Welcome everyone to the start of a new term. As is normal as we move through the year schools become busier and Safety Bay is no different. The Term 2 planner was distributed at the end of Term 1 and you will see just how busy the term will be and of course, when there are so many events, sometimes there is overlap and that has occurred with one of our assemblies so later in the newsletter you will see there is a change.

**Principal’s Word**

Many of you may be aware of a program called Safety House. Every family will be receiving a book called “The Safety House Child and Parent Handbook”. Although we, as a school, don’t have a Safety House Program, the handbook can provide you with information about the conversations you can have with your child/ren. Please read it with them and discuss the importance of having strategies to cope with various situations.

**Safety House Program**

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be sitting the annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. All students (unless they have been formally exempt) will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this next week.

I am confident that all students have been well prepared by their classroom teachers to sit these tests. The test format is familiar to them and the types of questions that they will encounter have been explored and discussed throughout the year and in previous years at school in preparation for the testing program.

As a parent the best way you can support your child is to listen to their concerns about the testing and encouraging them to do their best. Expressing negative feelings about having to undertake the tests, does not provide confidence and so may detract from their results.

**Concerns**

Although I like the Newsletter to be positive, there are times that I need to inform parents and the school community of serious concerns. Recently I have been required to speak to parents about parking and dogs. I would ask for anyone picking up children NOT to park on the verge along Rae Rd, especially near the car park on the North East corner. This is a traffic hazard and is putting students at serious risk. Also, please DO NOT bring dogs to the school, even if they are on a lead. Some children are fearful of dogs and it is against Education Department Policy for dogs to be brought onto school premises at any time, especially when children are arriving or leaving the school. I would greatly appreciate your support with these matters.

**P&C**

In the last newsletter I mentioned about our new committee and times for meetings. Our new President, Rose Plater and her committee, would appreciate as many members as possible especially with some very important fundraising activities coming up this term. The next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd May at 1.30pm in the staff room and be finished by 3.00pm in time for you to collect your children from the classroom.

**World of Maths**

This incursion is a fantastic activity for the students of Safety Bay. It was undertaken last year and so to have the opportunity to be involved for two years in a row reinforces the activities they have done previously. Having seen firsthand the types of activities, I would recommend every parent pays for their child to participate. There are two more days for the incursion; tomorrow and Friday May 23rd. Please get your money in asap.

**Kindy and Pre-Primary Enrolments for 2015**

We are currently taking Kindergarten and Pre-Primary enrolments for 2015. Please remember that even if your child is currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program this year it is necessary to make an application to attend Pre-Primary at Safety Bay Primary School in 2015.

Please come into the office and complete the enrolment process before the end of term two if possible. This will help us to effectively and efficiently plan programs for the 2015 school year. As Pre-Primary is now compulsory it is no longer necessary to complete an application for Year 1. This means that if you are currently enrolled in our Pre-Primary program you are automatically enrolled in our Year 1 program for 2015.

**Quote:** *While we may not be able to control all that happens to us, we can control what happens inside us*

Wayne McKay
Principal
Welcome to Term 2 from the KidsMatter team. We have some interesting things which will be occurring around the school during this term. We will keep you updated on these things as they begin to happen. We would like to begin this term with some information on conflict resolution. The information that we provide to you in this section of the newsletter can be found on the KidsMatter website. This site is free and has a large amount of information on a range of topics. http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/

**Sorting Conflict Together**

Whether they get into an argument over a game, what to watch on TV, or whose turn it is to clean up, conflicts are common in children of primary school age. Conflict is a normal part of human relationships. Sometimes conflicts blow over, but sometimes they don’t. Adults may believe it’s best to let children sort things out by themselves. The problem with this is that often children get into conflict because they don’t have the skills to solve it themselves. If left alone the conflict gets bigger. Usually then the person who is louder, stronger or more aggressive wins.

Children do need adult help to solve conflicts. The best way to help them is not to simply tell them what they should do. It works better to act as a ‘coach’ and help children find a solution that suits everybody. When children work out solutions this way, they learn valuable skills that can help them resolve conflicts more effectively. With good coaching they can learn to use the skills of conflict resolution even when you’re not around.

**Skills for conflict resolution**

The skills needed for effective conflict resolution include skills for managing emotions, as well as thinking skills for problem-solving and communicating with others.

The key conflict resolution skills are:

- being able to control angry or anxious feelings
- learning to listen even when you disagree
- understanding the other person’s opinions and feelings
- being able to think of different solutions
- exchanging ideas with the other person
- finding ‘win-win’ solutions.

**How you can guide children’s conflict resolution**

If children’s conflicts become very intense or lead to physical aggression, then it is important for an adult to step in. When a mutual solution is not possible you can still help your child to think through the alternatives that are available to him or her and choose the best one. If this conflict is at the school it is best to contact the classroom teacher to discuss this issue.

