From the Principal

We have had a positive and quiet start to the year. Many thanks to everyone for encouraging resiliency in their children with regard to class placement. Everyone has been relaxed accommodating and accepting. The new children have been warmly welcomed and I am looking forward to a harmonious and happy year.

In brief:
- For a quick response to a quick query please email me.
- The canteen opens tomorrow and operates Wednesday and Friday. The new manager is Peta Van Heemst. A new menu is attached.
- The new before and after school care provider is OSH Club. Brochures and flyers about the service are in the front office. Parents need to register online. Already 30 families have signed up. You can use it casually and sporadically or regularly for the same price. Children attending OSH Club meet at the flagpole at 3pm to be met and walked down to the offsite centre.
- Parents will be invited to meet with their child’s classroom teacher in the next few weeks. Teachers will organise the timetabling of this.
- Please can everyone remember to keep dogs on leads at all times. Thanks.
- If your child arrives any time after the siren has gone they need to go to the office for a late pass to sign in.
- Please can children not arrive at school before 8.30am at the earliest. We have had children here as early as 8am today which is a duty of care problem for us! Many thanks.

Lisa Dentith

Schedule of School Events

- 1 Feb Students back
- 8 Feb Secondary Gifted and Talented programs close
- 9 Feb Funky Fitness PP-3
- 16 Feb P&C AGM 7.30pm
- 26 Feb assembly rm9 rm2
- 8 March swim trials yr4-6
- 8 March kindy photos
- 10 March K-6 photos
- 11 March assembly rm12 rm11
- 15 March swim carnival 12pm Melville Aquatic
- 24 March assembly rm10 rm13
- 25-29 March closed for Easter F, M and Tuesday
- 1 April Dads and kids camp
- 5 April inters swimming
- 8 April ANZAC assembly
- 6 May assembly rm7 rm6
- 10 May Naplan week
- 20 May assembly rm11 rm12
- 2 June assembly rm8 rm0
- 17 June assembly rm2 rm9
- 1 July assembly SIM

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please SMS absences to the school stating: Child’s full name, room, absence date, reason

SMS: 0417 973 697

Please do not try to call this number and only use it to notify of absences. THANKS
Uniform Recycling
We have a free recycled uniform system in the office – please donate your good used items that are too small. Any parent may look through the boxes and take items their children will use – no cost to anyone.

Points of contact
For general classroom concerns please contact your child’s teacher initially. For bigger or ongoing issues please contact Dave Carder (curriculum) or Charmaine Cook (pastoral care). I am available to discuss any issue, though it is a courtesy to speak to your child’s teacher first.

Student Free Days 2016
Tues 26 April first day T2 (day after Anzac day)
Fri 3 June week 6 T2 (WA Day long wkend)
Mon 18 July first day T3
Mon 10 Oct first day T4

Easter Weekend
The school is closed from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday inclusive. 25 – 29 March.

Funky Fitness
In term 1 the school will run a ‘funky fitness programme’ for all students from PP to year 3. The fitness program is scheduled to commence on Tuesday 9th February and concluded on Tuesday 29th March.

Information notes are being sent home today.

Assemblies
Dates are listed on page 1 – please note these do sometimes change. Any changes will be in the newsletter.

If you would like to know your child’s assembly date for semester 2, we can supply the provisional date.

Cake Stalls
This year only the class performing will run a cake stall. This means only one class per assembly and it halves the number of cake stalls parents are asked to do. This is a P&C activity and is organised by the class parent rep. Please bring healthy items.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

Year 3 and 5 parents please ensure your children are present at school for Naplan tests (start 9.00am) as follows:

Tuesday 10 May
Year 3 Language and Conventions (40 mins)
Year 3 Writing (40 mins)
Year 5 Language and Conventions (40 mins)
Year 5 Writing (40 mins)

Wednesday 11 May
Year 3 Reading (45 mins)
Year 5 Reading (50 mins)

Thursday 12 May
Year 3 Numeracy (45 mins)
Year 5 Numeracy (50 mins)

There is a Naplan website with further information including sample tests. Go to: http://www.nap.edu.au

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New families please note this newsletter is only distributed by email.
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P & C Canteen
Welcome to a new year and a new look canteen menu (attached). The menu has now been colour coded green and amber to help make healthy and nutritional selections for recess and lunch. The BIG news is sushi and rice paper rolls are available Wednesday and Friday! Pastries and sausage sizzle are now only available on Wednesday and Pizzas on Friday.

The canteen only runs with the help from volunteers. The kids love to see a parent or grandparent behind the counter. I have a full roster just waiting to be filled. It’s fun to do canteen with a friend but it’s also a great way to meet new people. Please text, call or pop in to the canteen to organise a date.

Peta Van Heemst, Canteen Manager
0411 442 035

AGM
The P&C will hold its AGM in the school library on 16 February at 7.30pm.

P & C Nominations for Positions
Nominations are sought for the following positions and should be received in an envelope in the P&C mailbox in the office by 3.00pm on Monday 15th February please:

Executive and committee (8)
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Three committee positions
  (Principal is an automatic member)

Executive committee members generally each coordinate a community event for the year and assist with other events.

It is helpful if members of the executive and executive committee have previously been a general member of the P&C.

Coordinators
- Canteen volunteers’ coordinator

- Entertainment book coordinator
- Loyalty programs coordinator
- Book club coordinator
- Grants coordinator
- School Banking coordinator
- Road Wise coordinator
- School Directory coordinator
- School Council parent representative
- WACSSO /District Council delegate
- Class reps – one rep per class

Appointments
- Honorary Auditor
- Signatories

General members (not nominated or capped)
These are the P&C members who come to meetings, discuss initiatives, vote and help out. The general P&C meets once a term, usually at Zephyrs at 9.00am.

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.

PLAY NETBALL IN 2016
REBELS NETBALL CLUB
All interested players are very welcome. Register now
https://req.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=54986
Saturday, 6 Feb 2016, 9 – 12pm at Fremantle Netball Association Hall, Gibson Park Courts, Leach Hwy, FREMANTLE.
Contact Jodie at registrar@prnc.com.au.
Find us on facebook Palmyra Rebels Netball Club
We hope to see you on the court in 2016!