



## THE GECKO NEWS

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### SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for children in **Years 3 to 6** began this week at Doddies Beach. We were fortunate that on Day 1 a pod of dolphins decided to swim with some of our students!

Our follow-up Beach Carnival will take place on Friday, 2 March 2018 for students in **Years 4 to 6**. Parents are welcome to join us at the beach for a great day.

### ART PROJECT

The Art room needs BOTTLE TOPS, LIDS and COFFEE PODS.

To help create our display for the Stretch Festival, which is looking at the impact of plastics on our oceans and waterways, we will be using bottle tops from milk, soft drinks, yoghurts etc. as well as coffee pods and other small lids.

Could you please start saving these at home and place them in the wheelie bin outside the Art Room.

Thank you for your help and remember to be wise about the plastic that you use and where you dispose of it.

Mrs Gatti  
Art Teacher

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted for Year 3 and Year 5 students from Tuesday, 15 May 2018 to Friday, 18 May 2018. All Year 3 and Year 5 students are expected to participate.

Please do not plan family holidays during this time.

Information for parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will go home today.

### P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the P&C (Monday, 12 March 2018) will be the AGM. At this meeting all current executive positions will be spilled. These positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The P&C will also need committee (e.g. fundraising, grounds, canteen) members and coordinators.

Please consider attending the meeting and nominating or joining a committee.

### ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly will be run by Room 12. Please join us in the undercover area at 8:30am.

### SCHOOL BOARD



The first meeting of the School Board is scheduled for today (Thursday, 22 February 2018) at 4:00pm in the staffroom. If you have any items that you would like the Board to discuss, please ring the school office on 9583 5400 and we will put you in touch with one of your Parent Representatives.

### SCHOOL COUNCILLORS



The names of our new Student Councillors will be announced at tomorrow's Assembly.

### ★ ★ ★ AWESOME ATTENDANCE ★ ★ ★

If your child is away from school for any reason the school must be notified and provided with an explanation. Notification can be either verbal or written. If you have not informed the school prior to, or on the morning of the absence, an SMS will be sent out after 10am informing you of your child's absence. A reply to this message with an explanation for the absence suffices the school's reporting requirements. If notification is not received a letter will be sent home asking for an explanation to be provided. Please complete this and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Room 5 for being our first Awesome Attendance class winners for this year. Room 5 was the only class to not miss a day, topping the chart with 100%. Our next class award winners will be announced at our assembly tomorrow.

### BEACH CARNIVAL

Our annual Beach Carnival will be held on Friday, 2 March 2018 at Doddies Beach. It will begin at approximately 9:00am. Students from **Years 4, 5 and 6** will be participating. Please ensure that money and consent forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Parents are welcome to attend and join in the fun.

## MEDICAL

Please can parents of children with medical conditions be sure to see the school office to hand in medications and/or update medical information.

Medical condition reviews are done annually, so if you haven't been in to see us yet this year, please visit the front office at your earliest convenience to discuss. Even if your child no longer suffers a medical condition, please still see us so that we can update our school records. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Hi all

Now that you've all settled into new classrooms with new teachers, I would like to welcome the new students and their parents.

My name is Karina and I am the Canteen Manager. Please feel free to come over and see what we offer for lunch and recess. You can order lunch before school at the counter or put an order in the lunch basket at your class but please don't forget to include the class room number and your name on the bag.

Lunch baskets need to be taken to the canteen every morning by 9am (work in progress) and then picked up at lunchtime.

Please have a look at the menu to check prices and that the day items are available.

We are always looking for parent volunteers for recess so if you would like to help please drop by the canteen in the morning and speak with Louise or myself.

Thank you.

Karina Constantine (Canteen Manager)

## SCHOOL BANKING



School Banking is open every Wednesday 8:00am to 8:30am in the Library.

New accounts are welcome. Help your child to get into the habit of saving.

## P & C

### Sausage Sizzle



To start off our fundraising for 2018, we are holding a SAUSAGE SIZZLE at BUNNINGS HALLS HEAD on SATURDAY, 10 MARCH 2018 from 7AM to 4PM to raise money for our school.

Please contact Louise Rhodes on 0478 612 770 if you are able to help and can spare an hour or two of your time.

Thank you for your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PMI Music Lessons



Keyboard and Guitar lessons on School Campus  
Small Group and Private Lessons  
Please enrol today – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office.

Phone: 1300 362 824

Email: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

Website: [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

### South Mandurah Football Club

2018 Registration Day

Sunday, 25 February 2018 10am to 12pm  
Falcon Oval: Lynda Street, Falcon  
Boys and Girls Pre-primary to Yr 12  
or

Register on- line

FACEBOOK:

[WWW.FACEBOOK.com/SOUTHMANDURAHJFC/](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.com/SOUTHMANDURAHJFC/)  
and click on the 'Sign Up' link.

Registration inquiries: Phone Jasmine 0407 199 871

<b>WEEK 4</b>	Monday, 19 February Thursday, 22 February Friday, 23 February	Yrs 3 – 6 Swimming commences, Doddies Beach School Board Meeting Newsletter Assembly - Room 12
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Thursday, 1 March Friday, 2 March	Yrs 3 – 6 Swimming finishes, Doddies Beach Yrs 4 – 6 Beach Fun Carnival, Doddies Beach
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Monday, 5 March Thursday, 8 March Friday, 9 March	Labour Day Public Holiday Newsletter Assembly - Room 9



  
 Channel 7 Mandurah  
**CRAB FEST**  
 presented by 

**Saturday 17 and  
 Sunday 18 March  
 9.00am - 5.00pm**



**STEP 1:**

Ride to Crab Fest and park your bike for FREE in a secure bicycle area

**STEP 2:**

Provide your contact details, collect a ticket and leave your bike

**STEP 3:**

Present your ticket, collect your bike and away you go!

[crabfest.com.au](http://crabfest.com.au)

