News from the Principal’s Desk

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies
Monday morning assembly saw our SWPBS leaders draw out another four students who along with a friend won the privilege of having a special morning tea in the staffroom on Monday. PBS awards will commence next newsletter. They are -

- Care for Yourself - Kayla McKay, Indianna Bowden
- Care for Others - Zahin Karim,
- Care for your Learning - Kayla McKay, Shanikwa Allen
- Care for your School - Zakira Bayani, Lillie Walker

Reading Every Night – The best thing you can do with your child!
Students that read at home every night are continually growing their language ability and build learning confidence. Reading at home is an expectation that we, as a school have of all students. All children should be bringing home a book from school each night and it is our expectation that they read and have it signed off by someone else at home. If you have concerns about the amount of reading that your children are completing at home; that they are not bringing home a reader or that they have lost their reading diary or book bag please come in and see your classroom teacher. As part of this process we are expecting that all students be in their classrooms and begin reading at the first bag bell at 8:45am.

Open Plan Teaching and Learning Environments
With the refurbishment works to the years 3-6 classrooms to begin soon our teaching and learning focus has already began the shift toward open plan team teaching; as this is one of the key elements of our new Strategic Plan. Yesterday all Teaching staff and some of our Education Support staff travelled to Melbourne to tour around schools that have been implementing these theories for some time. The aim of the curriculum day was to give our staff a first-hand look at what can be achieved by planning, teaching and assessing in a team.

Our 3-4 and 5-6 sections of the school have begun their journey as to what this looks like and how they go about it. This means that all children will at some point have a different teacher than their homeroom teacher; this will depend on what their learning needs are, with an overall philosophy of every child getting what they need for their learning all the time. If you have any questions about our move to open plan teaching and learning please come in and see us.

Change of Fete Date
After consultation we have decided to change the date of this year’s fete. This year’s fete will be held in term 4 and will be a twilight fete on a Friday evening. We will announce the date later in the year.

Calendar of Events
It is always great to receive feedback form our families about what we are doing well and the areas that we can improve on. Last week we sent out a term calendar of events that took into account all of the upcoming events for the school for term 2. If you did not receive a copy of this calendar, there is one on Facebook or you can come in and get one from the office. We will continue to ensure that we cover all bases with our communication.

Calmer Classrooms Training
Our staff have been involved in two curriculum days this term the first one was centred around the calmer classrooms work; this will help all staff to be able to recognise and support children who have, and do suffer from any form of trauma. The focus was on gaining strategies to ensure that all children gain the best possible learning outcomes.

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Our Values
Care for Yourself
Care for Others
Care for Your Learning
Care for Your School

Have a great week,
Travis
ANZAC Day Centenary
ANZAC Day occurs on 25 April every year. On this day we honour all the men and women who have participated in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations around the world, including the ANZACs (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) who fought at Gallipoli in Turkey during World War I. Incredibly, 100 years have passed since Australia’s involvement in the First World War.

The ANZAC Centenary (from 2014 to 2018) commemorates Australia’s involvement in World War I and remembers anyone who has served in a war or conflict as well as those men and women still serving in the Defence Forces today.

It was on 1 November 1914 that the first convoy of Australian and New Zealand ships left Albany in Western Australia to transport the ANZACs to the battlefields of World War I. In 2014, the days surrounding this date play host to a number of commemorative events such as a ceremonial sunset, a ship open day program and a troop march.

When most people think of the ANZACs, they think about the infamous landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The 100th anniversary of this moment will be commemorated with an ANZAC Day long weekend in Australia and many other events around the world.

Gowrie Street’s ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held (Tomorrow) Friday April 24 at 10.30am in our under cover area. All families are more than welcome to attend.

Car Parking and speed limits – Please take care
It’s important to remember that when driving and parking around the school we all take care to use the roads and car parks in the right way and always consider ‘what if that was my child’. If you pick your children up from the back entrance to the school please park in the car park or on the basketball court to ensure the safety of all.

Dates to Remember

- School Council – 7.00pm - April 29, 2015
- SPSSA Cross Country – Grades 5 & 6 - May 6, 2015
- Mother’s Day Stall - May 8, 2015
- NAPLAN – Grades 3 & 5 - May 12-14, 2015
- Book Fair - May 18-22, 2015
- P & F Meeting – 9.30am - May 28, 2015
- School Council - June 3, 2015
- Public Holiday – Queens Birthday - June 8, 2015
- Last Day Term 2 – finish 2.15pm - June 27, 2015

Home Reading P-2

Make a regular time for reading everyday

- Enjoy reading with your child.
- Make listening to reading a special time.
- Your child will sense when listening to reading becomes boring for you.
- Be seen as a reader yourself.
- Encourage your child to make use of the local and school libraries.
Quality Improvement Plan
Every year our service maintains a “Quality Improvement Plan” which helps us self regulate and reflect upon our service and our educational program. To do this as accurately as possible we need family input. In each of our rooms we have a display that allows parents to “lucky dip” a standard and then place it on the display as to how you think we are performing in that area. It’s critically important that we hear our families thoughts and opinions so that we can improve. Please remember that if you every have any concerns about our programs or about your child it is important that you approach a staff member to discuss your concerns.

Pupil Free Days
On Tuesday we had a pupil free day so that all staff could update their first aid, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis qualifications. It was a long day, but a successful one with all staff up to date and confident in administering first aid. Wednesday June 3rd will also be a pupil free day as staff will be attending our regions Early Childhood Conference.

My Family Wall
In the preschool we have a “My family” wall, this is a place where children can bring in photos of their family and place them on the wall. By doing this we are hoping to achieve a sense of belonging for the children and their families. We look forward to seeing some more family photos on our wall.

Headlice
In recent weeks we have had a couple of cases of headlice in our centre. Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair and treating them when necessary. If you need any advice on how to treat your child’s hair please speak to Naomi or myself.

Hats
Please continue to send your child to Preschool with a hat. We will continue to wear hats outside until May 1st.

Fruit Roster:
I have made up a new fruit helpers roster, we appreciate everyones help in assisting with our fruit platters.

Welcome Back
Welcome back everyone! It’s great to see everyone’s smiling faces and hear about all the stories from holidays.
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 1

PBS Morning Tea Winners

Terrific Kids – Term 1

PBS Class Winners
Gowrie Street Weekly Winners – Week 2

Mathletics Certificate Winners

PBS Class Winners

PBS Morning Tea Winners

Stars of the Week

PBS Super Student