

Unity and Achievement

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome back to all our new and current families to Term 3. We are preparing for a busy and productive term. Some of the highlights this term will include the faction athletics in week 5; Book Week in week 6; the interschool athletics carnival in week 9 and the in-term swimming lessons in weeks 7 and 8.

On behalf of the staff we would like to thank all the parents who came along to the Parent/Teachers' meetings last term. Many enthusiastic parents came along to discuss their child's report and progress with teachers. I trust parents found their child's report informative. I encourage parents to celebrate the successes and offer encouragement in areas that may need consolidation.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress at school, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. Parents can call the office on 9345 6200 and request a meeting with their child's teacher.

STAFF CHANGES

We welcome Mrs Alana Em who will be teaching the Year 4 class in C5 for the remainder of the year. Alana has previously taught at Mindarie Primary School. Ms Claudia Grieco will be sharing teaching duties in the Year 5 class in B5 with Mrs Kym Fanelli for the remainder of the year.

We congratulate Mrs Margie Best who was successful in winning a position at Waddington Primary School for the remainder of the year. Mrs Best's role will include STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and administrative duties. Mrs Best will continue teaching STEM at Koondoola on Mondays and Thursdays.

NEW SCIENCE ROOM



During the school holidays the workmen were very busy converting the C1 classroom into our new science room. The new water taps and sink have been installed along with the new flooring. The new furniture has arrived and will be set-up soon. The students will be able to use the new science room in the coming weeks.



ASSEMBLY



Our first assembly for this term will be held on Friday 27 July at 9.00am.

All parents, friends and extended family members are invited to come along and join us for the assembly.

Selected students will be received a Merit Award acknowledging their hard work and dedication to their school work.



MATHS INFORMATION – How can I help my child at home?

We will be including information in the newsletter regularly with tips on how parents can help their child at home.



Your encouragement is important to your child's numeracy learning. There are many opportunities for children to consolidate their learning at home. By practising their maths at school and at home children are more likely to retain maths concepts.

Here are some ideas:

Count objects when doing everyday tasks with your child, such as fishing, scoring at the basketball/football or counting how many plates knives and forks etc to set for dinner.

Read stories and ask questions.

Many books contain numerical concepts and use maths language such as first, second etc. Ask questions like, Which child had more cookies? Who had the least? The language in story books is very important in young children's understanding of maths.

Take your children Grocery shopping; ask your child to collect a certain amount of each item (eg 9 apples). They can also give the shop assistant the correct amount of money and check the change they are given.

Cooking with children teaches them how to measure accurately and it also introduces them to fractions and large numbers when turning on the oven and weighing ingredients.

Talk about time (start time of favourite TV show for young child or work out how long a program runs for with older child); write sport days/times and birthdays on a Calendar.

NAIDOC ACTIVITIES DAY



On Thursday 28 June we joined with Burbridge School and celebrated NAIDOC Activities Day. The day enabled the students to sample traditional Aboriginal foods including kangaroo and crocodile meat as well as delicious damper with jams made from traditional fruit.



Thank you to the NAIDOC Committee that consisted of staff from Burbridge and Koondoola Primary School that worked hard over many weeks to organise Aboriginal dancers, storytellers and aboriginal craft activities. The children also participated in face/rock painting, jewellery making, didgeridoo playing and learnt about Aboriginal artefacts like boomerangs, spears and tapping sticks.

A big thank you to our IEC, Ms Del Wedding and her family for all the hard work in the lead-up to our NAIDOC celebrations and in the cooking area on the day.

Mr Roderick Kelly (Kasahn and Shanaya's pop) arrived at school very early in the morning to commence cooking the meat in a traditional sand pit in the ground. The kangaroo tails cooked in the sand pit tasted delicious! Many other parents and extended family members helped during the day to make the event memorable for the students and families that attended.

We thoroughly enjoyed the dance performances by 'Wesley College Moordiji Mob' and beautiful singing by the 'Madjtil Moorna Choir'.

SWIMMING LESSONS



We are giving parents plenty of notice about the in-term swimming lessons for all students in the mainstream and Intensive English Centre classes. The lessons are likely to cost about \$55.00 per child and the children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 are strongly encouraged and expected to participate. The swimming lessons are part of the school's Physical Education and Health programs. Please do not send money to school yet. We will soon let you know how much the lesson are going to be. The swimming lessons will begin on Monday, 27 August and finish on Friday 7 September and will be held in heated pool at Ballajura Aquatic Centre.

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

On Friday 22 June our students participated in the annual Lightning Carnival. The soccer and AFL football games were played at our school with the netball games being played at Dryandra Primary School. Thank you to the many staff who were involved in setting up for the carnival and coaching the teams. It was a fabulous day for the students and we congratulate them on their excellent behaviour and sportmanship during the games. Congratulations to the Netball B team who finished 1st overall, the soccer team finished 2nd overall and the Netball A and AFL football teams both finished 3rd overall.

