Friday 04 December  2015

EDU DANCE CONCERT

Monday 07th December  6:30 pm ~ Children should arrive at school dressed in their costume, no later than 6:15 pm. Children should go to their classroom at this time and teachers will bring them to the undercover area. At this event, each class will perform its Edu Dance routine which they have been practising so hard, and Class Awards will be presented. We look forward to seeing all Parents/Caregivers and their families.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Tuesday 15th December 9:15 AM ~ This is the big graduation event for Year 6 students. There will be reserved seating for families of those graduating. All Pre-Primary to Year 6 students will attend and Parents/Caregivers of all year groups and their families are most welcome.

BOOK LISTS

The 2016 booklists have already been sent home. Please read instructions carefully. You can place an order online or shop in store.

SCHOOL FEES

There are just a few families who have yet to pay their school fees for 2015. If you are unable to pay the full amount, please advise the office. School fees for 2015 are $60 for one child or $120 per family. This works out to be $15 per term. It is very important we receive these fees as the money goes directly to fund programs and equipment to enrich the learning environment for your children. Payment would be appreciated.

KINDY CLASS REPORT

Merry Christmas!!! The Christmas tree is up in Kindy & the Kindy Elves are taking turns to decorate it during activity time. We also have a cosy fire to curl up in front of and read a Christmas story or two. We have made Christmas cards, envelopes & presents for our families this week. The Green Group performed at the assembly on Wednesday and did a wonderful job. We have our graduation ceremonies next Wednesday for the Blue Group, and Friday for the Green Group ~ we are working hard to practice our speaking lines and songs!
PRE-PRIMARY/YEAR 1 CLASS REPORT

We are very busy practising for our end of year concert! We cannot wait to show off our awesome dance skills for all our family and friends! It will be a wonderful night. We have also been busy making our bee habitats and they look wonderful! Please come into the classroom and have a look.

Our entries for the Osborne Park Show look fantastic! Each child has received a free entry to the show, so make sure you head down on Saturday and have a look at our wonderful Year 1 art pieces and our Pre-Primary group project.

PRE-PRIMARY 2 CLASS REPORT

As the term is winding down, the students are enjoying the start of our Christmas activities. We have worked together to put up and decorate our Christmas tree as well as making Christmas cards for our friends. I have placed a parent/grandparent help roster outside the front door of the class for anyone who wishes to help with some of our Christmas activities. There will be no more home readers sent home as we need to make sure that everything is logged back into the library before the year ends. Next week we will be sending home a note about the end of year class party to be held on Wednesday 16th December in the Pre-Primary playground area. Just a reminder if you would like a copy of the photos taken of your child this year please bring in a labelled USB drive.

YEAR 1 CLASS REPORT

The class are honing their narrative skills. They are writing amazing stories which include all the requirements of a narrative. Some children are writing novels of 13 or more pages. This week we are extending our learning, by writing from a different viewpoint and also writing in the first person ~ very tricky. Our Geography skills are being extended into the classroom and the yard, with mapping and changing the maps around. In Science, we have been appreciating the growth of the corn plant and measuring them. The children weed, feed the plants with nutrients and encourage pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Best wishes to all students for the holidays and I hope they have had a fun and productive Year 1 in 2015.

YEAR 2 CLASS REPORT

We have settled into the Library with ease. The children love the extra space! Our garden is showing them how plants grow and change as they go from edible to seed producing. We are practising lots for the Edu-Dance concert next Monday. It should be spectacular! Thank you for your help in getting the childrens costumes ready for the big night.

YEAR 3 CLASS REPORT

This week the Year 3’s have writing procedures. One of these was writing a recipe for lime sherbet which we then made and ate in class ~ There were mixed reactions to the taste but overall the kids enjoyed it. We have been practising our Edu Dance routine and are really looking forward to the concert. We look forward to seeing you then.
YEAR 4 CLASS REPORT
We can’t believe the school year is nearly over. The Year 4’s have worked so hard this year. You should all be so proud of your children and how much they have improved.
In science, we made sand and clay rocks and then used them in an experiment to see how they changed in size after being shaken in water. This was to show weathering and erosion on rocks. We also had to look at different variables and decide which ones to keep the same, so each group’s experiment was fair. We have finished with guided reading for the year – however, the children are still expected to complete reading and maths homework on Studyladder. The reading activities are directly related to our science topic on rocks and give us extra background knowledge. Our test packs will be sent home with the reports in Week 10. Take time to go through the tests with your child. We can’t wait to perform at the Edu Dance concert on Monday night. Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

YEAR 5/6 CLASS REPORT
In science we are investigating alternative energy sources. We are finding out about advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy such as solar, wind, geothermal and hydro power. We are continuing our novel study on “Boy Overboard” and we are really enjoying it. The novel gives us a good base for in depth discussions on all sorts of topics like individual’s rights, friendship and courage.
We are getting pretty good at identifying, and even starting to use, figurative language devices. We look forward to applying what we know to some very imaginative writing.

