



From the Principal



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I would like to remind everyone that the success of many of our school programs is due to the extra funding the P&C provides to the school. Some of our staffing time and program costs are paid for by the P&C. The success of all fundraising activities has a direct and positive impact on our program delivery.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our swimming carnival on Thursday. It will be a fun day.

Kind regards

Vicki Moir

Quote: *The individual who knows the score about life sees difficulties as opportunities.*

Norman Vincent Peale

On Friday I had the opportunity to go with our school leaders and our year 6 students to the National Leaders' Conference at the Perth Convention Centre. There were several thousand young school leaders assembled to hear the words of wisdom of WA leaders. What an inspiration to young and old! Read in this newsletter what our school leaders gained from the day.

Every year we provide our senior students with a range of opportunities to participate in activities with other schools. One of those activities has been the Massed Choir Performance at UWA. We have just received notification that many schools who have been regulars in this event have not been accepted this year due to an increase in the popularity of the event and the number of schools that wish to join. As disappointed as we are, Ms Fontanini has suggested we take this opportunity to broaden the focus of our choir to a voice, instrumental and percussion ensemble. We will commence Music assemblies next term, where students will showcase their productions. I am sure students will enjoy the extension to the program.

Many may have noticed that our undercover assembly area is presently out of bounds. The builders have been repairing the cement slab, sanding it back and resealing it on the weekend. It appears that we will no sooner have that building project completed and a new one will start. The architects responsible for our National Building Program will be here on Tuesday to discuss the plans for our Art/Craft Centre to start soon.

Thank you to the parents who have paid the 2009 School Charges and Voluntary Contributions. We have had an excellent response so far this year to these payments. In the next week or so parents will receive information from the P&C Association with detailed information about the P&C Levy.

Fortnightly Virtue – Service

Service is giving to others. You consider their needs as important as your own. Service means doing thoughtful things to help your family and friends and not waiting to be asked when something needs doing. Do your part to care for the earth: recycle, reduce and re-use. When you are acting with a spirit of service you can change the world.

Dates for Your Diary

J Parents welcome at these events

MARCH			
Thur	26	J J	House Swimming Carnival Year 1-3 Tabloid sports
APRIL			
Wed	1	J	Inter School Swimming Carnival, Year 4-7
Fri	3	J	Year 2/3 Assembly
Mon	6	J	Easter Church Service

Education News

Library News



Library activities are now in full swing, with most students becoming regular users of our collection on a weekly basis. Library days for 2009 are:

Wednesdays: Years 3/4 and 5/6/7

Thursdays: Years 1/2 and 2/3

Next term we will be having the Pre-Primary class borrowing on Thursdays as well.

The 0-4 Story Time sessions have commenced and we are all enjoying learning, laughing, singing and creating together on Wednesday mornings. A selection of photographs of our activities is on display in the library.

Students in the senior class are currently studying Historical Fiction and are involved in a range of tasks reflecting their understanding of this genre of literature.

We are most grateful to our band of volunteer parents who shelve and tidy up our library collection and assist us with displays to promote literacy in our school.

We are looking to recreate a 'jungle theme' later on in the year and are desperately seeking old stockings/hosiery to make 'vines'. If you have any, please send along to the library.

Thank you for your support in maintaining good quality reading and literature programs at Prac.

Mrs Ross and Ms Banks

Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival will be held at Claremont Pool on Thursday 26 March at 1.30 pm, for children in Year 4-7. A program listing events will be sent home today. Parents are most

welcome to attend. A few reminders about the day:

- Lunch will be at the usual time, the bus leaves for the pool at 1.15pm.
- Children will need bathers, towel, sunscreen, hat and water bottle.
- While at the Carnival, parents are asked to refrain from sitting in the bays with the children or calling children over to where they are sitting. This makes controlling/organising children for races very difficult for teachers, and is also a safety issue with children near water.
- If you wish to take your child home with you from the pool, please inform the class teacher before doing so.

While the carnival is on, 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.

Next Wednesday, April 1, is the Inter-school Swimming Carnival. Permission notes will go home on Friday. We will be fielding a team, but taking competitors only this year and the Prac Team will return to school for a celebratory lunch

National Young Leaders' Day

On Friday, 20 March, the Year 6s & 7s went to the National Young Leaders' Day at the Convention Centre to hear people talk about leadership. These people included:

Glen Jakovich – a former West Coast Eagles player;

Tessa Parkinson & Elise Rechichi – Olympic sailing gold medallists;

Patti Chong – a leading Perth lawyer and former Crown Prosecutor;

Sally Carbon – a children's book author and Olympic hockey gold medallist.

About 2500 students and teachers gathered in the main auditorium. Our day started with us bouncing a beach ball around the auditorium and we really enjoyed it. We also got to watch mini clips from movies that showed leadership, such as The Bee Movie, Lord of the Rings and Enchanted. The scene from The Bee Movie was when everybody helped to fly the plane safely, saving the flowers.

As leaders, the most important message was that leadership does not mean you have to have a position, but means you need to have influence. Being a good leader requires hard work and always looking on the positive side of everything. We really enjoyed our day.

Year 6 & 7

Principal's Art Wall



Congratulations to Jule Dittrich and Chloe Keswick from the pre primary for having their art work displayed in the Principal's office. The pre-primary children have been investigating an artist, Wassily Kandinsky, while learning about shapes for maths. They looked at photos on the internet and all traced shapes, made patterns, added collage shapes and glitter.

