Interschool Cross Country

The interschool cross country was hosted by our school on Thursday 19 June at 9.30am. Well done to all competitors for trying their best and displaying great sportsmanship. Thank you to the parent helpers and to the students of Room 3 who assisted around the track.

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school as part of our interschool cross country team.

- Junior Boys: Seamus, Cody
- Junior Girls: Emily, Laila
- Int Boys: Lucas, Owen
- Int Girls: Skye, Lalah
- Snr Boys: Zac, Jordan
- Snr Girls: Indiana, Destiny

Congratulations to:

- Cody: 4th Place Jnr Boys
- Seamus: 2nd place Jnr Boys
- Lalah: 3rd place Intermediate Girls
- Skye: 1st Place Intermediate Girls
- Lucas: 1st place Intermediate Boys
- Indiana: 3rd Place Snr Girls
- Zach: 4th Place Snr Boys

Coming Up

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS’ DESK

Farewell
We would like to farewell two staff members, Mrs Oliver and Miss Trees, who will be leaving our school at the end of the term. We would like to thank them for the contributions they have made to our school and wish them all the best for the future. Mrs Oliver is hanging up her teaching hat and retiring. Miss Trees is about to become a parent so we wish her all the best for the exciting journey parenthood provides.

We are currently in the process of finding replacement staff for Miss Trees and Mrs Oliver.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges
Parents are asked to support the school by paying the voluntary contributions and charges. These funds help provide resources and quality programs for your child/ren.

Thank you to the families who have already paid, we appreciate your support.

Thank you
Thank you to the parents and community members who have volunteered their time this term to assist in the classrooms and with the cooking and gardening sessions. We appreciate your ongoing support.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM and Changes to your CHILD’S REPORT

This semester, we will begin reporting using the National Grade Descriptors in English, Maths and Science as we have been teaching the Australian Curriculum in these core areas.

As parents may be aware, there is an increased expectation of what students need to demonstrate in their learning than what was expected in WA previously. For these areas, students will be required to be about 6-12 months ahead of what was expected as average / satisfactory progress.

These increased expectations will be reflected in your child’s Semester One report. For example, if your child received a “B” grade in 2013, this year, when the teachers apply the new standards, they may receive a “C” grade.

Our teaching team began implementing the Australian Curriculum in these areas last year, ensuring that curriculum adjustments were made to prepare students for the increased expectations.

Semester One reports will be sent home on Tuesday 1st July. We encourage you to speak with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Julie Denholm & Rebecca Instance
Principals

Holidays
Students finish Term 2 on Friday, 4th July. We hope that all families have a relaxing and safe holidays.

TERM 3
We look forward to seeing all students return to school, ready to start another busy term, on WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY.

Kindy and Pre Primary registrations
We are now accepting Kindy and Pre Primary registrations for 2015.


Please see the friendly office staff for further information.

Have your Say

Thank you to parents who provided feedback on our most recent topic.

If we were to offer parent information sessions, when would you like them to be? (Parents were asked to tick a box., the red number denotes the number of responses)

- In the morning, once school has started – 2
- Straight after school – 10 (depending on what day it is )
- 5 pm – 1
- I’m unlikely to attend an information session – 0

What topics would you like us to cover in these sessions?

- Maths information – showing the new ways of working out problems (x3)
- Parent Maths sessions
- Just keeping parents up to date with everything that is going on
- How to help the kids with homework etc. – it’s all different now! (x2)
- What is happening in classrooms
- Changes in school re - teaching changes – IPS
- Curriculum
- School council and P&C updates
- Upcoming events / incursions / excursions
- Parenting speakers

One parent wrote that they realise there would be a lot of overlapping information (newsletters, assemblies) but it would give more opportunity for working parents to be involved.
What a busy term we have had! In Phys. Ed. We are training hard for our netball and football carnival coming up against North Dandalup this Friday. Our teams look very strong and should play well. In Science, we have been looking at how plants and animals adapt to desert environments. We did an experiment called “Leaves in a bag” which showed us how leaves can produce water. We are currently conducting an experiment to show how salt levels in water affects plant growth. Students are also busy at home preparing their posters on animal adaptations and animal classification for their end of term class presentations.

