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Newsletter 3
13th March 2013

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Student Attendance

At Safety Bay Primary School we closely monitor the attendance of all students. Our processes for doing this are guided by the Department's Attendance Policy. Each day your child's attendance is recorded on our Student Information System. If your child is away and you notify the school of the reason for the absence, this is also recorded on our system. The number of days each student is absent is communicated to you in the student reports sent home at the end of semester one and two each year.

Research clearly shows that if a student is away from school more than ten percent of the time there can be a significant negative impact on that student's ability to learn. Obviously there are often good reasons for children to be kept home from school. However, sometimes we find that students are absent each day for reasons that often do not warrant them staying at home. Absences of a day here and a day there soon add up.

Please help your children get into good habits and encourage them to attend school each day unless there are genuine reasons preventing them from doing so.

School Parking Areas

Our school is most fortunate to be located on a corner site. This means that there is sufficient street parking and car parking facilities for all parents to use at the beginning and end of each school day. However, despite this, I have noticed that an increasing number of parents are parking in areas that are clearly marked "STAFF PARKING ONLY" (Waimea Road car park) and "SERVICE VEHICLES ONLY" (Rae Road car park).

The parking area off Royal Road (next to the tennis courts) adjacent to Royal Road Reserve is owned by the City of Rockingham. Some parents persistently park on the concrete hardstand at the school end of this car park. As the signs clearly state, parking is **not** permitted here as it is an emergency vehicle entrance to our school. This practice is being monitored by City of Rockingham Parking Rangers and you could be fined if you continue to park here.

These practices put your children and other students at risk and cause congestion. Please respect the rules, observe the signage and do not park in these areas.

Literacy and Numeracy On-Entry Assessment for Pre-Primaries, Year 1s and Year 2s

Recently you may have noticed that your child's class teacher has been busily involved in one on one testing of their Pre-Primary, Year 1 & Year 2 students. So that teachers can collect important Literacy and Numeracy information about individual students, classes have been taught by relief teachers.

The information collected will allow teachers to develop informed and targeted teaching and learning opportunities that reflect the academic needs of each child. This information will be shared with you at a special meeting later this term.

For further information on the testing program you can visit the **Just for Parents** section on the Department's On-Entry website: www.det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement

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IMPORTANT DATES

15 March
Assembly S3

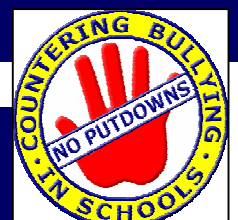
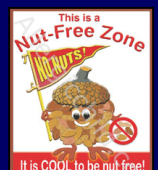
20 March
Swim Trials
Yrs 4 - 7

21 March
Harmony Day

25 March
Pre Primary
Dental Screening

EASTER BREAK:
Fri 29 March
Good Friday
Mon 1 April
Easter Monday
Tues 2 April
Easter Tuesday
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18th March 2013



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From the Principal cont....

2013 NAPLAN TESTING

The annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing program for our year 3, 5 and 7 students will be held from Tuesday May 15 through to Thursday May 17. All students (unless they have been formally exempt) will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The data from the NAPLAN test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other states and territories. It also allows the monitoring of student progress over time.

All students in years 2 - 7 have been well prepared by their classroom teachers to sit the NAPLAN tests this year and in the future. By doing this we can be sure that the test format will be familiar to them and the types of questions that they will encounter have been explored and discussed throughout the year in preparation for the testing program.

All students in years 3, 5 and 7 will bring home a NAPLAN information brochure from their classroom next week. If you require any more information about the NAPLAN tests after reading this brochure please feel free talk to your child's teacher or contact a member of the administration team.

Year 8 Specialist Program Information Pack

Today all Year 7 students will bring home a brochure about Year 8 specialist programs offered by Rockingham Senior High School. These programs include Maritime Studies, Basketball, Cricket and Netball.

A parent information evening about specialist programs will be held on April 10 2013 at Rockingham Senior High School.

If you need more information about specialist programs you are encouraged to directly contact Rockingham Senior High School on 9527 0300.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday 9 April**. Our School Council is an active group of parents and community members who meet once a term to support the governance of the school in the shaping and monitoring of our objectives, priorities and general policy directions. We currently have one position on the School Council available for a term of two years. **If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council you are most welcome to pick up a nomination form from the office.**

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal

SMS Communication

SMS Mobile Number 0437 418753
Strictly SMS messages only - thank you

As part of Safety Bay Primary School's ongoing commitment to develop effective communication between the school, parents and caregivers, SMS messaging will commence at Safety Bay Primary School from Monday 18th March.

