

From the Principal

We really appreciate the terrific support that we get from our parents in a wide variety of areas. However we are struggling a bit to have 'volunteers' for our School Board and our P & C meetings. I appreciate that these meetings are often in the evening when you may have family commitments but we really would welcome more parents getting involved especially from our younger years. Our School Board is an important part of our school, involved in planning for the future through our School Plan and Business Plan and also has involvement in the finances of the school. It doesn't involve itself in day to day running of the school but is more concerned with overall and long term planning. Our P & C gives the school tremendous support both financially and socially as well as running our canteen and uniform shop. We have a small band of stalwarts who give their time to organise events but we really need to widen this group to get ideas and people to provide for our students. If you are interested in joining the Board or want more information, contact me, Len Collier, at school. For the P & C look out for the next meeting probably in week seven.

CANTEEN

To be very honest our Canteen is struggling at the moment due to a number of factors. The first is the rising costs of running the canteen which like a lot of things has increased in recent years and especially in the last couple of years. The second is that we are finding it hard to get volunteers to help out in the canteen. We do appreciate that our lives seem to be very busy these days but our canteen relies on volunteers. The third reason is that our 'customers' are getting fewer as we do not have the same volume of orders as we have had in the past. As always, we would appreciate your feedback or ideas.

SPORT

Last week our school hockey team took part in the State Schools Championships and despite getting a little wet it was a great experience for our students to play in the main hockey stadium in Perth. General opinion was that the hot chocolate to warm us up was the best part of the day! Our District Cross Country will be taking place next Tuesday morning at McDonald Reserve. Parents are most welcome to come along and support our teams who have been training really hard for the event. **WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR 2 VOLUNTEERS TO BE COURSE MARSHALLS AT THE CROSS COUNTRY. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.**

SCIENCE WEEK

Next Week is Science Week and we will be celebrating Science with a number of activities and events including an incursion from Supersonic Science next Tuesday afternoon. This special week highlights Science but of course we have Science throughout our school with a special group of teachers in our Science Focus Group leading our Science planning and delivery throughout the year. We are also applying for a special, substantial grant to convert one of our rooms in to a Science Lab.

BOOK WEEK

This is the following week and is always a special week in the school year as we focus on books and reading with a special Book Week assembly on Friday 24th August led by Area 16. We also have an incursion for Book Week but as these are in high demand we are having ours THIS WEEK ON THURSDAY. We also have Library visits booked to meet authors at Whitfords Library. It's all go in term three which brings me to....

MONEY

We do appreciate that we try to have a lot of events and happenings for the students which is great BUT we do ask you for \$5 this week, \$7 the next etc. I floated an idea at P & C last night to hopefully help parents. Rather than have to find the money for a trip or remember to pay it we are suggesting that some parents may prefer to pay \$50/\$80/\$100 up front and then we can just tap in to this as these events crop up. If any money is left over at the end of the year it can be carried over or transferred to a sibling.



Thursday 9 August

Book Week Incursion

Friday 10 August

School Leaders Assembly

Tuesday 14 August

Interschool Cross Country

Supersonic Science Incursion

Friday 17 August

A15 Science Assembly

One Big Voice

Friday 24 August

A16 Book Week Assembly

Friday 31 August

Music Assembly

Wed 5/Thur 6 September

School Photos

Friday 7 September

PP1 Assembly

Friday 14 September

PP2 Assembly

Monday 17 September

Achper Dance Festival

Parent workshop

SDERA is offering parents a free talking drugs information workshop. These workshops are aimed at students of all year groups and will inform the role you play as a parent when it comes to drug education. The workshops are being held in three different locations, so please click on the link to see which session would suit you the best.

<https://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/parents/parent-workshops/>

Teaching your children how to make smarter choices is the best way to combat this topic. It is true to say that finding a preventative is better than a cure. When kids do not feel comfortable to talk to parents, they generally seek answers from other sources, even if they are unreliable. Kids who aren't informed are at greater risk of experimenting with drugs. If a parent is educated about the effects of drugs and learn the facts, they can then clear up misconceptions and provide correct information. Don't forget...you are your children's role models. Your views on alcohol, tobacco and drugs strongly influence how they may think about them. Talking about drugs should be part of your general health and safety conversations. No person is immune to the effect of drugs and any child can end up in trouble, even those who have been guided by their parents. Creating a warm, friendly environment is one of the best things you can do for your child, it encourages them to come forward with questions and concerns. Please take the time to collect as much information as you can about this topic. You can also seek answers from your local GP.



Friday 17th August 2018

Reminder—One Big Voice is on next Friday so please make sure you have purchased your ticket from Ticketek.

Please be advised the Perth Arena only allows audience members to bring in bags smaller than A4 size.

Springfield is performing in the evening. We are in the Mozart seating section, just left of the middle. You will need to know this information when purchasing tickets so you can get the best available seats, nearer to where our school is situated.

Rehearsals are well under way. It will be a fantastic evening.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thurs 9 Aug: Lee K
Fri 10 Aug: Monique
Thurs 16 Aug: Rosemarie P
Fri 17 Aug: Monique



P&C NEWS

FATHERS DAY STALL—Friday 31st August in the Discovery Centre. More details to follow soon.

The P and C are running a 5 and 10c collection challenge for the month of **September** so please start collecting your 5 and 10 cent coins. There will be a prize for the class with the highest amount collected during September.

FACTION POINT COMPETITION TERM 3

What another amazing week of point collecting. It was very close last week, with Gold in the lead, but it's all change again this week. Who will be in front next week? Keep up the good work everyone.

GREEN (Bridgewater) 73 points

RED (Cygnet) 70 points

GOLD (Batavia) 69 points

ONE BIG VOICE

PARKING

EVENING CONCERT

Options for parking via Book-A-Bay for best rates

1. 427 MURRAY STREET

Special night rate of \$6.50 with promo code OBV18

(limited space available)

Booking from 6 pm entry, with entry anytime from 5.30pm onwards

Normal nightly booking with no promo code \$8.50

Booking from 6 pm entry, with entry anytime from 5 pm onwards

2. QUEENS COMPLEX

Special night rate of \$8.50 with promo code OBV18

(limited space available)

Booking from 6 pm entry, with entry anytime from 5.30pm onwards

Normal nightly booking with no promo code \$10.50

Booking from 6 pm entry, with entry anytime from 5 pm onwards

3. BARRACK ARCH

The address is 256 SGT, with entry from SGT and Hay street

Normal nightly booking rate with no promo code is \$7.50

Booking from 6 pm entry, with entry anytime from 5 pm onwards

**Free train travel is available with your OBV ticket
Park your car at a nearby station and
take advantage of this free travel!**