**National Tree Day**

**Tree Planting**
Students in Room 3 planted trees at Turtle Creek last Friday. Rooms 1 and 4 are planting at the skate park on Friday this week, 1st August at 9.45am. Parents are welcome to assist.

A special thank you to Melissa Matheson who organised this wonderful opportunity for our students.

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**Football and Netball Carnival**

On Friday 27th June, students of Room 3 played their annual game of netball and football with the students of North Dandalup. Our students represented our school well, demonstrating positive behaviours and good sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who helped with the netball and cheered on our teams. A special thank you to Natasha Stopp for coaching the girls throughout the term and umpiring on the day.

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**Coming Up**

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Welcome back to all families and students for another busy term and a special welcome to our new families. We hope you have all had a relaxing break.

Staffing
We would like to welcome two new staff members to our dedicated team; Mrs Jessie Barber is the room 1 teacher and Miss Helen Dowson is teaching K/PP on Monday. She also provides DOTT for the teachers in rooms 4 and 1 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

School Hours
Students and parents are reminded that children are not to arrive at school before 8:15am. A staff member will be on duty from 8:15am to supervise early students however we encourage students to arrive no earlier than 8:30am. School commences at 8:45am.

Playgrounds
Parents are reminded that the playgrounds including the Kindy/Pre Primary play equipment are out of bounds before and after school. For safety reasons please ensure children do not play on the equipment. Thank you.

Kindy Enrolments for 2015
Kindy enrolments closed last week however, we still have a few places available. Enrolment forms are available at the office.

Class Leaders
Congratulations to our term 3 class leaders.
Kindy/PP: Joshua & Grace
Room 4: McKenzie
Room 1: Jacinta
Room 3: Ebony
Thank you to our term 2 leaders for taking on various leadership roles within their classrooms.

Athletics Training
Training for athletics commences this term. Parents and students are reminded to please ensure appropriate footwear is worn. Shoes that fall off or do not support the students’ feet are not appropriate, eg skate shoes.

Thursday morning tea
We are always looking for volunteers to assist Thursday morning for about 30mins at drop off time. If you are interested in helping, please see Iona or put your name on the roster at the office.

Term Calendar
A term calendar has been included in this newsletter for your reference.

Bikes & Scooters
Thank you to the students who are remembering to push their bikes and scooters on school grounds and to put them in the bike rack rather than drop them on the ground.

Julie Denholm & Rebecca Instance
Principals
Multi-Age Groupings

Following on from our last statement at the assembly, one of the main pieces of feedback was classes consisting of different grades. As a small school we have always had split grades, with the exception of some year groups being a straight year class because of the number of students within that year. Within every classroom, there will always be differences in ability. As professionals, it is our responsibility to ensure that we cater for the needs of the children - this can be achieved regardless of whether the class groupings are multi-aged.

There are many benefits to having multi-age groups, these include:

- Holistic, child centred curriculum practices take under consideration the abilities and personalities of students, and understandings that children need to progress their learning. These multi-age group opportunities will assist them to work in a diverse range of environments as they become multi-skilled, literate, cooperative, creative, adaptable, independent as well as resourceful.
- Students and teachers usually have the opportunity to work together for more than one year, promoting the development of positive relationships with teachers and students, and between students. This also means that the continuity of learning is enhanced.
- Younger children benefit from the positive role models of older peers, often aspiring to their levels of capability. At the same time, the older students rise to the meet the expectations of their younger peers and teacher by demonstrating responsibility. They also have the opportunity to use their expertise to peer tutor students.

What does research say about multi-age learning and teaching?

- Teachers concentrate on what children can do, rather than what they can’t do. There is never any fear of failure, which builds confidence.
- Children are allowed to make choices and express themselves in many ways. Creative activities are common with specific teaching focuses applied during each session to target individual learning needs.
- Children enter a class where there are older children, so settling in is much easier.
- Students mix freely and are encouraged to work and play together. They learn the joys of cooperation, which leads to good citizenship.


