



# Safety Bay Primary School

Respect, Responsibility, Reflection, Relationships, Resilience

## From the Principal

Newsletter 02  
26 February 2014

### Principal's Word

#### Great Start

The school year has started exceptionally well and the students seem to have settled into the new year with very few problems. Now swimming lessons have finished the staff and students are settling into routines ensuring continuity across the school.

To those parents who have attended class meetings I'm sure you have gained some valuable knowledge. To those who couldn't make it, if you wish to meet with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to make an appointment so you are aware of the process and practices being undertaken. What has impressed me so much about Safety Bay Primary School is how well most parents and carers support and work closely with our teachers.

#### P&C Meeting

Further in the newsletter information regarding the P&C AGM and General Meeting is contained. It is to be held in the school staffroom at 7pm tonight. It is imperative that we have enough parents in attendance to ensure a quorum. There are several members not continuing in their roles so we need to have individuals nominate for positions. It can be great fun being a member of the P&C and if enough parents and carers become involved it lightens the load for everyone.

#### Car Parking

With increased student numbers, parking has certainly become an issue in the school. There are some important areas I would like to bring to your attention.

Park only in the stipulated parking areas for parents/carers not the STAFF car park.

No parking on the verges around the school.

Please try to park BACK from paths that allow access to the school e.g. The path on the Eastern side of the school near the demountables.

Please be patient and understanding of each other when dropping off or picking up.

Please take care leaving the school, especially watch for students on bikes.

Thank you for supporting the school and your children with this issue.

#### School Hats

Thank you so much to the 99% of parents who have supported the school by ensuring their child/children are wearing a school hat. They have looked outstanding when at P.E., participating in Games Factory or simply playing during recesses and lunch times. To see the sea of blue is wonderful and provides the children with a sense of belonging. Your support is much appreciated.

#### Safety Bay Parent Meeting

At the Peron North Education Network of Principals it was brought to my attention that Safety Bay Senior High School will be holding a Parent Information Night for prospective students on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. A flier will be sent with the next newsletter as a further reminder.

Quote: *Your children will become what you are so be what you want them to be.*

Wayne McKay  
Principal

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed 26th Feb**  
P&C Annual General  
Meeting 7pm in  
staffroom

**Fri 28th Feb**  
C21 Assembly  
(Group B)

**Mon 3rd March**  
Labour Day Holiday  
(No school)

**Tues 11th Mar**  
Year 4 –7  
Swimming Trials

**Fri 14th Mar**  
C15 & S4 Assembly  
(Group A)

**Wed 26th March**  
Summer Carnival  
And  
P&C Meeting 7pm in  
staffroom

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## Friendship patterns in the primary years

Children choose friends who have similar interests and enjoy similar activities. During primary school close friendships are most often with a child of the same sex. This is related to children's preferences in play. Boys tend to prefer active kinds of play in groups, whereas girls typically prefer gentler games in pairs or threes and use talk more than action. Such preferences may be especially strong around the ages of 8-9 when many children become more aware of social expectations regarding girls' and boys' behaviour. These expectations can create difficulties for boys who are interested in gentler kinds of play and for girls who prefer the kind of active play that is usually associated with boys.

Friends cooperate and communicate more with each other than with other children. They also have conflicts more often, but usually manage to settle them without upsetting the friendship. Friends influence each other's behaviour. Over time they may take on similar mannerisms, language and preferences. Although friendships usually have positive effects, friends who have behavioural problems may encourage problem behaviour in one another.

As children's interests and developmental needs change their friendship patterns may also change. By the middle of primary school it is common for children to form small friendship groups based around similar interests. These groups often establish their own rules about who can join them. Setting rules and learning to negotiate them is important for helping children to develop their understanding of social relationships. However, when children lack cooperative relationship skills it can lead to friendship groups being dominated by some children and excluding others.

## YEAR 4 AND 5 INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

**WHEN:** Thursday 27th February  
**TIME:** 5.00pm  
**WHERE:** Safety Bay Primary School Library

## SAFETY BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# TONIGHT

**7.00PM IN THE STAFFROOM  
ALL WELCOME!**

## SCHOOL BANKING IS HERE!

Every child must eventually learn that Mum and Dad are not the bank! The good news is Safety Bay Primary School is now participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop these important savings skills. School banking also includes a fantastic rewards program to encourage good individual saving habits.

### Account Opening Day

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**8am till 9.30am**

### Located in the Undercover area

Parents/ Caregivers please bring a drivers licence as a form of ID if you don't already hold a current Commonwealth Bank account.

**This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet the Dollarmite Mascot and see what the school banking program is all about. Sign your child up on the day and point them in the right direction in saving for the future.**



### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Join us for an interactive four week program to take some time out to reflect on the very important job of parenting. This fun, relaxed approach is a great opportunity to spend time with other parents and discovers practical ways to:

- build strong, positive relationships within your family
- support your child's brain development and social emotional well being
- listen, and respond, to messages from your child
- encourage resilience

Parents, step-parents, adoptive parents, foster carers and grandparents – in fact anyone involved in raising children – can all benefit from this strengths based approach developed by The Australian Childhood Foundation

**WHEN:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

**WHERE:** St Nicholas Centre  
14 Council Avenue, Rockingham

**TIME:** 9.30 – 12.30pm

**COST:** \$40.00 per person or \$30.00 concession per person

**REGISTER:** Ann 9263 2121 or [education@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:education@anglicarewa.org.au)

# **KIDSMATTER PRESENTATION**

## **WHAT IS KIDSMATTER? COME AND FIND OUT**

**Safety Bay Primary School is a KidsMatter School. Come have a cuppa and find out what this means.**

**When: 12th March 2014**

**Time: 4pm**

**Where: Safety Bay Primary School Library**

**Childcare will be available in the kindergarten area.**

**Our kids matter.**

KidsMatter helps our school nurture  
happy, balanced kids.



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# SAFETY BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL'S 2014 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

## STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Melanie W C16  
Elijah P C15

## PREFECTS

### **YEAR 7**

Leo B C13  
Riana B C12  
Ana H C16  
Teagan M C14  
Cara Y C16

### **YEAR 6**

Tom G C15  
Lewis I C14  
Marcelle L C12  
Steph R C12  
Aida T C14

## FACTION CAPTAINS

### **BLUE**

Chloe M C16  
Brandon F C13

### **GOLD**

Hannah K C16  
Liam P C14

### **GREEN**

Ellee W C13  
Izack U C12

### **RED**

Narrelle W C13  
Paris J C15

## MENTORS

Crystal C C13  
Tanish a H C13  
Tamika M C15  
Nathan N C13  
Elle R C16  
Olivia T C16







# Buddy Class

Oval Games



Pre Primary Area  
Greet and Meet

## WM5 and C18



Children in Pre-Primary (WM5) and Year 4 (C18) are reaping the benefits of their weekly buddy class sessions. In the last three weeks the children have got to know each other through a greet and meet session in the Pre-Primary outside area, as well as played cooperative games on the oval. The latest buddy session comprised of yoga and a drawing and painting sessions where the buddies drew and painted each other. The respect and responsibility that the children are showing while helping their peers is to be commended, which in turn has seen some strong relationships built. Each week the children thoroughly look forward to buddy class.

Yoga



Drawing and Painting





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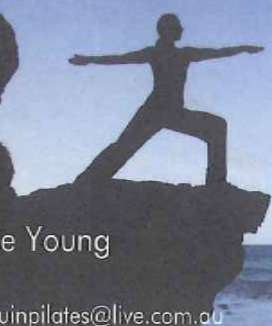


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