Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Year 7 at High School in 2015**

As many of you are no doubt aware Year 7 public school students will move to secondary school in 2015.

This move will provide your child with the same opportunities as children across Western Australia, giving them access to specialist subject teaching and facilities needed for the Australian Curriculum.

At Safety Bay Primary School, the Year 6 and 7 teachers together with the Administration team are working to prepare students for this important transition. A Transition Committee has already been established to plan for 2014 as we prepare to say farewell to the Year 6 and Year 7 students. Part of our planning includes a ‘Parent Forum’ later this year. This will give you the opportunity to ask questions or address any concerns you may have about your Year 5 child as they prepare to move to high school in Year 7 in 2015.

If you have any questions you would like answered in the meantime, I encourage you to visit the Department’s parent website at det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou or make a time to meet with me or the Deputy Principal Mrs Sarah Hill.

**Anglicare “Winter Food Drive”**

Anglicare is a not for profit community service organisation that supports people, families and their communities in times of need. Safety Bay Primary School is very keen to support Anglicare Rockingham’s “Winter Food Drive”. Donations of tinned food including baked beans, spaghetti, soup and pasta sauces and similar things can be dropped at our school canteen. The food will be picked up from the canteen by Anglicare and distributed to those people in the Rockingham area who are struggling to find money to buy food for their families.

**WAMSE Testing**

WAMSE (Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education) Testing will be held in week three of Term three this year (5 August – 9 August).

Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 in all public, Catholic and many independent schools will be participating in both Science and Society and Environment testing on the above dates.

Today all Year 5 and Year 7 students will be bringing home an Information for Parents brochure for you to read. If you require any further information or have any concerns about the testing programme, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

**KidsMatter Afternoon Tea this Friday in the Library**

The KidsMatter team invite all parents for afternoon tea this Friday 14 June. Please join the team for a coffee at 2.30pm in the school library. This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents and staff members prior to picking your children up. I hope to see lots of you there!

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal
**KIDSMATTER CORNER**

The KidsMatter team would like to invite parents for afternoon tea this Friday 14th June 2013 at 2:30 pm in the school library. This is a good chance to meet other parents and staff. The KidsMatter team members hope to see you there.

**Making Friends**

As parents sometimes one of our biggest concerns is about our children making friends. Parents and carers are children’s most important teachers when it comes to relationships. The way you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children’s social skills. You can help children develop friendship skills and strategies by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise relationship skills and offering support when they go through difficulties. The following suggestions may be helpful:

**Make time to play too** - Parents and carers can improve their children’s social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!

**Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities** - Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

**Invite children for play dates** - Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children who are still developing their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

**Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends** - Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children’s friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to guide them to think of their own solution to problems they might have.

**Encourage positive, relevant strategies** - Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve problems with peers is a strategy that is generally more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

**Take a problem-solving approach** - Parents and carers don’t need to have the answers to all of their children’s problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions.

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**TERIMA KASIH IBU RAMAH**

Ibu Ramah (our Indonesian Language Assistant) was very kind to bring in some beautiful traditional outfits from the island of Sulawesi. Students Alesha, Blake, Reipa-Ruiha, Tamsin, Jade and Alexander from S4, S7 and C20 enjoyed dressing up. Please enjoy the photos of our gorgeous Indonesian students.

Ibu Ramah is leaving us at the end of this Term to visit other schools around our State. We wish Ibu Ramah a memorable stay in beautiful Western Australia and invite her back to visit any time.

Ibu Manjeet
Teacher of Indonesian
On Friday 7th June and Tuesday 11th June, our school was entertained by Les Helfgott and his Aussie Bush Dance Show. Les performed various songs and taught the children different types of traditional bush dances as well as some dances from overseas.

It was fantastic to see some of the older kids guiding the younger ones in the bush dancing.

Les also entertained the students through lunchtime.
On Friday 7th June, Safety Bay Primary School successfully defeated Hillman Primary School by 7 points in what was a very exciting game. Drawing on inspiration in the half time huddle, Safety Bay displayed A grade football skills to take and maintain the lead. We look forward to our third match at home against Waikiki Primary School, June 21st, and would like to thank our weekly supporters and helpers for their assistance in this competition.

Brandon Docking
Eagles Cup Coach

On the Netball court both our teams were successful in their challenges against Hillman. Whilst one game was hard fought, an exciting win was well deserved. The second game win came with a sound defeat of the opposing team. All teams are to be congratulated on their outstanding sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the day. A big thank you to all that made such an enjoyable day, Mrs Henegan for her umpiring skills, and to Ms Grieve and Mrs Hill for coaching the teams to success! Good luck to everyone in the upcoming final clash on Friday 21st June.
From the Community
The following are notices from our community. Safety Bay Primary School does not endorse nor assume any responsibility for the information provided.

Congratulations to Andreia Teixeira who has been selected in the 12s Girls Interstate Soccer team. In September Andreia and the team will travel to Brisbane to compete. What a sporting achievement Andreia, we are very proud of you. Good luck to you and your team. Go W.A.!

The Safety bay Dental Therapy Centre will be open throughout the school holidays from 8am till 4pm Monday to Friday both weeks. For after hours emergencies please call the emergency service on 9325 3452 or your own private practice or the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia on 9346 4400.

Volunteers are urgently needed in our canteen. From now until the end of this term, each time you volunteer in the canteen you will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a draw which will be take place during the last week of term. There are a number of prizes including a $200 gift card for Rockingham City Shopping Centre. Call in and see Lisa or Tahna to let them know when you are able to help.

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