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From the Principal



Our partnership with UWA continues to be of benefit to our students and the school. Over the next couple of weeks, students in years 3, 4 and 5 have the opportunity to be part of research projects examining what assists the achievement of academic excellence. The individual results of all these projects are offered to each parent, with the general findings given to the school. This research helps in building our professional knowledge about children and their learning and allows teachers to transfer this to their teaching programs. This initiative has been of benefit to all and will continue in the future.

This year, for the first time, our Year 6 and 7 students entered an international competition, the Conquesta Olympiad, in Mathematics and English. The program was implemented as part of our extension program for our senior students. All the boys performed extremely well. Special congratulations to Gerald Gralton and Joel Kanagalingam who both achieved 88% for Mathematics and also Bennett Rogers for his excellent 80% for English. It reminds us of the high standards and excellence of our school. Well done.

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day and the staff enjoyed being acknowledged by the Bahai Religion in Life Class at our school assembly. Students sang their appreciation and then presented to the staff the gift of a native bush and a plaque. These have now been placed near the undercover area. Gratitude and Thankfulness are two of our many virtues and this was a lovely example of both. Thank you!

I have been informed that parking in the area around the school and UWA is under review by the Claremont Council and UWA. Verge parking outside UWA will soon be blocked with students having to access other parking areas in the university grounds. The area behind our school, which we access for drop off and pick up, is still available to Prac parents, but please note the new parking signs when they are erected. Only park in the bays that do not require permit parking, as infringement notices may be issued.

Today was 'Walk to School' day. Congratulations to the many students and staff who participated. Each student will receive a certificate to acknowledge their extra effort and will also be in the draw for a 'Walk to School' prize on Friday. This supports our school focus on healthy living, fitness and physical activity and it was wonderful to have community support.

Long, detailed emails continue to be received by the Council chair, Donald Payne as parents express their views on the amalgamation discussion. The School Council will be meeting on Monday night, November 9. It is clear it will be a lengthy meeting as all details will be considered in coming to a decision on behalf of the community. Please take the time to send an email to Donald.Payne@health.wa.edu.au if you have not done so already on this very important matter.

Kind regards

Vicki Moir

Quote: He has achieved success who has worked well, laughed often and loved much.

Elbert Hubbard

Fortnightly Virtue – FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility is being open to the need for change. Being **flexible**, means that you see difficulties as a challenge. If you are **flexible**, you are open to the opinions of others and their feelings. When you practice **flexibility** you accept things that you cannot change and you can adjust when something unexpected happens.

Dates for Your Diary

☺ Parents welcome at these events

NOVEMBER			
Tues	3		MELBOURNE CUP
Wed	4		'Walk to School' Day Year 1/2 & 2/3 to Penguin Island
Thu	5	☺	Pre-Primary to Cuddly Animal Farm Canteen, Yr 5/6/7
Mon	9		School Council Meeting, 7.30 pm
Wed	11	☺	Story time 0-4 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Thu	12	☺	Year 1 Orientation, 1 pm Canteen, Pre-Primary
Fri	13	☺	SIM 'Cello Assembly
Mon	16	☺	P&C Association Meeting, 7.30 pm

Education News ...

Year 7 Year Book

The Year 7 students are currently creating their Primary School Year book. If you have any photos from years gone by that they could use, please let us know. If you know any past students, please ask them to contact the school if they are interested in buying a Year Book. Full payment will be required before orders are placed. Cost will be approx. \$45.

Zero Waste Lunch -Thoughtful Thursday

Remember **EVERY** Thursday is Zero Waste Lunch day. The aim is to have zero packaging and waste, except for the odd fruit or vegetable scraps that will go to our worms.



Shenton College Induction Afternoon

The induction afternoon for Year 8 students, 2010, will take place on Thursday 26 November, from 1.00-3.00pm. Individual invitations will be forwarded to students.



Remembrance Day

Our usual service, in conjunction with Claremont Primary School, will be held at the UWA Claremont Campus War Memorial on Wednesday 11 November at 10.30 am. Parents and friends are all most welcome to attend.

All children are asked to wear school uniform (**NOT COLOURED FACTION TOPS**). Students who are members of Scouts, Guides, Brownies and other service groups are welcome to wear their uniforms.



Year One Orientation

May I remind all those interested that there will be an orientation and enrolment afternoon at the school at 1.00 pm on

Thursday 12 November in the School Library, for those starting Year 1 in 2010. This will provide an opportunity for children to see their room for next year and meet any new class mates. Activities will be provided for the children between 1 and 2 pm in the Year 1 classroom, during which time there will be a welcome to the school in the library for all parents.

The afternoon will be an opportunity for you to speak with the Admin Team and ask any questions you may have. An information pack will be distributed upon enrolment containing other information necessary for your time at East Claremont.

Please ensure that you bring with you on the day:

- a record of your child's date of birth;
- a record of your child's immunisation

Pre-Primary News ...

Maths- Numeracy.

We have been finding ways to count large collections of materials. We each received a pile of counters and were asked to arrange them so we didn't count one twice by mistake. We all used different patterns, groupings and arrangements. We shared our work with the group and found that some ways were more efficient and reliable than others. Some of us decided lines of 10 were the fastest and most reliable way.

Below are some pictures of us working on the activity:



P&C News ...

