



Newsletter Issue 13: 16 August 2017 **SMS Absences to: 0418 928 939**

COMING EVENTS

Monday, 21 August	Book Week commences
Wednesday, 23 August	Room 4 Assembly
Friday, 25 August	Swimming permission forms & payments due
Monday, 28 August	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, 31 August	Jeans for Genes Day Father's Day Stall
Monday, 4 Sept	School Board Meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday, 5 Sept	Jump & Throw Events
Wednesday, 6 Sept	Room T1 Assembly
Friday, 8 Sept	Faction Athletics Carnival
Monday, 11 Sept	Swimming Lessons start
Wednesday, 13 Sept	Library Book Fair starts (ends Friday 15 th)
Thursday, 14 Sept	Parent Open Night 5:00-6:30pm
Tuesday, 19 Sept	Massed Choir Performance Perth Concert Hall
Friday, 22 Sept	End of Term 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members.

STEM... Science Technology Engineering Maths - Future Focused Teaching

At Bannister Creek we promote equity and excellence. A target in our 2017-2019 Business Plan is to provide an integrated approach to STEM in classes.

Our challenge is to prepare today's students for jobs of the future. This requires us to develop creative and critical thinking, problem solving, analytic and digital skills, social intelligence, the skills of collaboration and teamwork, all built on a foundation of literacy in Mathematics, Science and Technology. This is what we call STEM capability. This semester, teachers in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will report on the WA Technologies curriculum. Currently students in all classes have identified, and are investigating, a problem to solve. It is great to see the enthusiasm and engagement of students as they approach problem solving in new and creative ways.



Please see Mr Mack's detailed STEM report on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Cubby Project – Parent Busy Bee

The weather was kind for our Busy Bee on Saturday 5th August and due to the support and hard work of a small band of parents and staff, we managed to break the pallets into safe building materials.

Thank you to: **Liesl Ludgerus and Leyla, Alicia Brown, Zac and Alix, Randal Wayth and Elsa and Grace Edson.**



The new materials were quickly snaffled by our enterprising student cubby builders who are keen to continue expanding BCPS Cubby World. I encourage everyone to look out for suitable cubby building materials - the kids love the cubby area and it is constantly changing as more building materials are added.



Thanks to Mrs Gemma Reeve and our P&C, a pile of large tree logs have been delivered to the cubby area. We are seeking expert help from persons or companies that can move the logs into position; chain saw into large blocks; shave/plane the surface of the logs; create some chainsaw designs/steps. If you have contacts or expertise, please contact the school.

END OF TERM 3 INCENTIVE

Don't Forget our End of Term 3 incentive will be a.....**Bubble Bonanza!**

This will be hosted by Room 17, there will be lots of bright, bubbly activities and challenges.

Make sure you keep doing your best throughout the term.



Interschool Athletics Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to all the students who were part of our Interschool Cross Country team. Each of our competitors put in an amazing individual and team effort which lead to Bannister Creek PS winning the Championship Shield (see Page 3).

Thank you to all the parents who cheered on our competitors throughout the day, your support made a difference. Great coaching, Mrs Rowlands!



Kind Regards
Lyn Macauley,
 PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Together we can make a difference in our children's education!

The role of the School Board is one of setting the long term future direction for the school and maintaining an overview of the school's operation. More information on the role of our School Board and a profile of each board member is available on our website.

Chair: Mark Burgess (parent).

Parent Representatives: Louise Loosen, Linda Ross (Deputy Chair), Neil Worland.

Community Representatives: Bill Johnston MLA, Dr Christine Cunningham, Julie Robert, Amy McKendry, Trish Hill-Wall.

Staff Representatives: Lyn Macauley, Dianne Ridley, Travis Miller, Julie Stone, Morgan Taylor.

The Board meets twice a term. At last Monday's meeting, an overview of the Calm and Connected Occupational Therapy support program was presented.

It was a productive meeting with: On Entry assessment gender data analysed, our Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policy was endorsed and updates to our Behaviour Support Policy were approved.

The Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policy is included with this newsletter (Page 8). If parents/carers wish their child to bring a phone or electronic device to school, the permission slip should be completed and returned to school.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Playground Reminder

At Bannister Creek, we aim to keep all students safe and the School would like parents/carers to be aware that the playgrounds are 'out of bounds' in the mornings, as the classroom teachers are preparing for the school day.