The primary purpose of SMS Communication is absence notification to and from parents/caregivers. Some of the benefits include:

- **Knowing your child is safe at school**
- **Convenient and private - get notification even in a meeting**
- **Increased attendance may improve your child's grades and chance for success.**

This new system will allow us to contact you by SMS if your child is absent from school or, for example, the swimming carnival has been cancelled. You will also be able to advise the school via SMS if your child is absent.

To avoid missed SMS messages it is important that we have your current mobile phone number. If you are unsure if we have your correct mobile number, please send an SMS message stating your name and child's name and room number to 0437 418753.

Please note that this mobile number is for SMS messages only. Please also advise using this mobile number if more than one caregiver needs to receive the information, or you do not wish to receive SMS messages.

ART ROOM RECYCLING

Mr White in the art room is looking for donations of black meat trays (thoroughly washed) to use as paint palettes. If you have spare trays or could collect some it would be much appreciated. Children can drop them off in the morning before school. At the moment we are also making pom-pom creatures and would appreciate any donations of wool.

Does your child wet the bed?

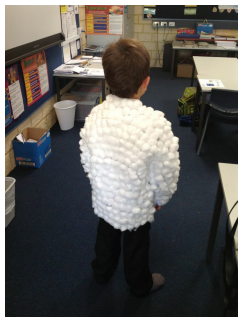
Did you know that for children with bedwetting problems the PMH “Happiness is a dry bed” program is available in Kwinana and Rockingham? The program uses a mat and bell, along with support, advice and strategies from a Community Nurse, to treat bedwetting in children from 5½ years who have no daytime problems with wetting. A referral from your doctor on our referral form is needed (the local doctors have copies of this form).

Merit Certificates Assembly 1st March

| Form | Student Name | Student Name |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| W5 | Stella | Oakley |
| S6 | Indy | Zahra |
| S7 | Isabella | Ethan |
| C12 | Jorja | Thomas |
| P8 | Ella | Daniel |
| P9 | Saraiah | Heather |
| P10 | Poppy | Jayden |
| C18 | Paris | Tiago |
| C14 | Teagan | Jasper |
| C15 | Hannah | Nathan |
| C16 | Tiana | Nic |
| Phys Ed | Andre | Hayley |
| Phys Ed | Bronte | Maddisen |
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P8 ASSEMBLY

On Friday March 1st, P8 – Yr 3 hosted our school Assembly. They performed “Click Go the Shears” an old Australian shearer’s song written over 100 years ago. A big thankyou to all of the parents who attended and to the parents who dressed their children so well for the occasion. Have a closer look at one of our sheep in the photo accompanying this article. You’d have to agree, that’s a big effort!”



Kids Matter Corner

Everyone has a role in building Safety Bay Primary School as a KidsMatter school.

As part of KidsMatter Primary, we look closely at ways we continue to build strong positive relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

- Making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
- Encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and their families
- Identifying ways of improving communication with families
- Making sure that school policies on safety, welfare and discipline are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

As **parents and carers** you can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel good about school. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

- Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions
 - Make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school
- Let your **child’s teacher** know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.

P&C

Thank you to everyone who came to our P&C AGM last Wednesday evening. It was great to see lots of new faces. Our AGM is for the purpose of re-electing new office bearer positions and the appointment of a new Executive Committee.

The Office Bearer Positions for 2013 are as follows:

Janine O'Hare - President
Lisa Pember – Vice-President
Jacqui Gooderham – Secretary
Yvonne Brown – Treasurer

I would like to welcome new officers to the committee and thank those re-elected for their ongoing commitment to the P&C.

Please also note that from this Thursday 14th March School Banking will be located outside the staffroom and not in the undercover area.

Janine O'Hare
P&C President

Easter raffle

Yes, it's that time again when the P&C will be running their annual Easter Raffle. All yummy donations can be left at the Front Office or Canteen before Wednesday 27th March. Tickets will be for sale at \$2 each on the following days:

- Kindy & Pre-Primary before the start of school on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March outside each classroom.
- Y1-7 before the start of school and at recess Monday 25th through to Wednesday 27th March in the undercover area

Your support in making a donation is needed and appreciated "THANK YOU"

Vacancy for Canteen/Uniform Shop Assistant

Safety Bay Primary School P&C Association has a vacancy for a Canteen/Uniform Shop Assistant.

The hours are 26 hours per week over 5 days at a rate of \$18.60 per hour.

If you are interested in this position please email Janine-sbps@hotmail.com to receive an information package with more details.

