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A message from the Principal

A big thanks to all the students for giving their best effort during NAPLAN testing this week, additionally thank you to the staff whom have prepared the students and resources required. Other than an interruption experienced by all schools on Thursday, Everything seems to have gone off without a hitch.

The cold weather seems to have snuck up on us and with that a change in clothing choices. Please be reminded that there are cold weather items in our school dress code. School Jumpers, Jackets and Wet Weather Jackets are available for purchase at the uniform shop and if you seem to be missing yours since last winter, feel free to come for a look in the lost property in main admin. If you need additional items to stay warm during early morning bus, that's fine but they must be removed for school hours.

Jarrad Ritchie

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

A WWCC Check is required by a person if they engage in certain paid or unpaid work with children, described as 'child-related work' under the WWCC Act.

If you are on school grounds as a volunteer, please provide a copy of your card to the administration office.

In most situations a volunteering Parent/Guardian of a student does not require a WWCC. Grandparents and extended family require a WWCC in all cases unless they care for a student day to day as formal guardian.

In some circumstances such as ongoing projects or coaching tasks a current WWCC is required for all adult volunteers. Office and admin staff will be able to advise if you are unsure.

Working With Children Check application forms are available from the Post Office.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY

EVERY THURSDAY IN BLOCK 1 WET AREA AT 8.30AM

A big thank you to Mrs Clare Smith who has been running School Banking for us for the last year. Her full time work has meant she has had to retire from this volunteer position. We would like to welcome Mrs Lisa Fischer as our new School Banking Coordinator. As of next week, School Banking will be held on Thursdays in the Block 1 wet area.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmite tokens, which they can save up and redeem exciting rewards.

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver Account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

- Online – Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
- In Branch – Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmite deposit wallet.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our first primary assembly for the term will be held on Thursday 20 May and will be run by the Year 4/5 Class. The assembly will commence at 9am and we look forward to welcoming our parents into the school for this celebration.





NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

All students in K-6 will take part in the National Simultaneous Story Time next Wednesday. We will be reading the book 'Give Me Some Space' written and illustrated by Philip Bunting in every class at 9am joining students from across the country.

By facilitating NSS we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy
- promote the value and fun of books
- promote an Australian writer and publisher

MONKEY BAA WORKSHOPS - 'PETE THE SHEEP'

Students in our Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2/3 classes have received invitations to attend the 'Pete the Sheep' performance at Cummins Theatre scheduled for Wednesday 26 May. These invitations went out via Consent2Go earlier in the week. The cost of the excursion will be \$10. Please forward to the classroom teacher.

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

Next week is Career Education week, students and parents from Merredin College will have access to the online Year13 Career Expo. To access and Sign up follow the link: <https://year13.com.au/account/verify/school/LGRIWAH4>

ATAR EXAMS

All ATAR students have been given their ATAR Exam schedule for the Semester 1 Exams starting on Friday 21 May 2021 (Week 5). Full-time ATAR students are not required to attend classes during the exam period and are expected to return to normal classes on Friday 28 May 2021 (Week 6). Part-time ATAR students are not required to attend classes during the exam period, however, they are to return to normal classes the day after they complete their final ATAR exam. Students who are enrolled in SIDE courses are not required to attend normal classes on the day of their SIDE ATAR Exams. SIDE students are expected to return to normal classes the day after their final SIDE ATAR Exam.

FOSTER CARERS WANTED

Lifestyle Solutions is a friendly not-for-profit organisation providing Foster Care placements for children in the Perth Metro region. We are looking to recruit Foster Carers who would like to make a difference to the life of a child. Becoming a Foster Carer with Lifestyle Solutions will give you the opportunity to make a real and meaningful difference in a child's life – and your own. We would love to hear from you if you are interested.

Become a Foster Carer, give us a call on 1800 GO FOSTER (1800 46 367837)! We look forward to talking with you.

WANTED - SCARIFIER POINTS

Design & Technology Department are seeking old scarifier points to use for welding projects in metalwork. If anyone has some they are able to donate, please contact Mr Mark McLellan on 90417520 to arrange delivery/pick-up.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 17-21 May** NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
- 20 May** Primary Assembly
- 21-28 May** ATAR Exams
- 28 May** Whole School Cross Country
- 4 June** School Development Day
(Students are not required to attend on this day)
- 7 June** WA Day
- 10 June** School Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 14 June** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 17 June** Primary Assembly
- 18 June** Year 10 CoRE Field Trip
Primary Winter Carnival
- 23 June** Get Into Resources Y10
Excursion
- 24 June** WCF Secondary Netball Cup
- 25 June** Secondary Highest Achievers/
Country Week Assembly
- 27 June-2 July** Secondary Country Week
- 2 July** Last Day of Term 2
- 19 July** Staff Commence Term 3 (SDD)
- 20 July** Students commence Term 3
(Tuesday)

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