FACTION CARNIVAL



Soon the children will start practising for the Faction Athletics Carnival that will be held in Week 5. The jumping, throwing and distance events will be held on Monday 13 August with the main faction carnival being held on Friday 17 August. In preparation for athletics practice all children will need a faction tee-shirt in their faction colour; **Success is green**, **Cygnets is blue** and **Parmelia is red**. Your child can wear a plain tee-shirt in their faction colour if they do not have a faction tee-shirt. The Athletics Carnival is always lots of fun for the children, families and staff. Everyone is invited to come along to the carnival and enjoy the day.

UNIFORMS AND HATS



We encourage the children to wear the school uniform to school every day. Parents can buy the uniform from Eclipse Universal, Unit 2 / 10 Stanford Way, Malaga. The telephone number for Eclipse Universal is 9249 4344. Please note, school uniforms can no longer be bought through the school. Koondoola is a 'SunSmart School' registered with the Cancer Council and the staff work to ensure the children are educated in how to enjoy Australia's glorious sunshine safely. We will be insisting children wear 'SunSmart' hats at recess, lunch and during physical education and sport.

The new style of school hats is reversible with navy blue colour on one side and the child's faction colour on the other side. Parents need to know their child's faction colour before buying them a hat from Eclipse Universal. The hats have a wide brim and are recommended as they do not fall off as easily as other types of hats. Baseball style caps are not acceptable as they do not provide enough protection to the child's neck and ears. Thank you for your support in this important program that aims to keep our kids healthy as they enjoy our wonderful climate. **Please remember to print your child's name on all clothing including their hat.** Our faction colours are **Success (green)**, **Cygnets (blue)** and **Parmelia (red)**. Parents can buy their child's track suits pants, shorts or skirts from any supplier as these items do not have a school logo on them.

STAFF CAR PARK

The staff car park is one of the most dangerous areas around our school. There is a large amount of traffic moving in and out of the car park throughout the day and it is important that students and their parents do not walk through the car park at any time, particularly before school and when the bell goes at 3.00 pm to go home. There are now three (3) pedestrian access entrances leading from Burbridge Avenue into the school grounds and students and parents must use these paths to ensure the safest way into the school. Parents are not permitted to park in the staff car park with the exception of a driver or passenger that has an ACROD sticker in their car. A specified Disabled Bay is clearly marked for the use of people who have an ACROD sticker. The sticker must be displayed on the dashboard of the car when it is parked in the staff car park. The City of Wanneroo has advised us that a \$1,000.00 fine can be issued for people parking in the Disabled Bay if they do not have a valid ACROD sticker displayed.



KINDY APPLICATIONS FOR 2019

The office is now accepting **Applications for Enrolment** from parents whose children are eligible to attend Kindergarten in 2019. If your child was born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 your child can attend Kindy next year. Parents are invited to come to the office from 8.30am until 3.30pm to complete the **Application for Enrolment** form. Please bring along your child's birth certificate or passport (and visa documents) as well as your child's immunisation/vaccination records. Parents can get a copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement (immunisation/vaccination record) by phoning 1800 653 809 then choosing option number 3. Please make sure you have your Medicare card with you when you phone because you will need to know your Medicare number. Parents can also get the Immunisation History Statement from Medicare.

FREE PLAYGROUP



We have a FREE Playgroup on Thursdays from 9.00am until 11.00am. Playgroup commences in week 2 of each school term. Families with children aged from 0 to 4 years of age are invited to come along. The Playgroup is held in the EC3 classroom and parking is on Meldrum Way. Playgroup is a great way for young children to interact with other children in a fun and safe environment while giving parents the opportunity to interact with other parents. If you are interested in your child/children coming along to the Playgroup, please call the school office on 9345 6200 or just come along on Thursday morning at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to come along!

TERM PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	16 th July Professional Development Day	17 th July Students resume	18 th July	19 th July Newsletter Day	20 th July
2	23 rd July	24 th July	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July Assembly 8.55am
3	30 th July	31 st July	1 st August Zoo excursion A1, A5 and A3	2 nd August	3 rd August
4	6 th August Zoo excursion B1, B6 & C3	7 th August	8 th August	9 th August Newsletter Day	10 th August Assembly 8.55am
5	13 th August Faction jumps and throws day	14 th August	15 th August Faction jumps and throws day (reserve day)	16 th August	17 th August Faction Athletics Carnival
6	20 th August Book Week Faction Athletics Carnival (reserve)	21 st August	22 nd August	23 rd August Year 6 excursion University Aspirants	24 th August Book Week Dress-up Assembly 8.55am
7	27 th August Swimming lessons – M/S & IEC	28 th August	29 th August	30 th August Newsletter Day	31 st August →
8	3 rd September Swimming lessons IEC	4 th September	5 th September	6 th September	7 th September →
9	10 th September	11 th September	12 th September Interschool Athletics jumps and throws	13 th September	14 th September Interschool Athletics Carnival
10	17 th September	18 th September	19 th September	20 th September Newsletter Day Classroom Behaviour Reward (movie)	21 st September Assembly 8.55am Last day of term