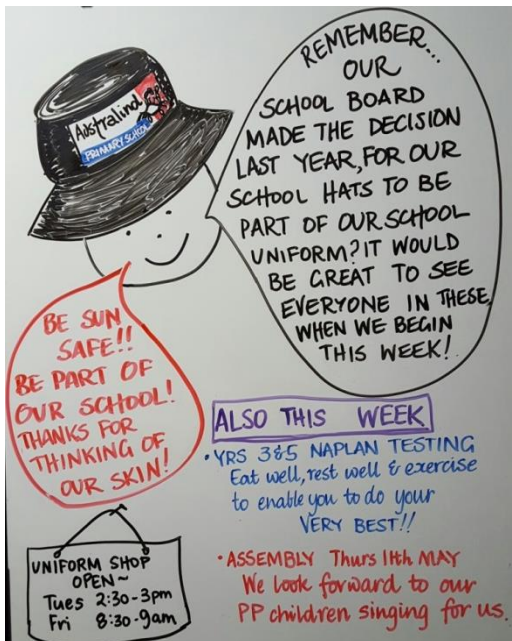


“To Inspire Learning for Life”

9th May 2017



We have had a terrific start to the new term, with a number of highlights already. Our ANZAC Service was once again a very proud moment for the school, as our students excelled in their roles and showed great respect in every regard. We were fortunate to have Mrs Nola Marino (Federal Member for Forrest) and Mr Terry Baker, a veteran of the Vietnam War, attend and speak to the students about their very personal experiences. They both let us know how very impressed they were with our students and Mr Baker said he was confident our future is in great hands with such wonderful student leaders.

In our first week, we also had a performance of the play 'Honey Spot' by students from Balga Senior High School. It was entertaining for all, but also carried some really powerful messages about attitudes to other cultures, getting along and acceptance.



We also hosted a retirement function for Mrs Heather Smedley, who after 41 years with the Department and 6 wonderful years with Australind Primary School, has decided to focus on her 'glass art', for which she is very well-known in art circles. We encourage you to keep an eye out for her very impressive work.

There is a lot more happening this term, culminating in student reports going home in the last week of term. As always, please contact us if you have any queries or require assistance with your child in any way. We are here to help.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN tests are taking place this week. It is important that students and their families understand that these

are not the 'be all and end all' for students, and they simply give us a snapshot of individual and group performance on the day tested. They certainly do not capture any students full engagement or success in school. There are many reasons why not all students will perform at their best in this situation. However, they are more likely to do their best if they are calm, well rested and approach the testing positively. We do look forward to receiving the results late in third term, as they assist staff and the Board to review our performance and consider the impact of current programs and practices.

OUR BUDGET AND CONTRIBUTIONS

I believe most parents and the broader community would be surprised how small the budget is for a school of our size. We are an organization with 230 direct clients (your children). I am sure that in the business world an organization with that many clients doing such important work would have a budget many times the size of ours. We plan very carefully to get the best use of our limited funds and for this reason it is vital that the requested \$50 per student contribution is collected from all families. I encourage any families who are yet to pay the contribution to do so as soon as possible. If you can't afford it in one instalment, we are happy to take part payments. Just have a talk with our friendly office staff about your needs. Every little bit helps us to continue doing a great job.

MOBILE PHONES

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to School are required to leave them in the Office. They are then kept securely until the end of the school day. These are expensive personal items and it is not acceptable for children to leave their phones in their bags. If parents need to contact their children, a message can be left at the school office on 9797 1477, which will then be passed on. Mobiles will be confiscated if they are not handed in, and can only be collected by a parent.

CROSS WALK USE

Student safety is a priority for the School. Of significant concern at the moment, is students who cross Paris Rd on the way to and from School. These concerns have been raised by parents, staff, the general public and the cross walk attendants. Many students from both the primary and high schools are putting their safety at risk by not using the crosswalks. We ask that students be reminded of the need to cross the road at the designated points. We have had children injured before and would hate for it to happen again.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Most of our students attend wearing their school uniform every day. It is an important part of our school culture and students generally feel great pride wearing the required items. Our P&C strive to make uniform items very affordable and open the shop each Tuesday (pm) and Friday (am) to enable purchases to be

made. If your child is missing uniform items, we urge you to see Mrs Tanya Gray in the Uniform Shop at one of these times. Some students do feel quite self-conscious if they don't have the required items and it would be fantastic to see all students in 100% correct uniform. Unfortunately, if students don't have the uniform they can be excluded from activities such as excursions and other special events.

SCHOOL BOARD

I am pleased to let you know that we have three new Board members, coming from our parent body. They are Gavin Prime, Lucia Harberts and Matt Tedgett. They are fantastic people and I know they will each become big contributors to the functions of the Board. There is still room for one more parent / community representative and I would be most keen to speak with anyone who thinks they would like to become involved. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Jo Dimov, Mrs Dene Archer, Ms Corrina French and Mrs Cara Scoby-Smith, who have each contributed greatly to the functions of the Board, but have now moved on.

