

The Gecko News

Principal's Word



Last Friday was a wonderful day. Congratulations to Mr Dowding for his tremendous organisation of the Faction Athletics Carnival. The day ran smoothly from start to finish. Thank you to all staff for their efforts in training the students and organising placements in races and games. Thank you also, to the parents who gave up their time to assist throughout the day and to the P&C for the running of the sausage sizzle and canteen sales.

It was Shark faction's day, coming away with the win for the second year in a row.

Well done Shark!

Congratulations also, to our running champions. You should be very proud of your efforts –

Champion Girls

Year	Champion	Runner Up
1	Bonnie	Kaia
2	Cait	Charlie
3	Estelle	Harper
4	Scarlet	Finn
5	Eve	Ivy
6	Shaedyne	Mackenzie

Champion Boys

Year	Champion	Runner Up
1	Cruz	Rhys
2	Cohen	Ollie
3	Zack	Blake
4	Kaden	Cooper
5	Benjamin	William
6	Kaiden	Kai



Melanie Buller
Principal

Children's Crossing

We are pleased to announce our Children's Crossing is close to being in operation. We are awaiting confirmation of our traffic warden who will man the crossing each day between 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:30pm and 3:30pm in the afternoons.

Over the coming weeks, all students will be taught how the crossing works and the rules and expectations for using it. This includes the following information which has been sent to us via the Traffic Warden State Management Unit, WA Police Force:

- All students and pedestrians will be instructed by the Traffic Warden to wait until the warden gives two short blasts of their whistle before crossing. The Traffic Warden will ensure that all traffic has stopped or are clearly stopping before doing so.
- Students who cycle to/from school will be requested by the Traffic Warden to dismount before entering the carriageway, as bicycles been ridden are deemed to be vehicles. If they wish to use a Children's (Pedestrian) Crossing they need to become a pedestrian and this is also a requirement of the Road Traffic Act.
- Where possible the Traffic Warden will try and group a number of pedestrians before the traffic warden begins to cross them. This helps the traffic/pedestrian flow to work in cohesion with one another. Otherwise traffic jams can become a problem.
- The Traffic Warden will stand for the greater part on the side of the road opposite the school in the morning and on the school's side in the afternoon. This allows them to have greater control of students and pedestrians.

2021 Preparations

We are commencing our processes for placing students into classes for 2021. To assist us in making informed decisions in regards to placement, we ask all parents to please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to South Halls Head Primary School in 2021. Please contact the school office on 9584 6200. Thank you.

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2021 Leavers Uniform Order

2021 Leavers Uniform Order forms were handed out to all Year 5 students a couple of weeks ago. Please be advised orders are to be submitted to the school by **Friday, 25 September**. Alternatively, you can place your order directly with Hot Klobba. Only credit card orders will be accepted. **No late orders will be accepted** as this will delay the arrival date. Should you require another form, please contact the front office.

Community Use of Facilities

We are pleased to inform our community that our basketball/netball courts will be available to hire in Term 4.

As communicated earlier this year, the Department has made changes to the processes for hiring of school facilities. The new process involves preapproval by the Department for all applications by community members to use our facilities. It has also been mandated that schools charge for the use of facilities.

Charges will be minimised, with court hire being set at \$1 per team member, per season. Please note costs may vary for the use of other facilities.

The courts will be available for hire each day at the following times:

- 2:45pm – 3:45pm
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm

To commence this process, we ask all teams to contact the front office to book an appointment to complete the first stage of the paperwork. Please note you will need to provide a copy of your Certificate of Currency, COVID Safe Plan and ABN.

Junior Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Friday, 18 September. This will be hosted by Room 8 (Year 2) and will be for our junior students from Pre-Primary – Year 2. 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.

Crazy Hair Day

A reminder to all families that 'Crazy Hair' Day is being held on Wednesday, 23 September (week 10). All students are invited to join in the fun by wearing 'crazy' hair for a gold coin donation. The funds raised will go towards supporting Story Dogs.

