



## From the Principal



This will be the first of our e-PRACTicalities and we will be emailing it to all the families that have given us their email address. Thank you for supporting us in our aim to reduce our school's paper usage. If you have not sent us your current email, and would like to be on our email list please email: [laurence.dubuisson@det.wa.edu.au](mailto:laurence.dubuisson@det.wa.edu.au) (please note slight change to email address)

Thank you to David Martin, our P&C president, and the P&C committee, for organising our family barbecue on Friday night. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the balmy summer evening. This was followed up with a very well attended P&C AGM on Monday night. Having so many new parents willing to become involved in the school, combined with the knowledge of those who have been here for a while, ensures that the year is going to be very successful.

Many parents have spoken to me about the article in Monday's West about the benefits of small schools. It confirms everything we all know about the sense of community and reinforces what I was told last year by Department Staff. No public schools are planned to be amalgamated and population trends for this area indicate an increase in numbers in the future.

I have had my first meeting this week at district level, on how the federal money that has been allocated to education is going to be spent in the very short timelines given by the Federal government. There is still uncertainty about how best to manage this at state level, but I plan to be accessing the maximum we are allocated. More information can be found at: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingTheEducationRevolution/Pages/default.aspx>

Marketing the school continues to be a priority. Our Marketing Officer is Mme Laurence Dubuisson (our French Immersion program assistant). It is becoming increasingly apparent that our webpage is a critical marketing tool and Laurence's expertise in this field supports our directions. We are currently having our website program upgraded, with a review of the content and links.

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This week completes our swimming lessons for the year. Students from Years 1-7 have enjoyed the warm weather at Claremont Pool and Cottesloe Beach. They will all be ready for our swimming carnival later in the term. Their behaviour has been a credit to themselves and the school.

I wish you all an enjoyable Labour Day long weekend.

Kind regards

Vicki Moir

Quote

*Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?*  
Frank Scully

## Fortnightly Virtue – Trustworthiness

*Trustworthiness means you can be counted on. People who practise trustworthiness are known for their determination, their reliability and their truthfulness. When you are practising trustworthiness, you stop and think before making a promise, to be sure that you can actually do it..*

## Dates for Your Diary

J Parents welcome at these events

FEBRUARY		
Wed	25	Newsletter (hopefully e-type!)
MARCH		
Mon	2	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tues	3	French puppet play at Claremont PS
Wed	4	J Start Storytime – 9.15-9.45 school library
Thur	5	Music incursion at PP
Fri	6	Year 3/4 to Farm
Mon	9	School Council meeting, 7.30 pm

# Education News

## Principal's Art Wall



Thank you to all the pre primary children for their gorgeous drawings and paintings of sun flowers. The display in the pre primary centre is beautiful. Two special art works were chosen for Mrs Moir's office wall, painted by Henry Davis and Luca Harrison. Feel free to pop in and admire them.

## Garden Science Year 3/4



The year 3/4 class have been working with Ms Ellison and Mrs Abbott in Science on our Sustainability Program. The class has done PH testing and soil sampling to ensure that the ground is suitable for plants. We have found that the PH levels are 6.5-7.3, which is suitable for growing, and the soil is a sandy, loamy combination. Students will commence planting in a few weeks when the weather is cooler.

## 24 Février – Mardi Gras

The terms "Mardi Gras" and "Mardi Gras Season" in English refer to events of the Carnival celebrations on February 24 after which there are the forty days of Lent (fasting) before Easter.

From the French term "Mardi Gras" (literally "Fat Tuesday") the term has come to mean the whole period of activity related to those events, beyond just the single day.

All around the world people celebrate with carnivals. One of the best known is in Rio de Janeiro, where people prepare for the Carnival twelve months ahead. *Suzy Hartwig*



The Premier's Summer Reading Challenge is a special event in our State and as I have had a personal passion for Reading since I was a child a school, I wanted to acknowledge the event at a school level. I would like to congratulate these children, whose favourite books are:

Matthew Joynson - *Biggles and the Rescue Flight*  
Sam Haberland - *The Little Worm Book*  
Sara Kanagalingham - *Just Shocking*  
Julie Gardam - *Tia from the Rainbow Fairies Series*  
Peter Sykes - *Brisingr from the Inheritance Cycle Series*  
Joseph Gardam - *Pencil of Doom & Treasure Fever*

Just in case you were interested ... my favourite author at the moment is Nora Roberts. Parents, there is a great website that helps you find books at: <http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/>

*Miss Christodulou*

## P&C News...

### P&C AGM

Thank you to the parents who attended the P&C AGM on Monday night.