Parents, please remind the children of this important rule. If your child/children arrive at school before 8:30am without a parent/carer, then please direct them to wait at the school library until they are dismissed.

The playgrounds may be used in the afternoons only if a parent/carer is watching. Responsibility for supervising these children remains with their parent/carer.

Andi Hill
Deputy Principal



TECHNOLOGIES & STEM

At the beginning of this term, all teachers and education assistants engaged in a full day of professional learning at Murdoch University, focused on the new Technologies Curriculum and STEM (Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics). Inspired by their learning, staff have been implementing their new knowledge and skills, to develop a variety of STEM projects and to further their use of digital technologies in the classroom.

Bannister Creek Primary School has also formed a STEM Partnership with Parkwood Primary School. Through this partnership, we have developed a model in which the Year Three/Four classes will become a target group. The school timetable has been restructured to allow all teachers from these year levels to meet, plan and collaborate on a weekly basis. Earlier this term, the Year Three and Four teachers met with teachers from Parkwood, to share and discuss the STEM Projects that they are developing with their classes. All of these STEM projects have been developed under the theme of "Reducing your Carbon Footprint" and are designed to develop solutions to real world problems and develop creative thinking, collaboration and a positive mindset. The projects selected focus on a number of investigations including reducing litter around the school, up-cycling of coffee pods, reducing pests in our school garden and reducing our use of fossil fuels. The projects are currently in the design phase, with children conducting research and collected data from various sources including their own observations. The classes are looking forward to sharing their design solutions.

Miss Taylor and Miss Bright are involved in the Technology Dream Project which aims to present ways in which digital technologies, including coding and robotics, can be used to support teaching and learning across all curriculum areas. At our last staff meeting, they presented a range of ideas and activities that teachers could use to engage their students. Their leadership has been instrumental in demonstrating how robotic devices, in particular, can be used to reinforce concepts covered in the classroom. Due to the popularity of our Bee-Bot robots, we have just purchased another set of these using funding made available from our Lapathon fundraising. Groups of Year Fours in Room 15 have also been busy making BEE-Bot activity mats for their Pre-Primary buddy class to use to help develop their understanding of concepts in maths and language. A great example of collaboration between different year levels.

Mr Jeremy Mack
Technologies Leader and Coordinator



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - CHAMPION SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Bannister Creek Interschool Cross Country team, who took out the overall trophy at the Interschool Cross Country on Friday 11th August.

It was a fantastic team effort with Bannister Creek PS winning the team competition in 5 out of 6 age groups. Huge congratulations to the following students who all ran brilliantly to win their individual age groups:

- . Trinity, Room 14 (Year 4 Girls)
- . Heath, Room 14 (Year 4 Boys)
- . Isabella, Room T4 (Year 5 Girls)



Year 4 Girls



Year 4 Boys



Year 5 Girls



Year 6 Boys

ART NEWS

Mosaic Pavers: Students from Rooms 6, 7 and T3 have been doing some very exciting hands-on art work to help make the environment outside of their classrooms more attractive. They have had a ball creating mosaic patterns with ceramic tiles and turning these into beautiful paving stones.

These pavers will look spectacular when they are laid, and the children are very proud that their artwork can be enjoyed by others for many years to come.

Well done students!



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Charity Fundraiser: This term we will hold a Free Dress Day on Thursday 31st August. If you would like to wear free dress on this day, please bring a gold coin donation. Donations will be used to support Jeans for Genes, every dollar helps scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures for sick kids.

Talent Show: Last week, the first round of the Talent Show was held, it was a very close competition but the winner was Aoife (Year 6) who performed an amazing singing act. The next round will be held on Thursday.



Reminder: The Joke and Suggestion boxes are in the Library, please feel free to write down a fantastic idea or funny joke to share. Remember to write your name and room number clearly on the front. The Student Councillors love going through all your creative and sometimes funny suggestions.

Remember to always work your very best and to do everything with "100% GUSTO!!"..... Mr Stanley

Report by Kar Hui, Room 16

SWIMMING LESSONS

The 2017 In-term Swimming Lessons will take place from Monday 11th September to Friday 22nd September. Lessons are for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6. All permissions forms are **due** to the Front Office by Friday 25th August for return to the Leisureplex. A payment schedule can be arranged if required, please see the office staff.



THE FATHERING PROJECT

Staying connected with your kids.

