



WELCOME

It is great to have the much needed rain for our gardens, but it can play havoc at sports times. If your child is in the interschool cross country team, please put in a spare pair of shoes and socks for Friday, in case the area is very wet.

This Friday afternoon, weather permitting, the year 3 to 6 classes will be doing some faction sport practise. The students can wear their faction T-shirts for the session.

Moving Forward Aiming High

Towards the end of last term the K-2 Phases Of Learning (POL) team met to discuss, share and professionally review samples of writing done by children from Pre Primary, Year One and Year Two. The teachers assessed students' performances using the Brightpath initiative which allows teachers to plot a child's progress according to indicators and descriptors given. The POL team were then able to moderate together which is a process involving comparisons and discussions. Moderation allows for consistency in teacher expectations, ratings and grading across the school. The Brightpath assessment scales (called "The Teacher's Ruler") also provide staff with examples of children's work from around Australia as well as teaching pointers for assisting every child to move forward.

At the end of last term the 3-6 POL team met and planned resources for History, Geography and Civics & Citizenship. These are components of the Year Three to Year Six HASS curriculum area (HASS is the acronym for History And Social Sciences). The team planned and discussed ways to link HASS with The Technologies in semester two. They also started planning an excursion for this semester which will link into their HASS programmes. Resources were discussed and ideas were shared across other curriculum areas such as Science, Maths and Health.

Lisa Thomas (ERG Project Manager)

PARENT SCHOOL VISITS

Parents who need to contact or collect their children for any reason must report to the school office in the **first** instance.

This includes bringing items the child has forgotten and for dropping off lunches. All students have the right to know that their belongings are secure. Please do not go to the wet area and put things in bags.

At the office, the parent will be given a pink form (for in school student contact) or a Leave Pass that will indicate to teachers that everything is in order and that they can release the child to your care. If another adult is collecting your child for you, a **signed letter of authorisation must be provided.**

LOST PROPERTY

Items of clothing found around the school are placed in the lost property containers in the wet area near the After School Care. Please ensure all items of clothing, including hats, are labelled with your child's name.



RECESS AND LUNCHES

Many students are coming to school with chips, lollies and food that is unhealthy and not appropriate for recess and lunch. They do not provide sustaining energy. Fruit is a better choice for your child.

SCHOOL WATCH

School Watch is a partnership between the WA Police and the Department of Education aimed at protecting our schools from vandalism, theft and damage.

Every year, criminal damage to schools not only costs Western Australian taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, but also inconveniences students, their families, teachers and local residents.

While the Police and Department work closely together to minimize crime at school premises, you too can help. The community's role is vital, particularly after school hours and during school holidays. Most importantly, if you live near a school and see or hear suspicious behaviour immediately contact School Watch Security or the Police.

Who to contact

School Watch Security T: 1800 177 777

or

Police T: 131 444

When you contact School Watch Security, Department security officers can quickly attend schools in the metropolitan area. The Police will attend if called.

How your call helps : Your call could prevent break-ins, vandalism, graffiti or even arson. Ensuring our school is well cared for reflects on our community and contributes to the value of surrounding residential properties, so it's worth it!

What to look for

- The most important times for you to be vigilant are during school holidays as schools are unattended and therefore more vulnerable than usual to crime.
 - Keep in mind that schools are generally large physical areas with multiple "blind spots". If you hear unusual noises from within a school, such as glass breaking or banging noises, this might mean people are up to no good.
 - Look for unusual vehicles parked at a school on weekends or during holidays.
 - Watch for groups "hanging around" on school grounds. This should not occur and can be one of the starting points for crime to occur.
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This Week

Wednesday 26 July

❖ School Council Meeting

Friday 28 July

❖ Inter School Cross Country

Next Week

Wednesday 2 August

❖ P&C Meeting 7:30pm

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - Trust

What is trust?

Trust is believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Sometimes it is hard to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, down deep, that there is some good in everything that happens.

Congratulations! You are practising Trust when you:

- Believe that there is some good in everything that happens
 - Look for the lesson in painful experiences
 - Let trust take away your worries
 - Know that your best is good enough
 - Trust others unless you have good reasons not to
 - Don't nag, worry, or try to take control
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P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING

The P&C will be meeting next week, **Wednesday 2 August, at 7:30pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this term. We are open from 8.30am until 8.50am in the P&C Block. We ask that you please line up behind the blue line and have your deposit book ready to help streamline the session. Please note Commonwealth Bank have advised students should only make one deposit per week. There will be a new competition starting later this term so keep your eyes peeled for further information!



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is running on Wednesdays again this term between 9 and 11am. We ask that anyone attending please bring along one piece of fruit per family and if you wish to have a tea or coffee, please bring your own keep cup or similar. Should you be interested in attending but unable to come on a Wednesday, please leave a message through the office so that we can gauge interest in running another day. New attendees always welcome - please come along to a session to try it out!

