



# Safety Bay Primary School

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## From the Principal

Newsletter 03  
11 March 2015

Principal's Word

### 2015 NAPLAN Testing

The annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for our Year 3 and 5 students will be held from Tuesday 12th May to Friday 15th May. 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 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 3 and 5 will bring home a NAPLAN information brochure from their classroom this week. If you require any more information about NAPLAN tests after reading this brochure please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or contact a member of the administration team.

### School Council Meeting

Last week our initial School Council meeting was postponed and will now take place on Thursday 26th March at 3.30pm. Our School Council is an integral part of the decision making process that occurs at Safety Bay Primary School. Last year a decision was made to meet twice per term to support the governance of the school in the shaping and monitoring of our school plans, both Strategic and Operational. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council, please pick up a nomination form from the front office.

### 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 10% 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 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.

**Quote: Parents can only give good advice or put children on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hand. Anne Frank.**

Wayne McKay  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 13 March**  
Assembly C15  
Group B

**Weds 25 March**  
Year 5 & 6  
Summer Carnival

**Thurs 26 March**  
P&C Meeting  
Staffroom 1.30pm

**Fri 27 March**  
Assembly  
P9 & P10  
Group A

**Funky Friday**

**Weds 1 April**  
Year 4—6  
Swimming  
Carnival

**Thurs 2 April**  
Last day of Term  
for Students

**SMS Communication**  
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## GRADUATION UNIFORMS

We are sorry for the delay in receiving your Graduation Uniform orders. We have been advised by the manufacturing company that, the screen printer has broken his wrist, and they have had to employ someone else to complete jobs. As a result this means they are unfortunately behind schedule, however we are hoping that they will be delivered sometime this week.

Thank you for your patience.

## P&C NEWS

I would like to thank Jill Erikssen our Vice President for handling/leading the process of advertising the vacancy of the Canteen/Uniform Assistance. Not an easy task to take on, however very much appreciated.

I would like to wish all the applicants the best of luck.

To all our Parents....our Easter Raffle is coming up and your chocolate donations and support would be very much welcomed....there are boxes in their classrooms, front office and the canteen so you can drop off your yummy chocolates. Tickets will be issued to every student as well as raffle stands in the mornings just inside the school gates, for families to purchase.

Bernice Shepherd  
P&C President



## NEWS FROM P9 AND P10

Last Wednesday afternoon, P9 and P10 invited our parents to come in and help their children construct a lighthouse based on a plan produced by them. We have included some photos of the amazing and incredibly diverse creations that were produced. We have been reading stories about lighthouses and in particular the "Lighthouse Girl". This story is based on the true story of a young girl who farewelled the Australian and New Zealand troops as they left Albany in 1914 to go to war. This story will be re-enacted during our combined class assembly on Friday 27th March. All are welcome to attend.

Thankyou  
Year 2  
P9 & P10



## MERIT CERTIFICATES ASSEMBLY 27th FEBRUARY

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

W8	Pippa	Joshua
W5	Sampson	Jerome
W1	Kiara	Sabina
W2	Sapphire	Daniel
S3	Zyanne	Skye
P10	Sarah	Aiden
P9	Olivia	Kade
S4	James	Keira
C16	Zahra	Felicity
C17	Helina	Eloise
C18	Stephen	Angelina
C21	Tiana	James E.
MUSIC	Kyle C21	Nathan P10
PHYS. ED	Jameson P10 Michael C. P10	Michael L. S3

## AHOY THERE!

As part of the Commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC, I would like to set up a school display featuring various items, including photographs of family members or friends who have been in the armed services; Army Air force, Navy or Merchant Navy; Uniforms or anything military related.

Photocopies of photographs are preferable or I will photocopy them and return to you. Any items loaned need to be clearly labelled to ensure they can be returned.

Where possible could all photographs have the following details on the back;

Name, rank, age and where the photo was taken.

If you have any questions you can reach me at school on 95283680 or via email [debra.batey@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:debra.batey@education.wa.edu.au)

Please remember to check the Lost Property box located outside the staffroom for any lost belongings.

It is also important to clearly label all uniforms, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles and school equipment, so if misplaced they can be returned to the student.

### Try a problem solving approach

### Everyone Needs Friends

Children's friendships often have their ups and downs. When friendships are going well they support children's emotional wellbeing and confidence, as well as providing someone to play with. Positive friendships help children have fun, and also help them cope during periods of stress and change. This is why having friends at school is so important for children.

#### Helping kids with the ups and downs of friendships

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others. Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop.

Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Home life has an effect on the development of social skills. A child who has an adoring little sister is likely to have more skills of leadership. A child who is the little sister may be more used to fitting in with what others want to do. These children are likely to react differently when they go to school and meet other children with different life experiences and different social skills.

#### Friendship skills for children include

##### Cooperation

- How to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal.

##### Communication

- Using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully
- Paying attention to body language, e.g., making eye contact, smiling and being able to read others' nonverbal reactions.

##### Understanding and managing feelings

- Being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you.
- Recognising and responding to others' feelings.

##### Accepting and including others

- Recognising others' needs for respect and friendship.

##### Solving friendship problems

Children develop friendship skills through playing with other children. Because they are learning, they are sure to have times when things do not go as they would like. Sometimes they blame themselves for what has happened.

They may say: "Nobody likes me 'coz I can't run as fast as they can." Sometimes they blame everyone else for the problem and say: "The kids are all mean to me." Even though they blame the other kids they may still think of it as a problem they cannot change.

##### How parents and carers can help

First and foremost you can help children by listening to them talk about the everyday joys and troubles that arise out of their friendships. Asking what might have led to others' reactions can help the child, with your assistance, to think of possible solutions.

When problems arise in friendships it is important not to blame children but to show them how to find a solution. A problem solving approach is often helpful.

1. Encourage the child to describe what has happened.
2. Ask about how they felt.
3. Ask them how they think the other person might see it and how they might be feeling.
4. Get them to think of ways they could do things differently next time.
5. Encourage them to try the new approach – get them to practise with you so they feel more confident.
6. Check back with your child to see how things turned out.

The following web pages may also be of interest:

- Friendship:  
<http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?p=335&np=286&id=1636>

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### SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (10 mins parents, 15 mins children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:

[www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents](http://www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents)

For more information please contact  
Kate Derry at 6488 3259.

**FREE** *Harmony Week* **EVERYONE WELCOME!** **16 - 22 MARCH**

**Rockingham Campus Community Library**  
 Location: Dixon Road, Rockingham  
 Contact: 9553 7060

*Screening Aboriginal Stories and Craft activities*  
 Date: Tuesday 17 March and Friday 20 March  
 Time: 10am

*Craft activities and Story time for Asian culture*  
 Date: Wednesday 18 March and Thursday 19 March  
 Time: 10am

**Warnbro Community Library**  
 Location: Swallowtail Parade, Warnbro WA 6169  
 Contact: 9528 8577

*Cultural Jam Session*  
 Date: Sunday 22 March  
 Time: 1.45pm to 5pm

Welcome to Country  
 Time: 1.45pm

Sambinistas Latin music and parade, make an instrument  
 Time: 2.15pm to 2.55pm

Maori cultural group  
 Time: 3.30pm to 4.20pm

Youth Hip Hop group from Warnbro Community High school  
 Time: 4.20pm to 4.35pm

Logo competition: Presentation of surf board for winner

**Safety Bay Library**  
 Location: 197 Safety Bay Road  
 Contact: 9528 8611

*The Flavours of Europe Story Telling*  
 Date: Tuesday 17 March  
 Time: 10.30am

*Stefania & Daniella from MKR at Pasta Making*  
 Date: Wednesday 18 March  
 Time: 5.30pm

One prize: Daniella and Stefania's recipe book: Sportito

**Mary Davies Library and Community Centre**  
 Location: 17 Settlers Avenue, Baldivis  
 Contact: 9591 0800

*African stories, music, African cooking session and sampler*  
 Date: Monday 16 March and Wednesday 18 March  
 Time: Stories and music: 10am  
 African Cooking and sampler: 12pm

Registration is essential, please book through your libraries or call 9528 0333  
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Applications must be made online, please see our College website for full details. Online registration closes on **Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 10pm AWST** so ensure you register before that date and time!

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**Who:** Years 1-6  
**When:** Friday nights, 6-7:30pm (school terms)  
**Cost:** \$2 donation p/child (or \$4 p/family)  
**Dress standard:** Casual (neat and respectable)  
**Where:** Rockingham Church of Christ,  
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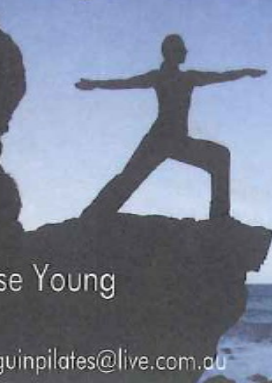


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