From the Principal
Welcome to semester 2. It’s wet and windy and the building program is making life a bit tricky but everyone is remaining positive! Thanks for sending your child in a blue school fleece.

Parent /Teacher meetings
Parents are invited to meet with their child’s classroom teacher to discuss the semester one reports. Teachers will organise the timetabling of this.

Building Program
The building program is a little ahead of schedule. The student toilet block is finished – we have a student universal access toilet in each block and a new privacy screen in the boys’ toilet.

The next priority is the staff universal access toilet in the passage next to the staff room. This will be finished in four weeks.

After that, the verandas and doors from rooms 12 and 13 to the quad and the public universal access toilet on the end of room 13 will be the focus, due to be completed by the end of term 3.

It has been a little difficult navigating the fencing and we have had some noise distractions but overall the program has run well. Thanks for everyone’s patience.

Disco
The P&C / School disco is next Friday at Tricolore. Tickets are on sale now from the office. Please buy a ticket in advance. All students have been given a permission slip that needs to be returned please. If you can assist with supervision at the senior disco please let me know.

2014 Enrolment Applications
Please can everyone get their applications for 2014 kindy in now, so they can be quickly processed. Thanks.

JCCA
Thanks to John Curtin CA who are allowing us access to one of their Maths teachers to give a lesson to our year 7s every week. This is a great extension opportunity for our students.

Lisa Dentith, Principal
Semester 1 Reports
WA schools are transitioning from the WA Curriculum Framework to the new Australian Curriculum. We are well underway with the implementation of Phase 1 (English, Mathematics, History and Science) of the Australian Curriculum, which is to be completed by the start of 2015.

Here is some information to help you understand and discuss with your child and their teacher, their semester 1 report:

‘C’ or satisfactory is the expected standard. Please discuss with your child that they are achieving what is expected if they received a C or satisfactory.

The effort section for each learning area is very important. If your child is consistently putting appropriate effort in to their learning then you can be satisfied they are doing their very best to achieve.

The comments section is where the teacher will provide information in regards to what your child knows, understands and can do.

The expectations of the Australian Curriculum are higher than before and contain different content requirements. This could mean that where your child has received a C grade in the past, it may not be equivalent this semester.

Your child is on a developmental continuum, they will continue to grow and develop at their own pace, please do not be concerned if your child’s report varies a little from previous reports.

The semester 1 report is a progress report. Teachers are making the judgement that students will achieve (below /at /above) the achievement standard at the end of the year. If your child received a ‘C’ it means they’re on track to achieve the standards at the end of the year.

Fete 2013
Your help is really appreciated. There are still big and small roles for anyone who’d like to assist in any way. Please contact Jane on rpsfete2013@gmail.com

Staff Changes Semester 2
Di Schoch is in the library.
Liane Hadlow is on the front desk.
Kath Pratley - new EA in room 1.
Rose Nockolds – new EA in room 5.
Senora Antonella Blanchard is heading for maternity leave in week 5. We will welcome Senora Lily Hale for a year.

Cross Country
The school faction competition will be on August 6 on the school oval and the interschool will be on August 16 at Brentwood PS. Spectators are very welcome.

Birthday Invitations
If your child is having a birthday party and giving out invitations at school please could I ask parents to be mindful of the effect on students who are not invited when they are in the minority. Twice in recent weeks one or two students in a class have been deliberately left out and this causes untold distress for these excluded students.

Jeans for Genes Day
The Student Council will hold Jeans for Genes Day on Friday August 2 (week 2). Students are invited to wear free dress (including jeans) and make a gold coin donation for genetic research.

Athletics Carnival
The school athletics carnival will be on the school oval this year on Wednesday 18 September (jumps and throws) and Friday 20 September (main faction carnival).

The interschool athletics event will be next term on Tuesday 29 October.

PP-7 students have begun to train for the various events and are looking forward to it. They will all need to have a faction T shirt.

School Chaplain - position vacant
We are still urgently seeking a new School Chaplain. Please call Dawn France 0406 662 705 if you are interested.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2014
Enrolment applications are due now, thanks.

Lisa Dentith, Principal
Musical Arts
Many thanks for the support you have given your child in their music journey during semester one, it has been wonderful to see the fantastic improvements across the school especially in the area of composition and weren’t they all wonderful at the music assembly-very proud of everyone.

During semester two we will again be collaborating with the visual arts department and working in the theme of Australia- bush, aboriginal, national and Fremantle. We will learn to play part or all of the National Anthem and I invite any students who can achieve this to join our assembly band.

We will learn to play and sing music in language of the Yolnu people from Echo Island and North East Arnhem Land in preparation for our Music a Viva/ NAISDA incursion on October 24th “Datiwuy Dreaming”

It has been fun continuing to learn the recorder in and our recorder playing is coming along so well most of the students from year 3 to 7 now have a repertoire of a minimum of 5-7 songs.

We will continue with recorder playing this semester but our main focus will be learning the Ukulele. I have a class set of Ukuleles however if your family has a Ukulele your child is more than welcome to bring it each week.

We are so lucky to have over 50 students out of the 180 in years 3 to 7 learning violin, viola, cello, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or flute through the SIMS program especially when many of the schools that surround us only have the opportunity to learn one or two instruments offered to a much smaller cohort of children.

There will be a special SIMS assembly for all our SIMS students this term in week 8 on Friday September 13th and we will also have the exciting pleasure of enjoying a performance from our newly formed Richmond Primary School string ensemble conducted by Mr Andrew Patrick our cello teacher.

I hope you enjoyed looking through your child’s music file, could all files please be returned by week two. I hope all families had a reenergising holiday and are ready for another music filled semester.

Moyanne Bertolini
Music Specialist

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