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From the Principal

Newsletter 06
04 May 2016

Principal's Word

Welcome back to another very exciting term. We have also had some special events and successes since last term that I would like to inform the community about.

David McLaren and his wife had a baby girl, Bonnie in the last week of the holidays. Mother and daughter are doing well and David will be back this week. Kristy Grieve was nominated for Early Childhood Teacher of the Year and is in the last five competitors. Congratulations to Kristie for achieving such success. Also, Sandra Casey was runner up in the state Mother of the Year award presented during the holidays. Sandra was nominated by her daughter and it is a great honour to be runner up.

Congratulations to these members of our staff. We are very happy for them and wish them well.

IPS Opportunity

Last week, Elleke Bosworth (School Council Chair) and myself, attended a workshop run by the department explaining the process for the school to apply to be an Independent Public School. To become an Independent Public School, we are required to present to a panel of Principals and Education Department staff. We will need to demonstrate:

- the school's capacity to assume greater responsibility for our own affairs;
- the level of local support including the broader community
- and to show the potential benefits to students and the broader community.

The intention of the department is to only take 50 schools. There are 122 schools applying. Elleke and I will attend another presentation on 7th June and our presentation is on 23rd August. I will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

School Improvements

During the holidays you would have noticed the erection of the fence around the outside of our oval. Hopefully, this will stop the cars from accessing the oval and vandalising our school. Also during the holidays the air-conditioning for C17 and S7 was installed. Last week a water cooler was placed outside of C20 for students from Challenger Village to access, as well as for students to access during lunch. All of these improvements were paid for by the Education Department and have been gratefully received.

ANZAC

The ANZAC assembly on the last day of term was an outstanding success. Ms Holtom's class, C19 took responsibility for the co-ordination and organisation of the presentation. They performed exceptionally well and the Choir were also excellent. I was also so appreciative of those community members who are present or past service persons who attended, especially Brad Eaton who spoke to the students and parents on the day. To Tim Boyd, Tobias Clark and Michael Kerrisk, who are parents of students at school, for attending in uniform. We also had Elleke Bosworth (School Council Chair) and Ron Pease (Council member) who were service personnel in their previous lives show their support.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students in Years 3 and 5 will be involved in taking the NAPLAN testing program. All students (unless they have been formally exempt) will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The data from NAPLAN test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other states and territories. It also allows the monitoring of student progress over time.

All students in Years 3 and 5 would have taken home a NAPLAN information brochure from their classroom. If you require any more information about NAPLAN tests after reading this brochure please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or contact a member of the administration team.

Playgroup

Our school will be running a Playgroup for children aged 0-4 and their families. It will be held in W8 commencing on Friday 13th May on a 3 week trial basis. A flyer is included in this newsletter.

Quote: Children are the Priority. Change is the Reality. Collaboration is the Strategy.

Wayne McKay
Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 6 May	C14—Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 10 May— Friday 13 May	NAPLAN testing
Tuesday 17 May	Year CC Incursion—Magna Carta
Thursday 19 May	P&C meeting 1.03pm staffroom
Friday 20 May	S7—Whole School Assembly Friendlies Football & Netball vs Hillman Primary School 1.20pm—3.00pm

LESSON ATTENDANCE

Attendance graph is not in our newsletter this fortnight due to school holidays, but will return in next fortnight's newsletter.

MULTILIT



As part of Safety Bay Primary School's focus on improving Literacy for all students, we are continuing to run a program called Multilit. This stands for Making Up Lost Time In Literacy. Multilit is an intensive word attack and reading program designed to improve children's progress in reading and comprehension.

We are very enthusiastic about this program, as research has shown that children can make up to 18 months' gain in their reading progress, in just two school terms.