- . Make sure your kids have access to you at work.
- . Make 'holes in your day' to get to their school for events e.g. assemblies, sports and music.
- . Do some canteen duties.
- . Leave notes in their lunchboxes occasionally.
- . Email the kids, especially if you are away.
- . Take your kids to work - tell them about your job and how it helps other people.



www.thefatheringproject.org

SCHOOL AWARDS

The Room 3 students enjoyed presenting their first assembly on Wednesday 9th August. The students educated us all about the importance of keeping our Australian bushland clean and tidy. Leaving rubbish laying around is very dangerous for our native animals. The easy solution is to pick up your rubbish and take it with you!

The students added fun to their very important message by singing *'Walking in the Bush'* by Greg Hastings.

Congratulations to Mrs Byrne, Mrs Wheaton and the Room 3 students for a wonderful assembly.



The next assembly will be held on **Wednesday 23rd August**, commencing at 8:45am sharp. It will be hosted by the students in Room 4.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES: Excellence, no matter what you are doing, excellence means you are giving it the best you have. Excellence is what leads to success. It takes courage to practise excellence. When you practise excellence, you can break new ground and try new things that have never been thought of before. Doing your best helps you find out who you really are. **Congratulations to the following Honour Certificate recipients from our last assembly.**

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 3	Shontai, Rylan
Room 4	Lava
Room 5	Maddy, Kanishka
Room 6	Sasmitha
Room 7	Poppy
Room 8	Vinesh
Room T3	Tristan

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 9	Amelie
Room 10	Jaxon, Gokul
Room 11	Lina, Aida
Room T1	Rayan
Room 12	Kacie, Taj
Room 13	Jackson
Room 14	Sagni, Ewen

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 15	Kyeisha, Michael
Room T4	Brodie, Hayley
Room 16	Boaz, Damian
Room 17	Tahlee
Room 18	Lucie
Phys Ed	Kelton, Room T4

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: The Aussie of the Month award recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to our School Community. Congratulations to this month's recipients: Dominic, Year 2; Declan, Year 3; Justice, Year 4 and Tayla, Year 6.



FACTION TOKENS: Students who follow our Code of Conduct and display outstanding social skills are awarded Faction Tokens. At each assembly, a raffle draw is conducted for fortnightly winners who receive a prize. All Faction Tokens go into an End of Term Second Chance Draw, so keep doing your best. The winners at the last assembly were: Poppy, Room 7; Maddy, Room 7; Tristan, T3 and Cooper, T1.



WEEK 4 FACTION TOKEN TALLY: Blue 330 Gold 327 Green 352 Red 337

FREO FOOTY SKILLS COMPETITION - STATE FINALISTS

Congratulations to the five Bannister Creek PS students; Ella, Room 15, Caylee, Room T4, Shaqeta, Room T4, Brayden, Room 16 and Brodie, Room 16, who competed in the State Finals of the Freo Footy Skills competition at Domain stadium at half time during the Freo vs. Gold Coast Game.

A huge congratulations to Caylee and Shaqeta, who are now the Runner Up State Champions of the Year 5 Girls 'Kwik Kick'.

P&C NEWS

The P&C Association and I are happy to announce that we raised \$1421.75 from the Silver Change Challenge. The winning classroom, T3, who raised \$283.65 won a fabulous four hour robotics incursion, which was kindly donated by STEMmates. STEMmates run amazing holiday programs, so check out their Facebook page for more details.

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We are now asking for donations for our Father's Day Stall, which will be held on Thursday 31st August. This year, we have 2 raffles with some great prizes: Raffle1#: Dad Time and Raffle 2#: City Getaway. A flyer will be sent home soon, please refer to this for full details and instructions.

We also have 2 items that will be offered through silent auction. The first item is a signed Western Force rugby ball and the second item is a Father's Day Family Fun Pack. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and get your silent bids in.

As you know, the Faction Athletics Carnival will be held this term on Friday 8th September and to get everyone excited about the event, the P&C have some exciting products for sale. We have 150 wrist bands in each faction colour for sale. These will be on sale, outside the Library from Monday 4th September to Friday 8th September - 8:15 to 9:00am for \$2.50 each. We also have Bannister Creek drink bottles, in faction colours, for sale at \$5 each. There is a limited amount of each product so 'first in best dressed'. The Faction Captains will be wearing the wrist bands for people to see them.



