Principal’s Piece

We are well into the third term and the days are flying by. We have received some raw scores for our NAPLAN testing for our year 3, 5 and 7 students. At this stage we have only been given the data which shows our students’ scores which is not worked out as a NAPLAN score. A full set of data will be provided later in term three. The information we have will enable us to get an idea of how our students have performed against each other. We also have a small amount of other data about each of the questions. Reports for parents with information about students will not be released for some time.

Our P&C is busy with a number of projects over the last few weeks. Some of our members have organised the filling of the tyres with soil and soon these will be planted out. Parents have also been busy spreading soft fall soil around our playground at the top end of the netball court. A group of early rising dad’s went to Cloverdale Primary School at 6.00am last Saturday morning to assist in picking up our play equipment which the P&C purchased last year. This is now stored in our shed and is expected to be installed in the Kindy/Pre Primary area before the end of term.

As this is book week Ms Russell has kindly organised a number of activities around the theme of book week. The activities include a visit by author Elaine Forrestal, a family book quiz, storytelling by our older students to younger students and a book character parade on Friday. Congratulations go to Nathan Kenyon and Rebecca Moore who won prizes for their book cover design as part of a competition run by Kalamunda Library. They received their awards at a function at the Lesmurdie Library last Friday evening.

Teachers and students from the Junior Block in rooms 3, 4 and 6 were very busy planting trees on the Dianella Road verge since I last wrote. These trees were donated by the Shire of Kalamunda. I would like to thank the Shire of Kalamunda for this donation and also Wes Bancroft for coming along and helping with the planting. The trees are doing well and yesterday’s rain will certainly help them along.

The school council through Wes Bancroft has been collating ideas for our new factions and these ideas will be available in the coming weeks. As our student numbers are expected to drop below 200 next year we will not have numbers to support four factions any longer.

Next Monday 25th August is a pupil free day and the school will be closed.

Staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day at Lesmurdie High School.

Bernie O’Hara
Principal

Tree Planting Day

Rooms 3 & 4 were busy last week planting the native plants that were kindly donated by the Shire of Kalamunda. They were planted along the front of the school on the Dianella Road side. The kids were excited to get their hands dirty and get involved in planting the seedlings. A big thankyou to Mr Wes Bancroft for his help on the day.

Mrs Thomson/Mr Levy
Mrs Levy/Mrs Miller
The Walliston Playground Retaining Wall project has been completed by the P and C.

Thanks to local Tradesmen Mark Swinden and his assistant Patrick who donated their time to assist with this project. Thanks also to parents Grant Van der Helder, Paul Screaigh, Wes Bancroft, Paul Gallagher and Benjamin Dix for their assistance.

A special mention to Remastone who provided the Limestone block at half price, Lesmurdie Sand and Soils who provided yellow sand and materials, Walliston Deli who provided a free lunch for our workers! The new white sand was delivered for free by Little Loads. All in all a wonderful outcome for a very important playground upgrade project.

A Huge thanks to all that assisted.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can assist to make our upcoming school projects a reality!

Also a big thankyou to Nicole O’Neill (Dix) who co–ordinated between the Shire of Kalamunda, the builders, suppliers and workers. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Book Week

Visit from Book Author Elaine Forrestal

Yesterday we were fortunate to have a children’s book Author visit our School. Mrs Veronica Antulov from the Lesmurdie Library organised to have Elaine Forrestal, author of many children’s favourite books, to come into our classrooms to talk to some of our students. The children asked some interesting questions and enjoyed her talk.

Ms Russell / Ms Aitken
Open Night in the OLD Library Resource Centre
Wednesday 3rd September

The Library will once again have a display of books in the Old Library during Open Night. This is being held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair, so we are hoping that you will also visit us and choose a book to pay for and donate to the school for all to share. This night is a major part of our budget. Books will range in price from $6 to $30 approximately and payment by cheque, credit/debit card and cash (no EFTPOS) will be accepted.

Lesley Kelleher
Library Officer

Bendigo Bank $20,000

On Friday 8th August at our school assembly the chairman of the Forrestfield and High Wycombe Community Bank Mr Phil Mutter and Mr Ray Morgan presented Walliston Primary School with a $20,000 cheque. These funds will enable us to engage in a Tech Smart School initiative.

St John Ambulance First Aid / Refresher Courses
St John offers a range of courses from beginners to refresher which are presented in one day or some are half a day. The Course would be conducted at school (possibly in the Old Library). At this stage we are just gathering numbers of interest. Parents / carers who are interested in attending a first aid course or refresher course, please lodge your interest at the email address below.
Email: joannelouisekennedy@gmail.com

Fathers Day Stall
Next Wednesday 27th August is our annual Fathers Day Stall. If your child would like to buy something for dad/grandad please send a small amount of money with your child. Gifts will range in price from $2 to $10. We are still accepting donations.

Toy Catalogue
Chalk, Parent Direct and Educational Experience toy catalogues have arrived. Keep a look out in your child’s bag they will be going home in a few weeks.
Upcoming Events

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Room 8 Assembly

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Open Night

Wednesday

3rd September

6.30pm—8pm

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Book Character Parade

Friday 22nd August

9am

All students from Kindy to Year 7 are invited to dress up as a book character for the parade on Friday. Your character must be a character others will recognise and must be from a book, (no TV or film characters please.)