Regards
Darrin Tinley



RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reconciliation week (27th May – 3rd June) is for us to reflect on two important anniversaries in the reconciliation journey. It is 50 years since the 1967 Referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision.

In order to mark Reconciliation we have accessed PALS funding (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning and Sharing) to bring Sean Chooburra to our school. He is, without doubt, one of Australia's most loved and proclaimed indigenous performers. He will be performing Tuesday 16th May for all children K-6. This is a free performance.

Dance, stories, painting, fire creation, didgeridoo playing are all presented with a wonderful array of artefacts from fishing nets to hunting shields. All school community members are invited, the show commences at 1:45pm.



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.

VISITORS/PARENTS/ HELPERS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

To enable us to identify legitimate visitors, helpers or parents bringing lunch etc. in our school, we require everyone to wear a name badge and sign in at the office.

Parents, who have a need to take their child from school, during school hours, should first call at the office to fill in a 'Leaving School Grounds' 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.

People on site without authorisation will be challenged as to their identity and purpose and directed immediately to the office.



BOOK FAIR

Please mark this date on your calendar
WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE

The Library will be open for selling all day from 8am until 3:30pm.

We have an exciting day of activities planned and hundreds of great books for sale at competitive prices!

All purchases directly benefit our school so we really look forward to your support on the day.

Our Book Fair Volunteers always have a lot of fun on the day so if you are able to spare some time to help setting up, selling or packing up please leave your details in the office or see me in the Library.

We appreciate your support no matter how big or small.



Our Kindy kids learning to flex and stretch

Correction for ROS ABBOTT in our last newsletter there was a date given for a story reading that was going to be at the Australind Shire Library **5th April Library** which should have been 5th June 2017. Our apologies.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Laura has been very busy in the School Library setting up the WAYRBA display (WA Young Readers Book Awards)

Thank you also goes to Mr Larking for his talent in making the cardboard cut-outs.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Due Thursday 11th May 2017

P & C NEWS & EVENTS

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.

The black windproof jackets are available in all sizes.

Sorry No EFTPOS for uniform purchases

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking - Fridays from 8.00am till 8:30am outside the school library. As the Kindy children do not attend school on Fridays we will collect the Kindy Bank Books on Wednesday afternoons, from the box in the office, for processing.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 12th May and all classes will get a chance to visit during the day.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget to purchase tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle \$2 each or 3 for \$5 being sold all week 8th May-12th by the School Councillors.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Primary School Year's 3 to 6.

*Fun *Games *Outings

Every Friday of the school term.

4.30pm to 6pm

@ 19 Sweeny Drive Australind.

Contact Mr Geoff Harrison on geoff180abc@gmail.com

EATON AUSKICK PROGRAM

If you would like to learn

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Then join the **EATON AUSKICK PROGRAM**

- Boys & Girls from 5-8 years old
- Season kicks starts on Saturday 29th April through till 2nd September – Every Saturday 8:15- 9:30am

For more information contact Jeremy Fagents on 0474451758 or head to the Auskick website at alfauskick.com.au where you can register your little AFL star.



Australians use around 3.9 BILLION disposable plastic bags each year!

Plastic bags can NOT be placed in your yellow top recycling bin

Degradable plastic bags break down into smaller and smaller pieces called **Microplastics**.
The plastic never disappears!

What can we do?

Plastic bags can be returned to most major supermarkets to be recycled. Take your bag full of bags with you next time!

Don't forget your reusable bag

Look for the Compostable symbol:
Compostable bags will fully break down.

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HONEY SPOT INCURSION




AUTHOR VISIT ROOM NINE -YEAR 5. Mrs Helena Smith



ROOM 9 PLANTING DAY



Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
3	8 Mother's Day raffle Sold this week	9 NEWSLETTER	10 Naplan (9 TH May – 11 th May)	11 ASSEMBLY Pre Primary	12 MOTHERS DAY STALL & RAFFLE DRAW	13	14
4	15	16 PALS Incursion	17	18	19 Walk to School Day	20	21
5	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
6	29 P & C MEETING 3.00pm	30 NEWSLETTER	31 Junior Primary ZOO excursion	1June ASSEMBLY RM 5	2	3	4
7	5 WA DAY HOLIDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11
8	12	13	14  BOOKFAIR	15	16	17	18
	19	20 Josh Langley Incursion NEWSLETTER	21 DISCO	22 ASSEMBLY RM 4	23	24	25
10	26	27	28 CROSS COUNTRY @ ADAM ROAD	29 WINTER CARNIVAL @ HAY PARK	30	1July	2
H	3 SCHOOL	4 HOLIDAYS	5	6	7	8	9