Year 3 Fire Safety Incursion

Next Thursday, 17 September all Year 3 students will be participating in an incursion with the Fire and Emergency Services. Students will learn about fire safety and have the opportunity to explore all the tools and equipment found on a fire truck.



Year 4 Instrumental Music

Over the remaining weeks of this term, all students in Year 4 Music classes will participate in a WA-wide listening activity. This activity, organised by the Education Department, is used as an indicator of the brain's natural musical ability for learning a musical instrument. Next term this information, along with discussions between parents, students and teachers, will be used to offer interested/suitable candidates the option to learn the Trombone, Trumpet, Clarinet or Flute in Years 5 and 6.

If you already know you would like your child to learn one of these instruments from 2021, please would you email an expression of interest to:

Rosemary.Brown@education.wa.edu.au.

Places cannot be guaranteed, but parental support when learning a new instrument is vitally important. Thank you.

Mrs Brown

School Board

The next meeting of the School Board is on Thursday, 17 September 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 9584 6200 and we will put you in touch with one of your Parent Representatives.

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Year 6 Camp

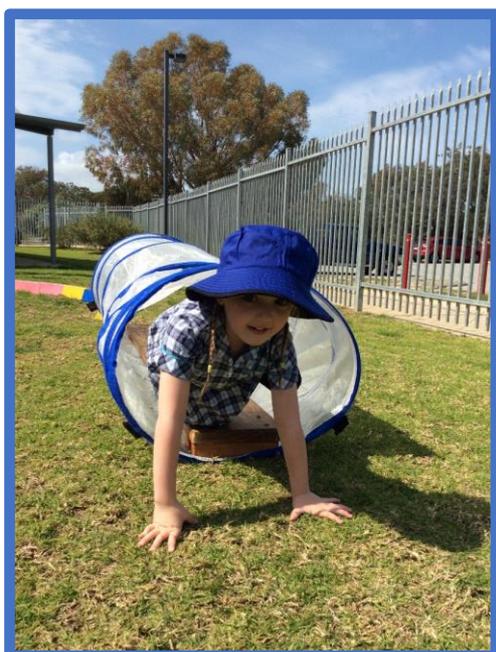
We had very excited Year 6 students yesterday morning, as they headed off to their camp at Fairbridge, Point Peron. They had a wonderful first day and are looking forward to their activities today which include, mountain bike riding, archery, raft building and lots more! We look forward to sharing their experiences in our next edition of the newsletter.

Bike Helmets

We remind all students who ride or scoot to school to please ensure they are wearing a helmet. Your safety is paramount! Further information for parents regarding child road safety can be found at Kidsafe WA.

Kindy Tabloid Sports

Last week, Kindy Blue and Green participated in the Kindy Tabloid Sports event. This special event included an egg and spoon race, sack race, ring toss relay and an obstacle course. It was fantastic to see mums, dads and extended family come along to cheer us on and even join in the fun! To finish, we all enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine. Kindy Purple and Red will have their Tabloid Sports event next Wednesday, 16 September.



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Art News

Year 3/4 Pinch Pots

Last week we chose different colours and glazed our pinch pots. They were cooked in the kiln and came out nice and shiny. Some of our pinch pots are on display in the Library.



Year 3 Room 14 & 16- Curious Creatures Wild Minds (Book Week Theme)

In art we listened to stories about Crazy Creatures. We then used our Wild Imagination to draw some amazing Creatures. Today we got to feel like real artists and painted at an easel. We used black to paint the outline of our curious creatures and next week we'll add colour to them. The paper was very large and we had to paint BIG.



Attendance

As we near the home stretch, teachers will be revising and assessing the term's work, so it is important for students to be at school every day that they are well. Thank you to parents who are proactive in contacting the school about their children's attendance. We know you are busy, so to make communication easier, please use our new Compass Education System.

By downloading the free **Compass Education app**, you can add your child's absence directly to their attendance records, which 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 your login 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
9	Thur 17/9	Year 3 Fire Safety Incursion School Board Meeting 4pm
	Fri 18/9	Room 8 Assembly (Jnr)
10	Wed 23/9	Crazy Hair Day
	Fri 25/9	Last day Term 3

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.