Technology at JPS

Another point raised through our last “have your say” feedback was the need for better technology. We are aware of the need to continue to invest in technology upgrades. Plans are in place to ensure that sufficient infrastructure will continue to be purchased and installed to allow our students opportunities to learn through various technologies.

In the last two years, we have ensured that EVERY classroom and our ICT room has an Interactive Whiteboard. We have recently replaced many of the computers in the ICT room and the computers now operate on Windows 7. We are currently investigating the infrastructure requirements and the cost of becoming wireless so that we can purchase tablets / ipads in the near future.

*It is important to remember that it is not the technology that teaches the child but how the technology is used to enhance learning in a relevant manner.*

Enrichment Classes & Excursions

Students participating in the Enrichment Program have nearly completed the unit of work focusing on local history. Students have found the unit fascinating and have experienced life in Jarrahdale through visiting places of historical interest.

The Academic Extension Program will commence week 5 of term 3 for a 10 week period. During this time students selected will be working with Mrs Louise Lissiman on various projects that extend student’s critical and creative thinking while challenging them academically.
**Book Club:**
Issue 5 catalogues are out now. Orders with payments need to be in by the end of school, **Thursday 7th August**. Place your completed order form with payment in an envelope and drop into the Book Club Box in the school office. Payment may be made with cash, cheque (payable to Scholastic) or credit card payment to Scholastic (details on the order form payment section).

This year to date our orders placed with Scholastic have earned our school free books and resources to the value of $516.00. Thank you for your support.

**Book Fair**
Our annual Book Fair begins on Thursday 11th September. Further details will follow soon.

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**Community Notices**

**Live Lighter SJ Community Fair.**
Saturday, 15 August 2014 from 10am
Art, Youth Art, Photography & Youth Photography Exhibitions and Battle of the Bands
Applications are now open.

Contact SJCRC
Phone: 9525 5917
E-mail: serpentinejarrahdale@crc.net.au

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**123 Magic and Emotion Coaching**
A three session parenting workshop
- Increase skills in encouraging and promoting positive behaviour in children.
- Learn strategies for managing challenging behaviour.
- Build strong and healthy connections with your children.

Serpentine Primary School
Monday August 18, 25 & 1 September.
Please contact Serpentine Primary School for more details:
Phone: 9525 2257
E-mail: serpentine.ps@education.wa.edu.au

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**Training Opportunity**
PFFWA have funding to provide 20 practitioners with Group Stepping Stones Triple P training and support for each of those professionals to deliver the program.

If you are a school teacher, visiting teacher, special Education consultant, counsellor, nurse, psychologist, social worker or parent educator and love helping parents and their children who have a disability then we would love to hear from you.

For more information, visit www.pff.wa.edu.au/steppingstones

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**West Byford Dental Therapy Centre**
The Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday 25 June until Friday 8 August inclusive. There will still be a Dental Officer session on Thursday 31 July.

During these two weeks there will possibly be a staff member in attendance, so if there is an emergency please phone the centre in the first instance. The answering machine will give other emergency phone numbers if no staff are available.

Thank you
Dental Staff
9525 6245

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**FREE FUN DAY - Grasshopper Soccer**
Grasshopper Soccer are having a free fun day on the 2nd August at Secret harbour/ Safety Bay Primary School/Bibra Lake & on the 3rd August 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.

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**Serpentine PCYC**
Clem Kentish Hall, Wellard St, Serpentine
Ph: 9525 2734 - Email: serpentinepcyc@wapcyc.com.au

**3 Year Old Kindy:** Expressions of interest are now being taken for a 3 year old programme (pre Kindy) the programme will run for 1 hr a week with a Junior Primary Teacher!!

**Indoor Soccer:** Starting mid August, **male coach**, Fridays.
Ring to register your interest

**Kindy Gym:** **Tuesdays at 9am**
Everyone welcome (AGE 2-4 years)
Places are limited

For further details, please contact us on ph: 9525 2734.