

School Newsletter 1017, 28 June 2017

Coming Events



- Thursday 29 June – Pizza in the Park Yr 3-Yr 6 (invitations have been sent home)
- Friday 30 June – Lapathon 2-3pm
- Friday 30 June – Last day of Term 2
- **Monday 17 July – First day of Term 3 (for everyone – students *and* staff)**

Principal's Message



Speak with Confidence

Each year we send a team of two Year 5 or 6 students to represent the school at the *Speak With Confidence* competition run by the City of South Perth. This year, after all students in Year 5-6 presented speeches, we identified seven finalists who performed in front of the teachers and me. We then, with difficulty, narrowed that field down to three and finally the two who would represent our school: Jack A and Ruby B. They performed their speeches beautifully and, not only made it to the finals which were held later that evening, but successfully gained a place in the top three. We are pleased to announce that Jack won the competition and Ruby placed third. We congratulate these students, and all those who competed in the school rounds.



Retirement

On Tuesday we said farewell to Ms Audrey Mutton, our long serving library officer. She received a letter and silver medallion from the Director General in recognition of her long and faithful service, as well as a gift from the school and P&C. Ms Mutton has served WA public schools for 30 years. She was instrumental in setting up our resource centre and her knowledge of the library and its collection is outstanding and much appreciated by all who have used the library resources. We wish Ms Mutton a happy and long retirement and thank her for her dedicated service.

Farewell and Welcome

Congratulations and best wishes to Rielle Fowler for winning a position at Dowerin DHS for next semester. We are very sad to see her go as she has been a very active member of staff and a fantastic teacher. Dowerin is very lucky. However, every cloud has a silver lining: Loren Roso will return from Northam PS to take Rielle's class. We welcome her home.

Parent Busy Bee

Thank you to Chris Muir and his team of parents who took time out to remove the old slide and reinstall a new one. They also did quite a bit of mulching. We are very grateful and really appreciate that parents at this school are eager to do what they can to ensure the school is kept safe, engaging and looking good.

Year 6 Camp

Last week the Year 6 students attended their Point Peron camp. While some may think that going on a camp to Rockingham isn't very exotic, the children found the camp very challenging and filled with unique experiences that many of us have never had the opportunity to be involved in. The staff was very impressed by the level of perseverance shown by the children, even when they were pushed to what they believed were their limits. Each child managed to meet the challenges set and go beyond their expectations. They have come home stronger and a more united group. Mr Pestana said this was the best camp he had attended; something the staff who attended would also agree with. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who attended: Mr Pestana, Ms Millar, Miss Learmonth and Mr Griffiths. Miss Lisa and I also joined them for dinner on Thursday and to see their talent show. A big thank you to Mr Griffiths for organizing this camp.

Police Pipe Band

The WA Police Pipe Band visited our school on Friday 16th June. They are an internationally recognised band and the best pipe band in Australia. Their members come from Scotland,

Ireland, South Africa and Australia. They wore their Napier tartan kilts and played bagpipes, a bass drum and snare drums. They were very entertaining and encouraged audience participation. After the performance, the policemen visited each classroom to answer questions about the band, the kilt and the police force. While they have one day a week of rehearsals and two days a week of performing around the state, they each also have two days a week of working in other positions in the police force such as in the canine unit, mounted police and media unit to name a few positions.



School App

We are currently trialing the use of a new school app to keep the community up to date with what is happening at the school. We will be launching this app next term. This will mean that you can be notified through the app of newsletters and messages. You will just need to download the app, allow push notifications and subscribe to your child's classroom so that you can get notifications of any messages and notices as they are uploaded. The school website will then be linked to this app so everything on the app will also automatically appear on the website. We thank the P&C for their financial support of this initiative.

Keep Our School Safe

We are still being visited by people at night who are using the school grounds for antisocial reasons; leaving a mess for staff to clean up on a daily basis, particularly in the Early Childhood Area. We have had damage to property, missing items and rubbish left on the grounds.

However, during the holiday period school premises are more vulnerable than usual and can become targets to a small number of offenders. The upcoming holiday period is from Saturday 1 July until Sunday 16 July.

If you live near the school or are just passing by, I ask that you keep an eye on the grounds for us. Listen for unusual noises; look for suspicious vehicles parked at the school and notice if groups of children or teenagers are congregating around the school. Your involvement can really make a difference in preventing damage to our school. I urge you to report any suspicious activity immediately to;

SCHOOL WATCH – 1800 177 777

POLICE – 131 444

New Learning Potential 2.0 App upgrade

The Australian Government has released an upgrade to the free Learning Potential app for parents. Learning Potential 2.0 is packed with useful tips and inspiring ways to be more involved in your child's learning. It's for all ages, from the high chair to high school.

The upgraded app includes a range of new features and improved functionality so parents can:

- search for the information they want
- see recommended articles based on the content they are interested in
- filter articles according to topic

The upgraded Learning Potential app includes 45 great new articles, 2 new videos, and lots of tips and suggestions for fun summer holiday activities. The free Learning Potential app is available to download now on Android and Apple devices from the App Store and Google Play. Go to www.learningpotential.gov.au to find out more, or to access the content through a web browser.

