Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Story Islands Launch Assembly for Storytelling Week

On Monday afternoon our students hosted the final assembly for our AIR project. The Artistic Team, special guests, parents and caregivers enjoyed hearing about the opportunities our students have had to explore and research our rich local history and the amazing stories and art work that they have produced with their teachers and the artists over the course of the project.

All students in Kindergarten through to year 7 worked closely with our Writer-in-Residence Katy Watson-Kell and Noongar artists Trevor Walley and Ashley Collard to write stories exploring the intriguing history of five islands: Carnac, Garden, Penguin, Seal and Rottnest Islands.

Students in K, PP, 1, 2 and 3 researched historical ‘penguin’, nature and indigenous stories. The Years 1, 2 and 3 visited Penguin Island.

Students in Years 4 and 5 visited the Rockingham Museum and Fremantle Gaol to research the history of the Catalpa Escape – a world event that happened off the shores of Rockingham.

Students in Years 6 and 7 enjoyed a research field-trip to Rottnest Island to explore the history of Indigenous prisoners.

All students in Years 1 – 7 visited the State Library to participate in a research day with Katy, their teachers and librarians. Trevor and Ashley also presented visual arts, music, story-telling and drama sessions to all students K – 7.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and community members who took the time to visit classrooms and see the superb work our students produced during the project.

A very big thank you must also go to Katy Watson-Kell, Trevor Walley and Ashley Collard whose expertise and enthusiasm will be long remembered by staff and students at Safety Bay Primary School. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Lee Taylor and Mrs Francesca Maumill who spent many long hours coordinating the project, its excursions and the work of the artists in classrooms.

Conduct of Parents and Volunteers

At Safety Bay Primary School, the safety and welfare of our students is extremely important. Parents and volunteers are always most welcome in classrooms and at whole-school events, however, it is important to remember that it is inappropriate to attempt to discipline or restrain any students other than your own children when you are in classrooms or helping at whole-school events. I encourage you to express your concerns to your child’s teacher or a member of the administration team rather than intervene or attempt to discipline any student or groups of students. The school has policies and procedures in place to deal with such situations. Please be aware that if you intervene in disputes with students or other parents you run the risk of escalating the problem or expose yourself to possible litigation.
School Attendance and Arrival and Pick-up Times

The Department of Education regularly monitors the attendance of all students enrolled in public schools. At our school level we identify students with attendance issues and work closely with families to encourage and support their regular attendance.

Please remember that as parents of children who are enrolled in a public school you are responsible for ensuring that your child is attending on a daily basis. It is also important that all students arrive at school prior to the start of the school day. Unfortunately we have a number of students who regularly arrive late for school.

In addition to this I have been advised by class teachers that some students are not picked up promptly at the end of the school day. We ask for your support in advising the office as early as possible if for reasons beyond your control you are unable to pick your children up at 3.00pm when school finishes. Students who are not picked up on time will wait in the front office where they can be closely supervised until they are picked up.

K and PP Enrolments for 2013

Thank you to all parents who have applied for Kindy and Pre-Primary places for 2013. We have received large number of applications and it takes considerable time to process them. As a result we would like to advise that you will receive a letter in the mail informing you of the outcome of your application early next week.

Regards
Jennifer Lee

Form Student Name Student Name
P7 Tatiana Torrez Brooklyn-Jay Chant
P9 Kaleb Coulter Heather Knight
P10 Hayleigh Stanton Bella Kidd
P12 Eliza Roberts Kody Christophers
P13 Haiden Richards Rylee Elliott
P14 Libby Walton Brooklyn Coyne
P15 Kaitlin Morgan Buster Little
P16 Ivy-Joy Ralph Leighton Rogers, Kye Graham Joshua Granucci
P18 Anicka Broughton Khale Richards Jenna Eatt
P19 Jasper Bennett Annalise Gammie Chloe Mitchell Jayden Smart
P20 Adam Vernal Kai Satherley
P21 Connor Atkins

Sports Carnival - Parent Help Required

It’s that time of year again! Our two annual athletics carnivals are quickly approaching and we definitely need MANY parents to help out for our rotational system to be successful. If you are willing and able to help out at one or both of the carnivals can you please fill out this form and return to Mrs White or your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Your help is very much appreciated thank you! Please be aware that our carnivals are week 9.

I am able to assist at the (please tick).
[  ] Years 1-3 carnival on Tuesday 18 September (wk 9)
[  ] Years 4-7 carnival on Thursday 20 September (wk 9)

I am the parent of:
_________________________Class _________
_________________________Class _________
_________________________Class _________

Parent/Caregivers________________________________________
Signature________________________________________

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 12th September at 7pm in the staffroom. Please read the flyer that is going home with this newsletter today. It contains important information that affects the P&C.

Thank you
Janine O’Hare
P&C President

Donations to Kindy please

Kindy and Pre-Primary are looking for donations of large plastic animals such as dinosaurs and zoo animals. They also require plastic farm items for their new outdoor play trays. Dress-up clothes are also required.
Kindy’s Wild Adventure

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