



Newsletter 4: 29TH March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers, with today's newsletter we have sent home a copy of our **2018 Primary School of the Year Award** for each family. We firmly believe that this award belongs to each and every member of our school community and hope you enjoy having a copy. We don't profess to be perfect as a school but our community should all be proud of this achievement.

ABC News

Congratulations go to Mrs Hansen our Languages Noongar teacher who headed up an item on ABC's Saturday night news. She did a fabulous job explaining the importance of students' understanding the Noongar Culture and language. Our school leads a program across the state to teach Aboriginal Language teachers the finer points of teaching language. This item has had over 102 000 views on Facebook! In such a multi-cultural school as ours it is important that we all understand the cultural background of our nation's first people.

New Zealand Remembrance Service Friday 29th March

As a mark of mourning and respect for the victims of the Christchurch tragedy, our Australian National Flag was flown at half-mast today. New Zealand held a National Remembrance Service today at 10am (NZ local time).

Edu Dance

Edu Dance Concert is one of the highlights of the school year. This will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th April. If you have not yet paid your child's involvement please do so at the school office. Concert times are:

Concert 1: 5pm: C6, A3, B1, B5 and C2
Concert 2: 5.50pm: C4, A2, A1, B6 and C1

Summer Carnival

Our students and staff have been readying themselves for next week's summer carnival. Good luck all, I know you will put your best foot forward.

Classroom Ceiling Work

Over the holiday period A1 and A2 will have their ceilings replaced. These classes will run alternative classes on the last Friday of term so that furniture can be removed in preparation.

Creative Schools Program

We have been very fortunate to have two classes invited to be involved in the Creative Schools Program next term. Mrs Dalton and her class will work with author Cristy Burne and Miss Mifsud and her class will work with programmer and virtual reality designer, Minh Tran. Our teachers will work with these 'creative' people to build additional creativity into teaching and learning programs and encourage our students' creative thinking. This fits in with current contemporary educational thinking and dovetails into our STEAM learning.

COMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club	Daily	8.00 - 8.15 am
Uniform Shop	Daily:	8.00 - 8.30 am
		2.00 - 2.30 pm
Techno Kids	Tuesdays	2.45 - 3.45 pm
Summer Carnival	Wednesday	3rd April 9am – 2pm
Edu Dance Concerts	Tuesday	9th April
Anzac Assembly	Friday	12th April 8.40am

As always we continue to seek opportunities to extend our student skillsets and thinking capabilities. Hopefully we may be able to include other classes next year.

STEAM Professional Development Workshop

Next week Friday the 5th April will see Brookman host another STEAM workshop for teachers and administrators from other schools.

Instagram

Download the Instagram App on your phone and check us out at: **@brookmanps**

Screen Time

Some of our students come to school quite tired after spending too much time in front of screens of some sort at home. Children and adolescents should not spend more than one and at most, two hours a day on screen based activities. Excessive screen time often leads to poor health, poor fitness and potential to become overweight.

Activities like surfing the net, social networking, watching TV and playing screen games can be educational and fun, but all involve sitting still for long periods of time. I encourage families to set family rules around screen time and encourage your child to try a range of active pastimes, especially during daylight hours.

For more information, go to <http://raisingchildren.net.au>.

P&C AGM

I thank those parents who were able to attend last Monday's P&C Annual General Meeting and congratulate Jody Corbett in being reinstated as President and welcome new parent Kate Bannister onto the Committee. Any other new parents are very welcome to join this hard working group.

Please enjoy the company of your children as they are only young once.

Hans Geers, Principal

Tania Rennie & Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principals

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From the Nurse: Vision and Eyes

Vision and eyes

Good vision is important for learning and quality of life. Watch for any of the following in your child:

- covering/closing one eye when reading
- holding books very close
- complaining of eyestrain or headache
- complaining of double vision or blurred vision with reading or board viewing
- complaining of words moving on a page
- losing place when reading, or skipping words and lines
- inattention or short attention span when reading, or
- rubbing the eyes.

Please note: Medicare covers the cost of an eye examination.

If you have a concern about your child's vision please contact a doctor, optometrist or your local Community Health Nurse on (6330 3123).

Honour Certificates

Congratulations

To our Honour Certificate recipients.



Naplan

Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Rennie will be running a parent workshop about NAPLAN online on Wednesday 3rd April at 1:30 in the library. A separate note has been sent with Years 3 and 5 to RSVP.

Tania Rennie, Deputy Principal

Maths Extension Classes

Curtin University is running after school maths extension classes for students in Year 5 & 6. For more information visit <http://scieng.curtin.edu.au/science/mathematics-and-statistics/mathematics-enrichment-classes>

Tania Rennie, Deputy Principal

On-Entry Assessment

On-entry Assessments have now been completed by students in Pre Primary and Year 1. The main purpose of this assessment has been to collect information on the essential literacy and numeracy skills and understandings of the students. This information is used to plan and deliver learning programs that meet each child's learning needs. A Parent summary for both literacy and numeracy Modules has been sent home along with some ways to help your child at home.

Here are some of the literacy activities that you can do with your child to help them develop essential skills:

- play word games when you are out together – games such as "I spy"
- Have a special daily time at the dinner table where each person takes turns to share the best part of their day, while everyone else listens. Sometimes include time for everyone to take turns to ask one question
- Set up a place for your child to paint and draw – sometimes do it with them. Encourage them sometimes to write about their creation...but wait till the paint is dry!
- Read to them. Share a special story at bedtime; make it a relaxing time that you both look forward to at the end of the day!
- Encourage them to retell you an event or a story – "What happened first/at the beginning?" "What happened next?"
- Sometimes, talk about the stories that you read together. Ask questions that require more than just a yes or no answer. "What was your favourite part?" "Why was that your favourite part?" ... These are called open-ended questions
- have some dress-up clothes available for your child to use – 'make believe' gives your child an opportunity to practice their language and communication skills
- Show that writing serves a purpose - make a shopping list together (your child could draw a picture of some items next to the words); let them do a simple drawing or card, and mail it!
- Think out loud – it is a great way to 'model' to your child how you solve problems.



To access a range of fun and educational websites for your child, go to the 'For Parents' section at:

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/onentry/parents/>

Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principal

Bounce

What is the Better Health Program?

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. In a supportive and friendly environment, the program covers information about healthy eating and includes an hour of physical activity at every session! Sessions run each week, for 2 hours.

Children build confidence, boost self-esteem and get fit playing fun games, while parents learn new skills to ensure their children are fit and healthy.

We would like to support local families by offering this valuable program, which is currently being offered free of charge in various areas across the Perth metropolitan area.

FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM

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DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-10 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?
The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families.
In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.
PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 2 2019:

Starts: May 1st 2019
Day: Wednesday
Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

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