Dear Parents and Caregivers

2012 has been a busy and successful year at Safety Bay Primary School. I would like to thank all students and their families for choosing to be part of the Safety Bay Primary School community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff members for their commitment and dedication to all students throughout this year. The team at Safety Bay makes a difference and it has been my pleasure to be working with such a hard working professional group of people.

Highlights of 2012

2012 was a year of many highlights for our school:

- We won the Meritorious Shield in the Rockingham Area School Sports Association (RASSA) A Division Athletics Carnival.
- We won the girls’ Peel Regional Glory Cup (Soccer)
- We won the RASSA Football (AFL) Carnival
- Our Year 7 students enjoyed another memorable camp at Bridgetown
- Our Year 6 students spent two nights and three days at Point Peron Camp School.
- Student academic progress in all year levels has been most pleasing.
- NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5 and 7 students showed pleasing progress. These results position us for further improvement in 2013
- All students worked with Katy Watson-Kell (our author in residence) and members of the Artistic Team as part of our Artist in Residence project “Our Story Islands”
- Students enjoyed many wonderful excursions linked to “Our Story Islands Project”
- Funky Friday is the “place to be” and “where it is all happening” on the first Friday of every month. This activity is very popular with all students in Years 1 - 7
- Lunchtime Activities were successfully introduced for students in Years 3 – 7 in term four
- Our canteen menu is 82% green!
- Our students wear their uniforms with pride!

Year 7 Graduation Day

Next Tuesday, 18 December our Year 7 students will graduate from primary school. The day will begin with an assembly at 9.00 in the Undercover Area. This assembly will give all other Safety Bay students the opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 7s.

The traditional Dinner Dance at the Rockingham Star Ballroom will commence at 6.00pm with the formal graduation ceremony. Parents of Year 7s are asked to return at 9.15pm to share the last dance with the graduating students before heading home.

Semester Two Reports

Final formal reports for 2012 for all students in years 1 – 7 will be sent home next Thursday 13 December. Please take the time to read and discuss this report with your child. The report is a summary of your child’s achievement, attitude, behaviour and effort in Semester two 2012. It is one of the many ways that we at Safety Bay Primary School communicate with you about your child’s academic and social progress over the course of the year.

If your child’s teacher has requested an interview or if you wish to discuss the report with them, I encourage you to make an appointment with them as soon as possible prior to the end of the school year.

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**From the Principal**

**P&C Meeting Tonight**

The last P&C meeting for 2012 will be held in the Staff Room tonight at 7.00pm. Please take time to read the update from our P&C President on the inside of this newsletter.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound in 2013.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal

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**Kids Matter Corner**

The **KidsMatter Primary** Action Team attended Professional Development on creating a positive school community. The Action team will present this information to school staff on future pupil free days.

This week two members of the Action Team presented **KidsMatter Primary** to the School Council.

A positive school community is our current focus. This is when people are connected with each other, the needs of all people are met, and they are involved in meaningful ways.

**KidsMatter Primary** is about getting teachers, parents and the general community working together for the benefit of all our children.

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**Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiads Inc.**

Students in Year 6 & 7 were invited to take part in the APSMO (Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiads Inc). This maths competition ran throughout the year and consisted of five rounds. Problem solving skills were required for this competition, as you can see from the sample question below.

*Time: 3 minutes*

In the subtraction problem below, all five of the digits 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 are to be placed, one in each box. What is the smallest difference that can be the result?

![Sample Question](image1)

Congratulations to the following students who excelled in this competition: Matthew, Noah, Emily, Lauren, Reece, Rebecca, Gene and Jye.

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**Book Amnesty**

Found that overdue library book? Now is your chance to bring back all your overdue items and wipe the slate clean, without questions.

