



From the Principal

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This week we have had our first School Council meeting. I would like to acknowledge my staff: Irene King, Trevor Phoebe and Anne Christodoulou, who have volunteered to return to school after hours for these meetings. Thank you to parent representatives: David Martin, Peta Milan, Chris Brewster, Phil Haberland and Donald Payne (chair person) for their support of the school.

One of our topics for discussion was the Federal Government funding to schools for new buildings. Schools are restricted in what they can apply for and given that we have a library and undercover area already the agreed decision was to apply for a purpose built Art/Music room and to have the new undercover area enclosed. We now await approval from the Government and timelines for when building will commence.

After much discussion, the House Swimming Carnival (Years 4-7) has been slightly modified to cater for our student numbers this year. The difficulty has been that the students are not evenly distributed across the three Houses. With the modifications, some events will not count towards House points but will count for Championship points. We will have trophies for each age group champion boy and girl and the Intermediate and Senior perpetual trophy.

As you will see in this newsletter, your children are enjoying some exciting experiences in their classes that enhance their curriculum. Thank you for your support.

The school's 2008 Annual Report has been completed and will soon be available on the school website.

Kind regards

Vicki Moir

Quote: *Happiness depends upon ourselves.*

Aristotle

Fortnightly Virtue – Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes. When we forgive someone we don't punish them by taking revenge or holding a grudge. Forgiveness means giving everyone another chance. We can even forgive ourselves. We sometimes do things that we are sorry for, but we should not punish ourselves. Forgiveness means be ready to move forward and to do things differently.

Dates for Your Diary

J Parents welcome at these events

MARCH			
Fri	13	J	Year 3/4 Assembly
Mon	16	J	P&C meeting
Tues	17		Year 4-7 swim trials
Fri	20		Year 6/7 Young Leaders' Day
Thur	26	J J	House Swimming Carnival Year 1-3 Tabloid sports

Education News

Pre-Primary Music Incursion

Last week the Pre-Primary had a visit from Child's Play Music. Alec Duncan visited our Centre with his huge range of hand built musical instruments. The children had a wonderful time exploring all the sounds and this is reflected in their stories:

We played instruments with Mr Duncan. He came in the morning and he brought them. I liked the drums. We had to play them outside because they were so loud. We all played together, it was noisy and fun! Mr Duncan made all the instruments in his workshop!

Zuza Hovens

Mr Duncan brought his instruments to Pre-Primary School. I really liked the tinkling organ. The banjo sounded like a violin. He made all the instruments. Outside I played the drum, the small one sounded shaky and the big one went "dong". Then we all played in an orchestra, loudly and quietly. It was fun and then he went

Helena Hagan

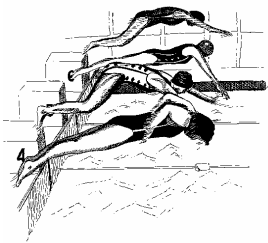


Going to the Farm



Year 3/4 went to Kelmscott Senior High School Farm on 6 March.

It was great! We really enjoyed it and our favourite part was holding the baby chicks. One chick that was held was very tired. It went to sleep as it settled down. We also enjoyed the goats. There was an orange goat that was very friendly and two other goats that were brown and white. We also enjoyed the man showing us how to shear a sheep with his two dogs Ella (a kelpie, aged 1) and Grace (a Shetland sheep dog, aged 5). IT WAS A GREAT TRIP!



Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival will be held at Claremont Pool on Thursday 26 March. Permission notes have been sent home for signing this week. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer. While the carnival is on, the children in

Years 1-3 will be enjoying a tabloid afternoon with Mike from Kidz 'n Sport. Parents are also most welcome to come and join in the fun at this event.

Story time in the Library



Our new program was off to a great start last week. *Zip A Dee Doo Dah Story Time* is for anyone with a child 0-4 years old who would enjoy sitting with an experienced teacher and having fun with stories and rhymes. The session runs on Wednesday mornings from 9.15-9.45am in the school library. Please spread the word.

