



Safety Bay Primary School

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From the Principal

**Newsletter 18
02 December 2015**

Principal's Word

With only two weeks of school remaining, teachers are busily preparing for a smooth conclusion to the school year, while ensuring students are still being catered for. During this time, some teachers are preparing to leave the school; some for a long time and some for a short time. We are working toward replacing those teachers as soon as possible, however so are many other schools. At this stage Mrs Quealy, Mrs Ruffels, Mrs McCulloch, Mrs Johnsen and Mrs Rutherford will be continuing, while Mrs Kingston (on leave), Mrs Hartley (on leave) and Miss Wilkins (new school) will not be returning for 2016. Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Evans and Mr McCaskie will be returning from leave.

Classes will be displayed on Friday 29th January after 12noon for parents to see which classrooms and teachers the children will be in for 2016.

Orientation Day for Year 6

This Friday 4th December, all Year 6 students will be visiting the high school in which they are enrolled for 2016. For Safety Bay Primary School students, that is either Safety Bay Senior High School or Rockingham Senior High School. If your child is not attending one of these schools, they should come to school. If your child is attending another high school and you have not been informed of when Orientation Day is, please contact them immediately to investigate what day they should attend.

School Council Meeting

The final School Council meeting will take place on Thursday 12th December. There will be some members who will no longer continue in their roll for 2016. For this reason, I would like to invite any parents or community members to nominate for a position on the Council. Nomination forms are available from the office for interested individuals. If you are interested to discuss the role of the school council you can contact myself or, if you prefer, a parent representative from the council will call.

School APP

Just a reminder about the school app which you can download for free onto your mobile phone. The app is available on our website with instructions on how to do this. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask the ladies at the front office.

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp was once again a great success with the children having a wonderful time at Bridgetown Camp School. I attended the Thursday, staying Wednesday evening. My time there was fantastic and the children were having a great time. I went to the Farm, which was a fabulous experience, which I am sure you have heard plenty about. Thanks again to the staff and students who attended and supported the children during the week.

Year 5 Camp

Last Monday and Tuesday our Year 5 students attended the Point Peron Camp School. From all reports they had a fabulous time doing numerous activities and building on friendships. The camp was organised by Mrs Johnsen and ably supported by Miss Holtom, Mrs Brace along with Education Assistants Katrina Muirhead and Kylie Grove.

Quote: Life is not meant to be hard: if it is, we make it so. Ivan Panin

Wayne McKay
Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 3rd Dec	Year 4 Kings Park P&C meeting 1.30pm in staffroom
Fri 4th Dec	Assembly S5 & S6 (Group B) Kindy Café—Group A, Dolphins and Stingrays Funky Friday P&C Beach Party Disco
Mon 7th Dec	Year 1 Penguin Island Excursion
Thurs 10th Dec	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Fri 11th Dec	Presentation and Music Assembly Kindy Café—Group B, Pelicans and Penguins Year 5&6 Mini Fete
Tues 15th Dec	Graduation Assembly Reports go home Graduation Dinner & Dance
Weds 16th Dec	Year 6 Adventure World
Thurs 17th Dec	Last day of year for students

MERIT CERTIFICATES—GROUP A ASSEMBLY 20 NOVEMBER

Congratulations go to the following students, the latest recipients of our prestigious Merit Certificates. Well done!!

W8	Richie	Max	S4	Milly Brooke	Jade
W5	Brodie Mackenzie Melanie	Cooper Carla	C16	Tori	Brooklyn
W1	Kaleb	Amber	C17	Jessica	Brady
W2	Justin Cody	Angelo	C18	Alicia	Caleb
S3	Leanne	Hunter	LOTE	James C16 Angelina C18	Felicity C16
P10	Nathan	Tellisha	MUSIC	Ben C18	Keira S4
P9	Harry	Dani	PHYS ED	Helena C17	Samantha C16

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

Found that long lost library book?

Please remember you can return overdue library books, with 'no questions asked'. Your books may be returned to the front office or to the library. Thank you.



CHICKEN POX

Please be aware that we have had notification of chicken pox in the school community.

Signs and symptoms of chicken pox usually take between 10 –21 days to show after exposure to infected person and usually starts with cold like symptoms such as runny nose and mild fever. The rash usually starts as red spots (vesicular) appearing over the body in small crops (including in your hair). Some children and adults will get spots all over their body including in the mouth and in the genital area. Spots do not appear on the palms of their hands or the soles of their feet.

The spots start as red, itchy raised lumps, and then dry up to form scabs, which can look like blisters. If the top comes off the scab, a watery fluid seeps out. This fluid is infectious to other people if touched. The scabs can take 5 days or longer to fall off, depending on when they appear after infection.

