

# Safety Bay Primary School

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# From the Principal

Newsletter 02 22 February 2016

Principal's Word

Over the holidays the school made a decision to try to improve the presentation of the demountable classrooms (Challenger Village). These classrooms had their interior painted, blinds and pin up boards placed inside the room. Teachers have commented on how pleasing the work done has been and how it has made the classrooms more appealing. We also paid for the sifting and refilling of all the playground sandpit areas throughout the school, to ensure the safety and comfort of our students. Air conditioning was installed in W8 Pre-Primary classroom.

Furthermore, during the next school holidays, an oval fence is to be installed around the whole oval. This will help prevent the damage caused by cars and motorbikes during weekends and on holidays. With the help and support of the P&C we will also undertake some improvements to our assembly area with the installation of more roller doors and an upgrade to the sound system.

Finally, I want to thank the school community for the pride they are taking in our surrounds, which is evidence by the fact that there was no vandalism over the school holidays. I also note most students are placing their rubbish in the school bins. This is our school, let us look after it.

#### **Prefects and Faction Captains**

At the assembly on Friday, an announcement of the remaining Prefects and Captains was made. I am very impressed with the quality of our school leaders, although I believe ALL Year Six students are leaders. Next newsletter we will introduce you to our new Year Six Prefects and Faction Captains.

#### **Appreciations**

Also on Friday we made mention of a number of parents who have been very supportive of the students through their involvement on the School Council. Their contributions either as members or as Council Chair, has been exceptional and greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, a number of them couldn't attend but I would like to mention them and again and offer our appreciation for their efforts. Gaynor Boyd (Council Chair and member); Mark Gooderham (Council Chair and member); Lisa Powell, Jean Burton and Leah Lindsay (Council members)

#### **P&C Meeting**

Tomorrow sees the first P&C meeting for 2016. It is the Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by a General Meeting. Last year was a very successful year in terms of fundraising and support provided to the school by the committee. Over \$17,000 was raised and provided such things as air conditioning, the shed for our Safety Bay play area, funding to students for sporting events and equipment and helping to paying for the Year 6 Camp bus to Bridgetown.

If you wish to contribute to this very invigorated and passionate group of parents, please come along tomorrow at 1.30pm, in the school library and help support the Safety Bay students.

#### Class Parent Liaison (CPL)

The P&C are trying to develop for each of the classes a new role called the Class Parent Liaison person. The role involves a parent from each classroom in the school working with the P&C, parents and teachers to improve communication. This person would be the primary contact for the class. They would co-ordinate parent help for the teacher, especially with excursions, class activities and projects. Another role would be as the first point of contact for new parents into the school, always a stressful situation for new families.

P&C members have been presenting the concept of CPL at the parent meetings and information is also available either through the front office or your child's teacher. The contact person on the P&C is Viv Blycha, who can be contacted on 0419 796 685.

Quote: It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

Wayne McKay Principal

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday 24th February Year 4 Parent Information Meeting, 3.30pm in Challenger Block

Thursday 25th February P&C Meeting, 1.30pm in staffroom

Year 5/6 Parent Information Meeting, 4.00pm in Library

Friday 26th February Assembly C17—Group A

Thursday 3rd March Years 4-6 Swimming Trials

Friday 4th March School Clean Up Day

Monday 7th March LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 8th March Year 5 Humanities And Social Sciences In School Performance

Wednesday 9th March Years 5 & 6 Summer Carnival

Years 3 & 4 Humanities And Social Sciences In School Performance

Friday 11th March Assembly P7 & P8—Group B

#### MultiLit



As part of Safety Bay Primary School's focus on improving Literacy for all students, we are continuing to run a program called Multilit. This stands for Making Up Lost Time In Literacy. Multilit is an intensive word attack and reading program designed to improve children's progress in reading and comprehension.

We are very enthusiastic about this program, as research has shown that children can make up to 18 months' gain in their reading progress, in just two school terms.

The program is delivered by volunteer tutors who are trained in the program. Each child attends  $3-4 \times 30$  minute sessions per week. To enable the program to continue successfully, we require the assistance of more volunteers. If you have 30 minutes to spare per week, on a regular basis, then we would love to hear from you. You can contact Katrina Muirhead at the school on 9528 3680 or email <a href="mailto:Katrina.Muirhead@education.wa.edu.au">Katrina.Muirhead@education.wa.edu.au</a>

Katrina Muirhead Multilit Co-ordinator

#### **CANTEEN**

Safety Bay Primary School canteen is open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 1.00pm. The canteen follows Department of Education and WA School Canteen Association Inc. healthy eating guidelines. There are lots of tasty and nutritious options to choose from so why not use the canteen to order lunch and snacks for your child/ren. You can now order your child's lunch order online. Click on the link On Line Canteen Ordering. You will need to register first.

Our canteen is run solely by the Safety Bay Primary School P&C and volunteer parents. When you help out in the canteen you will receive a complimentary lunch or a voucher for your child and an endless supply of tea and coffee. Our canteen cannot run successfully without the help of volunteers. If you would like to be involved, please come in and see us at the canteen.

