



# Safety Bay Primary School

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Newsletter 6  
15th May 2013

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### 2013 NAPLAN Testing

Our year 3, 5 and 7 students are currently sitting the annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. All students (unless they have been formally exempt) are being assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

I am confident that all students have been well prepared by their classroom teachers to sit these tests. The test format is familiar to them and the types of questions that they will encounter have been explored and discussed throughout the year and in previous years at school in preparation for the testing program.

### 2012 Annual Report

Safety Bay Primary School's 2012 Annual Report has been endorsed by our School Council. Copies of this report are available for download from our website or from the office upon request. This report provides parents and members of the wider community with information about our school, its programs and the academic and sporting performance of our students throughout 2012. I encourage you all to take the time to read this comprehensive overview of the 2012 school year at Safety Bay Primary School.

### Kindy and Pre-Primary Enrolments for 2014

We are currently taking Kindergarten and Pre-Primary enrolments for 2014. Please remember that even if your child is currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program this year it is necessary to make an application to attend Pre-Primary at Safety Bay Primary School in 2014.

**Please come into the office and complete the enrolment process before the end of term two if possible.** This will help us to effectively and efficiently plan programs for the 2014 school year.

As Pre-Primary is now compulsory it is no longer necessary to complete an application for Year 1. This means that if you are currently enrolled in our Pre-Primary program you are automatically enrolled in our Year 1 program for 2014.

### Tools for School Bike Prize for 2013

Congratulations to Joey Wheeler who is this year's **Tools for Schools'** winner of a bike from Mandurah Cycles. Joey's family handed his 2013 booklist order in to the school office before the end of the 2012 school year. By doing this, Joey's name went in the draw to win a GIANT bike. The raffle was drawn at the last assembly in term one this year. Thank you to **Tools for Schools Educational Supplies** for their ongoing support of our students and our school community.

### Dress in your Team's Colours on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May all students are invited by the Safety Bay Primary School P&C to come to school dressed in team colours. On this day students may decide to dress in the colours or the uniform of their favourite AFL, soccer, rugby or netball club. As this is a P&C fundraiser students will be required to donate a gold coin (\$1 or \$2) for the privilege of dressing in their team's colours.

Regards  
Jennifer Lee  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

NAPLAN  
14th—16th May

W1 Assembly  
Fri 17th May

C14 & C15  
Assembly  
Fri 24th May

Team Colours Dress  
Day Fri 24th May

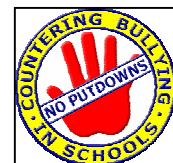
P&C Meeting  
Wed 29th May  
Staffroom 7pm

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PPs—7s  
Fri 31st May

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## Merit Certificates Assembly 5th April

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

W1	Kiralee	
W2	Nora	Declan
S3	Annelise	Lily
S4	Michael	James
P7	Tearly	Kane
C20	Kala	Kaleb
C20	Dylan	
C19	Alli	Max
C17	Sebastian	Tom
C13	Keely	Matthew
Phys Ed	Eloise	Meagan

## DO YOU HAVE GREEN FINGERS?

Our thriving school garden always needs some TLC. Volunteers are needed to make sure it keeps on growing. Mums, Dads, Grans & Grandads, Aunts and Uncles and even little brothers and sisters are welcome to help in our school garden. Any interested community members who have green fingers and some time to spare please contact the school office on 9528 3680. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



## Kids Matter Corner

### Making friends: Suggestions for parents and carers

Parents and carers are children's most important teachers when it comes to relationships. The way you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children's social skills. You can help children develop friendship skills by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practice relationship skills and offering support when they go through difficulties. The following suggestions may be helpful:

**Make time to play too** - Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practice skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticizing and make it fun!

**Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities** - Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

**Invite children for play dates** - Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practice their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children who are still developing their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

**Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends** - Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.

**Encourage positive, relevant strategies** - Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve problems with peers is a strategy that is generally more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

**Take a problem-solving approach** - Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions.

### Donate Books to Boost Literacy

An initiative is being run by BHP Billiton to collect books to send to children in war torn Liberia. If you have any books to donate, they can be left at the school office or with Ms Holtom in C19 before Thursday 30th May.

# Sports News



## RASSA "A" DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, our squad of interschool swimmers represented our School at the annual RASSA swimming carnival. What a wonderful day it was. Our participants swam their hearts out and behaved superbly. Safety Bay finished the day in fourth position out of five schools in "A" division. (The "B" division carnival was held the next day). Some of our squad unfortunately could not make the carnival due to illness, injury and being away. All the children who participated, swam as well as they could and did themselves and their school proud. For the first time in 15 years, another school was able to finish first other than Charthouse!

The final results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Port Kennedy - 262
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Charthouse - 232
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rockingham Beach – 227
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Safety Bay – 114
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Waikiki – 67

Congratulations to Paris Jennings who was champion yr 5 girl and Sean Aislabie who was runner up champion yr 7 boy.