French Puppet Show



On Tuesday 3 March, East Claremont students from Years 1-7 joined Claremont Primary to watch a bilingual puppet show entitled "Sinbad et le Cheval Enchanté" or "Sinbad and the Enchanted Horse". Students were encouraged to participate and respond to questions in French.

Once again, the puppets were very colourful and fascinated the audience. At the end of the show, students had the opportunity to ask questions and view the puppets at close range.

General News



Kidz 'N Sport DVD Production

Mike, from Kidz 'n Sport, is producing a DVD of his programs and has invited Prac students to be filmed professionally during a Kidz 'n Sport session. The school has accessed the expertise of the Kidz 'n Sport program for numerous years and many students work with the program after school hours. Today a note will be sent home for parents to give permission for their child/ren to be filmed. Please return it by the due date. Filming will occur on Tuesday 7 April from 8:50-10:25am.

Shenton College Sculpture By the Sea

You are invited to attend Shenton College's Official Opening of their Sculpture by the Sea entry "7000 Classroom Project".

The "7000 Classroom Project" is a student initiative to symbolise the destruction of 7000 classrooms during the Sichuan earthquakes.

Date: Sunday, 15th March Time: 9am
Venue: Cottesloe Beach by the sculpture (#17) opposite Beaches Café (North from the tearooms)

P&C News...

APOLOGIES to Deb Rogers and Clare Griffiths for the incorrect spelling of their names in the last issue.

Canteen Update – from Deborah Rogers

First and foremost, thank you to Ali Todd, Dianne Gardam and Rose Trimboli who turned out on Friday, March 6 to assist me with canteen. It gave us a nice opportunity to get to know each other a little better and share a few laughs!

Secondly, Donna Stomp and I met with Mr. Phoebe on Thursday, March 5 to discuss plans for the Year 5-7s to run the canteen as a fundraiser for their trip to Rottnest Island. Mr. Phoebe's class will open the canteen on the following Thursdays: Mar. 19, Apr. 2, Apr. 9, May 7, and May 21. More information will be distributed closer to these dates.

Thirdly, at our meeting we also came up with another new idea worth trying! Instead of opening during morning recess, parent volunteers will be asked to open the canteen at the end of the school day on Fridays. We are hoping that this will give kids more time to eat their snacks, and they won't be looking for something to eat the minute they get home! We also plan on adding tea, coffee, and home baking to our menu in hopes of enticing parents to have an afternoon tea break with us. This time change will not apply to the days listed above when Mr. Phoebe's students will be running the canteen.

Lastly, here is the roster for the classes who will be responsible for opening canteen at 3:10 pm on the following dates:

<u>Term 1</u>	Week 8	Friday, March 27	Year 1/2
<u>Term 2</u>	Week 1	Friday, May 1	Year 2/3
	Week 3	Friday, May 15	Year 3/4
	Week 5	Friday, May 29	Year 1/2

(If the class parents could help organize parent volunteers and baking to sell I would appreciate this. If you feel you won't have enough people to open canteen (2-3), please see me.)

If you have any questions or comments please contact Deborah Rogers on 9286 1308 or 0448 687 577, or catch me at the school!

Class Parents

The role of class parent is an important one in continuing the East Claremont Primary School tradition of excellent parent/teacher relations and community spirit. Class parents:

- act as liaison & central contact for all parents in the class;
- co-ordinate the collating of parent contact information for the School Directory, which is then prepared by a P&C member for distribution to all families;
- assist the class teacher in co-ordinating parent help within the classroom or for excursions when the need arises;
- help organise class/parent social functions;
- co-ordinate provision of morning tea following class assemblies;
- liaise with the P&C in distributing information and fund-raising details;
- take charge of parent notice boards outside classroom - adding and removing notices;
- act as initial contact in welcoming new families & ensuring they have all the information they need about the school;
- are encouraged to attend P&C meetings, so that they are aware of discussions, decisions & events that may affect the families they represent. This can be done on a rotational basis.

