

Dryandra Primary School

Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER



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Number 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new term at Dryandra Primary School. We have many exciting things happening so we sent out a fridge reminder earlier in the week. If you did not receive one, please contact the office on our new school number – **9345 6400**. Please put this on your fridge so that you have an easily accessible reference for important dates.

We will also be including our reminders in the newsletter, which will reflect any changes. Therefore, it is important to read the newsletter when it comes out.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION GROUP – TUESDAYS AT 2.15PM

Schools are very busy places with lots of things happening. We are aware that many families do not speak English confidently and who may have questions or queries about some of the things that the school does. I would therefore like to provide an opportunity of meeting and speaking with parents about their questions or highlight some of the things that we are doing to enhance learning in the school.

We will be organising interpreters for the meeting. We will be focussing on one particular ethnic group. This means that we are better able to manage the discussion and create a more comfortable setting.

14 May- Arabic families

28 May – Vietnamese families

11 June – Karen (Burmese) families

25 June – Turkish families

We will hold more meetings in Terms 3 and 4 and invite other ethnic groups to meet with me to discuss queries or concerns. Obviously, if there are important issues that you are concerned about, please contact the school to make an appointment with me at a convenient time.

Please complete the reply slip and indicate which meeting you would like to attend and we will ensure that we have an interpreter available.

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

Once again I need to remind parents who park on Cymosa Place near the pre-primary building that unless there is a reduction in congestion, someone will be injured. Parents must NOT park at the entrance of the gate and children need to be taught to exit the car from the curb side. The other day a parent parked in front of the gate and the child was nearly run over when a car attempted to overtake the car. I just need to remind parents that we have opened the gate at McFarlane Circle to address the congestion. Alternatively, you can park across the road at the community centre in Dryandra Drive. Please be courteous and consider the safety of all of our students at Dryandra PS.

BIKE RIDING AT DRYANDRA PS- THURSDAYS

The school would like to set aside every Thursday for selected students to be able to ride their bikes at recess and lunch times. **Teachers will be nominating two students each week to participate.** For students to be able to participate they need to...

- complete the expression of interest. This needs to be signed by a parent or carer otherwise children will not be able to participate.
- have a road worthy bike. This means that the wheels need to be road worthy, safe brakes and stable steering.
- have a helmet and
- be able to ride a bike.

The expression of interest lets your teacher know that your child is interested in participating. If your child demonstrates a high standard of behaviour, then they will be invited to participate. If you have any queries, please let me know.

GIVE US 1

In order to develop a sense of community, it is important that everyone contribute to the school in some way. The School Board endorsed the "Give us 1" initiative. If every family is able to contribute at least 1 hour of voluntary time a term, our school will become a better place. Please have a look at the pamphlet and let us know if you can contribute in some way.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS DUE- WIN A \$100 UNIFORM VOUCHER!!

Have you paid your voluntary contributions this year? Every dollar raised helps to support our students. This money is used to buy consumables like paint, paper, exercise books and other supplies. It also contributes to school programs like Reading Mastery to support student learning. With only \$20 for pre-primary to Year 6 and \$60 for kindergarten, we are one of the cheapest schools in WA. If you have paid your contributions or you pay by the end of the term, you will be entered into a raffle where you could win a \$100 uniform voucher. Sounds like a great incentive to support your school!

FATHER'S FRIDAY

The research highlights that when fathers are involved in the education of their children, the learning outcomes improve. I would like to implement a Father's Friday. We would like to have fathers come to school about 15 minutes before lunch. We can discuss strategies or ideas to help students learn. At lunchtime, the fathers can then find a place around the school and have lunch with their child/children. The fathers are then welcome to kick a football with the children, visit the library, play chess or any other activity that they wish to undertake. This helps to build a sense of belonging and demonstrates that the parent values the school and education. If you are interested, please complete the reply slip.

If you have any concerns or queries, please come and see me by making an appointment through the office. We are all here to help and we genuinely wish to support your child/children while they are at Dryandra Primary School.

Thank you
Paul Biemmi

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
MAY	
Tue 14	NAPLAN testing begins at 9.00am Meet the principal 2.15pm Arabic families
Wed 15	NAPLAN testing 9.00 am
Thur 15	NAPLAN testing 9.00 am
Fri 16	NAPLAN testing 9.00 am
Thur 23	Room 18 Assembly 2.00pm
Tue 28	Drama Incursion Meet the principal 2.15pm Vietnamese families
Thur 30 & Fri 31	School Development Days- No Students
JUNE	
Mon 3	WA Day- Public holiday
Tue 4	Newsletter
Tue 11	Room 4 Excursion to Buckingham House
Thur 13	Room 3 Excursion to Buckingham House
Mon 17	Old McDonald incursion Kindy/PP
Thur 20	Dental Screening-PP Year 3 & 6 at 9.00am Room 9 Assembly
Tue 25	Meet the Principal 2.15pm-Turkish parents



We had a surprise visit from Mrs Hutchinson just before the holidays. Introducing Van Hutchinson. Van enjoyed getting lots of cuddles from the staff. Mrs McGee is a very proud Grandmother.

