

SCHOOL NEWS

“To Inspire Learning for Life”

14th February 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. It has been a wonderful start for us, with everyone getting down to business very quickly this year. I would like to commend our students on their positive behaviour, which I am sure will continue. The students look great in their school uniform, but a very small number do not have a school hat, which is indeed part of the uniform. Students that have them love them. The hats are available from our Uniform Shop which is open on Tuesday afternoons (2.30pm – 3.00pm) and Friday mornings (8.30am – 9.00am). We would like to thank Tanya Gray for the fantastic job she does in our uniform shop.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

We were most pleased to return this year to find our grounds green. This is the first time in my nearly 10 year tenure that this has been the case. The reticulation project itself is nearly complete. There have been a few teething issues and complications, which have been or are being resolved. Our dream of a ‘set and forget’ system is nearly there. I congratulate our Gardener; Rod King on the work he has done to ensure we all came back to much improved grounds.

P&C NEEDS YOU!

The P&C is a wonderful opportunity for parents to become involved in school activities, make friends and contribute to the school community. Among other things, the P&C raises funds to support all of our students, with highlights such as the refurbishment of our undercover area, staging, tents used for sport days, air conditioning for classrooms, our senior nature play area, the end of year awards, and the coveted P&C Scholarship to name a few. It also supports our community relations activities including such events as Carols by Candlelight and the Movie Night held last year. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12 2018. As I write this, we still do not have all of our P&C positions filled. We still need to fill the vacant President and Vice President positions before we can truly have an effective P&C. We need you!

FOCUS ON CURRICULUM

In 2017, we made a number of decisions which saw us refine our approach to Teaching and Learning. The technology available to our staff and students is second to none in terms of reliability and variety, leading us to adopt the very successful Mathletics, Soundwaves and Typing Tournament programs. Our commitment to these programs continues in 2018 and all have been up and running since the first day student arrived back at school. In 2018, we are excited about the potential of a new program many of our staff are now trialling, which focusses on writing, an identified need from our NAPLAN review last year. VCOP, which stands for **V**ocabulary, **C**onnectives, **O**peners and **P**unctuation aims to engage students in an exciting way to dramatically improve their writing. We encourage parents to ask

their children about each of these programs. We would welcome any feedback.

STUDENT EXTENSION

While our NAPLAN results in 2017 were very solid, we have identified a need to provide extension opportunities for some of our students. One opportunity, negotiated with Australind SHS, will see selected Year 6 students take part in the Science Enrichment and Extension in Leschenault (SEEL) program, based at the High School. The program will run each term for 5 weeks and with titles like ‘Mix, Match, React’, ‘Blood and Guts’, ‘Sweet or Savoury’ and ‘Mission to Mars’, it is sure to be popular. As a staff, we are also continuing to look at what can be done at the school level to ensure not just these students, but all students do indeed reach their potential. Another amazing opportunity for our students is our partnership with Alcoa, who will support the delivery of a Maths Enrichment Program, which spans across the entire school year and targets all students in years three to six. The program will include projects in classrooms, teacher development and exciting opportunities for parents to be involved, such as a *Murder Mystery* and *Comedy Show*. Please keep an eye out for additional information.

We are looking forward with much anticipation to an exciting year at Australind Primary School. We are here to support your children and see it as a partnership with you. Please do not hesitate to raise issues with our staff.

Regards
Darrin Tinley



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

I am sure everyone in our school community is aware of the issues associated with funding for schools. For this reason, it is now even more critical for the school to receive a high percentage of the requested contributions. Our Office has **EFTPOS facilities and Direct Debit** contact the office for the Bank Account details, should that be more convenient. Please help us to provide the best level of education by paying as soon as possible.

School Contributions for 2017	\$50.00 per child
School Chaplain Contributions	\$ 5.00 per child
P & C Contributions	\$ 1.00 per adult

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who arrive to school after the first bell, are required to go to the Office to collect a ‘late note’ These students will be queried as to why they are late and reasons recorded. Students, who do arrive late, start the day off on the wrong foot and miss out on important initial messages and therefore, do not feel as comfortable at school.

