



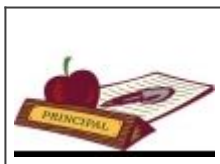
Safety Bay Primary School

Newsletter 09 - 16th June

Dear **Subscribers Name**

Here is this fortnight's news from Safety Bay Bay Primary School.

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Principal's Word

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Major success criteria for the day will be that participants will be able to describe characteristics of inspired and passionate teachers and will be able to describe the role of feedback and its potential impact on learning. Teachers are very excited and will be implementing aspects of Visible Learning in their classrooms immediately.

Winter Carnival

Last Wednesday saw our senior school involved in football, volleyball and basketball. Although there wasn't a great deal of success the boys and girls enjoyed being involved and participating in a competitive environment. The staff spoke very highly of the students' behaviour and attitudes. Thank you to the parents who went along and supported their child at the various venues. Remember, it is about your child learning about being a part of a team, taking turns and accepting winning and losing well.

Science Incursions

Over the last week we have had students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 participate in an in school performance around scientific investigation. I wanted to inform parents that this has been very successful, not just because it is exciting and innovating for the children, from which they had great enjoyment but also because the feedback about our students has been so positive. The presenters made comment on not only the outstanding behaviour of our students but also their questioning and enthusiasm toward the programs. It is a real credit to all those involved that Safety Bay kids are extraordinary kids.

Runners Club

Once again Mrs White has commenced Runners Club with a huge response from the students. I wish to make parents aware that this is undertaken by Mrs White totally voluntarily. She gives up her time, not only in the mornings and afternoons with the children but also in preparation. Thank you to those individuals who recognise this and support Mrs White by being actively involved or by simply supporting the event by being visible parents. This is such a great activity because participants compete against themselves and everyone can participate no matter how quickly or slowly they run.

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Enrolments

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary enrolments are now open. If you have a child ready to start Kindy in 2018, you can enrol them now. Please see the staff at the office or the school [website](#) for the appropriate forms. If you know of anyone who has a child ready to commence Kindy in 2018, please feel free to send them to the office for enrolment details.

Quote: "I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness—it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude." Brene Brown

Wayne McKay
Principal



KidsMatter

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Early Concepts (Ages Three to Seven Years)

Time

Comparing a three year old child to a seven year old provides evidence that great strides are constantly being made in intellectual development, covering many different areas of knowledge and understanding. Three year olds often have a beginning but limited concept of time, describing all of the past as 'yesterday' and all of the future as 'tomorrow.' A year later, though, they can grasp more detailed notions, such as distinguishing morning, afternoon, and night and even realising that time involves seasonal changes, too.

Speech

Vocabulary growth and the ability to communicate their needs and wants may be one of the most noticeable advancements that children undergo, from an intellectual standpoint, between the ages of three to seven. Simple sentences make up the bulk of a three year old's daily conversations, with many words being understood by family members but not yet regularly by those unfamiliar with the child. Most four year olds can engage in conversations with both children and adults, happily relaying stories about their activities, with this ability continuing to develop for the next several years so that by the time a child is seven, they can articulately express themselves and are able to

understand detailed stories.

Reading

Three year old children probably have a few favourite storybooks that they request (over and over!) and may even have a few of them memorised, enjoying the ability to pretend “read” to Mum and Dad. By five, kids may have a basic grasp of phonics and recognise a number of simple words in print, helping prepare them to read independently. Depending on a number of factors, many kids begin to read by the time that they are six or seven.

Reasoning

Reasoning, the ability to utilise existing knowledge to form educated opinions about possible outcomes, really increases during the years from three to seven, with seven year old children capable of drawing accurate conclusions on a regular basis. They can also understand the perspectives of other people and the concept that seemingly opposite things can be true simultaneously.

Later Concepts (Ages Eight to Twelve)

Socialisation

An increased interest in socialisation offers kids from eight to twelve many opportunities for intellectual development. Social concepts, such as ethics, fairness, and justice become important to kids at this age, who are developing an increased sense of self, deciding what kind of people that they would hope to become. The years preceding puberty are vital for the development of a number of ethic stances that children will take and will later be tested.

Verbal and Written Communication

Now capable of expressing themselves well verbally, eight year olds are beginning to master the written word, as well. By the time that they are twelve, many kids are quite comfortable with their ability to produce intelligent, well-thought out written work and since many kids are beginning to grapple with issues of adolescence, writing poetry or journaling helps some kids to make sense of their sometimes confusing place in the world.

Strength of Character

Though many parents find it surprising, kids today often find themselves in a position of making decisions about issues such as sex and drug use between the ages of nine and twelve years. Drawing from a solid base of sound ethics and confidence in their reasoning ability can help kids to make good choices that will help them to manoeuvre well into adolescence and adulthood. Kids who have been provided with self-esteem building tools, will begin drawing on them to reinforce the choices that feel right to them.

How Parents Can Help

While kids are certainly influenced by peers and popular media, parents impact the development of their children more than any other source. Continuing to read to and with children, playing games and planning outings that are both fun and intellectually stimulating, and encouraging kids’ natural desire to make decisions for themselves are all things that parents can do to help their pre-teen children’s intellectual development. Parents often feel a bit torn as their kids approach adolescence, fearing the natural separation that can exist between kids as they mature and become increasingly independent. Encouraging and nurturing that independent streak can be a good thing, especially if parents stay involved, even if it is just from the sidelines.