Getting to school on time earns all students raffle tickets. These tickets then go into a prize draw. Here are the lucky winners this week. Well done to everyone who had tickets in the draw.



CELEBRATING HARMONY DAY AT DRYANDRA FRIDAY APRIL 5.

Our families were very generous with the amount of food brought in for the students to share. Each block had a variety of different food from around the world.

The staff room was lucky enough to get some leftovers, which we all enjoyed.

Thank you everyone.



KIDDO

In term 2, students in Kindergarten – Year 2 will be participating in the University of Western Australia's KIDDO program. KIDDO (www.kiddo.edu.au) is a fun program that supports children to be physically active and start learning the vitally important Fundamental Movement Skills such as run, jump, throw & catch as well as developing their confidence to be active.

Parent Week: All parents are invited to attend and join in the final session of the program on Monday 10th June. (*exact times and dates will be communicated to parents shortly)



PP1 were delighted to receive a visit from some Tooth Pixies (dental students). The Tooth Pixies used songs and a puppet show to deliver an important message about dental hygiene. We learned about the importance of only eating sweet and sugary foods occasionally and brushing our teeth carefully twice a day. We were also fortunate to receive a donation of a toothbrush and toothpaste for each student. Don't forget to brush your teeth twice a day to keep your teeth healthy and white!



Room 18 take part in Genius Hour each Friday where they can choose a topic to research and present to classmates. These students worked on topics of Random Acts of Kindness, Gluten Free recipes for Coeliac suffers and homemade recipes. We all enjoyed tasting their treats as part of their project Master Chefs in the Making!

ANZAC SERVICE

Mr Wall seen here joining us for another ANZAC Service .Dryandra Primary School has been fortunate to have Mr Wall attend our services for the past 20 years.

We are very grateful to have him along and hope this can continue long into the future.

We Shall Keep the Faith

*Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the
faith with all who died.*

*We cherish too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
in Flanders Fields.*

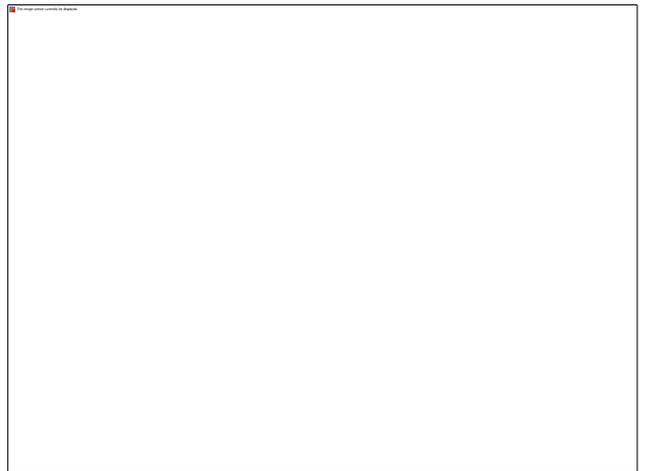
*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for nought;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
in Flanders Fields.*





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On Friday, the 22 March, our Year 6 students got a taste of life at high school when they travelled to Dianella Secondary College to compete in a Science Quest. They participated in a range of interesting and engaging chemistry, geology, biology and physics investigations. Although they did not win a place in the quest this year, students enjoyed themselves thoroughly and represented Dryandra Primary School very well by showing enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. This activity supports the school's Science focus and preparing our students for tomorrow.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC IN EARLYCHILDHOOD

On Tuesday 9th of April the Early Childhood students and families enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic. They began the day with a parade and Teddy Bear songs and stories. Families joined their children to explore activities such as craft, an obstacle course, parachute play and musical fun. We concluded the morning by sharing a real picnic with our Teddy Bears.

The Early Childhood staff would like to thank the parents who attended and we hope the Teddies had a lovely day.



NEWS FROM ROOM 16 AND 18

This week students from Room 18 visited Room 16, to learn about how to use the features of Bookcreator and create their own e-Book. Students from Room 16 are continuing to learn about the main characteristics of the continents of Africa and Europe and have been using their questioning and researching skills to develop an E-Book . It was exciting to watch our students demonstrate their collaboration skills. Well done everyone !



P&C MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS.

- 1st Amy Huynh Room 16
- 2nd Alyssa Moss Room
- 3rd Fran Trichet
- 4th Sean Sariago Room 3

Thank you to all who supported this raffle.