The program is delivered by volunteer tutors who are trained in the program. Each child attends 3 – 4 x 30 minute sessions per week. To enable the program to continue successfully, we require the assistance of more volunteers. If you have 30 minutes to spare per week, on a regular basis, then we would love to hear from you. You can contact Katrina Muirhead at the school on 9528 3680 or email Katrina.Muirhead@education.wa.edu.au

Katrina Muirhead
Multilit Co-ordinator

P&C NEWS



OUR FIRST SAFETY BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL OBSTACLE CHALLENGE IS COMING!!!

On Friday 10th June the children will take part in a full school Obstacle Challenge

This will replace the usual Walk-a-thon as term 2s major fundraising event

Brochures for the online fundraising will be sent home with the children in the coming weeks. We ask you to read through the brochure and set up your child's online fundraising account. However there will still be an option on the brochure for manual collection of funds which can then be handed back to the P C via the canteen drop box.

The idea of online fundraising is so the children can share their experience with friends and family all over Australia and the World! (and takes the pressure off parents to collect money! All money gets directly deposited into the online account).

This year's challenge is all about embracing Team Spirit and letting the kids have a great time whilst challenging themselves.

PLUS every child that raises money this year wins a PRIZE and receives a well-earned icy-pole after the race!!

Keep Friday 10th June free in your diary/calendar so you can come down and cheer the kids on at this awesome event!

Thank you

Safety Bay Primary School P&C



**NEXT P&C MEETING
THURSDAY 19TH MAY
1.30PM IN STAFF ROOM
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

30 Questions to ask your Child, instead of 'How Was Your Day?'

When I picked my son up from his first day of 4th grade, my usual (enthusiastically delivered) question of "how was your day?" was met with his usual (indifferently delivered) "fine."

Come on! It's the first day, for crying out loud! Give me something to work with, would you, child?

The second day, my same question was answered, "well, no one was mean."

That's good...I guess.

I suppose the problem is my own. That question actually tells me nothing. Far from a conversation starter, it's uninspired, overwhelmingly open ended, and frankly, completely boring. So as an alternative, I've compiled a list of questions that my kid will answer with more than a single word or grunt. In fact, he debated his response to question 8 for at least half an hour over the weekend. The jury's out until he can organize a foot race.

Questions a child will answer at the end of a long school day:

1. What did you eat for lunch?
2. Did you catch anyone picking their nose?
3. What games did you play at recess?
4. What was the funniest thing that happened today?
5. Did anyone do anything super nice for you?
6. What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?
7. Who made you smile today?
8. Which one of your teachers would survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?
9. What new fact did you learn today?
10. Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
11. What challenged you today?
12. If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?
13. What would you rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?
14. If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?
15. If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
16. Did anyone push your buttons today?
17. Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet? Why not?
18. What is your teacher's most important rule?
19. What is the most popular thing to do at recess?
20. Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?
21. Tell me something you learned about a friend today.
22. If aliens came to school and beamed up 3 kids, who do you wish they would take? Why?
23. What is one thing you did today that was helpful?
24. When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
25. What rule was the hardest to follow today?
26. What is one thing you hope to learn before the school year is over?
27. Which person in your class is your exact opposite?
28. Which area of your school is the most fun?
29. Which playground skill do you plan to master this year?
30. Does anyone in your class have a hard time following the rules?



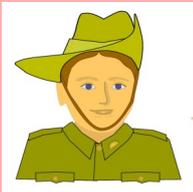
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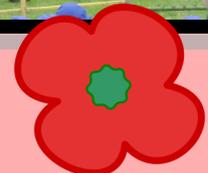
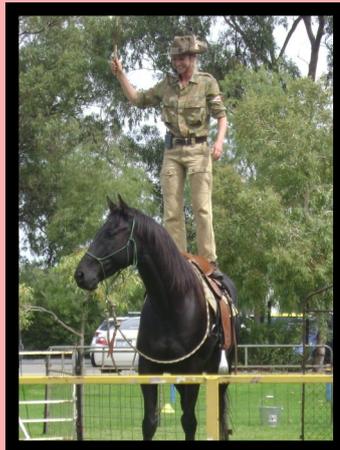


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ANZAC ACTIVITIES



Lest We Forget.