We have had a busy time in the garden too! We have been pulling up all the old pumpkin plants after harvesting them and we have built a pyramid for the sweet peas to climb. There has been lots of mulching and weeding done as well, and we have also made pictures of the plants in our garden which decorate the back of our new blackboard. Last week, we tested our skills at using a wheelbarrow by having a competition to see who could spill the least amount of water while using a wheelbarrow. It was a very close call, but the Year fives just managed to win that race!

We would like to thank Iona for teaching us how to make a range of delicious dishes this term in our Cooking sessions. We would also like to thanks Mr Palmer for talking with us about fire safety in the kitchen earlier this term.

Collaborative Learning
As part of our SOSE and English work, we have been focusing on report writing and Desert Biomes. Part of our learning is through co-operative strategies such as “Jigsaw” activities. This is where students become experts for a specific part of text, collaborate with their peers in a respectful manner and share this knowledge with their group.

ART
We explored graphic design techniques to produce music trees; adding one word statements which expressed the artist’s response to music.
From the school nurse

Screen time - limit your child’s use of TV and computer games
Children and adolescents should not spend more than two hours a day on screen based activities. Excessive screen time often leads to poor health, poor fitness and overweight. Activities like surfing the net, watching TV and playing screen games can be educational, but all of these things involve sitting still for long periods of time. It is better for your child’s health and wellbeing if they are doing something more active during daylight hours.
For more information, go to http://raisingchildren.net.au/nutrition__fitness/school_age_nutrition.html

P & C Committee

The P & C are having a fundraiser. We are taking pre-orders for Drybodz Poncho's. They are a light weight, heavy duty poncho that is large enough to cover your child's uniform and their school bag too. They come in a compact clear plastic bag so are handy for school excursions etc. A sample can be viewed in the school office. With the coming rain we thought it was a great idea. We are ordering them in maroon & clear to match the school colours. Order forms have been sent out and need to be returned to the classroom teachers or the office by 30th June so orders can be placed and delivered for this winter.

The P & C are also getting ready for the Serpentine Fair. We will be needing helpers for the stall throughout the day but we will send out more details as the date gets closer.

We would like to welcome Tim Scott to the P & C committee as our new Treasurer. We like to say a big thank you to Yvonne Savage for her many years of dedication and hard work as Treasurer.

The next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 1st July, all are welcome to attend.

Thanks Jane Scott.

Community Notices

“Ghost Town, Clone Town or Home Town”
Business & Community Networking After Hours
with John Stanley

Wednesday 30 July, 5.30-7.30pm
SJ CRC, 2 Paterson Street, Mundijong
Cost is $22 and bookings are essential
Phone 9525 9999 for more information

FREE FUN DAY
Grasshopper Soccer are having a free fun day on the 2nd August at Secret Harbour/ Safety Bay Primary School/Bibra Lake & on 3 August at Halls Head/Canning Vale/ Settlers Hills Primary Schools for 2-12yrs old. Please call on or 1300 984 587 or email: peel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au to book your place.

SERPENTINE PCYC
Clem Kentish Hall, Wellard St, Serpentine

INTERESTED IN ART CLASSES?
For ages 10+. Starting soon - group sessions available
Contact the office on 9525 2734 to register your interest.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
BMX WORKSHOP RETURNING
For ages 6-15 – everyone welcome.
Places are limited due to popularity please phone or e-mail to book a place.

For further details, please contact the PCYC office on 9525 2734 or e-mail: serpentinepcyc@wapyc.com.au

Mundijong Public Library
School Holiday Activities
Bookings are essential for all activities except Lego Free Play.

• Pizza and Pyjamas Story Time (Ages 5+)
• Rainbow Looms (Ages 6+)
• Balloon Animals (Ages 5+)
• Scitech Junior Forensics (Ages 9-12)
• Magic Al Show (Ages 5+)
• Lego Free Play (Ages 5+)

Please contact Library for more details and bookings
Phone: 9526 1133