

The Gecko News

Principal's Word



Today we held our first assembly since Covid restrictions were implemented back in Term 1. And what an assembly it was! Congratulations to Mrs Humble and Room 19 for their wonderful item, presented to our Year 3 – 6 students.

The assembly also saw our first recipients of our 'Recognition of Excellence' awards which have been implemented as part of our modified assembly formats for Semester Two. Students can be nominated for these awards by any staff member for actions such as displaying kindness, excellence, compassion or care for others and the environment.

Congratulations to our winners today – **Darcy** (Room 12), **Breannah** (Room 19), **Lucas** (Room 15), **Owen** (Room 16) and **Tayla** (Room 21).



There are many more events scheduled for the remainder of this term. Please read the information below for all the details.

Melanie Buller
Principal

Faction Athletics Carnival

The Faction Athletics Carnival is on next Friday, 4 September. All students have been busy preparing for this event, practising their team games and individual races during sport lessons as well as additional training sessions.

Parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to come along to watch all the action! We ask that all parents/carers adhere to the physical distancing requirements whilst attending on the day.

Mr Dowding is seeking parent volunteers to assist throughout the carnival. If you are able to help, please email Mr Dowding at;
Thomas.Dowding@education.wa.edu.au

Student Free Day

A reminder to all parents/carers that tomorrow, Friday, 28 August is a student free day.

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 Camp is fast approaching! Please remember 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.

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.



Chickens

The students have enjoyed having the chickens with us over the last two weeks. We were very lucky this year, with all of the chicks hatching within the first two days! This opportunity has provided our students with a hands on experience to interact with the baby chicks and learn about their life cycle. Thank you to the P&C who funded this opportunity for our students.

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 help our school, please contact Mr Todd Butcher (P&C President) at:
toddrehctub@gmail.com

Crazy Hair Day

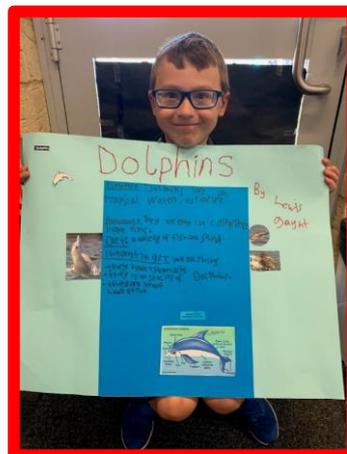
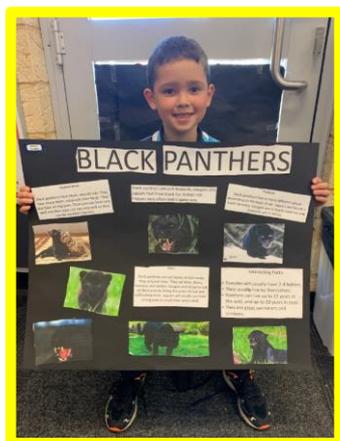
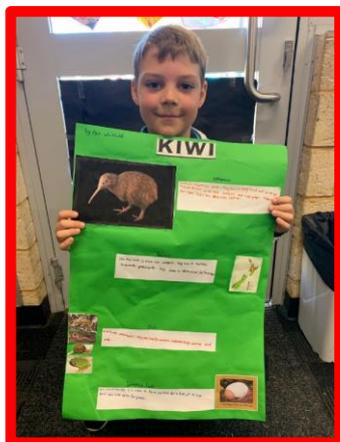
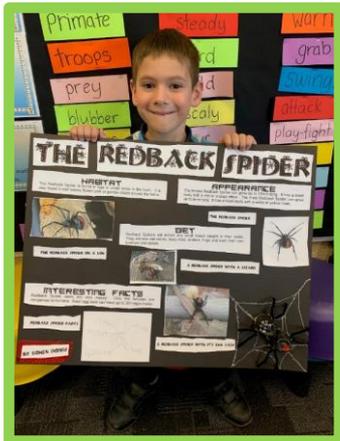
The student councillors will be hosting their first fundraiser for the year on Wednesday, 23 September (week 10). All students will be invited to join in the fun by wearing 'crazy' hair for a gold coin donation. The funds raised will go towards supporting Story Dogs.

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Wondrous Workers

Students from Room 4 (Year 1) have been very busy researching and creating information posters about animals. Check out some of their amazing work below!



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Attendance

Attendance at school every day is vitally important for student's academic and social development. However, if your child is genuinely sick, please keep them at home and contact the school to advise of their absence each day they are away. For prolonged absences, medical certificates can be handed in to the classroom teacher or directly to the administration office upon your child's return to school.

Ms Braithwaite

Compass

The **Compass Education** app is free. You can add your child's absence directly to their attendance records, notifies the office and classroom teacher at the same time. Individual login details have been emailed out to all parents. 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>



Chaplain Chat

Hi, my name is Chris Greene and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I have the absolute privilege of being the chaplain here at South Halls Head Primary School. First, a little bit about me. In February of 2019, my wife, my dog and myself packed up all our things and moved from Sydney NSW to Mandurah.

At the beginning of Term 3, 2020 I had the incredible opportunity to become the chaplain here at this wonderful school. The service is provided by YouthCARE, which is a government funded non-profit organisation. They recruit, induct and allocate Chaplains to over 600 schools throughout Western Australia, while providing ongoing support and training for them.

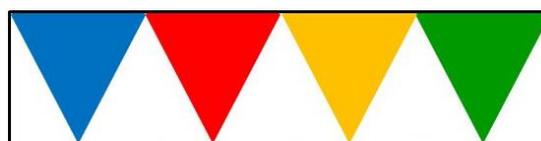
My role as the chaplain is simple; to assist the staff and students. Whether they want to laugh, cry or

anything in-between, I am there to partner with them through it all. My goal is to create a space where everyone feels comfortable, confident, welcome and safe.

Whilst I am employed by YouthCARE, I also work under and alongside the School Principal, Deputies and Teaching Staff. I currently work Tuesday and Wednesday and my office is located in D Block. If you would like more information, please contact the school office or email me at ; christopher.greene@youthcare.org.au

Kind Regards,
Chris Greene

P & C News



2020 South Halls Head PS Sports Carnival
Friday 4 September

Groovy Gecko Canteen Notice
Pre orders for lunch available via Quickcliq.
Order lunch by **Monday 31 August**, to be delivered to the oval on the day.

Go onto Quickcliq to order now.
✓ Select your faction colour first, and then select your order.

Drinks will be available to purchase for recess at the oval.
For parents/carers – P&C drinks and sausage sizzle will be available on the oval from 11am.
Don't forget to bring spare change.
We wish everyone a great carnival day!

Term Dates

Week	Day	Event
7	Wed 2/9 & Thu 3/9	Kindy Tabloid Sports
7	Fri 4/9	Faction Athletics Carnival
8	Wed 9/9 – Fri 11/9	Year 6 Camp
9	Fri 18/9	Room 8 Assembly (Jnr)
10	Wed 23/9	Crazy Hair Day

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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.org.au to register and receive log-in details.

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



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