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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Talking to your school

The ongoing collaboration between parents/carers and teachers is crucial to ensuring the best possible educational and social outcomes are achieved for all of our students here at Malvern Springs Primary School. Please make sure that you stay in regular contact with your child's classroom teacher/s. Teaching staff are only too happy to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. This can be done during school time in teachers DOTT (duties other than teaching) or by arranging an alternative time with the classroom teacher for a personal or telephone interview. An interview can be arranged by forwarding a note to the teacher or contacting/phoning the front office. Parents are advised that they are able to bring an advocate (support person) to meetings if you chose to do so.

One of the complexities with arising issues is when school community members respond to information that is 'second hand'. Please ensure that you seek clarification about the facts when there is an issue so that the concerns can be truly addressed.

Helmets

Parents are asked to remind students to wear their helmet when riding bikes and scooters.

Assemblies

Our first Assembly for the 2015 was hosted by Rooms 65 and 66 last Wednesday. Our senior students had a limited timeframe to prepare and they set a very high standard to commence this year's assemblies. Well done to Year 6 staff and students for their huge effort.

We will continue to hold Junior and Senior Assemblies this year. We welcome parents to attend.

2015 Year 6 Camp

Commencing 18 March, our Year 6 students will be attending the Boshack Eco Camp near Bolgart. Students will participate in a number of team building and leadership activities throughout their time on camp. Thank you to staff who have planned and will attend the excursion, to parents for their efforts with fundraising and to our P & C for their ongoing commitment to cover 50% of the cost of the bus for this year and into the future.

Shining Star Awards

In partnership with the 'Shops at Ellenbrook' our school is introducing the *Shining Star* award which will be presented at an assembly each month. The recipient of this award will receive a \$20 Dymocks Gift Voucher.

February's Shining Star award is presented to Mitchell Adcock for 'being a really supportive mate for his friend Andrew, who is currently being treated for leukaemia'.

Community Support

Andrew is a student at Malvern Springs PS who is currently undergoing treatment for leukaemia. Members of our wider community are putting a number of initiatives in place, including a 'go fund me' account to financially assist Andrew's family. The 'go fund me' account link is:

<http://www.gofundme.com/AndrewFightsBack> if you are able to help out.

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Student Leadership Group

Congratulations to our 2015 Student Leadership Group for their efforts so far this year. This Year 6 group is made up of Student Prefects and Faction Captains. We look forward to working closely with these students throughout the year.



Student Leaders 2015

Student Leadership Group

Head Boy: Kalindu Ponsuge
Head Girl: Berenice Le Roux

Prefects: Julian Tenaglia
Brooke Samuels
Sam McKenzie
Courtney-Ann Tassell
Hone` Walker
Christelle Van De Merwe

Faction Captains

Karda (Gold) Alexis Pleysier
Dylan Kerai

Dilert (Blue) Alex Bullock
Maddison Gomez

Yongka (White) Courtney Nyama
Andy Tan

Maali (Purple) Dannij Harvey-Gordon
Brodie Campbell

Emergency Exit

Following a discussion with concerned parents, the Department of Education has approved the installation of an emergency exit at the far end of the ramp near the Year 1 T 7 classroom. This will consist of the continuation of the ramp around the western end of the building and then steps allowing students to exit through the double gates at ground level. Thank you to the parents who brought this issue to our attention.

Updating Student Records

It is imperative that contact details of all students are up-to-date. Please ensure that any changes in address details and phone numbers are updated at the office.

Playgrounds - before and after school

I would like to remind families that, to ensure duty of care responsibilities, children should not be on the playgrounds before school. Students arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.45am. This is a time for them to settle and ready themselves for the school day. Some parents like to meet after school and catch up while allowing children on the playground. While we do not discourage this it must be understood that the school carries no duty of care for children after school. Parents must be in close proximity to any child playing on the equipment. Please also be aware the play equipment is not suitable for preschool aged children. Families should also consider that the school continues to be a work place after 2.50pm. As such I ask parents to not remain for prolonged periods. The early childhood gates will be locked by about 3.00 and parents will need to access other exit gates.

Michelle Murray
PRINCIPAL

LIBRARY NEWS....

Hi everyone, there are still a few people with overdue books from last year. Please return as soon as possible. Those students who are unable to find your books will need to pay for them in the office. Please take the lost notice with you. If you have lost the note see the librarian for a new note. Thank you.

Allison Pearson/ Deb Rymer
Library Officers
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DEPUTY'S DESK.....

Arriving at School

In the interests of student safety we ask that students do not arrive at school before 8-30am. Should parent work arrangements require that students arrive at school prior to 8-30am we ask that you seek alternative arrangements for the care of your child. Jellybeans Child Care and Kindy operate before school care on site at Malvern Springs Primary School. You may contact jellybeans Child Care charlottes@jellybeanschildcare.com.au or 92972833.