Cyber Savvy project – image sharing

The [Cyber Savvy project](#)¹ was conducted by Telethon Kids Institute and the University of Western Australia from 2014 to 2016. The [report](#)² provides insight into image sharing behaviours of young people from the perspective of young people to help prevent potential harms and encourage positive online behaviours.

Benefits from the project's findings

- A better understanding of student's strengths, needs, motivations and opportunities to encourage and support positive online behaviours and prevent harm from image sharing

- Enhanced capacity of young people, parents, school staff and key stakeholders to effectively address the potential harms associated with image sharing among school-age students
- The development of a website and app comprising helpful information and advice on how image sharing among young people could best be handled
- The development of a systemic approach which could be adopted by schools encouraging ongoing open conversations between students and adults about the harms of image sharing and actions that can be taken to prevent image sharing incidents
- Enhancement of the range and understanding of health promotion methodologies (i.e. innovative technologies for intervention, engagement of young people as co-researchers, and utilising the online environment as a setting to improve the health status of young people)

Resources

- The [Cyber Savvy website](#)¹ provides resources for teachers, Year 8 students and parents to increase users' cyber safety and image sharing knowledge, cyber safety attitudes, online ethics and self-efficacy to respond and deal effectively with adverse consequences that may occur as a result of image sharing.
- The Image Up app allows users to post images simultaneously to multiple social media accounts, manages and orders images, and gives users instant feedback such as likes and tweets. The app includes a unique feature in the form of 10-15 second targeted videos about image sharing, which encourages users to consider and/or rethink whether the image being posted is appropriate.

WA Education Awards 2017 now open

Through the WA Education Awards, we thank our teachers, leaders and support staff for their role in making a difference in the lives of students in Western Australia. If you know a staff member that deserves recognition for their outstanding work, please consider nominating them for this award. Nominations must be completed by staff, P&C President or the Chair of the School Board.

So be a part of applauding and celebrating the very best of the best at your school.

<https://apps.det.wa.edu.au/waea/>

Nominations close Friday 28 July 2017.



Woolworth's Earn and Learn

Earn and Learn is on again from 26 July to 19 September. Be sure to collect your stickers if you shop at Woolies and place your completed sticker sheets in the box that will be placed outside of the staffroom.

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Foyer Display

The children in Room 2 have been exploring the work of artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. They created a landscape inspired by his work. The colours are eye-catching!



Virtue & Honour Awards



Peacefulness

Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm that can come in moments of silent gratitude or prayer. It is a way of becoming very quiet and looking at things so you can understand

them. It is facing your fears and then letting them go. It is trusting that things will be all right.

Congratulations to the following award winners from today's assembly.

Virtue Awards 28/6/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1 Stella	1 Audrie
2 Evita	3 Jackson
4 Mohammad5	Niamh
6 Max	7 Laila
8 Cooper	9 Sebastian
10 Annabelle	S1 Jaegger
S2 Zoe	S3 Cora
S4 Marcus	

Honour Certificates 28/6/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1 Ashur	P2 Brody
P3 Amelie	1 Isabel & Harry
2 Chelsea & Leah3	Jonty
4 Xavier	5 Arad
6 T'Neyah	7 Tahlia
8 Austin	9 Lawson
10 Jackson	S1 Karol
S2 Eli	S3 Lily
S4 Leyland	

Sports News



Winter Carnival



Congratulations to all our teams on an excellent effort at the Winter Carnival. The results were as follows:-

Soccer 1st, Basketball 1st, Hockey 2nd, Netball 1st and AFL 2nd. Due to our brilliant effort across all sports, we won the overall shield. The final score was: Kensington 34, Lathlain 22, Millen 17, Victoria Park 13, East Victoria Park 12 and Bentley 5.

Thank you to Martine, David, Frances and Cesira for coaching some of our teams. Thanks to the parents who came and supported the teams during the day. Thanks also to Mr Griffiths and Ms Millar for coaching and Ms Learmonth for staying back at school.

Miss Jones has also added a special thanks to Mrs Stanford for organising our participation.

Our next Interschool carnival is the Cross Country in Term 3.

Running Club

We had our last run for the term on Tuesday where we enjoyed a run and breakfast. We will recommence the first Tuesday of Term 3. New runners are welcome as we prepare for the Faction Cross Country Week 2 of next term.

Faction Cross Country

The Faction Cross Country is on Friday 28th July. The program will be:-

Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

1. Year 6 Girls -(Run outside school)
2. Year 6 Boys. (Run outside school)
3. Year 5 Girls (Run outside school)
4. Year 5 Boys. (Run outside school)
5. Year 4 Girls (Run outside school)
6. Year 4 Boys (Run outside school)

7. Year 1 Girls
8. Year 1 Boys
9. Pre Primary Girls
10. Pre Primary Boy

Kindy Fun Run

Time: 2.00pm – 2.40pm

1. Year 2 Girls
2. Year 2 Boys.
3. Year 3 Girls
4. Year 3 Boys

Presentation Assembly: Undercover area 2.45pm

Course maps are on the Sport noticeboard outside the staff room. Permission notes will come home next term for Year 4 – 6 to run outside the school.

