FROM THE PRINCIPAL . .

Hi Parents and Caregivers. I trust that you had a lovely Easter with your family and enjoyed the longer weekend. In recent years, Easter has fallen outside of the April school holidays very rarely, which has resulted in a very short period of time until we see the end of Term 1 next week. So much to do and so little time.

Our Easter assembly went very well indeed with so many students joining in the spirit and making a special Easter Hat for the parade. The P&C Easter Raffle was also a highlight of the event, with over 100 prizes being handed out to students and parents (and staff members too!). Once again the P&C Fundraising Committee did a magnificent job in organizing this raffle which raised over $900 for the school. I would like to offer a huge thank you to Emma and her band of willing volunteers for their tireless efforts to support the school.

YOUR P&C NEEDS YOU!

Speaking of the P&C, it was very disappointing to see so few parents attend the P&C AGM on Monday 14th Feb. Thanks to the parents who did attend the meeting we were able to elect people to the key positions but it does not bode well for the future of the P&C that so few parents are willing to become involved and support their child’s education.

I ask all parents to consider attending P&C meetings to provide input and support to this dwindling band of volunteer parents.

If every parent attended at least once per year, we would see a huge improvement in school/community communication as well as a greater number of people willing to share the load of fundraising and event coordination.

Strategies for increasing parent participation in the P&C will be discussed at the next general meeting in Term 2.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Following my call a few weeks ago for parent nominations to the School Council, I am happy to announce that the vacant parent position on the Council has now been taken up by Mrs Emma Brown, mother of Oscar and Renae.

I thank Emma for putting her name forward to represent parents on the School Council for the next three (3) years.

SCHOOL SECURITY ISSUES

Unfortunately, for the first time since I have been Principal at the school, we have seen multiple security incidents over a short period of time which indicates that the school seems to be the target of vandalism, theft and wanton damage.

Security Incidents this term have included:
- 2 x incidents of Break and Enter to the Admin Block and Music Room resulting in damage and some minor losses of school property.
- Break and Enter incident to a staff vehicle parked outside the Admin block resulting in the loss of personal property and damage to the car.
- 2 x incidents of Vandalism to the school property including etching of windows and damage to school garden figures.
- Theft of a parent’s bicycle from the school grounds during a school assembly.

It is not only costly but also very frustrating to the school and DoE to resolve these incidents and has resulted in the school putting a variety of strategies in place to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the future.

Parents are advised to ensure that all items of personal property (cars, pushbikes, scooters, etc) are secured when not in direct line of sight. I would also ask parents to be vigilant when on and around the school site during the weekends and the next school holidays and report any suspicious activity to the following numbers:
- DOE Education Security - 92644771
- WA Police - 131444 or in an emergency call 000
END OF TERM ONE/START OF TERM TWO

Parents are reminded that this term concludes next Friday 8th April and the new term commences for students on

Wednesday 27th April.

Mr Paul Larkin
Principal

Our NEXT ASSEMBLY on Friday 8 April will be coordinated by Rooms 14 and 15. Family members and friends are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOS will be taken on Monday 4 April for Kindy 19a & Pre-Primary Rm 20 and Tuesday 5 April for Kindy 19b - Yr 6. Please ensure your child is in school uniform on these days. Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING
Thursday, 8.30am - 8.50am outside the library.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS

😊 We are looking for some innovative child-size seating and stimulating equipment to enhance our EC outdoor area. If you have an old boat or are able to help by making/donating seats we would be thrilled.

😊 We have some beautiful logs that would look great in the children’s nature playground. We need help to cut and move these logs. Please let us know if you can assist - it would be appreciated.

😊 Please! Please return all borrowed ‘spare’ clothing to our kindergarten and pre-primary rooms as these items are in very short supply. Thank you.

Early Childhood Centre Team

ANZAC INCURSION – WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2016

An ANZAC play incorporating ● the Gallipoli campaign; ● the spirit of ANZAC; ● Simpson and his donkey; ● Australian involvement in other wars; ● the role of Australian peace keeping forces and ● our relationship with the world’s superpowers and how we react when the balance of power alters will be performed for students in Years 1 to 6. This play follows a West Australian soldier who enlists in 1915. Through his eyes we learn about friendship and ‘honourable duty’.

The cost is $5.00 per student. Please complete the attached permission slip and return to school by Wednesday 6 April 2016.

ANZAC G’DAY – Wednesday 27 April 2016 –

I ________________________ give permission for my child/ren to attend the ANZAC incursion.

1. __________________________ Room ________
   Student Name

2. __________________________ Room ________
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Enclosed $____________________ Signed: __________________________

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