MOBILE PHONES

Student mobile phones must be left at the office during school hours. They are kept secure by the Admin Staff. Children may not keep their phones in their bags. If parents need to contact their children, a message can be left at the school office on 97963900, which will then be passed on. Mobiles will be confiscated if they are not handed in, and can only be collected by a parent.

A CHILD LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

Parents, who have a need to take their child from school, during school hours, should first call at the office to fill in a withdrawal form and have it signed by a member of the administration.

This form is then given to the class teacher who will release your child. Class teachers have been instructed **NOT** to release any child to anyone without this form.

DELIVERING AND COLLECTING CHILDREN TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It is the responsibility of the parent bringing Kindy and Pre Primary children to school to remain with their child until they have been handed over to staff. At the conclusion of the session, parents (or designated ADULT) are asked to collect their child from the class. If someone other than you will be collecting your child, please inform the teacher. Please do not send other children to collect your child from class.



PARKING

We would like to remind parents that the Staff Car Park is **not to be used for dropping off and collecting students.**

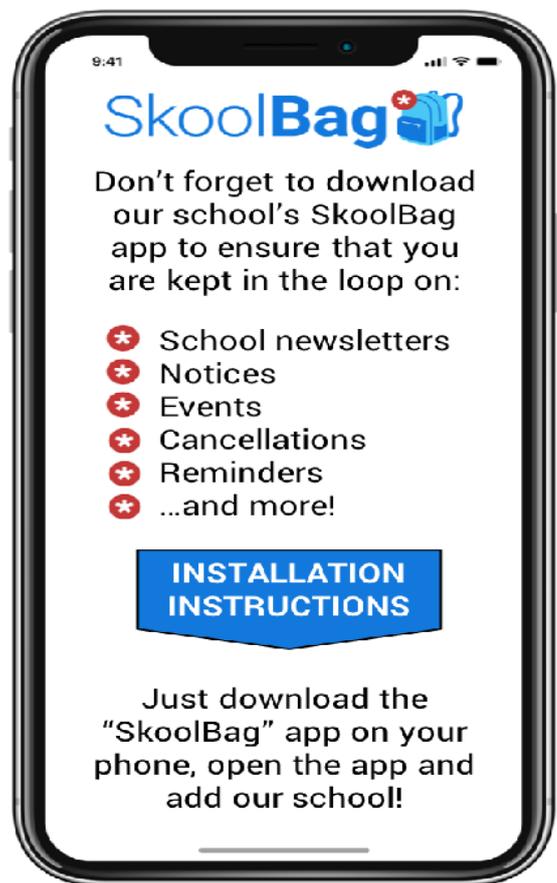
There are dedicated car parks with 'in built' safety features (eg Kiss and Drop Zone) for this purpose. The entrance on Barnes Avenue is clearly marked as 'Staff Parking' and we would appreciate support in ensuring the safety of our students.

CHANGE OF CONTACT/MEDICAL DETAILS

Please ensure that you let the School know of any change to your contact details and numbers, medical details or custody issues. Keeping all of your information up-to-date is very important, ensuring we can provide your child with the best possible care at all times, particularly in times of needs.

SKOOLBAG APP

Our 'Skoolbag' app will be used regularly and while we do not wish to 'bombard' you with alerts, we will use it to share successes and advise you of upcoming events. The app can be downloaded from the; iTunes store or your Android device store. You can even advise us of your child's absence from school using the app, which is very convenient.



P & C NEWS & EVENTS

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P & C)

The P&C is an integral and vital part of our school. Over the years the P&C has wrapped itself around the school to support so many projects and initiatives, from installing air-conditioning through to supplying ipads, running the uniform shop and canteen, organising and running our Carols by Candlelight, upgrading our undercover area and supporting the acknowledgement of our star achievers.

CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS

Tuesday: 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Friday: 8.30am - 9.00am

If you cannot make these times you can fill out an order form, with payment, and leave it in the office.