Holiday Programs

Please see the sport noticeboard for details about various sport related holiday programs.

Sporting Schools Funding

This term we have received funding to have specialist coaching for some classes in Netball and Football. We have also purchased some equipment.

Classroom News



There has been a case of shingles reported at the school. Shingles is a common, acute, reactivation of the varicella (chicken pox) virus and the symptoms include a painful, blistering rash, usually on the trunk or face. Non-immune people may develop chicken pox if they are exposed to vesicle fluid from a person with shingles and should be referred to their doctor.

Chaplain News



It's the end of the term! May you enjoy this story with your child/children.

Peaceful Mind

Once there was a farmer who realised that he had lost his watch in the barn. It was not an ordinary watch. It was one of those old ones that needed winding, not batteries. Besides, the farmer had some sentimental value attached to it too.

And we all know when it comes to sentiments, humans become more serious. After searching high and low among the hay for a long while, he gave up and thought of getting help from a group of children who were playing outside.

The children hurried inside the barn, went through and around the entire stack of hay but still could not find the watch. Just when the farmer was about to give up, a little boy came to him and asked to give him another chance. The farmer agreed and sent the little boy back into the barn alone. After a while, the boy came out with the watch in his hand!

The farmer was both happy and surprised and he asked the boy how he succeeded where the rest had failed.

The boy replied, "I did nothing but sit on the ground and listen. In silence, I heard the ticking of the watch and just looked for it in that direction." Hence, a peaceful mind can think better than a worked up and pre-occupied mind.

Special Thanks





Dear Community of Kensington,

We are happy to report that the Winter Hope Project was a big success! On Sunday 21 May 2017, a number of junior youth from Kensington attended Birdwood Square through the organisation Manna Inc. There was a truck present that was offering food to the homeless and we distributed your donations to the people who attended that day. We were saddened to see so many homeless people in our city but it was touching to see so many people donating their possessions and giving up their free time to assist those in need.

Many of the people were humbled to see that we had dedicated our time to helping them, not only for the winter but to make their day a lot better. It not only made their day better but made us feel fulfilled and proud to give back to our amazing city. A lot of the time, we forget how lucky we are and need to do things for other people in order to live a balanced and happy life. One man, who was only wearing a vest and shorts, was in need of a jacket. The joy on his face was indescribable when he received one. We would like to thank you for all your generous contributions and open heartedness. We look forward to continuing with this project next year.

Regards,
Junior Youth of Kensington.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Whole School Lapathon – FRIDAY 30th June – 2pm

By now, sponsorship forms should have come home and hopefully the children of Kensington are seeking sponsorship to run as many laps as they can in 30 minutes on the last day of term. Please click here for the flyer and click here for the sponsorship form.

Entertainment Books

You still have time to grab your 2017/2018 Entertainment Book and help raise funds for the school. See <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/859a57>

Is there any fundraising you'd like to do?

Don't be shy! We are always keen to welcome ideas and people who wish to undertake any extra fundraising for the school. If you have anything you'd like to organise or co-ordinate, please get in touch with Mel Tibbitts (fundraising co-ordinator) on mmtibbitts@gmail.com

TERM 3 – Dates for your diary (more information to follow):

Athletics Carnival Cake Stall – Friday 1 September – P1, Rm 1 and Rm 2 to co-ordinate.
(Cakes needed from whole school)

Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle – Friday 1 September – DUCKS to co-ordinate

Parent annual social event (Pop-up bar silent disco) – Friday 20 October – Fundraising committee and Year 5 parents to co-ordinate

End of year ice cream stall — Thursday 14 December – K1, K2, K3, P2 and P3 to co-ordinate

Any questions please contact Mel Tibbitts (fundraising co-ordinator) – mmtibbitts@gmail.com

WACSSO ticket

The school has a free ticket to the WA Council of State Schools Annual Conference at the Grand Ballroom, Crown Perth on 19-20 August. This is a fantastic annual event where public school parents and the school community from across the whole of Western Australia come together to learn and share experiences about education and the public school system. If anybody is interested in joining the P&C next year and would like to attend on the school's behalf, please contact kensingtonpandc@gmail.com. Registrations close 21 July.

Details of the event can be found
at <http://www.wacso.wa.edu.au/library/file/conference/2017%20Conference%20Flyer%20Registration%20WEB%20version.pdf>

Community News



Cobra Martial Arts, Cannington

Focus your energy for life. Register now for a FREE beginner's introductory lesson. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



St Martin's House Bazaar

St Martin's is having a bazaar on Saturday 15 July between 9am – 12pm – there will be a huge backyard sale, face painting, cakes and morning tea and more! Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



Drama for Kids WA

Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for Term 3 weekly drama classes for 9-12 year olds.



Better Health Program

Please [click here](#) to view the Term 3 flyer.

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