Message from the Principal

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to those parents who attended classroom meetings. I was very pleased to see so many parents take up the offer to gain an understanding of classroom policies, procedures and expectations. I trust that you found these sessions informative and hope that it has opened communication lines between parents and the school. Parents are reminded that they are always welcome to speak to teachers or Admin about matters relating to the education of their child. Early intervention is the key in ensuring that potential issues do not develop further.

Student Update and Medical Forms
Student Update and Medical Forms were sent home last week. Parents are asked to go through these forms thoroughly and return to school by Friday 19th February. This information is essential in ensuring that the student records are accurate and that health information is up to date. Please ensure that contact numbers are checked and updated if required to ensure that we are able to make contact for issues regarding your child or in case of an emergency. Your support is appreciated.

Semester 1 Student Councillors and Faction Captains
Congratulations to our 2016 Semester 1 Student Leaders.

Student Councillors: Tiah Hope, Kenjie Ben, Olivia Cable, Ebony Gunson, Aye Myint, Frank Rosatto, Tameeka Morris & Ellie Skinner

Faction Captains: Bandicoots:  Olivia Cable, Tayah Marsigalia, Aidan Chitty & David Lam
Bilbies: Noor Aljibari, Rikara Taylor, Kenjie Ben, Paw Paw Win
Numbats: Alyssa Letich, Simone Villamagna, Ebony Gunson, Lochie Dann & Joshua Page
Wallabies: Jorja Garlett, Ellie Skinner, Varsha Vasudevan & Broden Passmore

Well done to all these students on being elected into these responsible roles. Student Leaders act as role models to the rest of the school and I am sure that they will all fulfill their duties responsibly and with maturity.

Parking
Parents are reminded that the Kiss and Drive area at the front of the school is not a parking area. Traffic is intended to flow through minimising congestion. The staff car park is not to be used before and after school as it poses many risks to our students. Furthermore, the staff car park is not to be used as a thoroughfare. Please use the main gate at the front of the school. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Start of the school day
The siren that sounds at 8.40am marks the commencement of instructional learning. The morning session is the most productive time of the day and it is imperative that students arrive at school promptly. Arriving late to class is disruptive to the student concerned and to the whole class in general. Parents and students are asked to please ensure that they have established a sound morning routine that supports our aim of having all our students ready for the start of the day.

Farewell
We sadly say farewell to our canteen staff, Mrs Woods and Mrs Skeet who have chosen to pursue other opportunities. On behalf of the staff, students and parents of our school, I would like to thank them both for their outstanding work and the massive contribution they have made to our school. We wish Mrs Woods and Mrs Skeet the very best of luck in their new ventures. You will both be missed.

Last hard copy of the Information Brief
Parents are advised that this will be the last printed copy of this publication. Future copies will be available on the school app and the website. There will be limited copies available in the office or upon request.

Shayne Harris - Principal

Contributions
Thank you to those parents who have paid their child’s 2016 Contribution. Although voluntary, the funds received assist us to support the educational programs offered to all our students. Parents who would like to make payment are asked to visit the office. Payment can be made in cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Statements will be sent to parents shortly. Parents are reminded that contributions paid by Friday 26th February will go into a draw to win $100 cash. Thank you to our P&C for donating this prize.

Important Dates
24th Feb: Room 16 Assembly
24th Feb: P&C AGM
2nd Mar: Student Councillor Assembly
3rd Mar: Newsletter
4th Mar: Mid Term Rewards

Camp Australia
Onsite before and after school care is available through Camp Australia. It is free to register your child. Charges are only incurred if your child takes part in a session.

Before care: 6.30am-8.40am
Full Fee $16.00 Out of pocket* $5.19 to $7.94
After care: 2.45pm-6pm
Full Fee $22.00 Out of pocket* $5.49 to $10.89

* Contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 for information or to check if you are eligible for a rebate.
To help your family get back into the swing of things, here are some tips that may assist in easing your children back into After School Care:

- Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.
- Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
- Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous and let us know how your child felt after the first visit.
- If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to tell us or you can give us a call.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, if you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

Why reading is so important

People read for the love of literature. There is no other experience quite as rewarding as reading a well-crafted book written by an author who has practiced and perfected the art of story telling. The more authors you read, the more likely it is that you will find someone who writes your kind of story in a style that you enjoy and appreciate. Books aren’t just made of words. They’re also filled with places to visit and people to meet.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go. - Dr Suess

Music Rocks

The #1 Music School in the state. Run by WAAPA accredited staff. Each session costs $22.00. Interested students are asked to leave an expression of interest at the front office.

Direct Debit

The school offers direct debit as an option for payment of contributions, excursions or incursions. Details as follows: BSB: 066 132 Acct: 00902273 Details to be entered as first initial of student name and surname eg TSmith. If you wish to receive confirmation, please email: Ann.Evans@education.wa.edu.au

Consumer Forum

Do you have a child with a specific language impairment? Are there sufficient services available to support you? Are there gaps in the services available for children with SLI?

Would you be interested in a support group for parents of children with SLI? Please join us for a forum to scope the interest in the establishment of a parent run support/advocacy group for parents of children with SLI and identify the role that Speech Pathology Australia can play in supporting this.

Wednesday 2nd March 2016 - 6pm-8.45pm (North East Metro LDC - 18 View Street Dianella).

RSVP is essential to secure your place: pa.spawa@gmail.com

School Banking

Come and see us in the Library every Friday from 8.15am until 8.40am.

Dates: FEB: 19th & 26th MAR: 4th, 11th, 18th, 24th APR: 1st & 8th

Mums and Dads, it’s never too late to get your children involved in the school banking program whether you have a Commonwealth Bank account or not. Thank you. Lyndsey & Sue (Co-ordinators)

Canteen Times

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Halal items have been highlighted with an asterisk on the menu.

Uniform Shop Times:

Tuesday 2.30pm-3.00pm

Wednesday 8.40am-9.15am

Friday 8.40am-9.15am & 2.30 - 3.00pm

School App

Download the free school app available to iPhone (iOS) and Android platforms. Or CTRL/CLICK to open

Virtue of the Fortnight - Consideration

What is consideration?

Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel.

Why practise consideration?

When people behave selfishly and don’t practise consideration, other people feel hurt. When we are considerate, others know they are important to us. We bring them happiness and they feel like making us happy too.

How do you practise consideration?

Consideration begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You care about how they feel. You act as if other people are just as important as you are. You do little things to bring happiness to others. Give tender attention to people who are sad.

Waterwise Tip

With over 40% of household water used outside the home, it’s important to water efficiently in the garden. Water from your irrigation system can be wasted in many ways including evaporation, wind drift, watering for too long and watering where it’s not needed. Ensure that you are watering your garden efficiently.

P&C News

All credit card purchases incur a 1.3% surcharge. This will apply to all credit card transactions made to the P&C. Please note that online payments for uniforms are to be paid to the P&C bank account. Details as follows: BSB 036 033 Acct: 186571. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONCERNS /COMPLAINTS

If at any time you have a matter which you feel you need to discuss please contact the school.

Please note that ALL formal complaints should be marked Private and Confidential and sent to the Principal.