Dear Parents

Things have got off to a very smooth start for the year. Students have settled in well to their classes and our staffing is sorted out. We have noticed that the school is considerably smaller with the move to high schools for our year sevens. This has enabled our year six students to take over as school leaders. Elections have been held for these positions and students have been issued with their badges and have been receiving coaching on how to carry out their duties.

We currently have 182 students from kindy through to year 6. Our kindy kids have started well as has our pre kindy group of 3 year olds. Sandy Fields is running this program and they are doing very well. We also have our playgroup of under 3’s on Thursdays.

Our School Chaplain Mr Wilson is back with us again this year and is working on Mondays and Tuesdays. If your child would like to talk confidentially to Mr Wilson you will need to have filled in a permission form. These are available from the front office.

Our Leader’s Breakfast went off very well on Tuesday 17 Feb. Mr Wilson and a very well organised group of helpers prepared the breakfast. Yr 6 students and a family member for each sat down to a beautiful meal and speeches by Joe Chang and Wes Bancroft.

Last Friday our year five and six students played cricket in a carnival against other schools in our district. Both boys and girls teams won three of their four games. They played very well and showed excellent sportsmanship on the day. Thanks to those parents who assisted by driving students and staying to watch the games.

Next week we have our school photos on Tuesday and on Wednesday we will be having our swimming carnival in the morning at Kalamunda Pool.

Shireen Pivac and a number of other parents from our P&C are interested in setting up a gardening club after school. This group will be doing some garden setups, plantings and maintaining of their garden areas. If you are interested in this please contact Shireen.

We have lots happening this year and as I said earlier, things are off to a great start. On behalf of the staff we look forward to an enjoyable and productive year.

Bernie O’Hara
Principal
CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

It has been a great start to the year, and I want to thank the P&C and the school community for letting me be a part of it. This semester I will be running a Rainbows Program for the year 4-6’s; this is a Grief and Loss Program. This semester, I have invited the Pre-Primary and Year 1’s to participate in the BUZ Today program, this is a social and emotional program, and next semester I hope to offer the BUZ program to the Year 2-3’s BUZ Friends and Year 4-5’s BUZ Together.

Later in the term, I will be helping run the Year 6 Leader’s Program with our new School Captains, looking at what it is to be a leader, teaching leadership skills and organising and running programs. The first task for the Student Leader’s will be helping run the ‘Walliston’s Greatest Shave’, it is coming up on Tuesday the 24th March, so far we have 6 students signed up, so please get behind them, sponsor them and encourage them. On the day we will be offering to colour any students hair from Pre-Primary to Year 6 for a $2 donation. This is a way for the whole school to join in and support this worthy cause. Teachers and parents are also invited for that one.

I am also available for 1 on 1 mentoring, excursions, classroom activities, food hampers, referrals to agencies or just a friendly ear for students, parents and staff…… I will continue to be playing sports with various groups at lunchtime and helping out in anyway I can…… Just ask?

Thank you
Adrian Wilson
School Chaplain

3 Year Old Pre-Kindy Program & Playgroup

The 3 Year Old Kindy Program has begun and we would like to welcome the families and students to our school. Thursday Playgroup has also begun with around 13 families attending each week. It is wonderful to see new and old faces enjoying our amazing school. New members are always welcome.

Sandra Fields
**Crunch&Sip**

Our School participates in Crunch&Sip, a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with these during the morning or afternoon—assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

**What parents need to do to help your child to participate? Provide your child with:**

- A clean clear drink bottle that can be filled only with water to be consumed in the classroom.
- An extra serve of fruit or vegetables each day to eat during the Crunch&Sip break.

**What fruit and vegetables are allowed during the Crunch&Sip break?**

All fresh fruits (cut up if large, especially for junior students) and vegetables, celery, carrot, etc., cut into sticks. You may also like to visit the Crunch&Sip website at www.crunchandsip.com.au

**Mr Levy**

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**Faction Swimming Carnival**

The Swimming Carnival will be held next Wednesday 11th March for Years 3 - 6 at the Kalamunda Water Park, starting at 9.15am. Unfortunately this year, swimming lessons have not been held before the swimming carnival so many students will not have had the opportunity to improve their strokes and practise skills. Students have been asked to enter events they wish to go in. Where there are large numbers of competitors for an event, such as the Yr 3 boys, heats will be held to determine the division they swim in.

As in previous Carnivals the Yr 3’s will take part in short 20m freestyle and breaststroke races.

Any parents who are willing to help in the pool with these students, or anyone else happy to help on the day please see Mr Levy.

**Mr Levy**

**Stirk Cricket**

Congratulations to the Year 6 boys’ and girls’ cricket teams that played against the other Stirk schools on Friday 27th Feb at Maida Vale. Both teams played four games and were successful, in each winning three.

Thankyou to the students for their excellent behaviour and the spirit in which they played.

Thank you also to the parents who came to watch and a special thanks to Mrs Zurzolo and Mrs Freakley for helping the girls.

**Mr Levy**

**PhysEd**
**Dates to Remember**

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**CORYMBIA FESTIVAL**
Saturday 7 March 2015
2:00pm – 8:00pm
Hartfield Park, Forrestfield
Free Music Festival, Fireworks & Food Stalls

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**P&C News**

**School Banking** is being held in the Old Library on Tuesday mornings from 8.20am.

**Frozen Fridays**: $1 Icy Poles every Friday lunchtime for years 1 to 6. (Special Icy Pole day being planned for Kindy/Pre Primary)

**Kidzabuzz Books** for sale in the office. $20 each with $5 of each sale donated to school. Loads of WA Family Discounts valid to 31 Oct 2015.

**Upcoming Events this term:**
- **Fairy Floss Stall** at Corymbia Festival, Hartfield Park, Forrestfield.
- **Bakers Delight** Hot Cross Bun Fund Raiser
- **Easter Raffle**

Donations boxes are in the Office for the Easter Raffle & Mothers Day Stall (to be held early next term)

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks in advance. Thank you all very much for your support of these events.

*Diane Moore Fundraising Coordinator*

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**KOSC**
Kalamunda Out of School Centre is a community based, not-for-profit centre located in Walliston servicing schools in the local area. We currently have placements available for Term 1 2015 Before & After school care. Call 9291 0088 or contact kose@bigpond.net.au to enrol your child now!

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**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie**
‘Our Lady of Lourdes: Classes for Catholic students in grade 2 and up, who wish to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation, will start on Monday February 16th at 4.15pm in the Parish Centre, 207 Lesmurdie Rd. Any questions call the Parish office on 9291 6282 or Catechism Co-ordinator Rosemary Miller on 9291 3516

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**2015 WINTER SEASON REGISTER NOW**
Do you have a team or are an individual and want to play netball? Kalamunda & Districts Netball Association holds its winter competition at the Ray Owen Sports Centre in Lesmurdie.
Call Tracey Clemesha on 9291 8763 for information on a club near you.

SEASON COMMENCES SAT 2nd MAY 2015
Registrations Close on Monday 9th March 2015.