A big thank you must go to Wendy Weymouth and Sharon Young who once again volunteered their time to help train our children before school.

Also, thank you so much to Mrs Sarah Bullock and Mrs Lisa Powell who assisted at the carnival as ribbon presenters.

Mrs White  
Physical Education Teacher



## SPORTS NEWS cont .....

### SUMMER CARNIVAL 2013

Our annual summer carnival for year 6 and 7s was held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. Our Volleyball teams travelled to Waikiki Primary, Tee ball to Port Kennedy Primary, Basketball to Warnbro Rec and Cricketers to Rockingham Beach Primary. Congratulations to all of our students who reportedly had a great day, with very pleasing sportsmanship and behaviour shown by Safety Bay Primary School participants. There were six schools represented at each of the carnivals: Safety Bay, Charthouse, Waikiki, Port Kennedy, Warnbro and Rockingham Lakes.

Our results for the day were:

*Teeball Boys* – 3<sup>rd</sup> ; *Teeball Girls* - 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Mr Brennan and Mrs Hill for coaching.

*Volleyball "A"* – 3<sup>rd</sup> ; *Volleyball "B"* – Winners!

Thank you to Mr Docking and Mr White for coaching.

*Basketball Boys* – 2<sup>nd</sup>; *Basketball Girls* – 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Mrs Beard for coaching.

*Cricket "A"* – 5<sup>th</sup> ; *Cricket "B"* - 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Mr Ribeiro and Ms Blinston for coaching.

Thank you also to the many parents who came along to the carnivals and supported our teams.

Mrs White  
Physical Education Teacher



At the end of Term 1 the Pre-Primary class from W4 and the PP/1 class from W3 were invited to join a dance class during their music lesson. What a fun and energetic experience for everyone involved. They were mentored and taught dances by the Year 4s in P10 and the Year 7s from C16. They danced to the ever popular song from Madagascar "I Like to Move it". The smiles on the faces of the students were infectious! It was a great opportunity for our senior school students to be role models and build a buddy relationship with the Pre-Primary's and Year 1s. Check out the photos!

Just a reminder for any Year 6 or 7 students who are wanting to try out for the Cheer-Dance specialist program at Safety Bay Senior High School. Auditions are to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May from 3.30pm - 5.00pm in the Dance Theatre of the high school. We would love to see some familiar faces there. Even if you live out of the Safety Bay Senior High School zone, you can apply for this specialist program.

I am looking forward to some more dance memories here at Safety Bay Primary School. Keep your eyes and ears open for a Hip Hop competition coming soon.

Kymerlie Shepherd  
Cheer Dance Specialist



## ANZAC ASSEMBLY

A very special ANZAC ceremony was held on the Flagpole Oval on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. This important event in our school's calendar was held to commemorate ANZAC Day. The ceremony was hosted by the Year 2/3 class of C12. During the ceremony we were most fortunate to listen to the 'ode' read by special guest Major Greg Blycha. Major Blycha is a Safety Bay Primary School parent and he is a member of the Defence Forces. Another very talented special guest, Sam Zimmerman played the "Last Post" and "Reveille" on his trumpet whilst all students sat and listened respectfully. C12 recited a poem entitled "The Inquisitive Mind of a Child" by an unknown author. Students from Pre-Primary through to Year 7 laid wreaths made of rosemary at the base of our flagpole.

Thank you to the hard working team of people who made our ANZAC ceremony such a special and memorable event – especially the teachers, students and parents of C12.



## P&C

Safety Bay Primary Parents & Citizens Association is an active group of parents who arrange fundraising events throughout the year that help to provide extra resources for the students.

We work closely with the school regarding the organisation of these events and in what areas the funds would be best allocated.

The P&C also run our uniform shop and canteen. These two small businesses are a valuable resource for our school and we appreciate the time given by the staff but also our volunteers who provide back up for the staff. Without our volunteers the canteen and uniform shop would not be able to operate. If you feel you would like to volunteer your time then please call in to our canteen and see Lisa or Tahna who can give you more information about what is required. Anything from one day a week to once or twice a term is a help. If every parent in the school volunteered one day each term our roster would be full.

Our canteen is now online and you can access this by visiting [www.safetybayps.wa.edu.au](http://www.safetybayps.wa.edu.au) You can order your child's lunches up to two weeks in advance. Log on as a user and then follow the steps, it's really easy and our uniforms are also available to order on line via the same website, again log on and follow the Uniform link.

Our P&C meetings are held twice a term in week 4 and week 8 on a Wednesday. They are held in the staffroom at 7pm and they run for no more than two hours. We understand that there are lots of parents who can't always get babysitters and there are lots of parents who are fly in/fly out. You are welcome to bring your child/children along and they may sit and read a book or do some colouring whilst the meeting takes place. The meetings are not too formal so come along, have a coffee and see what we do. Everyone is welcome and it is always lovely to see new faces.

The minutes of our meetings are now available on the school website.

Janine O'Hare  
P&C President

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