RASSA "A" DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the last Wednesday of term 1, 6th April, our squad of interschool swimmers excitedly and for some, nervously, headed to Warnbro Aqua Jetty to represent Safety Bay Primary School at the annual RASSA swimming carnival.

What an incredible day it was. Our participants swam their hearts out, cheered loudly and behaved superbly. Safety Bay was one of four schools in "A" division (with the "B" division carnival being held the following day).

Every child who participated swam as well as they could and did themselves and their school proud. In actual fact, they swam so well, that our school finished as the **overall WINNERS** with a huge winning margin!!

The final results were:

1st: **Safety Bay - 312**

2nd: Port Kennedy - 163

3rd: Charthouse - 125

4th: Rockingham Beach - 103



As well as this amazing team effort, we had a large number of individual champions and runners up. The following children were successful:

Yr 4 Girl Champion – Erin Ward

Yr 4 Boy Runner Up – Luke Kermath

Yr 5 Girl Champion – Lily Geddes-King

Yr 5 Girl Runner Up – Norah Avery

Yr 5 Boy Champion – Kaylen Smedley

Yr 5 Boy Equal Runner Up – Jaxon Luckman

Yr 6 Boy Runner Up – Ryan Langeard

Yr 6 Girl Champion – Alicia Allen

Yr 6 Girl Runner Up – Faye Court



A big thank you must go to Wendy Weymouth and Sharon Young who once again volunteered their time to help train our children before school for a number of sessions beforehand. This training really makes a difference to the children's fitness and helps so much with the building of team morale and support.

Thank you to Mr McLaren who had the difficult job of place judging on the day, Mrs Young who was the recorder and Mrs Muirhead who assisted in the bay all day. Also, thank you so much to Gaynor Boyd, Ainslee Langeard and Jodie Dimoff who assisted at the carnival as ribbon presenters.

Mrs White
Physical Education Teacher



OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program



Welcome back to term 2 and lovely to see all our OSHClub children back again for another exciting term. Last term OSHClub lost Stephen due to a fantastic opportunity that he couldn't pass up and we wish him all the best in his new career. This term we welcome our new Co-ordinator Debbie Meecham who is a qualified educator of 12 years. Debbie comes to OSHClub from long day care and her previous employer was Nippers across the road which has enabled her to already build important relationships with the children that OSHClub values.



This week the children have been interested in incorporating natural materials into their activities when engaged in play based learning such as, wooden blocks, train tracks, cars, dinosaurs, shopkins, barbies and tea sets. To better encourage this educators have incorporated this into the program and have now received a wonderful donation who we would like to thank. A very special thank you to **All Seasons Synthetic Turf** for donating some synthetic turf for the children to enjoy during play; the children have already put it to good use.



Safety Bay OSHClub is always grateful for donations that the children can use in their play especially natural resources such as wood wedges and off cuts, pine cones, beach shells, different types of tree nuts and/or recycled materials. Please let us know if you have something you could donate.

Looking forward to the term ahead.

