Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Ako Children’s Choir**

Yesterday afternoon all students in Pre-Primary to Year 7 were treated to an outstanding performance by the Ako Children’s Choir. These children are from Ako in Japan. Ako has been the sister city of Rockingham for fifteen years. Our students were most fortunate to have the opportunity to hear beautiful singing and choral work performed by thirty three students aged from seven to seventeen. Some photos of the choir in action are included in the insert to this newsletter.

**Safety of our Students**

At Safety Bay Primary School (as at all Public Schools) the safety of our students is our top priority. Every person on our school site has the right to feel safe and be safe. We have policies and procedures in place to ensure this can happen.

Please remember that as a visitor or volunteer to our school site you are required to:

- wear a badge or sticker that clearly identifies you as a visitor or a volunteer in your child’s class;
- sign the Visitors’ Book (located at the Front Office and in each Kindy and Pre-Primary classroom) when you arrive at school and again when you leave the school. At this time you are required to record the time you leave.

Please note that parents and caregivers who are recorded on the enrolment form as the legal guardians of students enrolled at the school, and who attend the school premises regularly solely for the purposes of dropping off or picking up their children, do not need to sign the Visitors’ Book.

It is also important to note that when volunteering in your child’s class it is not necessary for you to have a Working With Children Check.

**Dogs on the School Grounds during School Drop-Off and Pick-up Times**

It has come to my attention that some parents are bringing their dogs to school at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. I ask for your cooperation and remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school site.

If your dog is a companion dog please notify me as these special dogs are permitted on the school grounds.

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Student Update Forms

Thank you to those parents who have already returned Student Update Forms to the Front Office. All families would have received a form via the classroom this week. If your child (who is the letter carrier for your family) has not given you the form please check their bag. Student Update Forms are sent home in Term One each year. These important forms ensure your contact details are correct and we can contact you by phone or mail when necessary.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 9 April. Our School Council is an active group of parents and community members who meet once a term to support the governance of the school in the shaping and monitoring of our objectives, priorities and general policy directions. We currently have one position on the School Council available for a term of two years. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council you are most welcome to pick up a nomination form from the office.

Easter Tuesday

Please note that all public schools in Western Australia will be closed on Tuesday 2 April 2013.

School begins again on Wednesday 3 April 2013.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal

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SMS Communication

SMS Mobile Number 0437 418753
Strictly SMS messages only - thank you

SMS messaging at Safety Bay Primary School is up and running.

The primary purpose of SMS Communication is absence notification to and from parents/caregivers.

Please ensure to notify the school of any absence before 10 am.

Students arriving late must report to the school office for a ‘Late Note’ to be taken to Class.
Kids Matter Corner

KidsMatter has an action team at the school that is actively involved in their commitment to the implementation of Safety Bay being a KidsMatter Primary. They plan and coordinate activities and projects within the school such as our Parent Café after school assemblies. Over the next few weeks I would like to introduce you to the Action Team. You will meet these people when you attend the Parent Café.

This week I would like to introduce you to Mr Emanuel Ribeiro, who was born some time in the last century, in Portugal. His students all think he is 23 years old. Mr Ribeiro has now been at Safety Bay for eleven years, having previously worked at other schools including: Orelia, Jandakot, Southwell, Mosman Park and Cassia in Port Hedland.

In his first year at Safety Bay he taught year 3/4 but for the last few years has taught year 7 or 6/7.

He enjoys going on camp each year and especially enjoys the day on the farm.

Mr Ribeiro has coached many sporting teams at Safety Bay, but is extremely proud of the three times he has won the Girls’ Glory Cup Peel Section and the one time he coached Safety Bay to the state championship in the Girls’ Glory Cup.

He loves his music, which can be heard coming from his classroom every morning and most afternoons. If you want to discuss the round ball game of soccer, he is the person to see.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back for 2013. We’d like you to participate again and the school will receive valuable resources. From Monday 8th April collect Earn & Learn points for every $10 spent at Woolworths. Place your Points Sheet in the collection box, either at school or at your local Woolworths. The program closes on 9th June. Happy shopping!!

Our next P&C meeting is this evening, Wednesday 27th March at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome and we always welcome new members. If you wish to be a member please bring along $1, this is the membership fee for the whole year and gives you voting and speaking rights at the meeting. We will be discussing fundraising, including where any future monies should be spent now that we have finished our ‘Cool Our School’ project.

We will also cover the Easter raffle which has taken place this week. I would like to thank Jacqui Gooderham and Viv Blycha who, together with their team of parent volunteers, have coordinated this event which always proves popular with the students. We have some great prizes this year which have been donated by both students and local businesses.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tonight.

Janine O’Hare
P&C President
Welcome to our new Student Leaders for 2013. Back row from left to right Maddy, Haylee, Lucy, Kayla, Rhiannon, Reece, Ellie, Keely, Kristy, Gene, Byron, Andre, Matthew, Jake, Buster, Libby Absent; Bronte & Jessie

AKO CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Left: The Ako Choir sang various Australian songs, including Click go the Shears, Kookaburra Sts in the Old Gum Tree, to the delight of our students.

Above: The Choir performing an original opera, written, scored and choreographed by their very talented teachers.
Challenger Block celebrated Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March with Everybody Belongs. Our families from around the world each contributed a dish from their country and a spectacular global feast was enjoyed by all in Harmony.

Year 3 Created ‘People of the World’ display for our class. We discussed the valuable contributions that the people of the world have made to our society.