The spots often come in waves for several days so there will be new spots, blisters and crusting sores on the skin at the same time. The spots are very itchy, and if you scratch them you can cause a bacterial infection. An infected spot is more likely to leave a scar. However, expecting children not to scratch is usually too much to ask of them.

The virus usually lasts around 7 to 10 days.

If you have any concerns, are pregnant, or immunocompromised, please contact the Dept. of Health or consult with your usual health care provider.

FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS

SCOLIOSIS (Curvature of the Spine)

Routine screening for scoliosis is no longer carried out in schools.

Scoliosis is a common growth disturbance that develops slowly, usually during early adolescence (10-13 years) causing an abnormal sideways curve of the spine. Examination is the only way to detect a curve in the spine and thus enable treatment for your child if required.

A, Facts On Scoliosis Information For Parents pamphlet about Scoliosis and how to check your child's spine will soon be sent home to all Year 6 students. Parents and children please take the time to read through the pamphlet and check for any imbalance or asymmetry in the spine as described in the pamphlet.

If you have any concerns about scoliosis in your child or require further information please contact your Family Doctor or the Community School Health Nurse through your school.

COLOUR BLINDNESS

A brochure on colour blindness is also being sent home today. Please read and contact the relevant agencies if further assistance is required.

Thank you
Community School Health Nurse

TOTALLY TENNIS!!

Three of our senior classes have had an amazing opportunity over a number of weeks to be involved in small group tennis coaching by a group of enthusiastic volunteers from the Safety Bay Tennis Club.

Our students have been able to work in groups of four or five to receive personal coaching and be involved in small group games and activities which use the skills covered.

The volunteers are giving up their time to do this on Thursday mornings and have commented on the excellent behaviour and attitude of our students.

The students of C19 and C20 had the wonderful privilege of seeing the actual Hopman Cup last week. This was brought down by Tennis West, just for our children to see and a representative from Tennis West spoke to them about the elite competition held at the Perth Arena in January.

The students from the three classes have enjoyed this experience so far and should continue to do so for the remaining two weeks.

A huge thank you must be given to the members of the Safety Bay Tennis Club who are allowing this to happen.

Mrs White
Physical Education Teacher



TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE—A CHAIR FOR TED

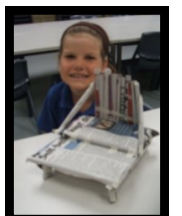
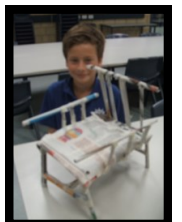
Grrr! Ted's upset!

A little girl with golden hair has been in The Three Bears' house while they went for an early morning walk.

While she was there, Goldilocks ate their porridge, slept in their beds and broke Little Ted's chair. Little Ted asked the children in Year 4, C14, to make him a chair so that he could sit at the table to have his meals.

During Technology and Enterprise, the children from C14 had to design and make a chair for Little Ted using only newspaper and masking tape.

Little Ted was very pleased with the fine models produced by the children of C14, especially Griffin and Amelie's chairs.



WM5 TOY NEWSLETTER

This term WM5 have been learning about toys, their history, how they move and toys from different parts of the world.



The home corner was set up as a museum with old and new style toys for the children to study the differences.



Jorja F designed and made a great plane.

The children studied how toys moved, they then designed their own toy and made it using junk from our junk box. It had to have a moving part.



Tallulah made a very hairy dog whose head moves.



Melanie made a very glamorous mermaid.



Brodie made a submarine like the one his dad is on. It had a moving prop and periscope.



Week six was our turn for assembly. The children performed the song "The Marvellous Toy". Many thanks to our great parents as every child came dressed as their favourite toy. Well done to the children, they sang the song perfectly.

The KidsMatter Team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like you all to stay safe and remember there is always help out there if you need it.



Parent Help Line 1800 654 432

Mental Health Difficulties

Recognising children's mental health difficulties:

Children's mental health difficulties and how to get help – parents and carers

Some children have emotional and behavioural problems that are mild, short-lived and can be resolved with minimum help and support. Others may have difficulties that seem more serious, and interfere with everyday life. Their emotions or behaviour seem to be different to other children of their age. When problems occur for more than a few weeks and interfere with school, home, friendship or daily life, it is probably time to seek assistance.

The following signs may indicate your child has a difficulty that needs professional attention:

- inability to get along with other young people
- hyperactive behaviour or constant movement beyond regular playing
- noticeable decline in school performance
- frequent aggressive reaction
- severe difficulties with concentration, attention, or organisation
- significant changes in behaviour over a short period of time.

Things to take into account when deciding on the need for treatment include:

1. How severe the symptoms are

- How much distress they cause
- How often they occur

2. How much impact the symptoms have on the child

- At home
- At school
- Elsewhere

3. How the child's behaviour compares with that of other children the same age

4. Any particular experiences within the child's family, school, community or culture that may be influencing the behaviours of concern

5. How the difficulties are affecting the child

- Behaviour
- Emotions
- Thoughts
- Learning
- Social relationships.

