Going the Distance

What a great day it was on Thursday! Our Annual Faction Cross Country was a roaring success. We witnessed great racing, some surprising results, and most importantly, fantastic spirit amongst our students. Thanks to all the families and friends who came and cheered them on. I hope you had an enjoyable day.

Congratulations to all the winners and place-getters—you deserve your success. To all of those students who competed and completed the course; well done! You should be proud of yourselves! I know that I am very proud of your efforts.

We will be competing in the Interschool Cross Country on 24 June at McDonald Reserve in Padbury. If any parents could assist by acting as course marshals on this day, could you please contact me at school. A big thank you to all the students who assisted me; I couldn’t have done it without you.

Well done everyone!

Russell Grey
P.E. Specialist

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a Merit Certificate this fortnight.
PP1 Rahman | R3 Charu, Hayley | R4 Amelie, Georgie | R7 Ben, Oliver, Thomas | R8 Lauren, Lexie | R9 Grace, Kierin | R10 Hibiki, Isabella | R11 Jaeda, Tyga | R15 Teilha | R16 Ashton, Clara, Jared.
We are now into the last few weeks of semester one and I’m sure students, staff and parents are looking forward to a well-earned break from the school routine.

On Thursday all students participated in our very successful annual Faction Cross Country events. Unfortunately, I was not able to join in this whole school activity as I was attending the 2015 Western Australian Primary Principals’ Association Conference. The theme of the conference was ‘Connected Leaders, Connected Schools’ and examined the value of building a range of strong connections to better assist leaders in our schools as we traverse the new face of education in Western Australia.

**PAVe (Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation through education)**

Our school is currently building a new partnership with the Telethon Kids Institute and Macquarie University, through our participation in the PAVe Project. The aim of the project is to evaluate the effectiveness of two evidence-based approaches to supporting students who have been frequently targeted by bullying in primary schools. The first part is a whole-of-school program designed for all students called *Friendly School Plus*. The second is a targeted programme designed to help just those Year 4 students who have been victimised by bullying called *Cool Kids – Taking Control*. Both of these programmes aim to reduce bullying behaviour in schools and the associated negative outcomes. We will provide more information about our progress as we begin to implement these initiatives over the coming months.

**It’s not OK to stay away**

In our last newsletter we highlighted the importance of regular attendance at school and I would encourage you to make sure that every day counts in terms of your child’s learning journey. However, we also do not want sick children at school, particularly as the winter coughs and cold season takes hold. Staff will be delivering this message to students in each of the classes as well as talking to children about the importance of effective hygiene.

The following are four important key actions that we will be asking children to demonstrate:

- Cover your face when you cough or sneeze.
- Use a tissue once and place it in the bin.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and often.
- Stay at home until you’re well.

Please assist us by reinforcing this message at home to ensure the health and well-being of our students and staff.

Finally, congratulations all our Cross County winners and to all students for participating; especially those who have enthusiastically trained before school with Mr Grey and Mrs Abbott.

Julie Tombs

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**Upcoming Events**

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**From the Chaplain**

Resilience is in the best interests of children and here is a common parenting mistake that will reduce children’s resilience from [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

*Neglect to develop independence*

Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

*Resilience Insight: Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.*

Lisa Ingham

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**Parenting Session at Mater Dei College**

Building and Maintaining Resilience a parenting session presented by Amy Coombe

Amy Coombe is an inspirational speaker and will be offering ideas on how to equip teenagers with the necessary tools to navigate through life’s challenges. The presentation will be held on **Monday 15 June at 6.30pm** in the Bernie Boss Hall at Mater Dei College, Treetop Avenue, Edgewater. It is a FREE event. To register your interest please follow the link [http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=141420](http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=141420) or email Mrs Paula Trevor on pr@mdc.edu.wa.au

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**Canteen News**

**Pizza Meal Deal, Friday 26 June 2015.**

Order forms have gone home with the children. If your child didn’t receive an order form or has misplaced it, there are plenty available from the canteen or you can download it from the school website. Forms need to be returned to the canteen by **Friday, 19 June 2015**. As the pizzas have to be pre-ordered from Dominos, we regret the we cannot accept late orders. The canteen will be open until 9am on Monday and Tuesday, 15 and 16 June to receive order forms and payment.

Kerry - Canteen Manager

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**Kiss and Ride**

The school has been monitoring the use of the Kiss and Ride facility provided by the City of Joondalup with the objective of making the drop off and collection of students both safe and convenient. It is important to remember that one of the conditions of use of this area is that the driver must remain in the vehicle at all times. On a couple of occasions recently it has been noticed that this hasn’t occurred and other users have been inconvenienced.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Aussie Of The Month**

Congratulations to **Hannah** who was chosen by the year level teachers to be awarded the Year 4 Aussie of the Month, Hannah has proven herself to be an enthusiastic, hard working and reliable student. She comes to school each day ready to learn and consistently applies herself to tasks. She achieves very high standards in both the results and the presentation of her work.

Hannah is a delightful and beautifully mannered young lady. Hannah possesses all the qualities necessary to achieve her aspirations.

Hannah is a very deserving winner of the Year 4 Aussie of the Month Award.

**Kindy News**

This term the Kindy children have shown a special interest in building. During sand play they have been mixing sand with water and building walls. To develop this further, we brainstormed what materials they would need to build a real brick wall and what the wall could be used for. The children decided they would like to build a garden where they could grow things. With the help of Mr Langley, the children mixed cement and laid bricks to form a wall which is the beginning of our Kindy garden. Child-friendly bricks were then purchased and the children are having fun independently laying bricks in the sand play area.

**Mrs Rose & Mrs Norris**

**Library News—Winter Warmers**

In days gone by, knitting was a pastime that many people indulged in to while away the winter hours or make something useful. Scarves are very trendy nowadays and Mrs Abbott and Mrs Jones will be teaching anyone who turns up on **Tuesday** lunchtimes in the warm library how to knit a scarf. If not a scarf, perhaps just a piece of knitting! Starts this Tuesday and students can join at any time.

Board games too, were a great social occasion and a time to have fun and enjoy the company of others. **Wednesday** is games day in the library and there will be students on hand to teach others how to play chess or draughts or dominoes or snakes and ladders. Whatever game children want to learn, we will find someone to teach them.