Sorry No EFTPOS for uniform purchases



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6

*Fun *Games *Outings

Every Friday of the school term. 4.30pm to 6pm at
19 Sweeny Drive Australind.

Contact Mr Geoff Harrison on geoff180abc@gmail.com



Optometry the way it should be

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. With approximately 1 in 5 Australian children either suffering from an undetected vision problem or requiring ongoing assessment, it is important to be aware of the possible signs of a vision problem to give every child the best chance of reaching their full potential.

Optometry Australia recommends that children have a full eye examination with an optometrist before starting school and regularly as they progress through primary and secondary school.

Did you know?

Many children try to adapt to their vision problem without knowing they could see better. As a parent you are best placed to detect the signs of a potential vision problem.

Through regular eye examinations and by following some simple guidelines you can help your child to achieve the best possible vision and prevent conditions that can lead to permanent vision impairment. **Many signs of vision problems are quite obvious, but others are harder to identify. Some of the more common signs include:**

- one eye turning in or out while the other points straight ahead
- noticeable tilting or turning of the head when the child is looking at something
- frequent blinking or rubbing of the eyes
- red or watery eyes
- difficulty reading, such as skipping and confusing words, and holding a book very close while reading
- complaints of headaches and blurred or double vision
- squinting or having difficulty recognising things or people in the distance.



Online
Registrations
are now open
for the
2018 Season

Information, Registration & Payment night
Eaton Recreation Centre
Thursday 22nd February,
4.30 – 7.30pm

For Players from year 3 to year 11.
Kidsport available for eligible families

For more details : Contact : Brad 0419 529 288



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www.eatonjfc.sportingpulse.net

Mercy Leschenault Collie Netball Club (MLC)

The second round of MLC Team Formations will be held Thursday 15th Leschenault Leisure Centre Years 7/8 3:45 – 5:15pm Years 5/6 & Year 9 and Above 5pm – 6pm. All those girls Trailed Sunday will need to come along Tuesday if you are unable to make it give me a call. Teams can play at LLC or Eaton, depending on team preference. We are welcoming any already established full teams who have coaches, as well as anyone that would like to join a team. If you don't already have a team, please join us at our Team Formation Day. Full teams or girls in year 3/4 are also welcome to join us without having to first play. Please come along to register your interest any time after 3:30pm Thursday. We have brand new uniforms that look fantastic. They will be \$45. Sizes will be on display at the second Team Formation Day but we will advertise a sizing chart as well.

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Please feel free to contact a committee member if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our club!! [Please check us out on facebook too!](#)

ICE-CREAM FRIDAY

\$2.00 for a plain vanilla

\$2.00 for a plain vanilla with a Freddo Frog

PRE-PRIMARY enjoying their ice-cream



WELCOME TO OUR KINDERGARTEN



Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
3	12 Feb P & C AGM	13	14	15 Breakfast Club 8.00am ASSEMBLY Room 10	16 P & C Free Dress Day	17	18
4	19 Feb Board Meeting	20	21	22 Breakfast Club 8.00am PANCAKES	23	24	25
5	26 Feb	27	28	1 March Breakfast Club 8.00am	2	3	4
6	5 March Labour Day	6	7	8 Breakfast Club 8.00am ASSEMBLY Room 9	9 INCURSION Science Alive	10	11
7	12 March	13	14 Constable Care 8.45 (FREE) P – Yr6	15 Breakfast Club 8.00am	16	17	18
8	19 March Year 6 Camp Mornington	20 Year 6 Camp	21 Year Camp	22 Breakfast Club 8.00am	23	24	25
9	26 March	27	28	29 Breakfast Club 8.00am	30 Good Friday	31	1 April
10	2 April Easter Monday	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	4	5 Breakfast Club 8.00am ASSEMBLY Room 2	6	7	8
11	9 April	10	11	12 Breakfast Club 8.00am	13 Students last day	14	15
H	16 April	17	18	19	20	21	22
H	23 April	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29

*You Are The Key To
Your Success
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*