NAPLAN

Students from Year 3 and 5 have taken home an information brochure regarding the upcoming NAPLAN assessment this week. NAPLAN is a National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy of all students in Years 3 and 5. The results from NAPLAN provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing. The assessments will take place in Week 4, Term 2 from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May 2015. More information will be provided closer to the date.

School Uniform

Please support the school by ensuring your children wear the complete school uniform. The uniform hat is required to be worn all year. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. This applies equally to male and female students. There is to be no wearing of nail polish. Jewellery is not to be worn. For safety reasons jewellery of a religious or cultural nature, when worn around the neck, must be placed under the school uniform.

Sick Students

It is requested that parents do not send to school children who have been sick and are not fully recovered. If a child is unwell at school we will endeavour to take care of them until a parent or nominated emergency contact can collect them.

Penny Reynolds
Deputy Principal

MERIT AWARDS....

Ethan G	Lizaan V	Kloe B	Briana D	Devlin L			
Brodie C	Sienna H	Michael C	Summer G	Summer H			
Boude'ne H	Sachit B	Judah T	Maddison G	Kailan K			
Zion N	Isabelle D	Marley K	Jamie S	Kytana R			
Indianna K	Alexis P	Kayla C	Sam Mc	Brooke S		Sienna H	Jeandre K
Emily C	Selina G	Ethan D	Evie Mc	Mark O		Briana D	

COMMUNITY NEWS....

Road Safety Issues

Further to ongoing communication in regards to Road Safety issues around our school, a discussion took place at our School Council Meeting yesterday.

Council urges all members of the school community who have concerns about the traffic conditions and related safety around our school to email their concerns to the City of Swan and cc all correspondence to

malvernspringspstrafficissues@gmail.com

This will give Council the opportunity to collate the data and carry out appropriate follow up.



 BELRIDGE Senior High School T: 9488 8900	 JOHN FORREST Secondary College T: 9473 4835	 KENT STREET Senior High School T: 9262 0500
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CRICKET

Specialist Program

Endorsed by the
Department of Education
and The WACA

Applications accepted from
Year 6 Students

TRIAL DAY

Tuesday 31 March 2015
at The WACA



TENNIS

JOHN FORREST

Secondary College

Independent Public School

SPECIALIST PROGRAM
Endorsed by The Department of Education and Tennis West



TRIAL DAY

at John Forrest Secondary College

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015

Applications accepted from
Year 5 and 6 students



For details and a registration form please contact
Lynn McPherson T: 9473 4035
E: lynn.mcpherson@education.wa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS.....



What is the Safety House Program?

Safety House is a community based "Good Neighbour" program of volunteer householders willing to help any young child in need in their local community.



The Safety House program offers a place of help and safety for children if they ever feel unsure or unsafe when they are away from home and school.

A Safety House sign on a letterbox or shop window means that the premises are safe and the adult residents have been thoroughly Police Checked.

Parents can be reassured that the Safety House sign means children have a safe place to turn to. The local community is helping to keep their area safe.

Regular checks are made on each Safety House to ensure it is a safe place.

How is the Safety House program run?

The Safety House WA Head Office manages the statewide program and Safety House Committees and Coordinators run groups in local communities. Advice, support and resources are provided by Safety House WA staff to schools and communities.

Who can become a Safety House?

To become a Safety House you must:

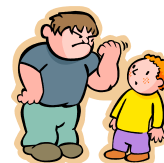
- ✓ care about the safety and well-being of children in your community.
- ✓ generally be available to help during school travel times.
- ✓ live in premises that could be easily accessible by a young child.
- ✓ agree to have WA Police Checks done on a continuous basis for all residents aged 14 and over.

If you would like to be a Safety House please contact Safety House WA Inc. on 9343 7511 for more information or you can talk to your local School Office.

When can children use a Safety House?

A Safety House can be used by children travelling to or from school or whenever they feel unsure or unsafe. Some of the common reasons a child may use a Safety House could be if they:

- are lost or confused
- are hurt or feeling unwell
- are being bullied by other kids
- are frightened by an animal
- are approached or followed



Who is my local Safety House Contact?

Check out the Safety House WA Inc website www.safetyhousewa.org.au.

Contact the Head Office on 9434 7511

safety@safetyhousewa.org.au



Ellenbrook Falcons Hockey Club - Open Day/Registration Day, Sunday 8th March 10am to 3pm at Charlie Gregorini Reserve

Classes open to children 8-12 yrs old

Art just 4 KIDS CLASSES

Contact Jacque on 0433 360 613



Ellenbrook Eels Netball Club are currently holding registrations for the winter 2015 season.

Contact

Kerry Menaglio - 0403 319 356

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

27th February Clean Up Australia Day	'When strangers start acting like neighbours....communities are re-invigorated' Ralph Nader	2nd March Labour Day Public Holiday
11th March Rm 15 & Rm 16 Assembly (P-2)		2015 Term 1
18th—20th March Year 6 Camp		Monday 2nd February 2015 To Thursday 2nd April 2015