Your doctor or school psychologist/counsellor can provide further advice.

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CHANGES TO TRANSPERTH TIMETABLES

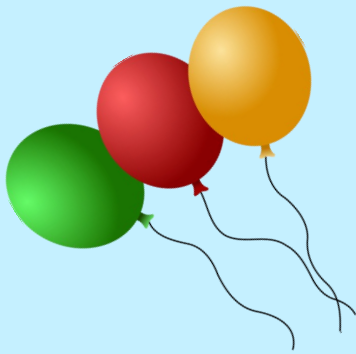
From Sunday 31st January 2016, there will be major timetable changes to the Joondalup, Mandurah, Fremantle and Armadale lines. There will also be changes to a number of school services across the Transperth network.

Students intending to travel to school via public transport should:

- Check transperth.wa.gov.au for information
- Plan your journey prior to the start of school



Whilst not every school will be undergoing changes, it is recommended that everyone should plan their journey before the first day of school.



YEAR 5 & 6

MINI FETE

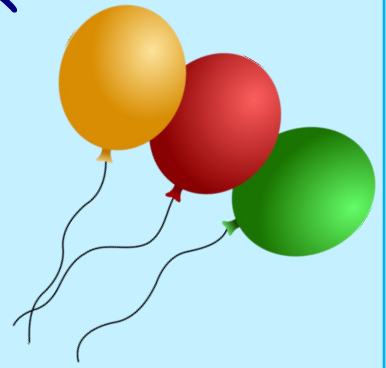


FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

1.30PM TO 2.45PM

SCHOOL OVAL

Parents, teachers, students,
everyone's welcome



Fairy floss, popcorn, cupcakes, Christmas decorations, photo booth, side show games, food stall, face painting, bric-a brac and more.....

All money raised helps fund the Year 6 camp bus for 2016!!

P & C NEWS



Dear Parents and Students

Where has 2015 gone?

This will be the last P&C News for 2015! So I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to the school community for supporting the P&C in 2015. The P&C has a fabulous committee but without the support of all the parents, teachers and students our fundraisers would be unsuccessful...so thank you.

Our last event for 2015 is a Beach/Hawaiian/Summer Disco. I hope everyone has paid their Disco money to the canteen as this Disco will be an event not to be missed! And finally if you have been waiting all year to attend a P&C meeting at night...this is your week to come and meet our committee and get excited about all our 2016 upcoming events. The P&C meeting will be on Thursday 3rd December at 7pm in the Staffroom...see you there. If you want to pencil into your diary the P&C meetings for 2016, they are held on the 4th and 8th week of every term so the P&C AGM will be held in week 4 of Term 1.

Thanks again for all our support in 2015! Have an Awesome Holiday Season.

Jill Erikssen
P&C President

More details about the P&C join us on Facebook: [Safety Bay Primary P&C Noticeboard.](#)



**NEXT
P & C MEETING
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
7.00pm
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

COMING IN 2016!

In 2016 we will be trialling changes to the way Safety Bay Primary School distributes permission notes. In an effort to reduce paper usage and our impact on the environment, we will send one note home with your child/ren. If that initial note is misplaced or lost, replacement notes will be available to download from the school website.

Also with regards to the newsletter, research has shown that newsletters are more likely to be read on the weekend when people have more time, rather than midweek. So in 2016 we will be circulating the Safety Bay Primary School newsletter on a Saturday morning instead of Wednesdays and monitoring the effectiveness of this change.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

OUR SCHOOL APP HAS ARRIVED!



We're very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called **Updat-ed** that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.



So what will the app do?

You will receive up to the minute news about what's happening at our school to your mobile phone.

We hope you enjoy being **Updat-ed**.

REPEATED ITEMS:

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016

Give your child the best opportunities to succeed!

A scholarship is the perfect way to make the cost of schooling manageable, providing financial support to eligible children in secondary school.

Applications for 2016 scholarships are now open and details can be found on the Department of Education [website](#).



LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS HAMPER

It's that time of the year when we start collecting packaged, tinned and jarred foods for people less fortunate than ourselves coming up to Christmas. We will be presenting a hamper to the local Lions Club at our final assembly for 2015. So please bring packaged, tinned and jarred foods up to the office, if you wish to contribute.



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PRIMARY AGE YOUTH GROUP

Come along to Youth Group on Friday nights!


Enjoy games, make friends,
learn Scripture, eat supper.
(Planned and supervised)

Who: Years 1-6
When: Friday nights, 6-7:30pm (school terms)
Cost: \$2 donation p/child (or \$4 p/family)
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