The P&C office bearers for 2009 are:

- President – David Martin
- Vice President – Peta Milan
- Secretary – Deb Rogers
- Treasurers – Clare Griffiths & Peter Alderson
- Committee members – Richard Sanders, Peter Harper, James McAllister.

The parent representatives on the School Council for 2009 are:

- Donald Payne
- Peta Milan
- Phil Haberland
- David Martin
- Chris Brewster

The first Council meeting is Monday 9 March at 7:30 pm in the staffroom.

## 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 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;
- Ø assist the class teacher in co-ordinating parent help within the classroom or for excursions when the need arises;
- Ø help organise class/parent social functions;
- Ø co-ordinate 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 the volunteers so far:

Year 2/3: Lesley Konowalous  
Year 3/4: Alice Payne & Tracey Galton  
Year 5/6/7: Yvonne Dudfield

## 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.

### Tennis coaching before school at PRAC

Places are available for children wishing to have tennis coaching before school on Wednesday mornings at College Park, 7.40-8.40am for Years 4-6 and 7.55-8.40am for Years 1-3. After the session the children are accompanied to school by one of the coaches. To enrol, or for more details, please contact Matthew Bull at the Tennis Factory on 9284 3300.

### More Tennis ...

Ross Gerrans' Tennis School will be conducting tennis coaching for children and adults. Application forms available from the school office or by calling Ross on 9284 9588 or m 0408 945509.



**NEW** Fitness/Ball skills Program

When: Fridays (started February 13)  
Where: College Park Oval and/or school undercover area  
Cost: \$160 for term  
Contact: [mikem@kidznsport.com.au](mailto:mikem@kidznsport.com.au)  
[www.kidznsport.com.au](http://www.kidznsport.com.au)  
or tel: 9384 9920

### Rhee Tae Kwon-Do

*Traditional Korean martial art training.*

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Children: 5.30-6.30 pm Adults: 6.30-7.30 pm  
Where: John Leckie Pavilion, College Park  
Enquiries: Sabum Y.W. Ong, PO Box 3240, Crawley 6009  
[rtkd-ong@inet.net.au](mailto:rtkd-ong@inet.net.au)  
Website: [www.rheetkd.com](http://www.rheetkd.com)

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.childcare.uwa.edu.au) or

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

## Inline Hockey: (Like Ice Hockey but on rollerblades)

Learn to play this exciting sport with accredited coaches at a purpose built Inline Hockey Centre.

Where: Claremont Inline Hockey Centre,

Tom Wilding Pavilion, Gate 8, Ashton Rd, Claremont.

When: Saturdays 2-4pm, 1 hour sessions, start 14 March.

Book now, limited spaces. Equipment can be supplied.

More information: email [bcwalsh@inet.net.au](mailto:bcwalsh@inet.net.au), or call Brendan or Carole 9354 1376, Southern Districts Inline Hockey club Inc.