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**Safety Bay Dental Therapy Centre**

Safety Bay Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from the 19th December until the 29th January. Should you require emergency treatment in this time contact your private dentist or if eligible our emergency services on 9325 3452 or OHCWA 9346 4400. Free dental treatment is offered through high school until Year 11 at all dental therapy centres. The clinic is currently running 2½ years behind on recall examinations. Have a

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**Rockingham High School Reunion**

**Class of 92**

Did your mum, dad, sister, brother, aunty, uncle or cousin attend Rockingham Senior High School from 1988—1992? If so, we want to hear from you!! We are holding our reunion on 16th Feb 2013 at Leisure Inn. For further details contact Michelle Harris (nee Harvey) at rocko8892reunion@gmail.com
Building a cube in P8

During maths this week, P8 (Year 3) has been working with geometric shapes and patterns. One of our activities involved investigating how to build a big cube using smaller cubes. Here’s what we found!

We can build a cube that is 4 x 4 x 4 with

We can also build a cube that is 5 x 5 x 5 with 125 small cubes.

We can build a cube that is 6 x 6 x 6 with 216 cubes.

We also discovered that if we had 1000 small cubes, we could build a cube that is 10 x 10 x 10.
Teagan, Taneisha, Cara, Brandon, Crystal and Nikita all enjoyed a celebratory excursion to mark the end of the Indonesian extension program. Students visited Indonesian Restaurant Osh Five One in Bentley.

Students were instructed on how to make spring rolls and wantons.

“Thank you Ibu Manjeet”
Well it’s the end of another school year at Safety Bay and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the Christmas break.

Please take a look at the P&C flyer which accompanies this week’s newsletter. If you would like to become involved in any way at all please give me a call on 0488 140 440 or send me an email at Janine-sbps@hotmail.com.

Our Year 7 students are holding a Car Wash on Tuesday 11th December so please remember to call the office and book your car in. The cost is $10 and I am sure they will do a great job. The money raised will be given to the P&C as a way for the Year 7s to give back and show appreciation for the $2,840.00 that the P&C contributed to their Camp bus this year. Without this contribution by the P&C, the camp would be unaffordable for a lot of families and we believe that the camp is a great opportunity for the students to experience things that they would not normally do.

A mini-fête run by the students will also be an attraction on Car Wash Day.

The P&C are also running their annual Christmas raffle again this year. Tickets will be available for students to purchase from the undercover area from this Wednesday (5th Dec) until next Friday (14th Dec). They will be able to purchase tickets before school, at recess and lunch time. Tickets cost $2.00. The draw will take place on Friday the 14th December and the parents of winners will be notified by phone.

Our ‘Cool Our School’ project is almost complete with only 4 classrooms remaining to be air-conditioned. It is hoped that these rooms will be complete in time for the new school year starting in February 2013. Thank you to everyone who has helped to organize our fundraising events and to all parents and caregivers who have supported these events.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas holidays and we look forward to another successful year in 2013.

Janine O’Hare

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Star Fundraisers

Congratulations to the following Walkathon winners:

Highest Fundraiser - Tamika
Raffle Winner - Maisie
Individual Winners - Teagan, Holly, Grant, Sam, Tanisha, Liam and April.

Walkathon Winners
Scholastic Bookclub

Scholastic Bookclub is a successful fundraiser for our school. Each year we raise approximately $4,000 - $4,500 and this provides us with resources for our library & classrooms. This is gained by the great support we have from our staff, students & parents.

I would like to wish all our students & parents a very happy Christmas and safe New Year.

See you all in 2013.

Cheryl Brett
School Library Officer.

Exciting School Banking News

Bank Some Money And You Could Bank Yourself an iPad Mini.

Simply making a deposit through School Banking before Friday 14 December will put you in the draw to win one of 12 iPad Mini’s valued at $369 each for Christmas.

Moving Schools in 2013?

If you are planning on moving schools next year please advise the front office.

“If children were meant to be compliant in the hands of adults they wouldn’t have been made with backbones.”

William McCaskill
Creator of the Games Factory Programme
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