Parents should all have received a note from David Martin yesterday, listing a few items of interest:

- **Claremont Christmas Carnival**
- **Audit of P&C Accounts**
- **End of Year Function** (details below)
- **Amalgamation Discussion** – views to be emailed to Donald Payne at Donald.Payne@health.wa.gov.au.

Claremont Christmas Carnival

The school has booked a stall at this event, which will operate from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. The stall is to comprise a school display and a cake stall in conjunction with selling jams and pickles. It presents an opportunity to market the school and make a few thousand dollars at the same time. We need coordinators to run the cake stall. I am quite happy to drop or outsource the jams and pickles aspect if that is too hard.

If anyone would like to coordinate this please let me know before this Friday, 6 November. If nobody comes forward by then I will tell the Claremont Council that we cannot proceed with it.
David Martin 0407 982122

End of Year Function – 4 December

The end of year P&C function will be held in conjunction with the staff 'thank you' to parents. It was discussed at the P&C Meeting whether or not to have children attend, with appropriate entertainment. Following the meeting, there has been renewed enthusiasm for having the kids there. The format proposed is a DJ and bouncy castle to keep the kids amused while we have a few drinks and relax. We will have sausages in buns for the kids, but parents should bring food to share. If anyone has any objection to this format, please let David know. More details will follow closer to the event.

Next Meetings

School Council Meeting: - Monday 9 November, 7.30 pm
P&C Meeting: - Monday 16 November, 7.30 pm

After School Choir Club

When: Mondays, 3.30-4.15 pm
Where: Art/Music Room
Cost: \$40 (cheques to East Claremont P&C)
Info: Lisa (0409 682626) or Kathryn (0417 938375).

Please make sure that you

- Pay \$40
- Bring music sheets if you have them
- Collect your children promptly at 4.15 pm

After School Clay Club

Day: Thursdays for 4 weeks, from 28 Oct-18 November
Time: 3.30-4.30 pm
Where: Art/Music Room
Cost: \$40 (cheques to East Claremont P&C)
Info: Kathryn Wackett – 9386 1197

Please make sure that you

- Complete registration form (available from office) & pay \$40
- Collect children promptly at 4.30 pm

Canteen News ...

Please mark the following dates on your calendar for your child/ren's canteen days:

Thursday	5 November	Year 5/6/7
"	12	" Pre Primary
"	19	" Year 1/2
"	26	" Year 2/3
"	3 December	Year 3/4
"	10	" Year 5/6/7
"	17	" Pre Primary – Last Canteen for 2009!



Please notify Deborah with concerns or questions:
9286 1308 or 0448 687577

Community Notices ...

UWA OSHC (Outside School Hours Care)

UWA has vacancies for Vacation Care and After School Care.

Where: 18 Parkway, Nedlands.

Enrolment: www.childcare.uwa.edu.au or

Telephone: Connie: (m) 0412 237 742, 9389 1848 (Centre)
Jo/Karen 9389 9433 (office)

Before & After School Care

Health Services OSHC at Sir Charles Gairdner runs before school care from 6.45-9 am and after school from 2.30-6 pm. Children are transported in fully equipped buses and high quality care is provided. A vacation care/school holiday program is also offered, which is open every day except public holidays from 6.45 am-5.45 pm Monday to Friday. For more information, please call 9346 3238, or email: hsfachildcare@health.wa.gov.au.

NEW TENNIS HOT-SHOTS

Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park Clubs

Tennis Hot Shots playing and competition tennis for kids 7-12 yrs starts this weekend.

PG - Saturday 8-11am
MP - Sunday 9-11am

www.tennispeppermint.com.au



Jamie Venerys
Tennis Star Program
0417 933 398

Tennis Factory

Tennis Factory has just been named by Tennis Australia as one of Australia's top coaches of modified tennis for 4-12 year olds. Tennis Factory has an extensive coaching program based at the tennis courts at College Park. To enrol, or for more details, please contact Matt Bull on 9381 2213 or check out the website for more details www.tennisfactory.com.au

AFS Student Exchange Program

Overseas students will be arriving in February 2010 requiring Host families. Students will be coming for 5-11 months, arriving from countries including Chile, Austria, Argentina, Germany and many more. Gain friendships that can last a lifetime! For more information please call Joyce on 9534 5823 or visit www.afs.org.au/

Toys, games, clothes

If you have any of these unwanted items in good condition, foster families would be glad of them for their foster children. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

Claremont-Nedlands Junior Cricket

Online registration at: www.cncc.org.au

Click on the junior section to register for all age groups from in2CRICKET (5-8 years) to U/17s.

Contact: Terry Dillon – 0413 739816

City Beach Junior Water Polo

Students, Year 4-7, can register to play in a Saturday morning Junior Water Polo competition. No experience necessary ... just a minimum Level 7 RLSA Swimming Certificate.

Flipper Ball: Years 4-5

District School Competition: Years 6-7.

More information, visit: www.citybeachwpclub.com.au, email: sangwemb@bigpond.com, tel: Adele Sangster: 0407 448338



student exchange
AUSTRALIA

In January and February 2010, students, aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331

or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au

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Information Meetings

If you would like to enrol your child in Kumon or just find out more about the Kumon Method, please attend an obligation-free information meeting.

Phone Amy Lee-Smith on 9450 6687 to register your attendance.

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