Your OSHClub team, Bree-Anna, Debbie and Erin



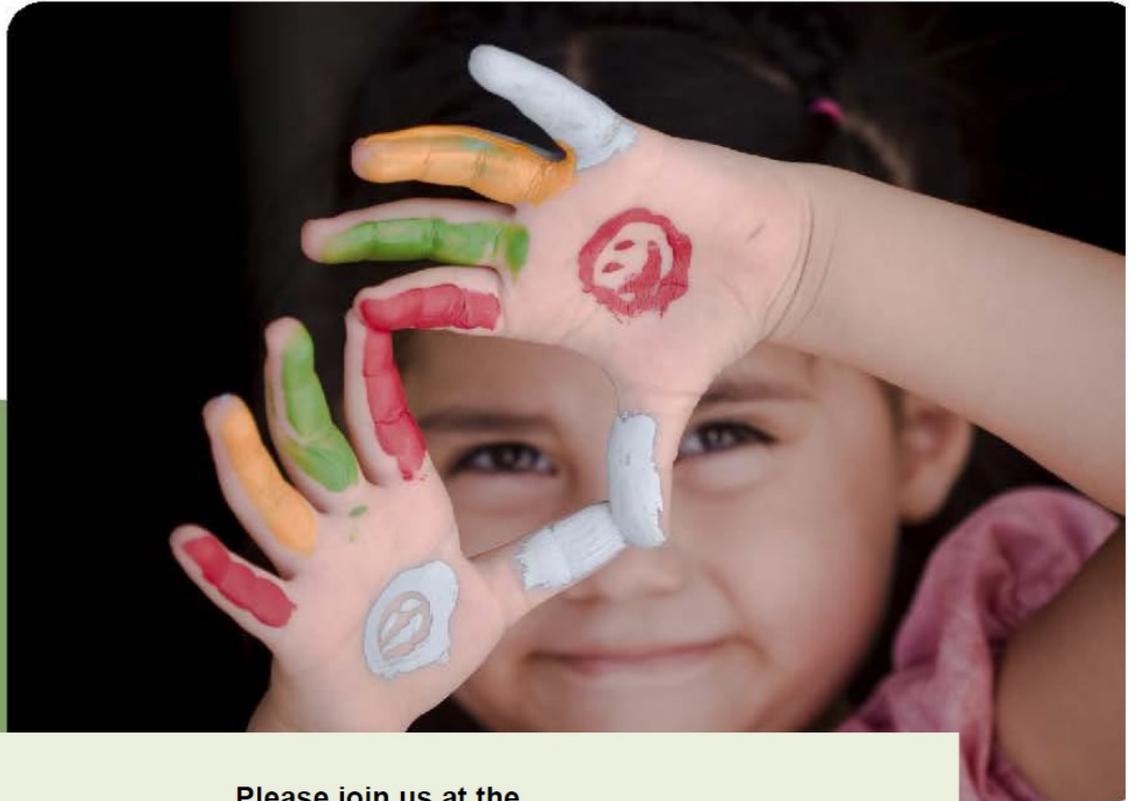
OSHC program phone: 0419695783

Coordinator: Bree-Anna Hamilton / Stephen Snowdon

Assistants: Erin Rawlinson

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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.



Please join us at the

NEW

Safety Bay Family Playgroup

A Playgroup for children aged 0-4 and their families.

Where: Safety Bay Primary School – W 8

When: Commencing Friday 13th of May, 9:00-10:30am for a 3-week trial.

Please bring a hat & a piece of fruit to be shared.

At Playgroup ...

- You can have fun playing with your child
- You can meet other parents
- Your child can become familiar with the school environment ready for future years.

For more information, please call Safety Bay PS Reception: 9528 3680



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FREE POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

You are invited to attend a Group Triple P - Positive Parenting course. Triple P teaches positive, practical and effective ways to manage common issues which most parents will face.

Parents will learn effective parenting strategies such as ways to encourage behaviour you like, how to promote your child's development and how to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems.

The next **FREE** 8 week Group is held:

When: 4 May – 22 June 2016
Location: Darius Wells Library, Kwinana
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.



Please call Joanne on 9419 2266 for more details or to book your place.

To find other available programs visit our website

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Triple_P

Bouncing Back: Building Resilience in Children

Free workshop for community members

Resilient kids are optimistic and do better at school. They are resourceful and persist when faced with challenges. This two session workshop will help parents identify their children's strengths in order to build their sense of well-being and optimism.

Based on 'The Resilience Doughnut' by Lyn Worsley

For parents & carers of children aged 0-12 years

Tuesdays 10th and 17th May 2016
Runs over two sessions

9:30am - 12pm

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(Planned and supervised)

Who: Years 1-6
When: Friday nights, 6-7:30pm (school terms)
Cost: \$2 donation p/child (or \$4 p/family)
Dress standard: Casual (neat and respectable)
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