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TERM 2

Term 2 is already well underway, with our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students starting swimming lessons at the new Aquatic Centre this week. Luckily, so far the weather has been good and all students seem to be enjoying the experience. This term we have a lot of other activities occurring including school photos, winter sports carnivals, cross country, NAPLAN testing and reports. We also celebrate Mothers' Day on Sunday and as usual our P&C members have been busy organising raffles and Mothers' Day gifts. As the year progresses it only gets busier.

STRETCH FESTIVAL



South Halls Head students contributed this fantastic piece of art work to the City of Mandurah Stretch Festival. It is made from plastic bottle tops and highlights the theme of the festival which was all about saving our waterways from the pollution of plastics.

★ ★ ★ AWESOME ATTENDANCE ★ ★ ★



As winter approaches, illness can be inevitable. Being absent from school due to illness is categorised as an authorised absence. If your child is away due to illness, or any other reason, we ask that parents inform the school as soon as possible. If your child is away due to an extended illness a medical certificate may be requested.

Congratulations to Alec (K), Ryan (Yr 2), Rebekah (Yr 3) and Jack (Yr 6) for winning our Term 1 attendance raffles. These students maintained a high level of attendance throughout the term and won some great prizes. Thank you to Mandurah Indoor Rock Climbing, Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Coles Erskine and the Commonwealth Bank for their generous donations.

Our final class attendance prize for the term went to Room 8. It was great to see a junior primary class leading the way with attendance. Congratulations Room 8! Our next class winners will be announced at our assembly on Friday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



As our school photo day is coming on the Monday, 28 and Tuesday, 29 May 2018.

Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. Please note the photographers cannot open sealed envelopes and cannot provide change.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note sibling orders will close midday sharp at least one day before photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order as soon as you receive your order envelope with your order instructions.

Log on to kapture.com.au for your sibling photo order cut-off date and time. Late requests cannot be granted.

Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You can place an order online for class or individual photographs at any time for the remainder of the current school year however a \$15 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

If your child is in a sports or special group photo, you can use the same school code on your order envelope to view and order these photos on Kapture's website, around the time that school photos are ready to be delivered. Please note; class group, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot please contact the school office on 9583 5400.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

The Year 1 students in Room 4 have written stories about their mothers for Mothers' Day.

My mum is part of our family. My mum has brown hair. She has long hair. She has blue eyes. My mum is good at cooking delicious food. She helps me do games. She likes exercising. My mum is special because she likes doing cooking. *Lucas*

My mum has brown-blond hair. My mum is short almost. My mum likes cooking food. She is good at singing. She is good at washing. My mum likes bears. My mum is special because she gives me kisses. *Jamison*

My mum has ear rings. She has brown hair. She does not need glasses and she is a little tall. She likes singing the radio songs. She gives me hugs. She is good at washing. My mum is special because she gives me kisses. *Amarni*

My mum has beautiful blue eyes. She has shiny ear rings. She is very tall. My mum likes exercising. She loves giving hugs. She likes playing catch with me. My mum is special because she loves me so much. *Grace*

P & C NEWS

Next Meeting: Monday, 14 May 2018 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Mothers' Day stall is held on Thursday and Friday this week. Thank you to the following volunteers that helped to wrap 500 gifts this year: Karen B, Karen C, Jo, Janet, Rhonda, Amanda, Anthony and Jacinta.

The stall will run from drop off time till 12:45pm on Thursday and after the school assembly on Friday till all classes have chosen gifts. Mothers' Day Raffle will take place at the morning assembly on Friday, 11 May 2018.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following people/businesses for your kind donations towards our raffle:

Samantha & Kylie Jeffrey - All Out Auto Services, Jo Cooper - The Little Aussie Café, Tania McCrystal - Beauty by Tania, Newsxpress, The Glass Jar, Hedgehog Hairdressers, Jus By The Beach, Laced With Kindness, Spill The Beans Coffee Co, Claire & Hayden - Cocolat, Chantell Gray, Kmart - Halls Head, Jodie Connolly.

The P&C would also like to thank Jemma Gatti for decorating our P&C box with such beautiful colours. The box now stands out and is easier for children to see.

Thank you to all parents/carers and teachers for your support in fundraising towards our school.

NAPLAN

National Literacy and Numeracy testing for students in Years 3 and 5 begins next week. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language Conventions (Punctuation and Grammar) and Numeracy.

WINTER SPORTS

Our Interschool Sports Competition begins on Friday, 18 May 2018 for our Years 5 and 6 students. We will be playing Falcon PS.

ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly will be run by Room 13 (Year 4). It will begin in the undercover area at approximately 8:30am. Please come and join us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DRAMA CLASSES

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy has begun drama classes for students in Years 1 – 6 after school on Thursdays. The classes are held in the music room from 3:00pm.

HOW TO.....

Safely set up a device safely for kids.

YOUTUBE
Settings → Tick safe search filtering → Tick strict

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES
Settings → General → Restrictions → Turn off in App Purchases (not green)

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK



FREE Families Week Events in Mandurah
Fun games and activities for kids 0 – 5 years at each location.
Learn about services for children and families.

Greenfields Family Centre 2 Waldron Boulevard, Greenfields Tuesday 15th May, 10.00am – 12pm	Farm animals, kids entertainment and morning tea
Lakelands Library 49 Banksiadale Gate, Lakelands Friday 18th May, 11.00am - 12pm	Storytime, activities and morning tea

For more information please phone 9550 3846
www.mandurah.wa.gov.au



WEEK 2	Thursday, 10 May Friday, 11 May	Newsletter Room 13 Assembly
WEEK 3	Monday, 14 May Monday, 14 May to Thursday, 17 May Tuesday, 15 May to Friday, 18 May	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm PP-2 Swimming Lessons NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
WEEK 4	Thursday, 24 May Friday, 25 May	Newsletter School Board Meeting @ 4:00pm Room 16 Assembly