From the Principal

Book week is next week. There will be activities in the library for all classes. The poster competition and colouring in competition winners will be announced and the book character parade will be held on Friday during assembly.

Our athletics carnival is at Gil Fraser Reserve in North Fremantle on Friday 2 September from 9.15am-2.30pm. All invited to watch. Please return your permission slip now. All students will need a faction T shirt from Willetton Uniforms.

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with field events on Wednesday 31 August – please email me or Dave Carder.

The P&C Great Gatsby Night is the day after athletics day, on the 3rd September and the P&C will put on a wonderful night for everyone. Ticket price is $50 and includes food and entertainment. Please buy your tickets asap or if you know you are coming please call the office on 9339 5055 to reserve tickets so that the P&C can work out numbers. We are looking for businesses to donate some prizes! Q’s to Brigid Marciano, 0405801070

Leavers- If your K-5 child won’t be returning for 2017 please let me know by return email so that I can start to plan classes.

Whooping Cough- We have had three cases confirmed. Please look out for symptoms and keep sick children at home. There are information leaflets at the office.

Phone numbers and emergency contacts- We have had a lot of sick children going home and often are unable to contact parents quickly due to old mobile numbers and a lack of emergency contacts. Please can you email us your new numbers as you change them, thanks!

Kindy 2017 – we are full and now running a waiting list. Please return your A3 enrolment form asap to confirm your place. Call me please if you are unsure.

Lisa Dentith
From the Principal

Questions

Please email me any quick queries or questions and I will respond as soon as I can. Recent questions below.

Q: I heard the phrase ‘regular attendance’ – what is that?
A: The Department of Education classifies regular attendance at school as being a child attending over 90%. That means attending at least nine weeks every term. Below 90%, students are classified as ‘at risk’. Our school attendance profile for semester 1 is shown below.

89% of our students have regular attendance. Most of those in the yellow and red sections of the chart (moderate and severe risk) have been away on extended family holidays and missed a lot of school. Your child’s percentage is on their semester 1 report.

Q: Can we please fundraise for the dogs’ home?
A: We have collected some blankets and are now collecting the following—please place in the box in the front office:
Kongs – Large Kongs are a toy, and some of our dogs are fed using them. We are in short supply of large sized Kongs. Please can you help by purchasing some from your nearest pet store, or from City Farmers.
Treats for Training Ideally we would like natural quality products—liver treats, small chews, straps etc—from places like City Farmers or good pet supply stores. (not pigs ears or raw hide treats these can present a choking risk).
Sardines and Tuna We would love to have canned Sardines and Tuna in Oil, please. Oily fish are a great source of protein and essential minerals and vitamins for dogs, and our dogs also love the great taste!

Q: What time next Friday is the dress up parade?
A: It’s during assembly. It will be the last item - about 9.30am

P&C Association

School Banking
Representatives from the Commonwealth Bank are coming to the assembly on the 26th August to talk about banking and saving money, there will also be an account opening day the following Wednesday. There are 120 students who participate in school banking, 50 students bank each Wednesday.

Nature Play Committee
We have been granted a $10 000 federal Stronger Communities Grant to build a gazebo, BBQ and powered demonstration bench in the Nature Play Area. Condition of the grant requires matching contributing P&C funding. The committee is liaising with Department of Finance and their contractor PFM over quotes and Development Approval.

Planting Day- the school community was invited to come and plant plants in the Nature Scapé area, Fremantle Ports provided $650 for plants and the Minister for Education planted a tree. There was such a great response and feeling on the day, the sense of community was felt by all. Congratulations to the Nature Play Committee.

Fremantle Ports is donating big mooring lines, up to 50m long for the nature play area. Thanks!

P&C Arts Committee
This was set up to bring art to the forefront of the school.

The display boxes showcasing sculptures and the yarn bombing of the courtyard trees have both been a great success. There are some surprises coming up.

The committee is running a photography competition (see poster below).

A Progressive Art Exhibition through the school is planned for later in the year.

The Arts committee has been asked to create a sign for the limestone wall on Windsor Road. There are plans underway to provide free Arts classes afterschool in 2017, they will run for an hour and be run by volunteers.
Big congratulations to the Arts Committee for all their efforts.

**Richmond P&C Arts Committee Project**

**Student Photography Competition and Exhibition**

Exhibition Dates: 1st - 30th Sept

Theme: **WINTER**

**Categories:**
- Year 1 to Year 2
- Year 3 to Year 6

**Entry Information:**
- Deadline: 30th Sept
- Cost: FREE
- Winners to be announced on Assembly on the 23rd Sept

**Competition Rules:**
- Maximum 2 entries per student
- All entries must be passed size (10cm x 15cm, 120 x 1600)
- All entries must be submitted on a thumb drive accompanied by your name, year, and room number, as well as the Title of the image
- All entries must be handed in Mrs. McDonald Phase B by 31st Aug

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**Congratulations!**

Let us know if you have some news!

Congratulations to our footy stars… Luka Beretovac, Isabel Duncanson, Toby Jinman and Cody Renouf made the final of the Freo Long Bomb. Anna Scott and Elizabeth Davey and Luke Scoponich and Cody Renouf made the final of the Freo Kwick kick. All competed last Sunday on Domain Stadium before the Fremantle vs Adelaide game.

Thanks! PPO Cake stall raised **$300.50**

School Banking raises money for the school, for every new account opened the Commonwealth Bank gives the P&C $5 and 5% of every deposit made is given to the P&C. Since it started in July 2014, school banking has made **$1,973.03** for the school. Well done bankers!

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Not-for-profit ads are provided as a community service and are free. The School Council has decided to accept paid advertising from businesses at $30 per ad. This revenue will be spent on school resources. Businesses wishing to advertise should email a business card sized advert to the school. Services and programs on this page are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

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       6am- Boxing, 6.00pm- Boxing
Fri: 6am- Yoga, 9.30am- Circuit
Sat: 8am- Boxing

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Pokemon GO!
Here's a checklist to make sure you're keeping yourself safe while out chasing that Alakazam.

Pokemon Go is better and safer with other Pokemon Trainers; make sure you include an adult if you're heading out! This way you can combine your Poke-strengths and make a strong team, while keeping each other amused and aware.

Stick to public places; even if a Charizard is in someone's backyard or front garden, that's still a private place. Public places are places that we can all visit, private places are not as safe and you shouldn't go. Even in public places, look around and ask yourself 'Do I feel safe here?'

Listen to your early warning signs: is your body telling you that you're feeling unsafe? Feeling confused, having a sick feeling in your tummy or feeling your heart beat faster might be signs that you're feeling lost or unsafe and you need to go and get help from a safe adult or use your Poke-phone to call someone to help you. It's fun to be excited while playing, but if you start to feel unsafe, then it's time to get help.

Stay with your Poke-group and don't join others. People might say they know where Blastoise is, but that doesn't mean it's ok to follow them away from your group or into a private place. Never get into the car of someone you don't know and feel safe with ... even if they are playing Pokemon Go too, even if they know where an Articuno is, even if Ditto is 'just around the corner', it's not ok to leave with people you don't know.

Good luck to all our Trainers and play safely.
Frances Hoyle: Chaplain