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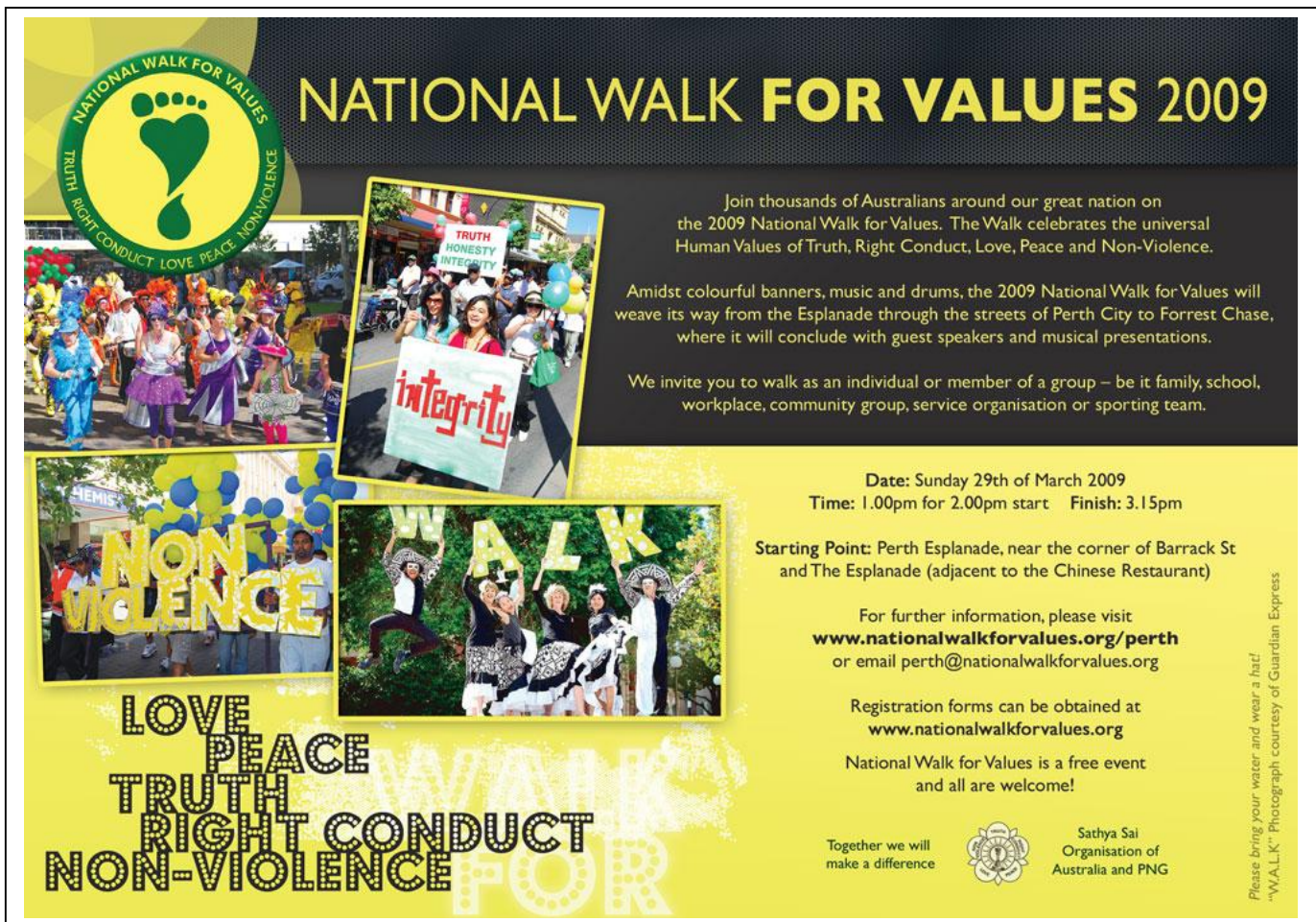
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## Kindy Dance Time

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](http://www.kindydancetime.com.au).



# NATIONAL WALK FOR VALUES 2009

Join thousands of Australians around our great nation on the 2009 National Walk for Values. The Walk celebrates the universal Human Values of Truth, Right Conduct, Love, Peace and Non-Violence.

Amidst colourful banners, music and drums, the 2009 National Walk for Values will weave its way from the Esplanade through the streets of Perth City to Forrest Chase, where it will conclude with guest speakers and musical presentations.

We invite you to walk as an individual or member of a group – be it family, school, workplace, community group, service organisation or sporting team.

**Date:** Sunday 29th of March 2009  
**Time:** 1.00pm for 2.00pm start Finish: 3.15pm

**Starting Point:** Perth Esplanade, near the corner of Barrack St and The Esplanade (adjacent to the Chinese Restaurant)

For further information, please visit [www.nationalwalkforvalues.org/perth](http://www.nationalwalkforvalues.org/perth) or email [perth@nationalwalkforvalues.org](mailto:perth@nationalwalkforvalues.org)

Registration forms can be obtained at [www.nationalwalkforvalues.org](http://www.nationalwalkforvalues.org)

National Walk for Values is a free event and all are welcome!

Together we will make a difference

Sathya Sai Organisation of Australia and PNG

Please bring your water and wear a hat!  
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