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W4 - Tyson and Lilliana

W5 - Riley

W8 - Lachlan

S3 - Mia and Jack

S4 - Senaya and Amie

S5 - Hannah-Lee and Harmony

S6 - Jessica and Owen

S7 - Kara

P8 - Pippa

P9 - Toby

P10 - Ethan

C12 - Trae

C13 - Te-Ariki

C14 - Holly

C15 - Melissa

C16 - Seth

C17 - Terena

C18 - Kane

C19 - Felicity

C20 - Tamsin and Lullah

C21 - Ashley

Phys.Ed. - Alyssa C12

LOTE - Jasmine C19

ART - Mason S3

W2 - Finau



P7 - Rory



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IN A CARING
ENVIRONMENT

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
SAFETY BAY SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2017

STUDENTS CAN SIT THE
PATHFINDER ENTRANCE
TEST AT THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOL
OR AT SAFETY BAY SHS
3PM THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017

OPEN TO STUDENTS
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Sally Quealy
Music Specialist



CONNECT News
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You should have received secure login information to Connect via the email address we have on file for you. If you do not have an email address registered with us or have recently changed your email address please let us know so we can update our details.

In 2017, Safety Bay Primary School will be utilising Connect to enhance communication between school administration, teachers and parents. Information regarding up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, permission slips, photos and stories may be accessed on Connect.

Visit connect.det.wa.edu.au or download Connect Now from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

If you need your Connect login details or require any assistance with Connect, please speak to the staff at the front office or email david.mclaren@education.wa.edu.au



NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week

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- NAIDOC display in the library all week.

- NAIDOC Excursion - Some of our year 5

and 6 students have been invited by the Rockingham City Council to attend a NAIDOC event at the Gary Holland Community Centre.

- NAIDOC Assembly - On Friday 30th June C19 and C13 will be hosting the assembly. We are lucky enough to have some of our local Indigenous community members coming along to celebrate with us.
- NAIDOC Whole school walk - Each year group has been working hard to produce a collaborative display incorporating this year's NAIDOC theme - "Our Languages Matter".
- Following the assembly, we will once again be holding a walk through our school to look at the displays our students have created. Please come along to join us.



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The first thing we did when we got there was we sat down and Alicen, the instructor, told us about the terrible case of Joseph Conner. Then she showed us the activities we had to do to solve the incredible case of Joseph Connor. One of the most popular activities was testing the poison that Joseph was injected with. One of the other activities was finding out what the perpetrator looked like and trying to find out how the vicious perpetrators knew Joseph Conner.

Then we had to figure out the code for the safe. In the end the code was 53286A. In the safe there were 3 gold bricks. Overall the activities were really fun. We had a really fun time. I hope the school liked it, because we did.

Ebony and Phoebe C13



2017 Winter Carnival Wrap Up

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The children had been training for a number of weeks and were keen to represent their school at each of the sporting events. The footballers travelled to Warnbro Rec, the volley-ballers ventured indoors at the Indoor Volleyball Centre in Port Kennedy and the basketball players travelled to the Mike Barnett Stadium.

At each of the carnivals six schools were represented: Safety Bay; Rockingham Beach; Port Kennedy; Rockingham Lakes; Charthouse and Waikiki.

The students who participated should be extremely proud of themselves. All staff who attended were most impressed with our representatives. Once again their behaviour and sportsmanship were wonderful and all staff agreed that it is a pleasure taking children such as this to these types of events.

The results for each of the competitions were:

VOLLEYBALL:

"A" team – WINNERS!

"B" team = Second

Overall - Second

BASKETBALL:

Boys – Second



Girls – Fifth

Overall - Fourth

AFL FOOTBALL:

Boys - Fourth

Girls – Fifth

Overall - Sixth



As well as congratulations to our participants, we also need to recognize the staff, many parents

and other helpers who assisted at the carnivals. We also had a large number of parent spectators and supporters who cheered our teams on and remembered that the day is all about participation and enjoyment.

Thank you to Mrs Aislabie and Mr Delk who coached the basketball teams, Mr McLaren and Miss Venn who coached the football teams and Mrs McEwan who assisted at the Volleyball.

Well done to all!

Mrs White
Physical Education Teacher

Breakfast Club

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.15am in Challenger block. Everyone is welcome!

Water Wise Tips

P&C News

The P&C is holding a 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY' RAFFLE 1st prize Pandora bracelet 2nd prize Pandora bracelet 3rd prize Marc Jacobs earrings Photos of the prizes will be available to view on the school front office windows from July 18th. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Tuesday 18 July. Tickets will also be available in the undercover area between 8.00am-9.00am on 24 & 25th July. All tickets need to be returned to the canteen P&C box by Friday 21st July. Raffle prizes will be drawn at 9.00am on 25th July. Funds raised from the raffle will go to the Kindy playground improvements. The P&C President and Treasurer have indicated their intention to resign from the P&C at the end of 2017. Accordingly the P&C must fill these key Committee positions in 2018. As you may be aware the P&C manages key activities in the school including the management of the Canteen and fundraising activities. It is therefore critical for the wellbeing of the school that these key Committee positions be filled for 2018. I would like to reinforce to all the parents of the school that if the positions are not filled then the P&C will fold resulting in the Canteen closure and the end to all fundraising. There are only four meetings left in 2017 so we would suggest that all parents interested in being on the P&C committee attend the next meeting in Week 4 of Term 3. Jill Erikssen
P&C President Communication Please like our Facebook page to keep track with P&C news: Safety Bay Primary P&C Noticeboard or you can email us any questions, feedback or comments on sbpspandc@hotmail.com

Event Quick View

Fri 16th June

Whole School Assembly

Mon 19th June

School Development Day

Wed 28th June

School Reports Go Home

