

The Gecko News

Principal's Word



The coming weeks have a number of activities which will bring added excitement to our students. On Monday, the chickens arrive! They will be with us for a fortnight, providing the students with the opportunity to interact with them and learn about their lifecycle.



Week 6 will see the return of our assemblies. Due to the Covid-19 square metre limitations still in place, our assemblies will be run in a modified way this semester. They will be split into junior (PP – Year 2) and senior (Year 3 – Year 6) presentations. This term will see two assemblies commencing at 8.30am on the following dates :

Senior Assembly (Rm 19 host): Thursday, 27 August
Junior Assembly (Rm 8 host): Friday, 18 September

The modifications will also see changes to our certificates. As we have missed so many assemblies, the staff have put in place 'School Awards.' These will be awarded to students who have shone across the school. Teachers can nominate for any student, not just those within their class, to receive an award. Nominations can be for things such as displaying kindness, excellence, compassion or care for others and the environment.

Parents/carers and loved ones (e.g. grandparents) are welcome and encouraged to come along and share our assembly celebrations. We ask that all parents/carers adhere to the physical distancing requirements whilst on the school grounds.

Melanie Buller
Principal

School Development / Student Free Day

A reminder to all parents/carers that staff will be participating in a School Development Day on **Friday, 28 August**. This means it is a student free day and students are not required to attend school.

Lost Property

There are a large number of school jackets and sweaters in the lost property. If you have misplaced yours, please come and check.

Faction Athletics Carnival

The Faction Athletics Carnival is fast approaching, occurring on Friday, 4 September. All students have been busy preparing for this event, practising their team games and individual races during sports lessons as well as additional training sessions. Mr Dowding is seeking parent volunteers to assist on the day. If you are able to help, please email Mr Dowding at-

Thomas.Dowding@education.wa.edu.au

P&C Treasurer Required

The P&C is looking for a volunteer to assist our current Treasurer and commence the process of learning what the role involves. If you are keen to become involved in the P&C and helping our school, please contact Mr Todd Butcher (P&C President) at:

toddrehctub@gmail.com

Canteen

The canteen is now selling drinks and ice creams over the counter. Drinks can be purchased at recess and lunch, with ice creams available at lunch time only. The canteen is also trialling the sale of hash browns at recess time. These can be ordered each day via Quickcliq.

The canteen will also be providing lunch items on the day of the Faction Carnival. Lunches will be required to be pre-ordered and purchased via Quickcliq. Further details will be sent home to all families in the coming days.

Year 6 Camp

A reminder payments and permission for Year 6 camp are due Friday, 28 August. We accept EFTPOS and direct bank deposit. If you have misplaced your forms please contact our office.

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Dogs on School Grounds

A reminder to all families that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This is Department of Education policy and is in place to ensure all of our students and community members are safe whilst at school.

50 Days of Kindy

To celebrate 50 Days of Kindy, our Kindy students were able to dress up in 1950s costumes. We enjoyed seeing all their smiley faces and wonderful costumes. Congrats to our Kindy students, you are now 50 days brighter!



Art News

Foam Prints in Art

The Year 5 and 6 students have been learning how to make prints using foam, block ink and rollers. They etched a simple pattern into the foam. Then after rolling ink on it, made a series of prints. They gradually added more detail to the designs, so they had a sequence of prints that went from simple to complex. It was messy, but they had fun!



Glazing in Art

The Year 3 and 4 students have been glazing Pinch Pots that they made. They had to paint on 3 coats of glaze. The pots will be cooked in the kiln and then placed on display in the library.



Mrs Gatti

Year 6 Gift

Each year, students from Year 6 organise a fundraiser to purchase a parting gift to the school. The students are seeking the community's support in choosing an appropriate gift this year. If you have any ideas, please send these through to Mr Glorie via email at: Bradley.Glorie@education.wa.edu.au.

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Attendance

Congratulations to all classes on their attendance so far this term. Winter has certainly hit us in the past couple of weeks, however everyone is doing a fabulous job at looking out for each other and keeping those bugs at bay so we all stay healthy and well. Parents, please remember that if your child is unwell and need to stay home, you must contact the school each day they are away to provide a reason for their absence. **This is easy to do using the new Compass Education app!** When your child returns to school, please bring a copy of their medical certificate to the office if your child has been away for consecutive days.

Compass

Our Compass Education system is now live. Compass has many features to it that will provide a much better level of communication between the school and parents, all in the one place! One of the functions of Compass is that it allows parents to automatically update their child's attendance directly in the app, which then notifies the office, as well as the classroom teacher. Individual login details were emailed out to all parents last week. If you have not received this email, please contact the office to check your email address and have them resent. A guide for parents and families on how to use Compass, can be found here: <https://www.compass.education/guide>

Ms Braithwaite

Term Dates

Week	Day	Event
5	Fri 21/8	Yr 5 / 6 Interschool Basketball (MARC)
6	Thu 27/8	Room 19 Assembly (Snr)
6	Fri 28/8	Staff Development Day
6	Fri 28/8	Year 6 camp payments due

P & C News

The P & C are offering a sausage sizzle at the Faction Athletics Carnival this year. Drinks will also be available for purchase. More information will be available in our next newsletter.



Dental Therapy Centre

SHHPS Dental Therapy Centre will be closed every Friday of Term 3. For all emergencies please phone Oakwood Dental Therapy Centre 9586 7622.

Community News



Tuning in to Teens

Emotional Intelligent Parenting

FREE six session parenting program for parents of 10 to 16 year olds

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence. Teenagers with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

When: Tuesday 18, 25 August, 1, 8, 15 and 22 September 2020
Where: headspace, The Hub 91 Allnutt St, Mandurah
Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm
FREE: Please send your email address to 4families@relationships.wa.gov.au to register and receive log-in details.

4dads is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

Come and Try Day

Sunday 16 August
 1pm - 3pm
 Cootes Reserve, Madora Bay

Preseason training
 Join us for a hit and throw
 Mens, Ladies & Juniors Welcome
 Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates

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