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Dear Parents

Community Survey

Thank you to all of those parents who have already completed the community survey. If you have not yet done so we would love your feedback. Please use the link below. The survey contains the compulsory questions for all schools plus some specific questions designed to seek your thoughts on the School Song, Out of School Hours Care and School Communications.

Please use the link below to access the survey or alternatively call into the front office to request a paper copy.

https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/eNVjNGCQ

P & C Donations

Thank you to all the families who have supported the P & C fundraising events this year. Due to the ongoing support of all families, the P & C have been able to donate \$14,000 to allow us to buy more iPads to support the learning of students at Springfield and the implementation of the Digital Technologies Curriculum. I would like to thank all of the current P & C and past P & C members who have worked very hard to support the school.

The P & C have also voted to donate some care bags to Care Bags appeal for children in care. This is a wonderful way for the school to support a local charity. If you would also like to contribute a Care Bag please see the advert on the last page of this newsletter.

Transportable

You may have noticed the work happening to dismantle the transportable classroom. This room was previously used as the discovery centre but we have been transferring our Science and Technology resources to Mango Block in preparation for the State Government Funded Science Lab which we will be getting in 2020. Transportable classrooms are designed to be moved to schools which need additional accommodation for students. The Department of Education will be removing this transportable to use at another site. This is anticipated to happen next Monday.

Loose Parts Play—Watch This Space

The removal of the Transportable Classroom will give us the opportunity to dedicate a play space to Loose Parts Play. The equipment is ready to go and once the area has been grassed the children will be introduced to the concept and Loose Parts Play will then be incorporated into Learning Experiences as well as free play.

Assemblies

Please note that we have no assembly in Week 8 due to swimming. The next assembly will be Friday of Week 9. This assembly is hosted by Room 5 and has a Mental Health and Wellbeing theme to support our Whole School Wellness Day. This will be followed in Week 10 by our second Pre-primary Assembly of the year.

Children's Crossing

We have been advised by the Children's Crossings and Road Safety Committee that they will be carrying out random assessments of the crossing on Dampier Avenue near Alicia Street. Please encourage your children to use the crossing so that they can gather a true picture of the community's needs.

Vanessa Blythe

Principal



Mon 2nd September to Friday 13th September

Swimming Years PP to 4

Friday 6 September

P&C Lunch Day

Tuesday 17 September

Year 2 Excursion to Cockman House

Wednesday 18th September

Yr 3-6 Wastewise Incursion

Friday 20th September

Area 5 Assembly
P&C Lunch Day
Wellness Day Activities

Friday 27th September

Assembly Areas 17/18
Last Day of Term

School Holiday
Activities run by
MBA Sports
Daily 9am to 3pm
at Springfield.

More details to follow soon.









Wow what an amazing performance! Well done to our choir who excelled themselves at the matinee performance of One Big Voice this year. It was a wonderful experience for them and for all the family and friends who came along to support them. Thank you to Mrs McCormack, Mrs Hindley and Mr Fletcher for all their hard work behind the scenes.



CHAPLAINS CHATTER







These gorgeous year one girls have been learning the values of being a good friend and having a good friend. They are joining me on Monday afternoons till the end of this term to focus on the qualities good friends have, just how special we are as unique individuals, how to make a new friend and problem solving conflicts.

Melissa Powell

GEOSCIENCE REPORT

Creating an Island (Sandpit Activity)

Area 6 20th August 2019

Our Year 4/5s from Area 6 were given the task to create their very own island in just 60 minutes!

Firstly, they shaped the coastline, then they created mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes and even a volcano.

There were hills, plains and even caves. They included rainforest regions, made using grass, twigs and leaves for foliage. There was also an Ooshie lion on top of Pride Rock!

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in this practical play-based learning task.



A village on Pleasure Island

A plane landing at Pleasure Island



Creating landforms on Evergreen Island

Eli the tour guide of Pleasure Island







Alexa the tour guide for Evergreen Island

PALS Yarning Circle and Garden

Partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people based on trust, mutual respect and understanding;

Acceptance of and respect for diversity and valuing Aboriginal perspectives;

Learning more about each other, Aboriginal histories, languages and cultures; and how we can build strong partnerships with Aboriginal people;

Sharing a common journey towards healing and reconciliation.

Springfield has been lucky enough to be granted funding from PALS towards the establishment of an Aboriginal yarning circle. The yarning circle will be located between the nature play area and the library and will hopefully be completed within the next 4-5 weeks. Students from different year levels will be involved in a variety of activities e.g. planting, mulching, painting 6 seasons poles etc.

Work on this project has already begun but we are in desperate need of extra manpower to prepare the area and get it ready for the seating to go in. If there are any parents who could give an hour or two of time on any Tuesday – Friday before the end of term, we would be most grateful. If you can help, please contact the front office and leave your details and we will endeavour to accommodate the time you can spare.



WELLNESS DAY

On Friday the 20th September the year sixes will be holding a wellness day event for the whole school.

Parents, feel free to come along to our school and join us for lunch and stay for the afternoon's activities with your kids.

There will be fun activities, relaxation and some fruit and veggie stalls. In the morning at assembly the Year Six children will be presenting some information about mental and physical wellbeing.

Please bring a gold coin donation.

So come along and hopefully we will see you there!

By Zack, Shae and Tane.



Remember to bring a gold coin donation and money to purchase from the cake stall.



Calling all 3 year olds! annual family Open day

Secure your place for 2020 - limited spaces available.

Come and look around our wonderful learning facility, try some free fun activities, and meet our amazing teaching team.

> Sunday 15th September 9:30am to 11:30am

> > Kallaroo Community Threes
> > 23 BataVia Place

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One of our parents is once again co-ordinating this initiative. If you able to support him, he would really appreciate it:

I am proud to be supporting the hard work and dedication of the Care Bags Initiative Team, who have been working tirelessly to raise awareness of Children entering Foster Care...and the circumstances in which they enter which can be very traumatic with the child often having little more than the clothes on their back.

With more 5,500 children in Foster Care in Western Australia alone...and around 1100 children entering care each year...with your support, the aim is that every child who enters care receives a care bag (similar to the below) to provide them with comfort, but more importantly a message that someone cares and with it...they start their journey of healing ♥.

How you can help:

- 1. Pick an age between 1 and 10
- 2. Decide boy / girl
- 3. Grab a bag and FILL IT!!
- 4. If you're not in a position to fill a bag, I have a donations box next to my desk where you are welcome to drop off individual items which will be used to 'Build a Bag'.
- 5. Contact me (Matt Haines) to arrange delivery to those in need. matt.haines@communities.wa.gov.au or Ph 0434 668 374

Essentials:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Pyjamas
- 1-2 outfits of clothing (including underwear)
- Comfort item (teddy bear, blanket, journal, toy, colouring book and pencils...anything to make them feel special)

Anything else you think a child may need.

Please join the following Facebook page to keep up to date: https://m.facebook.com/groups/423956544745079

Please do not provide any second hand / used items. Your bag may be the first thing a child receives when they enter care and we want your bag to send this child a message that they are important, valued and cared for.

There is no end date for the collection of these desperately required items. Any assistance you can provide will be forever appreciated! ***

Matt Haines