Your help will be gratefully appreciated. If every family in the school donated just 1 day each our roster would be full.

Canteen Summer Menu Term 1 2016

#### **P&C NEWS**

Wow! It's week 4 of term 1 already...which means this Thursday 25th February at 1.30pm in the staffroom is the first Safety Bay Primary School Parent & Community (P&C) meeting of 2016!



This first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where we will be nominating and voting in the new 2016 P&C executive committee. The committee includes: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and minimum of 3 Executive Committee Members. Everyone is welcome to nominate or attend the meeting. It is always great to see new faces at the meetings and we are always looking for new, fresh ideas and people that are keen to give a helping hand in

The P&C is asking for Easter Egg donations for our annual Easter Egg Raffle. Donations can be dropped off in donation boxes in the classrooms or in the school office.

The P&C has added 'spinners' by the snakes and ladders activity area to help make playing the games easier. A huge thank you to Marlene Cleary for coming up with this idea and organising it. Thank you to Michael Gilbert for building the spinners. Thank you to Elleke Bosworth and her girls for painting the spinners. The spinners look fabulous!

Jill Erikssen P&C President







# WESTCOAST EAGLES



























Last week, I wrote about resilience which is one of 'You Can Do It' keys to success. This week I would like to provide you with information on another key to success. This is 'getting along' which is an important social skill to learn.



#### Getting Along

Children's ability to get along with others – or their 'social development' – is a process that happens as they grow.

For example, four-year-olds are in the early stages of social development – they are learning to take turns, listen to other children's ideas and play group games. By middle primary school, it is common for children to congregate in small friendship groups based around similar interests.

Groups give children valuable practice in setting, following and negotiating social rules. Think about how you deal with other groups of people at work, home and in social situations – chances are you learned and gradually refined these skills throughout childhood.

Limited social development can affect children's ability to get along with others, particularly in group settings. Children with poor social skills may dominate groups and exclude members, which can lead to bullying, peer-pressure or getting mixed-up in trouble. Or they may have confidence problems, becoming easily dominated and influenced.

Positive social development is about teaching children good values and responsible decision-making, which can help them resist peer-pressure and become valuable members of their group of friends and society in general. You can:

- Teach by example model positive behaviours by treating them and others fairly and respectfully.
- Develop their social and emotional skills empathy, sharing, caring, listening and taking turns.
- Help them learn from their mistakes use situations as 'teachable moments' to reinforce good values.
- Give them chances to practise good values like volunteer work or charitable donations.
- Supervise external influences media, internet, games and friends.

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# **OSHClub News**

# Before School / After School Care Program



#### **Program Update**

Welcome back to Saftey Bay Primary!

I hope you all had a safe and wonderful Holiday!

Here at OSHclub, there have been some exciting new changes that we would like to share with

you - We have new staff -

**Bree-Anna Hamilton** 

**Stephen Snowdon** 

**Erin Rawlinson** 

My name is Bree-Anna and I will be the coordinator at Safety Bay OSHclub.

I was previously the Program Coordinator at Koorana for the last 12 months.

I have had extensive experience in the child care secto for 6 years and is I am a Diploma Qualified Educator.

I have also had a wide range of experience working with OSHClub as well as running a Holiday Program.

I will be assisted by Stephen Snowden- Second Coordinator.

Stephen's background in Sport and Science brings him to our team at OSHClub!

During his time at university Stephen was involved with the "Amp It Up" program which involves working with children with higher needs, compiling a gym program for them whilst incorporating, fun and their own goals to help children progress in their physical and mental strength – this was a great success and an ongoing initiative at the university. Stephen loves teaching and engaging children in physical activity.

Erin will be our permanent BSC assistant and will be here most afternoon's.

Erin is currently studying towards her Diploma in children's services. Erin loves to get creative with arts and crafts as well as cooking experiences. Erin enjoys helping the children express themselves with verbal and non verbal communication so we can continue their interest through our program.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to stop in and have a chat with one of our friendly staff. We look forward to a fantastic year with you at the Safety Bay OSHCLUB!

OSHC program phone: 0419695783

Coordinator: Bree-Anna Hamilton / Stephen Snowdon

Assistants: Erin Rawlinson

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at <a href="https://www.oshclub.com.au">www.oshclub.com.au</a> all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.



#### **HEADLICE**

We have had several cases of headlice in the last week. Please find below signs of head lice:

**Your child's scalp may itch** as the skin reacts to the saliva of the headlice. Itchiness can take up to a week to develop. **Crawling headlice may be seen** in the hair, but they can move 30cm per minute and can be difficult to spot. Headlice can quickly run and hide from searching hands. Adult lice are usually dark brown and about 2-3mm long. Hatchlings (young lice) are often lighter brown and about 1-2mm long.

**Eggs (nits) may be seen** attached to the hair shaft but they may be very tiny and hard to see, especially newly laid eggs

close to the scalp.

If you would like more information regarding head lice or treatment ideas please come to the office and pick up a fact sheet or see <u>fact sheet</u> on website.



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