Thank you to the volunteers so far:

Pre-Primary Wendy Keswick & Sarah Baxter
Year 1/2
Year 2/3: Lesley Konowalous
Year 3/4: Alice Payne & Tracey Gralton
Year 5/6/7: Yvonne Dudfield, Vanessa Haberland

Community Notices...

Friday Tennis – Dalkeith Tennis Club



MastaStroke® Tennis System at Dalkeith Tennis Club holds Aviva Tennis Hot Shots on Fridays from 4.00 – 5.30pm. Aviva Tennis Hot Shots is the only nationally recognized grassroots participation program that is endorsed by Tennis Australia. The program caters for all players 7 – 12 years old.

From the first moment children participate in the Aviva Tennis Hot Shots program, they will actually "play the game" of tennis. This means players are able to serve, rally and score in an exciting competition format.

The use of modified balls and courts offers a unique stepping stone into tennis allowing every player to obtain maximum enjoyment.

All players welcome. For more information please call John or Goran on 9386 6906.

Holiday Tennis Coaching

3 clinics will be held in
the April school Holidays

1 April 14-17 (9-11am) 3-16yrs MP	 Jamie Venerys Tennis Star Program
2 April 20-24 (9-11am) 3-16yrs MP	
3 April 20-24 (4-6pm) 10-14yrs PG	

Please enrol online or call Jamie
www.tennisstaronline.com.au 0417 933 398

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.

UWA OSHC (Outside School Hours Care)

UWA has vacancies for December 2008/January 2009 Vacation Care program and After School Care in 2009.

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)

Learn music in 2009!

Sykes Music is a fun, enjoyable program for people of all ages. We do piano, voice, guitar, drums, saxophone, clarinet and kinder classes. We also run band workshops and choirs for students and adults no experience necessary! Sykes is a team of young professional teachers and our students progress fast to become well-rounded musicians with our comprehensive and fun program. We offer group and private lessons from Subiaco and Nedlands. Please contact us on 9380 4494 or info@sykesmusic.com.au. For more information please visit www.sykesmusic.com.au

Kindy Dance Time

Kindy Dance Time is a fun and creative dance programme for 2-5 year olds which allows children to freely explore their innate desire to dance. It's all about creativity, fantasy and of course, FUN! It is an undemanding introduction to the world of dance and music, in Perth since 2001.

Limited places still available for Term 1. For more information, please call 9299 6611 or view www.kindydancetime.com.au.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada & the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness – invaluable characteristics in today's world.

Just imagine your child having an older brother or sister for a few months from another country! It's a great opportunity for young children to start learning that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them – different languages, foods, sports, customs, and perhaps a visit to look forward to when they grow up. All flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems are organised. Enquiries: Southern Cross Cultural Exchange; Tel: 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaustr@scce.com.au

GATCA Information Night 17 March

Dr Francoys Gagné, an international leader and winner of major awards in gifted education, will be speaking on the 10 Commandments for Academic Talent Development

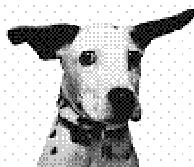
7.30-9.30pm Perth Modern School

Cost is \$25 per head. Please RSVP to Kriss by March 13th
muskett@inet.net.au

Payment by cheque or EFT prior to the event please

EFT details BSB 016452 cheques made out to GATCA
A/C No. 494908341 PO Box 436
Floreat 6014

(Electronic receipt must be forwarded to muskett@inet.net.au)



Claremont Fair Pet Show

Enter your pet in the Claremont Fair Pet Show on Sunday, 5 April at Claremont Park. Run by The Dogs' Refuge Home Inc, Shenton Park, categories include: Best

Dressed, Waggiest Tail, Biggest Ears, Pet Owner Look-a-like and the Cutest Exotic Pet. Great prizes for category winners and place-getters! Details: www.claremontfair.com.au

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