Dear Parents and Caregivers

Solar Panels

Our school has once again successfully received a grant for solar panels as part of the Australian Government’s National Solar Schools Program. On Monday another large bank of solar panels was installed on the roof of Peron block. The installation of these solar panels supports the existing environmental focus for our students who will continue to learn about energy efficiency with their teachers in the classroom.

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 ten percent 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 them 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.

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards at School

I am pleased to see most of our students wearing a helmet as they ride to school on their bike. If your child does not have a helmet please consider buying them one, as any cyclist (adult or child) is required, by law, to wear a helmet when riding on footpaths or roads.

At Safety Bay Primary School, we are very lucky that bikes can be kept safely in our secure bike racks near the basketball courts. These bike racks are locked each morning at 9.30am and opened again before the end of the school day. Even though the bike racks are locked each day it would also be a good idea to secure bikes to the racks with a lockable chain.

Please remember that scooters or skateboards must also be kept in the bike racks as we do not have enough room for them to be stored inside learning blocks during the school day.

Good luck to students participating in the Interschool Swimming Carnival today. Stay tuned for details in our next and final newsletter for Term 1 on Wednesday 4th April.

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Last day of Term 1 for Students is Thursday 5th April
First day of Term 2 for Students is Thursday 26th April
P&C Meeting Tonight

At tonight’s P&C meeting I will take the opportunity to give you some information about what it means to be an Independent Public School. I encourage parents, caregivers and community members to attend the meeting to find out about this new approach and how it can provide public schools with greater autonomy in meeting the learning needs of our children.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal

Scitech comes to Safety Bay

A group of Year 5 students took maths outdoors thanks to an innovative enrichment program funded by Scitech in partnership with Alcoa. The program aims to engage children by taking them outside and providing a new way for them to think creatively and apply mathematical reasoning.

Pictured right is Scitech CEO Alan Brien, Olivia Tostevin, Program Coordinator Madeline Blundell-Williams, Adam Vernal and CSC, MLA Member for Warnbro Mr Paul Papalia.

S3 Assembly

Children from Mrs Hartley’s S3 Year 2 class presented a fabulous item at the recent Junior Assembly. Thank you Mr ‘A’ for your Bootscooting talents.

Congratulations Merit Certificate Winners Junior and Senior Assembly

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Multifunctional Sea Containers

You may have noticed the addition of sea containers near Challenger demountable classrooms recently. The new sea containers provide welcome storage and protection from the elements for your child’s school bag and assorted classroom equipment.

Easter Raffle

Please help make our Easter Raffle a HUGE fundraiser by bringing in a small donation toward our Easter Hampers. All donations will be very gratefully accepted at the Canteen or Admin Office. Easter Hampers will be raffled and tickets WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE MORNING OF THURSDAY 5TH APRIL (last day of Term). Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation.

Photos courtesy of Michelle Gilchrist. Thanks Michelle.
Canteen Update

The P&C would like to congratulate Mrs Lisa Rendell on her appointment as our new Canteen Coordinator and wish her well in her new position. Our canteen has been running on volunteers since week 2 of this term. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all volunteers, in particular Monique Radcliffe, Di Firman and Robyn Campbell. These three ladies have put in many long hours to provide food for our students. If you have some time available (a whole day or even a couple of hours will do) and you would like to meet other parents by volunteering in the canteen, please call in and see Lisa.

This coming Friday 23rd March and next Friday 30th March the canteen will open at recess for pizza subs and drinks only and again at lunch time for ice creams only.

In Term 2 our canteen will be open four days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Look out for a brand new menu!

There are lots more fundraising ideas to be discussed at the meeting so if you would like a say on where the P&C spends its money then come along tonight and be heard.

Janine O’Hare
P&C President

Community News

Rockingham Senior High School Centre for Maritime Studies

Parents and students are invited to attend a Specialist Program Information Evening for Year 7 parents on Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 7 pm. Phone 9527 0300 for more information.

Willetton Senior High School
Specialist Basketball Studies 2013
Prospectus and application forms available from www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au or ph 9334 7200. Closing date for applications is 29 June 2012.

West Coast Fever Netball Clinics
Join your favourite West Coast Fever players at the Fever Clinics during April School Holidays.
Age: 8 - 13 years
For more information and to register visit www.westcoastfever.com.au or ph 9380 3700.

Various Holiday Activities are displayed on the notice board near the Canteen. Check them out!

The City of Rockingham offers a range of holiday activities for children. More info is available from the flyer uploaded to our website at www.safetybayps.wa.edu.au under the Newsletters tab.

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