If your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements, please let the canteen know. The canteen may be able to organize something for your child, as we do have gluten free, vegetarian and halal options.

Don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page!

Kind regards

Alicia Brown, P&C Association President

CANTEEN NEWS: Thankyou to all my wonderful volunteers: Sara, Vanessa, Ros, Jodie, and Kerrie. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to come in and give us a hand, please come and see me at the canteen. The Monday special for the next fortnight (Weeks 6 & 7) will be Shepherds Pie - \$4.

Thank you for all your support

Georgina Burrowes, Canteen Manager



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents are reminded to notify the School when their children are absent from school. This can be done in any of the following methods:

- Send a note to the Class Teacher or the Front Office.
- Complete an absentee slip in your child's Communication Book.
- Phone the school on 9350 9588.
- Text the school on 0418 928 939.
- Complete an absentee notification via the Skoolbag App.

Please note: You are requested to provide a medical certificate for prolonged absences (over 3 days) due to illness or injury.

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

Our Faction Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 8th September. Parent helpers typically assist with setting up/ packing away, manning the long jump pits, timing, handing out ribbons etc.

If you are able to help, please complete the slip below and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

Mrs Rowlands will send you further information as the carnival draws closer.



FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELPER



Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

Please circle one of the following: All day Morning Afternoon

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

Connect with Nature

Connecting with nature helps us to recover from stress and mental fatigue, helps us relax and puts us in a good frame of mind. So the next time you feel like you need a lift; tend to your garden or explore your local park; you might like to go for a walk along the beach or take a moment to enjoy watching the waves.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



Don't forget to drop your Earn & Learn stickers into the Front Office by Tuesday 19th September. There is also a box available outside of the Stocklands Riverton Woolworths store.

At the end of the program, we will be able to chose some fantastic new resources for our students. If you would like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Our program is designed to develop stronger, healthier and happier children and to provide an environment that is like a home away from home.

We are available, 5 days a week, for before and after school care. Children can easily walk to and from their classrooms, as we are located on site. We pick up and drop off Kindy and Pre primary students and escort Year 1 students to and from their classrooms.



Come down to the Undercover Area, meet our wonderful staff and fill in an enrolment form!

For further information, please call Natalie on 0475 822 630 or email bannistercreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

It is National Science Week from 17th to 20th August 2017. Come and join the exciting activities hosted by CREEC during this week. **All activities are FREE.**



Frontiers of Soil Science (Community Talk): Find out the latest on soil science and unearth the secret language of plants. Thursday 17th August from 10:00am to 1:30p at the Canning Town Hall.

The Seed Hunter (Community Talk): The Seed Hunter, Dr. Ken Street and his team of 'gene detectives' hunt for plant genes that will help our food withstand the impact of 21st century global warming. Friday 18th August from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Canning River Eco Education Centre.

Robotics Workshops: Saturday 19th August from 8:30am to 6:00pm at the Canning River Eco Education Centre - see below for details.

Workshop 1: 8:30 to 10:30am for beginners. Building a basic robotic hand.

Workshop 2: 11:00am to 1:00pm for intermediates. Building part of a robot.

Workshop 3: 1:30 to 3:30pm for intermediates. Building part of a robot.

Workshop 4: 4:00 to 6:00pm for Advanced. Advanced robotic construction challenges.

Community Expo: Get in touch with science and sustainability! Investigate cutting edge innovations and technology in science with hands-on activities, workshops, presentations and displays for the whole community! Sunday 20 August

For more information, or to register, phone 9461 7160 or email creec@canning.wa.gov.au



CITY OF CANNING LIBRARIES

SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Bricks 4 Kids Lego Workshop: Riverton Library - Thursday 17th August at 3:34pm, Ages 8+. Join Bricks 4 Kids in a science based construction activity.



