond from Advanced Echo Blasting who have lovingly restored Thomas. I am sure you will agree it is a wonderful addition to our playground and reflects our school's history.





Out of School Champions

Milah and David both competed in the WA State Championships for Touch over the weekend. On Saturday they played 5 games against other teams around Perth in Wanneroo. It was a massive day but the team won 3 games and lost 2. Here is a photo of their team with their medals. They play for Kwinana Titans U8s. Well done Milah and David.



Reports will be sent out by Monday 14th December

Your child's end of semester report will be sent home via Connect next Monday 14th December. Teachers have made comment in their report about attendance rates and the impact on your child's learning. Here is a table that shows clearly what your child is missing out on when they do not attend regularly. I have also attached a copy.

Attendance Matters



I or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	which means the best your child might perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 15 years	Equal to Finishing in Year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to Finishing in Year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to Finishing in Year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to Finishing in Year 4

Every day does matter when it comes to your child's schooling. We look forward to seeing improved attendance in 2021.

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal

