Welcome everybody to our final term of the year. As is usual in fourth term there are a number of projects to be completed and a range of exciting school activities coming up. The Stirk Athletics Carnival will take place at Gooseberry Hill Primary School on Friday 28th October. Notes will be going home this week with competitors. We look forward to your attendance to help cheer for our team.

The following Friday, the 4th November is the P and C Halloween Disco. Room 7 will be shut for several days while our “Disco Committee” prepares the room. Notes will go home soon with details of times and other arrangements.

The drainage works around the class rooms are almost complete with some minor finishing off around some of the down pipes. A second soak well with an over flow has been installed on the oval to collect water. We will have to wait for our next big downpour to check the effectiveness of the work.

Fire Season will be upon us soon which brings with it the possibility of bush fires in the hills. The school has an evacuation plan for sudden fires as well as procedures for the forecast of catastrophic conditions. In the event of a sudden fire all students move to the junior block and the DFES incident controller is notified of this. This then becomes the area to be protected if the fire reaches the school.

It is important to note that 180 students are more easily protected in the junior block if a fire event occurs than if they are being moved in vehicles away from the school. In the event of forecast catastrophic conditions the school can have the option of closing through the approval of our District Director. Parents would be notified the day before.

The school’s fire planning regimes are checked by DFES and by auditors from the Education Department.

Therapy Focus has trades people working on the old library and the renovations are nearing completion. They hope to begin operating from there in five or six weeks.

Our student numbers have gone up over the year from around 170 to 185. We are very pleased to have new students with us which helps us to grow. Next year our year 1 – 6 enrolments look good but kindy numbers are down on this year. If you know of anyone who is looking to enrol in Kindy we have places available for 2017.

Enjoy the term.

Bernie O’Hara
Principal

Where will your child be in 2017?
Walliston Primary is already planning for the 2017 school year. If you know your child will not be attending Walliston in 2017, please let the office staff know. Thank you
In order to create ‘awesome’ adults we need to help our kids build and grow their self esteem.

‘Self-esteem is about liking yourself and who you are. For children, it comes from knowing that you’re loved and that you belong to a family that values you.’

At school, children might compare themselves with their friends and classmates. This can put a dent in their self-esteem. **They might feel less capable than others for the first time.** New rules and learning new things can be a challenge for some children.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Give extra care and cuddles at the end of the school day.
- Support your child with schoolwork and school life. Show interest by asking what your child has done during the day, what homework he/she is working on, and whether he/she needs any help.
- Get involved in school life, through parent-teacher interviews, helping out in the classroom, or volunteering at school events.
- Focus on your child’s strengths and the effort she puts in. Praise your child for what she’s good at, and let her know you’re proud of her for trying things she finds difficult.
- Talk with the teacher to find out how your child is going. A **good relationship between school and home** will ensure the best outcomes for your child.
- Teach your child about **fair play.** He/she needs chances to win and lose. Being a good sport...
- Coach your child through tricky social situations – for example, ‘Try giving a big smile when you want to join in. People will want to play with you if you look happy’.
- Give your child the chance to try new activities and learn new things.
- Watch out for the signs of **bullying,** learning problems or other social difficulties that can affect your child’s self-esteem.

At primary school, self-esteem tends to relate to many things – including how well children learn, how they look, how they do at sport and how easily they make friends. Having said that, keep in mind that **children learn a lot about self-esteem by watching their parents……**

For more tips and advice go to [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

Thank you

Adrian Wilson
School Chaplain

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**Mud Pit Kitchens**

The amazing Mr Hepburn has very kindly over the school holidays built a mud pit kitchen and sink to go in the Early Childhood Playground. Made out of pellets, Mr Hepburn created a free standing work bench with hooks to hang utensils from and a separate bench complete with a real sink for the children to enjoy. These two additions as well as a donated wooden kitchenette and a sink in the sandpit have been very well received by the 3 yr old and 4 year old kindys, pre-primary students and the Playgroup children.

A big thank you to Mr Hepburn from all the Early Childhood boys and girls and staff!

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**Stirk Athletics Carnival**

**Friday 28th October**
held at **Gooseberry Hill P.S**
starting at 9.30am.
Room | Name
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6 | Isaac Thiesen
6 | Blake Donaldson
6 | Clara King
12 | Laura Stump
1 | Shaun Cooke
3 | Nicole Cooke
8 | Samuel Lo Presti
12 | Max McDonald
12 | Daniel Dal Porto
12 | Rayan Hajli
8 | Ronan Dwyer
12 | Maddy Rathmann
12 | Bailee Pettitt
12 | Afiqah Khairil Anwar
12 | Matilda Money

For only $10, purchase a Bakers Delight calico bag which contains a $30 voucher to be used at Kalamunda Bakers Delight. For sale in the office. All proceeds donated to our school.

Halloween Disco is coming up on Friday November 4th. Save the date and start thinking about those costumes!

TOY CATALOGUES
Thank you for toy catalogue orders received so far. We receive 20% credit on all orders to spend on some great resources for our school. Spare catalogues are available in the office and orders can be handed in to the office. Great for Christmas shopping!

Many thanks,
Diane Moore, Fundraising Coordinator.

ZIG ZAG FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

STIRK PARK, KALAMUNDA - 11AM TO 5PM (Followed by Parade)

P&C will be running a Fairy Floss Stall and also a free Community Play Dough Stall, which will include some promotion of our Playgroup & 3 Year Old Kindy Program.

Fairy Floss Stall If anyone can help out on the stall, please contact Sarah Greenway on 0412 480 926. New faces very welcome, and free fairy floss spinning training is provided!

Play Dough Stall There is a donation box in the office for play dough, if anyone is able to make some and bring it in, it would be hugely appreciated.

Parade Students are invited to dress up and join in the parade. The theme this year is Stirk Island 2116. Imagine what Kalamunda Shire will look like in 100 years. Younger children are requested to be supervised, so adults get to dress up too! Meeting time and place to be advised. This festival is always a lot of fun, and also a great fundraiser for our school, we hope you can join us.

Many thanks in advance.
**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to these students

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**Music Award**

Laura Stump for her great enthusiasm and participation in all music activities and in senior choir. Well done Laura!

**Italian Award**

Afiqah Khairil Anwar for participating with enthusiasm in all language activities, BRAVA!

**ART NEWS**

After School Arts enrolment is Thurs 13th October 4-5pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and Drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thurs 20th October from 4-6pm for 8 weeks. Please phone Norma 92934486 for bookings and enquiries. Ages 6yrs +

**Kalamunda Night Market**

6:00pm 21 October 2016
Central Mall and Haynes St Kalamunda

An amazing array of hot food, drinks, local artisans wares, quality hand made goods, arts, crafts and much more. Live entertainment and activities for the kids. Fun for the whole family!

Don’t forget to check out the Big Screen at the top of Central Mall thanks to Embroidery House!