For further information and bookings, please go to www.canninglibraries.eventbrite.com

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES: Join City of Canning Libraries in the Celebration of Children's Book Week. Bookings essential: www.canninglibraries.eventbrite.com

Date	Library	Event	Ages
Monday, 21 st August	Willetton	'Escape to Everywhere' with Kalon at 4pm	7+
Tuesday, 22 nd August	Bentley	'Go Home, Cheeky Animals' with Tricia at 4pm	4+
Wednesday, 23 rd August	Riverton	'Evening Pyjama Rama' with Osman at 5pm	4+
Thursday, 24 th August	Cannington	'Great Library Escape Scavenger Hunt' with Catherine at 4pm	7+



PARENTING COURSES

Relationships Australia have new courses for September 2017. Included are:

- . Mums Raising Boys - 7 September, 10:00am to 12:30pm
- . Dad's Raising Boys - 12 September, 6:30pm to 9:00pm
- . Rock and Water Program - 16 September, 8:30am to 12:30pm
- . All About Anger - 19 September, 6:30pm to 9:00pm
- . Successful Single Parenting - 20 September, 6:30pm to 9:00pm
- . Dads Raising Girls - 20 September, 6:30 pm to 9:00pm
- . Understanding Stepfamily Relationship - 1-3 September, various times.

For full details or to book, please phone 6164 0200. A flyer is available from the Front Office.

Relationships Australia
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1300 364 277
www.relationshipswa.org.au

DUATHLON

Glencoe Events, proudly supported by Place Activation at Curtin University, present "Our Local Primary Schools Duathlon", a primary school age (7-12 years) run / ride / run race for fun. Be active, get involved and give younger kids a chance to give it a go!

The event will take place on Saturday 9th September from 8:30am to 4:30pm on the South Edinburgh Oval at Curtin University, Bentley Campus.



7-9 year olds will complete a 500m run / 3km cycle / 500m run to finish! The 10-12 year olds will do a 1km run / 6km cycle / 1km run to finish! Each participant will go home with a medal!

For further information or to register, please contact Belinda via email; Belinda@glencoeevents.com.au or phone 0411 127 651.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARKWOOD TENNIS CLUB: Open Day - Sunday 10th September, Whaleback Avenue, Parkwood. Everyone welcome! Juniors: 11:00am to 12:30pm, Adults: 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Free afternoon tea, social games, 'Hit the Target' raffle. For further information, contact Barbara 0403 832 869 or Jo 0419 924 318 or info@parkwoodtennisclub.org.au



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT: Cannington Cops vs Clontarf College.

Date: Wednesday 30th August 2017, Time: 4:30pm onwards, Location: Curtin University Oval – Manning Road. FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

CANTEEN MANAGER WANTED - PARKWOOD PRIMARY

Parkwood Primary School P&C Association is looking for an experienced, enthusiastic Canteen Manager with strong communication and supervisory skills, for a part-time permanent position. This position (currently) will be 44 hours per fortnight on: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during school term, commencing as soon as possible. Pay is in accordance with Educational Services General Staff Award 2010, Level 5.

There are a number of essential and desirable qualifications and a full copy of the Job Description including the Selection Criteria is available on request from louiseysweeney@gmail.com (or if specifically requested, a copy can be collected from the Parkwood Primary School Front Office,).

Applications will close at 10am Monday 21st August. Written applications to be marked '**Canteen Manager Application**' and sent either to louiseysweeney@gmail.com or via the school (Parkwood Primary School, 9 Zelkova Way, Parkwood, WA, 6147).

Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policy 2017

Mobile phones and personal electronic devices are important modern day communication tools. As with many technologies there are numerous benefits but also some hidden risks. Mobile phones and personal electronic devices must be used responsibly and managed effectively in the school environment to ensure the privacy and safety of students and staff. Students are encouraged to use the school telephones under supervision should they need to contact parents. It is essential that all communication between students and anyone outside the school, during the school day be made with full knowledge of the school.

PROCEDURES

If a parent wishes for their child to have a mobile phone or personal electronic device at school, they need to complete a form available from the school administration. Once permission is granted the mobile phone or personal electronic device is only to be used before and/or afterschool for the purpose agreed to by the school and parents. A student who uses the phone/device in an inappropriate way will have the phone/device temporarily removed from them and repeated misuse may see their permission privileges cancelled.

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost/damaged student mobiles or devices.
- Student's mobiles/devices must not be brought to classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities. They are not to be used during the school day, including photos taken on school grounds. *They should remain switched off and secured in the student's bag.*
- Students misusing personal mobiles/devices at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobiles/devices whilst at school.



BCPS PERMISSION FOR STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES OR PERSONAL DEVICES

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Student Mobile Phone No: _____ Parent Contact No: _____

Reason for student having mobile phone at school:

The School takes no responsibility for theft or damage to mobile phones.

I agree to the conditions outlined in the schools Mobile Phone Policy.

Parent: _____

Approved: _____ Date _____