



Newsletter 19: 9th November 2018

Welcome to this week's newsletter. As the term is flies by our students tend to become increasingly tired. It is therefore important that children go to bed at appropriate times. A good night's sleep will ensure students are set for a good day at school.

Deputy Principal Appointment

I would like to congratulate Mrs Tania Rennie on winning the position as substantive Deputy Principal at Brookman. Mrs Rennie has been acting in the position since Mr Matheson's departure. Mrs Rennie's appointment brings continuity and expertise to the position which is wonderful for the school. Well done!

Choir Performance at City of Gosnells

A section of our School Choir was invited to perform at the Australian Citizenship Ceremony at the City of Gosnells on Wednesday evening.

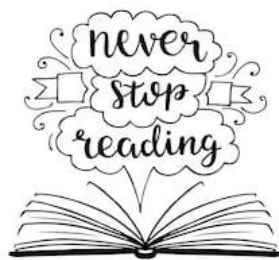
They sang beautifully and it was a tribute to the hard work of our Performing Arts teacher Annie Eversden and our choir that they were invited. Thank you also to the parents who transported their children to the event. I have received a number of compliments on their performance.

Book Sale

Our P&C have a large number of books for sale at cheap prices every afternoon. Keep an eye out for them, bring some change and buy some books. Money raised supports P&C fundraising.

Premier's Wife Visit

The Premier's wife, Mrs Sarah McGowan will visit the school next week Wednesday, to promote the 'Never Stop Reading' Program. This state government sponsored program illustrates the importance for parents to continue to read to their children even after they can read themselves. Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life. Sharing stories and reading aloud with your child strengthens their skills in reading, writing and comprehension. It builds their confidence and sense of security and creates those special moments with your child that you cherish.



That's why you should Never Stop Reading!

P&C Disco

Save the date: Wednesday 21st November for our school Disco. Regrettably students who have not met the school's behaviour expectations and do not have 'Good Standing' will not be allowed to attend.

COMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club	Daily	8.00 - 8.15 a.m.
Uniform Shop	Daily:	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
Student Banking		Wednesdays 8.00 a.m.
EAL/D Parent Meeting C5		Friday 9 th November 8.30am -9.30am
EC2 Assembly		Friday 16 th November

School Board Meeting

In the last newsletter I mistakenly listed a School Board Meeting on the wrong date. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th December in the staffroom. Observers welcome.

Students Onsite After School

Students playing on school grounds after school should only do so where they are supervised by family members or someone designated to pick them up. We have had some rough play from unsupervised students and this will not be tolerated. Please be prompt in picking up your children after siren time.

Since returning to school it has been lovely to catch up with many families around the school and I look forward to seeing many more in the near future.

Hans Geers, Principal

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Congratulations

to our Honour Certificate recipients.



Literacy

Congratulations to the children who have reached 200 nights of home reading. We have 5 more weeks of school this year so keep reading each night. I look forward to giving out more certificates and book prizes at our last couple of assemblies this term.



This week some of our parents attended a BOOST workshop in the school library. Each parent received a Literacy Pack containing information booklets, a DVD, games, reading captions and other resources to support their child to read and write. The Boost program is an initiative of DSF Literacy Services and is generously funded by the City of Gosnells Community Sponsorship Program. The follow up workshop will be held next Wednesday November 14th.



Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principal

Social Media

Being socially connected is important but current trends show that more and more, people are using social media to connect with others. Parents need to be aware that there are often age restrictions to social media sites such as Instagram and Facebook. It is therefore up to families to monitor accounts. At Brookman, older students have been completing DQ World lessons which covers topics such as cyber safety. Children learn that there are processes to report poor online behaviour and that bullies can be blocked. Like all technology use, time on devices should be limited to be age appropriate. Adults should also note that photos taken at assemblies, sports carnivals, graduation etc are for your personal viewing and putting children that are not your own, on social media without permission is not appropriate. If you wish to join Instagram you first need to download the app, set up a profile, do a search for @brookmanps and press follow. Social Media can be fun if we make sure we treat others, and ourselves, with respect. A digital footprint lasts a very long time.

Tania Rennie, Deputy Principal

Writing

Types of Writing

Knowing the audience you are writing to and for what purpose, is important when deciding how to begin a piece. You wouldn't use the same language to sell an old car in the paper, tell a story about the time the car broke down in the desert and explain how to jump start that car in the winter. Help your child find the right voice and tone by identifying which of the following kinds of writing is required:

Descriptive: Descriptive writing helps bring someone, something, or someplace to life through words. Your child might be asked to describe the house your family lives in, to express what it's like to ride a rollercoaster, or tell what life was like 100 years ago. In this kind of writing it is recommended that your child describe with all his/her senses: What does your house look like? How does it feel to ride on a rollercoaster?

Explanatory: This type of writing includes simple explanations such as, why volcanoes erupt, how the pyramids were built. Clarity and brevity is important, flowery details and opinions should be omitted.

Narrative: Narrative writing tells a story and includes an orientation (introduce the characters and setting), a complication, a series of events and finally a resolution to the complication.

Persuasive: Persuasive writing focuses on persuading the reader to do or agree with something. Your child might be assigned to argue one side of a debate, such as whether or not summer is better than winter, dogs are better pets than cats or if movie stars make too much money. A successful persuasive essay will contain evidence (such as statistics, facts, and quotes) to support their argument and contain a well-formed conclusion.

Peter Boshoff, EAL/D and TDS Noongar

School Psychologist



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Seminars are for parents/carers of children from about 10 to 15 years of age. Each two hour seminar includes a presentation, lip sheet, discussion and question time.

Triple P
The Quality Program

Presenting at Yale PS "re-starting" next Tuesday for the next 3 weeks at 6pm (13th, 20th, 27th November)

Steph Howson, School Psychologist

Christmas Hampers

We will begin our annual Christmas hamper appeal for St Andrews Anglican Church this week.

Boxes will be in each classroom and donations can also be left under the Christmas tree outside of the Parent room.

Please make sure that items are non-perishable.

The cut off for donations will be the 7th December.

Thank you for your generosity.