



Brookman

PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

A HUGE welcome to Term 3! There was a terrific feeling about the school on Tuesday as excited students (and parents) returned to school. I hope all families had a chance to relax and rejuvenate over the holiday break.

Staff commenced on Monday at Murdoch University attending an Excellence in Teaching Conference. It was an inspirational day and a great opportunity for staff to attend sessions with internationally recognised speakers focussing on health and well-being and the latest curriculum updates.

Social Media

From time to time comments from parents regarding the school or particular students have been placed on social media, Facebook, Instagram or the like. Please be reminded that these are public forums and that any written comments, especially negative ones could be used by police or other parties in a court of law as evidence.

I cannot understand why parents would list negative comments online and open to the public. If parents ever have a concern about the school or its students I much prefer you contact us so we can offer reassurance and support with issues.

Science Room Upgrade

Most of the cosmetic changes have occurred within the Science Room complete with its new lino floor. New resources have been purchased and an initial order of furniture has been placed. Also ordered are new pinup boards and a new Interactive Whiteboard. As the new furniture is trialled we will purchase additional pieces to finish the room. Eventually, all the furniture will be replaced. Both Mrs Thompson and the students are very excited about using the new room. I hope families take the opportunity to check out the Science Room during open night.

Once this area has been completed a group of staff will reinvigorate our Maths and STEM storage areas to make them more user friendly and easier for staff to locate materials for their lessons.

COMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club
Uniform Shop

Daily 8.00 a.m. - 8.15 a.m.

Daily :

8.00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.

2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Wednesdays 8.00 a.m.

Wednesday 25th July

Friday 27th July

Tuesday 31st July

Wednesday 1st August

Friday 3rd August

Student Banking
A2 & A3 Excursion
A3 Assembly
English ICAS Testing
EC1 & EC2 Excursion
EAL/D Parent Meeting

Student Reports

I hope all families have received their children's reports and have had time to discuss the report contents and comments with each child in a positive manner. Please remember that if your child receives a 'C' Grade that this means they are working at the expected level for that age group, so the child should be congratulated on this. If you have any queries or concerns regarding reports, please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child's teacher.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association

This hard working group continues to support our school through raising funds. They are currently running a raffle to raise money for additional playground equipment. It is important we offer students as many varied play opportunities as possible and equipment is very expensive. I hope families are able to support the P&C's latest initiative.

Thank you for sending your children to school in school uniform, they look fantastic. PLEASE remember to put your child's name on pieces of clothing.

I hope all students and families have a wonderful term.

Kind Regards

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Literacy

Welcome back to another busy term. Well done to our holiday readers! Some children were able to catch up on their nights of reading to now be on track to reach the target of 200 nights before the end of the year. Well done also to the students who received their certificate for 100 nights of home reading last term. Please continue to encourage and enjoy reading at home with your child this term. Some suggestions for what you can do at home when reading with your child:



- Remember to stay calm and relaxed when your child is reading.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those your child reads and those they hear.
- Where possible, connect events in the book to things that have happened in your child's life. This will help them understand why a character does things and may help them to enjoy the story more.
- Read stories or passages in short sections and let your child tell you what happened and predict what might happen, before you continue reading. This way you can check their understanding, without pressure, and help them understand how stories are put together.

ICAS

On Tuesday July 31st some of our students will complete the International Competition and Assessment for Schools English Test. Students who scored in the top 20% in the NAPLAN testing in 2016 and 2017 were entered by the school and some students paid the entry fee to participate. The tests are very challenging and I wish the students well. Certificates and results will be sent out later in the term.

Tina Lawrence, Literacy Teacher

Childcare in Langford Murdock Early Education School

Murdock Early Education, 29 Brookman Avenue, Langford (across the road from the school) are holding a **FREE** family fair day on Saturday 21st July from 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. All families are welcome there will be a baby animal zoo, jumping castle, face painting and children's games. All welcome.

Numeracy

Next Wednesday, 25th July, is the 100th day of school. If your child has attended every day then it is easy to see that they have 100% attendance. Percentage is worked out per 100 so look at the attendance indicated on your child's school report and see how many days that might equate to (remember that the percentage last semester was worked out on less days). The state average is 92%. Research shows that for every day that a child has off school takes more than a day to make up academically. Teachers work with students in class with hands on materials. It is hard to send this type of work home or send on unauthorised holidays to enable children to keep up with the curriculum. Please aim to attend school every day.

Tania Rennie, Numeracy Teacher

Community Nurse

Bedwetting

Bedwetting, or nocturnal enuresis, is very common in children. Bedwetting has nothing to do with dreaming, and children who wet the bed are not "just being lazy".

If your child wets the bed, there are a number of things you can do to help, such as using a waterproof mattress cover and establishing a before-bed toilet routine. It is not helpful to punish children who wet the bed. Fluids should not be restricted, even before bedtime. Sugary or caffeinated drinks should be avoided.

If your child is still wetting the bed after five and a half years of age, seek help through a referral by your local doctor. A bedwetting alarm is an effective and safe method of treatment available for nocturnal enuresis and may be appropriate for your child.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse or Community Health Centre, **Clare Pargeter** on **6330 3123** for more information