



Dryandra Primary School



Independent Public School

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NUMBER 5



Dear parents/carers

I want to thank you again for your support throughout what has been a very unusual school semester. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our entire community and has presented us with extraordinary challenges in managing schooling during the first half of 2020. I am pleased that together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

With the regular attendance of many students being lower over this time, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered throughout Semester 1 may have been reduced. For this reason, schools are not required to include A to E grades on this year's Semester 1 student reports. It also means that your child's attendance may not be reported, and any written comments may provide less information on their progress than usual.

Schooling is once again returning to normal and our students are engaging in the regular curriculum, in their usual classroom environment. Semester 2 reports will reflect and therefore provide the usual, more detailed information on your child's progress and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. As we progress, I'll be sure to keep you updated with any new information.

DRYANDRA SCHOOL BOARD

On Wednesday evening, we had our first School Board meeting of the year. It has been a challenge to convene the board this year. Firstly, we had a little difficulty replacing the parent representatives on the board as previous members either resigned or moved to new schools. Then we had the coronavirus pandemic which limited the numbers of participants due to the social distancing restrictions. It was tremendous to finally hold our meeting with new parents, staff and community representatives.

I would, therefore, like to warmly welcome our new representatives. These members reflect our cultural diversity, they have a range of experiences and can provide the school with a variety of views and feedback.

As an Independent Public School, I am thrilled that we have been able to access the support of our community representatives. We value their connections to the community, and their offers of support are tangible in assisting our school in achieving our vision of 'Preparing our students for tomorrow'.

Mr David Boothman – City of Stirling Councillor Balga Ward- School Board Chair

Dr Gill Kirk- Edith Cowan University-School Board Secretary

Ms Johanna Stalley-Scitech- Community Representative

Parent Representatives

Ms Dani Mitchell- (Pre-primary)

Mr Son Nguyen- (Rm 5 & 16)

Mr Carlos Salmani-(Kindy & Rm 2)

Mrs Nay Hta(Pre-primary & Rm 8)

Mrs Fardowso Osman Abdelle- (Kindy, Rm 1, 8,9 & 17)

Mrs Mamure Dalipova- (Rm 2)

Staff Representatives

Mrs Megan Wallace - Teacher Representative - (Pre-primary)

Mrs Van Dijken- Teacher Representative (Year 2/3)

Mrs Jody Brown - Support Staff Member (Library)

Mr Paul Biemmi – Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
JUNE	
Mon 1	WA Day Public holiday
Tue 16	P&C Meeting 7.00pm in the Conference room
Mon 29	Reports sent home
JULY	
Fri 3	End of Term 2
Mon 20	Start Term 3
Mon 27- Fri 31	NAIDOC WEEK

We welcome our new members to the school board and look forward to their valued contribution and support in making our school an essential hub in the community.

LANGUAGE

The School Board endorsed the feedback from parents, staff and members of the community concerning the adoption of the new language taught at Dryandra Primary School. We have, therefore, selected Auslan as our language moving forward. We will commence a merit selection process and appoint a teacher for the beginning of Term 3. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process.

\$20 000 GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS

Our school has been fortunate enough to secure a Federal Grant to establish an Aboriginal garden near the circular driveway (kiss and drive). This garden will be an attractive feature for our school, and it will be used during many Aboriginal cultural events throughout the year. We are keen to get community committee involved to help organise this garden for our school. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Kroczek in the office. Thank you to Mrs Geary, Mrs Ingram and Mrs Kroczek for all of their hard work in applying for this funding. Well done!

NAME THE BLOCKS COMPETITION

Over the last few weeks, students and staff have been voting to rename our teaching blocks. It seems that the students were keen to name the blocks after the Western Australian wildflowers. The most popular flowers were;

Pink Rock Lily



Banksia



Orchid



Drosera



Iris



We will now be seeking some funding through various organisations to create some murals which will be displayed on the empty walls across the school. This will assist in beautifying our school.

While we cannot have parents on site when students are in the school, we can organise parent interviews after school. Please contact the teacher through the office and an appointment will be organised as soon possible. Our goal is also to clarify issues of concern so that minor problems are dealt with swiftly and promptly.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Thank you

Paul Biemmi

Principal

Out and about at Dryandra Primary



Room 18

This term in Design and Technology the Year 6 students have been studying food and fibre production. Room 18 has been learning about food production and processes, paddock to plate, vitamins and minerals and the Australian dietary guidelines.

As a finale to our foods study the students had a class "MasterChef" where they had to work as a group to prepare a lunch that included the 5 food groups.

The students had a lot of fun and there are some budding chefs in Room 18! Next they will be studying fibre production, researching hessian material and completing a sewing task!

LOOKING FORWARD TO HIGH SCHOOL!

Congratulations to Jamie & Calvin who have completed their testing with the hope of gaining a Scholarship into Perth Modern for 2021.

Well done boys!



Positive Behaviour Support News

As of Week 7, Term 2, staff at Dryandra Primary School (DPS) will begin the trial use of 'positive reinforcer tickets' as a part of our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) journey.

These tickets focus on DPS's three values 'Caring Cockatoo', 'Learning Lizard' and 'Working Together Wallaby'. Students will be given a ticket each time they display one of these values.



Once they individually receive 10 tickets, they will be able to choose a reward.

Students will also be working together as a class to reach a total of 200 tickets, in order to receive class reward. Each faction will also receive a reward, as they reach a total of 500 tickets.



The rewards are chosen from a 'rewards menu' that have been created in collaboration with students and teachers.

We are excited to begin this next phase with the students at DPS.

KINDY/PRE PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2021

KINDERGARTEN- Children born between 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

PRE PRIMARY- Children born between 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016.

If your child is not yet enrolled, please visit the office with the following documentation- Child's Birth certificate/passport/Immi card, Up to date (AIR) Immunisation history statement and proof of residence.

Further, if your child has a medical condition which we should know about, it is vital that you also provide us with the necessary information.

Room 2 enjoying their time in the library on Wednesday.
Thankyou to Mr Ward who helped the students borrow some books .



BLOCK SPORT THURSDAY

Its great fun for the students of Block A & B on Thursday afternoons when they get to participate in Block sports.

Lots of different equipment is taken to the oval and the undercover where each student participate in a variety of activities.

The students get to wear their Faction colours each week.



CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will now be open Tuesday ,Wednesday and Thursday from Tuesday June 2 2020.
Opening times are from 8.15am-1.45pm.
Volunteers are welcome , come and see Fran to offer some time!