Student Council
The Student Councillors would like to thank everyone for their support over the last few weeks with their fundraising.
Winners of the lolly competition: Mia Yr 5, Tasman Yr 3, Chloe Yr 4, Koby PP/1, Sofia Yr 3 and Devni Yr 6.
Teddy Bear Raffle winner: Natasha Yr 6
There is just over one week left to purchase tickets in the Netball Shirt Raffle! This will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December at the Talent Show Grand Final. Tickets will be on sale before school.

Gifted and Talented
Flyers went home with all Year 5s on Wednesday outlining the application process for Gifted and Talented Programs for 2017. Applications close Monday February 8th, 2016.
For more information: Visit the website at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented
Email: gtsu@education.wa.edu.au
Tel: 9264 4307

LIBRARY NEWS
Student borrowing is now finished for the year. Please ensure your child returns all loans as soon as possible. Overdue notices have already gone out so please help your child to locate and return our valuable resources.
We have a number of new reading books which need to be covered before the children can use them. It would be wonderful to have this task completed by the end of the term. If you can help please see Mrs Bates in the library or leave a message at the office.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL
Please remember, for everyone’s safety, to observe all parking regulations in the surrounds of our school. Drop off time and afternoon Pick up times are very busy, so please do your bit to make sure all our children stay safe. Now that Albert Street has become quite busy, this is very important.
MATHS QUIZ

Math Quiz results:
Congratulations to these children for the last 2 quizzes:
2 Correct: Alina & Alina (Rm 2)
3 Correct: Jenny (Rm 2)
4 Correct: Lhawang & Lhawang, Jenny (Rm 2)
5 Correct: Wesley & Wesley (Rm 4) Arya, Layan (Rm 2)
6 Correct: Malisha (Rm 4) & Aryamaan (Rm 2)

Answers:
15th comp: 1) **11 variations**  2) **A 0**  3) **D thirty-one hundredths**  4) **C 115km**  5) **E 8**  6) **3**
18th comp: 1) **10,13 (and others)**  2) **B1**  3) **C 8**  4) **32**  5) **A 4**  6) **13 flew away**

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**VACSWIM 2015-2016**

Enrolments for December/January programmes are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. Vacswim’s school holiday swimming programmes are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers. This year there has been a small price increase from $10 per enrolment to $12.50. For further information and online enrolment visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Warwick Women’s Workout** on the corner of Warwick and Wanneroo Roads is an exclusively women’s gym with a wonderful community feel. We have a circuit of Hydrolic machines, a well equipped cardio section, and a section for free weights. We offer a week free so you can come and try us for a week to make sure our gym is the right fit for you. Come and pick up a brochure from the schools front office or see Amanda Seaman for more information.

**Behaviour Tonics** have several courses available for parents to help manage difficult behaviour in children between the ages of 2-12 years. Anyone interested to find out which course would suit their particular need can go to [www.behaviourtionics.com.au](http://www.behaviourtionics.com.au) or telephone 9382 1182

**January Head Start Program** for Year 6 students who will be starting high school in 2016. Help build your child’s confidence as they transition to high school with courses that will cover English and Maths skills development and Learning Skills for high school, NAPLAN preparation, persuasive essay writing, Interactive Science and Computer Coding.

**Dates:** Two day courses, three hours per day between January 18th – January 28th 2016.

**Cost:** $180. **10% discount if you enrol and pay by 21st December 2015.**

**Venues:** Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS

**Older siblings?** Courses are available for students from Years 7 – 12 in various subjects.

For further information and enrolment

**Phone:** 9314 9500 **Email:** learn@academictaskforce.com.au **Website:** [www.academictaskforce.com.au](http://www.academictaskforce.com.au)

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**Stirling Carols by Candlelight**

7:00 pm Saturday 12th December 2015

Grenville Reserve, Cape Street, Tuart Hill

Carol singing will be led by choirs and musicians from local churches. Enjoy a sausage sizzle & soft drink from 6:00 PM

Presented by combined local Christian Churches

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**We need fresh water thinkers this summer**