School Arrival Time

Students are encouraged to be at school before the siren goes at 8:50am. The start of the day is an important part of the day's program. It is suggested that most students need a minimum of 10 minutes to arrive at school, unpack their bag, get their belongings organised and feel ready to focus on their school day. Please try to have your child arrive at school well before the school siren.

Pre-Primary Excursion



On 18 March, the Pre-Primary class visited the 'Sculpture by the Sea' exhibition at Cottesloe. Here they are seen in front of Shenton College's exhibit, the "7000 Classroom Project", a student initiative symbolising the destruction of 7000 classrooms during the Sichuan earthquakes. This exhibition is well worth a visit, if you haven't already been. It continues until 24 March.



Easter Church Service

Our customary church service will be held at St. Aidan's Church on Monday 6 April at 9am. A separate note will be coming home about this, including a permission slip which needs to be returned to school. As the service commences at 9am, **parents need to make sure their children are at school by 8.45am**, in order to walk to the church on the bell at 8.50 am. Parents are most welcome to attend this service.

General News



Dental Therapy Centre

Operating hours have changed for 2009 as follows:

Opens: 8 am
Lunch Break: 12-12.30 pm
Closes: 4 pm

P&C News...

Canteen Roster – from Deborah Rogers

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 class parents could help organise baking and volunteers to sell, it would be appreciated. If you feel you won't have enough people to open canteen (2-3), please see Deborah.

Any questions or comments, please contact Deborah Rogers on 9286 1308 or 0448 687577, or catch her at the school!

After a successful day last Thursday, Mr. Phoebe's class will be opening the canteen again on the following Thursdays: April 2 & 9, May 7 & 21, at recess and after 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:

- Ø act as liaison & central contact for all parents in the class;
- Ø coordinate the collating of parent contact information for the School Directory, which is then prepared by a P&C member for distribution to all families;
- Ø assist the class teacher in coordinating parent help within the classroom or for excursions when the need arises;
- Ø help organise class/parent social functions;
- Ø coordinate provision of morning tea following class assemblies;
- Ø liaise with the P&C in distributing information and fund-raising details;
- Ø take charge of parent notice boards outside classroom - adding and removing notices;
- Ø act as initial contact in welcoming new families & ensuring they have all the information they need about the school;
- Ø 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 all our volunteers, as follows:

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

School Directory

A reminder to return your completed copy of updated School Directory information to the P&C tray in the school office (hard copy) or JMcAllister@recochem.com

Community Notices...

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)

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.

Fremantle Children's Literature Centre

After School Workshop – Friday 3 April

'The Legend of Moondyne Joe with Mark Greenwood'

With sound effects and a wealth of research material and visual imagery, this workshop, suitable for 9-12 year olds, will provide ideas and strategies to enhance creative writing.

Venue: Old Prison Hospital, entry Knutsford St, Fremantle

Time: 4-6 pm

Cost: \$15.40 – all materials provided

Bookings Essential: 9430 6869

Website: www.fclc.com.au



Programs:

Multi Sport – Pre Kindy to Year 3

Footy/Tennis – Year 1 to Year 3

Venue: College Park Nedlands

Dates: Week 1: Tues April 14-Fri April 17

Week 2: Mon April 20-Fri April 24

(Minimum booking is 3 days in the same week)

Time: Multi Sport

Pre Kindy & Kindy: 9-10.30am or 10.45am-12.15pm

PP-Yr 3: 9.30am-12.30pm

Footy/Tennis (Year 1-3): 9.30am-12pm

Fees: PK & Kindy: 3 days-\$80, 4 days-\$100, 5 Days-\$120

PP-Yr 3: 3 days-\$110, 4 days-\$130, 5 days-\$145

Bookings essential: www.kidznpsport.com.au or

tel: 93849920

Term 2 2009

Multi Sport for Pre Kindy to year 3

Footy/Tennis programs for Years 1-3

Bookings available soon

We also do great Birthday Parties!

'1001 Arabian Nights'

Perth Children's Theatre presents '1001 Arabian Nights' an Easter School Holiday Theatre Course for 6-13year olds.

Date: Monday 20th-24th April 2009

Venue: Subiaco Arts Theatre Centre

Performance Dates: 25th & 26th April

All costumes provided - Limited places available

Email: info@perthchildrenstheatre.com.au

Phone: Lorna Stewart 0416 171 964 (BH) or Lou Kelman 0410 731 820 (AH)



Joeysoccer 2009

- Season Starts Saturday 2 May 2009 for 11 Weeks*;
- School Based Soccer Competition;
- Mixed Boys & Girls for Years 1, 2 & 3;
- 5 Versus 5 Small Sided Games;
- Fun based noncompetitive format;
- All games at COLLEGE PARK, Claremont;
- Saturday Afternoons - 2.00 to 3.30;
- An initiative of Nedlands FC and supported by Football West and the Football Federation of Australia;
- Contact Susan Kennerly P: 9284 0090

E: info@nedlandsfc.com.au W: www.nedlandsfc.com.au

* There is no Joeysoccer on the Foundation Day long weekend (May 30) or during the school holidays (July 4, 11 & 18).

Holiday Tennis Coaching

3 clinics will be held in the April school Holidays

1 April 14-17 (9-11am) 3-16yrs MP

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



Jamie Venerys
Tennis Star Program

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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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