



An Independent Public School

Key Dates

- ✓ PEAC testing – Year 4 students – 16 August 2017
 - ✓ Interschool Cross Country Year 3 to Year 6 – 12pm to 3pm 17 August 2017
 - ✓ Year 2 assembly – 9am to 9.30am 21 August 2017
 - ✓ SCIENCE WEEK – 21 August until 25 August 2017
 - ✓ BOOK WEEK – 21 August until 25 August 2017 – Your favourite Book Character Parade at 9am, Thursday, 24 August 2017
 - ✓ Class & Individual photographs – Friday, 25 August 2017 (School Uniform, please)
 - ✓ LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK – 4 September until 8 September 2017
 - ✓ SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO STUDENTS) – Monday, 4 September 2017
 - ✓ Year 2 IEC Assembly – 9am to 9.30am 11 September 2017
 - ✓ Faction Athletic Carnival Year 2 to Year 6 – 14 September 2017
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- ✓ P&C Association – Movie Night, Hoyts Fremantle 15 September 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

My sincere apologies for the time between newsletters. During Term 3, schools become very busy places and routines require flexibility as we try to cater for all the activities as well as the weather.

Staff changes

- ✚ WELCOME Ms Semple to the Year 3 class.
- ✚ WELCOME Ms Yeomans (Monday & Tuesday) and Mr Muirhead (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) to the Year 2 class.
- ✚ WELCOME Ms Schipp to the Rottnest Campus on Mondays.
- ✚ WELCOME Ms Baker to the IEC Yr 1.
- ✚ Welcome Ms Hughes to the Pre-primary Starfish class on Wednesdays.
- ✚ CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Armstrong on her promotion to Level 3 Program Coordinator, Katanning SHS. Ms Lechte has taken over the Physical Education role.
- ✚ CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Ewing on her retirement.

School activities – coming up

National Science Week

Scitech visit to Beaconsfield PS for National Science Week on Tuesday 15 August.

Designing the school's merit certificates

The student Councillors are running the merit certificate competition again for 2017/2018. Students are encouraged to design a merit certificate backdrop for the Endeavour certificate and the Citizenship certificate. It is open to all years. The illustrations should be done on an A5 piece of paper in a landscape layout. Very small or intricate designs may be difficult to see in the printed design. Entries will be collected by Monday, 14 August 2017. It is a fantastic opportunity to revisit the school values and the characteristics that exemplify Endeavour and Citizenship.

Book Week – ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

Parade, 9am Thursday, 24 August 2017 – staff and students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character

Maths Talent Quest Years 4 – 6

Year 4 to 6 students are participating in a Maths Talent Quest. The activity will culminate with an after school presentation to parents, staff and other students on Tuesday, 29 August (3.15pm – 4.30pm).

School Photographs

Friday, 25 August 2017 – students to all wear school uniform

Interschool Cross-Country Year 3 – 6 team. CONGRATULATIONS to the following school representatives...

Year 3: Isla L, Eden A, Paige C, Isobel M, Ruby V, Lulu S, Rex D, Noah W, Jem W, Alex B, Taj B, Harry B

Year 4: Lena I, Isabella G, Evelyn K, Amy W, Chathumo, Elleanna B, Sam A, Adem K, Toby A, Sam H, Gus N, Cooper A, Sugar F

Year 5: Grace P, Jade C, Billie C, Phraewa J, Elia T, Mamasan D, Santiago J, Angus F, Marco P, Elijah D, Clancy M, Jakob F

Year 6: Stella w, Sollya G, Aliah B, Mimi H, Sophie A, Clem R, Stewart G, Fred D, Aiden S, Reef J, Lex F, Freddie B

Student Welfare

I tell this story with the permission of the parents, who are thankful for the quick and appropriate actions of staff:

Unfortunately, last week after school there was a near fatal incident involving a young child, who had a severe nut allergy after consuming a picnic bar (lolly) containing nuts. Lollies had been provided by a parent to all students in the class. The child did not recognise that picnic bars contain nuts.

Fortunately, Ms Gray, Ms Lechte and Ms Lazzaro, were in the area and were able to administer the appropriate first aid prior to the ambulance arriving. With so many food and other allergies, it is impossible to ban all products but we can be supportive of children with allergies by ensuring, as a school community, we minimise the likelihood of these children being put at risk.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction and should always be treated as a medical emergency. Anaphylaxis occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is allergic. Not all people with allergies are at risk of anaphylaxis. **It is important to know the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis**

Symptoms of anaphylaxis are potentially life threatening and include any one of the following:

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness and/or collapse
- Pale and floppy (in young children)

In some cases, anaphylaxis is preceded by less dangerous allergic symptoms such as:

- Swelling of face, lips and/or eyes
- Hives or welts
- Abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy)

Reducing the risk of anaphylaxis: key principles

1. Obtain up-to-date medical information and developing a health-care plan. **Completed by parents every 12-18 months**
 2. Staff training in recognition and management of acute allergic reactions. **Staff completed first aid training with St John – 24 April 2017 & on-line Anaphylaxis training – Term 3, 2017**
 3. Awareness that unexpected allergic reactions might occur for the first time outside of home in those not previously identified as being at high risk.
 4. Age appropriate education of children with severe allergies and their peers. **Ongoing by parents and staff**
 5. Implementation of practical strategies to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to known allergic triggers.
- All parents can assist by not bringing food into school for sharing unless it has been previously discussed with the classroom teacher and there has been sufficient time to ensure the needs of children with allergies have been addressed with the child's parents.**

Staff News

CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Armstrong for being shortlisted as a FINALIST for the 2017 AFL School Ambassador of the Year Awards in the **2017 Most Outstanding Multicultural Program** category. The school wishes Ms Armstrong all the best for the announcement of the winner on Thursday, 10 August 2017.

I value the contribution of all parents and work with an open door policy, so please feel free to call me or drop in to see me at any time if you have any concerns, queries or ideas. If you would like an appointment, please call the school office on 9430 7055. I look forward to continuing our work together.

Vicki Jack
PRINCIPAL
10 August 2017