

# The Gecko News

## Principal's Word



Wow, is the only word to describe Monday's whole school concert presented by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse. It was an inspiring and fun afternoon! Gina and Guy are both extremely talented musicians and performers. The audience were engaged throughout the performance, joining in with actions and singing. We now have some new actions to go with Wanjoo, which is sung at each of our assemblies!

A big thank you to Mrs Irwin for initiating the concert idea and to Ms Brown for liaising and coordinating the whole event. Thank you also to the parents who braved the wintry weather and joined us for the afternoon.

Melanie Buller  
Principal

## Assembly

Our junior assembly (PP – Year 2) is on tomorrow morning hosted by Room 6 (Year 1/2). The assembly will commence at approximately 8:30am in the undercover area. We hope that you can join us.

## PP – Year 2 Intern Swimming Lessons

Students from Pre-primary to Year 2 will be participating in swimming lessons from Wednesday, 15 September through to Friday, 24 September (weeks 9 & 10). All the information regarding the lessons, including session times and enrolment forms, were sent home via Compass on Tuesday. If you have any queries, or are experiencing any difficulties completing the documentation, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



## Pre-Primary 2022

Applications for Pre-Primary 2022 are now due. Please return the application to the office, with your proof of address and immunisation history statement printed from the Mygov website (this statement can be no older than 8 weeks old). If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

## Book Week 2021

Book Week is fast approaching! The theme for this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. There are a number of exciting events planned for the week including the return of book fair! Full details of the fair have been attached to this newsletter. The Better Beginnings team will be out to visit our Kindy students and the week will conclude with our dress up day.

We invite all students to come on Friday, 27 August dressed as their favourite **book** character. We are asking students to bring a copy of the book from which their character derives on the day. The students will be involved in a parade, commencing at approximately 8:30am, on the central grassed area. In the case of poor weather, the parade will go ahead in the undercover area. All parents and community members are invited to join in the fun and attend our parade - dress up optional!

## Speak Up Awards

The Speak Up Awards were held on Wednesday, 11 August at the Scarborough Masonic Lodge. Our school was represented by Oliver Room 21, Enzo Room 19 and Melody Room 19, who were selected from amongst all of the Year 5 and Year 6 students.

The Awards consist of six heats, of which our students were presenting with schools from all over Perth. All three students did themselves, and our school proud on the day, with each of them receiving excellent feedback from the adjudicators. Melody has been selected to compete at the next step, the preliminary finals, which will be held in Perth during the Term 3 holidays. We wish her all the best for this occasion.

*“The best view comes after the hardest climb”*

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## Attendance

### Attendance = achievement!

We have started the Term with good overall attendance, so congratulations to the students and families for their efforts thus far. Our attendance summary for the first three weeks of Term 3;

Year	Attendance %	Unauthorised absence %	Authorised absence %
K	90.9	2.5	6.6
PP	89.6	2.5	7.9
1	93.8	0.4	5.8
2	90.3	2.5	7.2
3	94.4	2.4	3.2
4	91.1	2.4	6.5
5	90.4	2.2	7.4
6	90.4	2.2	7.4

Congratulations to the Year 3s for having the highest attendance and the Year 1s for having the lowest unauthorised absences!

Remember, every day absent from school impacts learning. It is not okay to miss school for birthdays, sleep ins, holidays, haircuts, or minor appointments. Please provide a reason for every absence via phone, email, or the Compass app.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, we are here to help. Please let us know what is happening so we can support you and your child.

## Term Dates

Week	Day	Event
4	Fri 13/8	Junior Assembly (Yr 1/2, Rm 6)
5	Thur 19/8	HHC Visit to Yr 6
6	Mon 23/8	Book Week commences, Book Fair 2:40pm-4:00pm, Chickens arrive
	Tue 24/8	Book Fair 2:40pm-4:00pm
	Wed 25/8	Book Fair 2:40pm-4:00pm
	Thur /8	Kindy Better Beginnings Visit, Newsletter, Book Fair 2:40pm-4:00pm
	Fri 27/8	Book Week Dress Up Day, Kindy Better Beginnings Visit

## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is being held on Monday, 23 August at 6:30pm in the staff room. All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Community News

### Traffic Warden



Unfortunately on Monday, 16 August there will be no traffic warden on duty on Karon Vista near Dichondra Pass, Halls Head.

Please be vigilant whilst crossing without a warden present.

### FALCON COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Come and join us for a cuppa, chat and play!

Tuesdays & Fridays  
 9am-11am  
 First 2 visits FREE

email for more information  
[falconplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:falconplaygroup@gmail.com)  
 or follow us on Facebook  
 "Falcon Community Playgroup"

Falcon Family Centre  
 60 Linville Street Falcon





Dear Parents,

**RE: Book Fair (23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of August)**

This year we will be holding a Book Fair during Book Week.

It will be the first time that we have tried Larrikin House!

Learning Discovery and Larrikin House merged, and are now one Australian owned and operated company trading as Larrikin House.

**Larrikin Book Fairs** are curated to showcase home grown talent, sourced from all the good Aussie publishers.

The book fair will be open **Monday to Thursday, after school, from 2:40 pm until 4:00pm** in the Staffroom.

I am looking for parent helpers to help student shoppers at the Fair and on the checkout. If you are able to help, could you please give me a call on 95846200 or drop in and see me.

We will be accepting regular cash and credit card payments on site during the Book Fair.

Kind regards

Fiona Luff  
Library Officer