School Banking

A warm welcome to Volunteers Teagan Morgan and Tracey Ford our new School Banking Co-ordinators.

School Banking is available outside the Staffroom each Thursday morning before school. Each time a student makes a deposit or opens a new account the school receives a small commission which goes towards fundraising. There are all kinds of prizes available and it's great to encourage your children to save.

If you would like to open a new account and take part in School Banking please call into the office for an information pack or check with our wonderful volunteer banking coordinators on Thursday morning.

From the Community



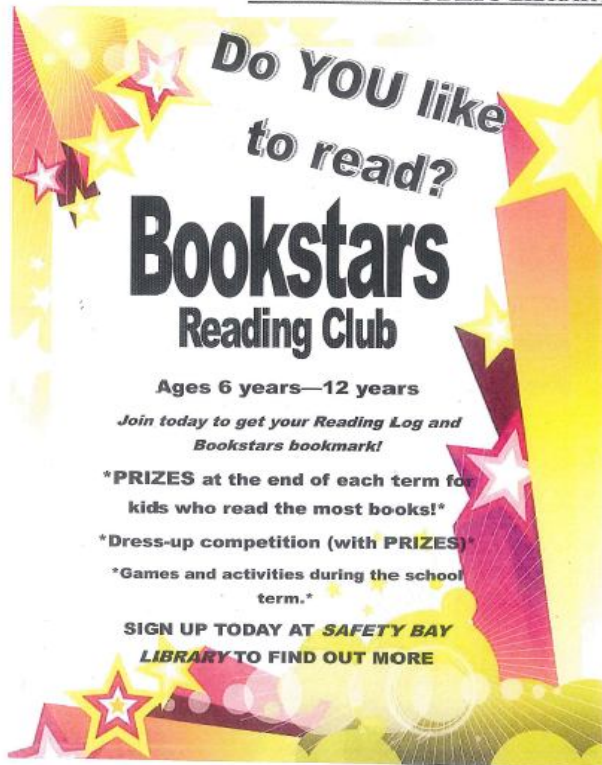
The City of Rockingham's Out of School Care and Vacation Care Service provides Before and After School Care & Vacation Care to children aged 5 years to 12 years in the Rockingham area. The service has a dedicated, experienced and friendly team of educators providing a safe

stimulating, fun environment for your children. The Centre provides Drop-off and Pick-up transportation to Safety Bay Primary School—Monday to Friday during School Terms. The City offers an accredited Vacation Care to keep your kids busy and active during the School Holidays and Pupil Free Days. Some of the activities for the April/May holidays include; excursion to the Fremantle Prison, Al Kazam Magician and Workshop, The Amazing Race, AMF Bowling, Neon Disco Party and lots more. For bookings and further information, please call one of our qualified friendly staff on 08 9592 5372 or drop into the centre which is located at: Waikiki Community and Family Centre, Rand Ave, Waikiki.

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South Fremantle Senior High School is a small community school that has a number of Specialist Programmes available including Music, Marine & Baseball .

For further information or to apply for a place please visit the school website at www.southfremantleshs.wa.edu.au contact the school on 9337 0500 or via email at southfremantle.shs@education.wa.edu.au



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PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 10 April at 7:00pm


Find out about our Approved Specialist Programs in Year 8 2014

Your child will benefit from our well established and resourced school offering a comprehensive and caring secondary education from Years 8 to 12. Our students have a demonstrated history of achievement across the Approved Specialist Programs in Maritime Studies and several sports programs.

Places are now available in the following approved specialist programs:

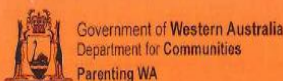
- Maritime Studies
- Basketball
- Netball
- Cricket.

Please contact us on 9527 0300.



WARNBRO STRIKERS

Warnbro Strikers Soccer Club would like to extend an invitation to all children and youths interested in playing the game of soccer. Warnbro Strikers endeavours to offer every opportunity to children and youths to become part of a team, to learn and enjoy the ethics of team sport and club membership. A “family-oriented” Club, Warnbro Strikers takes pride in its warm sense of community spirit and camaraderie to players, parents and supporters of the club. Team age groups available for boys and girls: Age 4—fun for 4’s, Ages 5-11 Rooball and Ages 12+ - Youths. Contact Mandy Anderson, Club Secretary on 043 998 4634 or email lduggan36@hotmail.com or visit the website www.warnbrostrikers@hotmail.com



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Sunday 14th April

Armadale Arena
Townley St (Cnr Forrest RD)
Armadale.

Goody bag for the first 100 families through the door.

\$2 entry, Children under 15 free. \$1 from each entry goes to a local charity.

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