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**P & C NEWS**

My name is Rose Plater and I am new to the role of President of the P&C. I take over from the wonderful and dedicated Janine O’Hare. Janine has worked tirelessly as P&C president for the last few years. Thank you Janine for putting so much effort into the school community. You are an inspiration.

It has been a busy start to the year. The Easter Raffle raised $986.35 and the Hot Cross Buns raised $376. It was wonderful to see our senior students helping out selling raffle tickets. I had the great pleasure of handing out all the raffle prizes to the winning students. It was lovely to see everyone’s excitement and support for the lucky winners. Thank you also to all those families who donated prizes and Jacqui Gooderham for bringing it all together.

The P&C meetings will continue to be held in Weeks 4 and 8 of the term. We have made a day and time change to Thursday at 1:30pm. We hope that this new time will see some more parents and friends joining the P&C. Younger siblings are welcome to attend. The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd May at 1:30pm in the staff room.

Thank you all for your support so far and I look forward to another busy term.

Rose Plater
P&C President

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Help support our fundraising, 2014/2015 Entertainment Books are now available to order through the school. You will once again be able to pay online via the schools website www.safetybayps.wa.edu.au or at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/851v04

The school will receive $13.00 for every Entertainment Book sold through the school.

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**AUSKICK REGISTRATION**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING AUSKICK?**

There will be a representative from Auskick at the school on Thursday 8th May after school in the undercover area. So come along and sign up!
RASSA “A” DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 9th April, our squad of interschool swimmers represented Safety Bay Primary School at the annual RASSA swimming carnival.

What a wonderful day it was. Our participants swam their hearts out, cheered loudly and behaved superbly. Safety Bay finished the day in third position out of five schools in “A” division and weren’t too far behind first and second! (The “B” division carnival was held two days later.)

All the children who participated swam as well as they could and did themselves and their school proud.

The final results were:
1st: Rockingham Beach - 222
2nd: Port Kennedy - 221
3rd: Safety Bay - 201
4th: Charthouse - 140
5th: Hillman - 117

Congratulations to Paris Jennings who was champion Yr 6 girl, Michael Henning who tied for champion Yr 5 boy, Couper Boyd who was runner up champion Yr 5 boy and Zane Wilson-Palmer and Jack Button who were in a three way tie for runner up champion Yr 6 boy.

A big thank you must go to Wendy Weymouth, Ella Edward and Sharon Young who once again volunteered their time to help train our children before school for a number of sessions beforehand. Mrs Young also volunteered her day to assist in the bay at the carnival.

Thank you to Mrs Allen who had the difficult job of place judging on the day and Mr Ribeiro who was the Marshall.

Also, thank you so much to Mrs Gooderham, Mrs Langstone and Mrs Taylor who assisted at the carnival as ribbon presenters.

Mrs White
Physical Education Teacher
Do you know anyone in the Safety Bay Primary School community that has been recognised for their achievements in academics, sport, the arts etc.
If so we would love to hear from you so we can mention their achievements in the school newsletter.
You can call in and see us in the office or email: diana.tindale@education.wa.edu.au
Remember don’t forget to include a photo!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE P7 ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 23RD MAY HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY, 30TH MAY DUE TO TIMING CONFLICTS WITH WORLD OF MATHS.

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Program Details
The West Australian Football Commission has labelled the Comet Bay College Australian Football Specialist Program the “Benchmark” of school specialist programs in Western Australia.

Trial registrations for entry into the Australian Football Specialist Program are now open for current:

- Year 6 students applying for Year 7 in 2015
- Year 7 students applying for Year 8 in 2015
- Year 5 students applying for Year 7 in 2016

There are no school boundaries for entry into this program, and Year 6 students who were accepted in 2013 trials do not reapply.

All program enquiries are to be directed to the Program Coordinator Steve Thomson on 9553 8100

Registration Process
Register online by 3.00pm on Wednesday 14 May 2014 via our website at:

www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au

- Registrations submitted after this date cannot be accepted.
- Online registrations will be confirmed upon submission by an automated electronic notification. No further written confirmation of registration will be issued by administration.
- Families will be notified via email of their allocated trial timeslot after close of registrations.

Trial Details
Date: Thursday 22 May 2014.
Venue: Comet Bay College, 2 Allatoona Ave, Secret Harbour.
Bring: A photocopy of the most recent school report (no originals), football boots, shorts, socks and running shoes. Football guernseys will be provided.

This Program is proudly supported by:
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Do you want to get involved in a GOLD medal sport?
Rockingham Redbacks Hockey Club – based at Lark Hill Sporting Complex are looking for players K-Yr 7 – boys and girls, to play in our Saturday competition.
If you are interested get your parent / carer to call Wendy Wales – Development Officer 0402 027 952 or email
junior director@rockinghamhockey.org.au
We are also on the web and facebook
http://www.rockinghamhockey.org.au
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