Shockproof Incursion

On Wednesday 22 July many of our students participated in a free incursion from Western Power to educate them about safe behaviours to use around electricity. Many classes took the opportunity to participate in this electrifying presentation, with direct links to many aspects of the Science Curriculum.

Students learnt about the role of Western Power as a supplier of electricity in Western Australia. The dangers associated with electricity were highlighted and children learnt that electricity will always try to get to the ground. Safety at home was another powerful message. Classes were able to form a circuit by holding hands and producing enough energy to power a flashing buzzer!

The main “Shockproof” messages that our students learnt were:

- Don’t poke anything into electrical appliances and power points.
- Electricity and water do not mix.
- Play safe around power poles and wires that carry electricity.
- Do not climb on or near power poles (even if the cat is up the tree!)  
- If you see a fallen power line, stay away and call Western Power on 131351.
- Stay away from electricity substations.

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a Merit Certificate at the assembly yesterday.

Welcome back to Term 3.
This term has started as many others have in the past, with all staff and children returning refreshed after a two week break ready to tackle the many activities planned over the weeks ahead. An updated term planner has been sent home to advise you of upcoming events—in particular our annual faction sports carnival. Please make a note of the date, as we encourage all our families and friends to join us, on what we know will be a fabulous, fun-filled day.

FAREWELL MR CHRISTMAN
On Friday at our fortnightly assembly we farewelled Mr Christman, our wonderful Music Specialist and welcomed Mr Hadzic who will replace him for the remainder of the year. Mr Christman has built a robust music program in the school over the past five years with the establishment of both a senior and junior choir. We will all miss his creative talent but wish him all the best in his position at the International School in Zambia. Mr Hadzic, who has many years of experience in teaching music to primary students, will join us this coming Monday. I’m sure you will all join me in welcoming him to our school.

SCHOOL BOARD
School Board members continue to work hard in establishing their roles, responsibilities and the directions of our school into the future. The first of what will become regular School Board quarterly updates is included in this newsletter.

HAT CHANGE
A reminder, that as of this term we will commence a change in the School Dress Policy which excludes all forms of caps and hats other than broad-brimmed, Legionnaire and bucket hats. These hats offer the best protection from UV radiation. Baseball or peaked caps do not as the ears and back of the neck are exposed. This change will come into effect through the P&C School Uniform Shop this term. There will be a moratorium on other hats worn for the remainder of this year but as of the commencement of 2016, all students will need to conform to the new student dress code. If you are replacing a lost hat, please make sure that you purchase one that will comply, in preparation for 2016.

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLING
All parents with students in Year 6 should now have considered which secondary school they would like their child to attend in 2016. Over the coming months, the Year 7 co-ordinator from Belridge Senior College, our secondary partnership school, will be working with Mr Butt, Mrs Baily and the students to ensure a smooth transition for those attending Belridge. If your child is moving to another school, please make either Mr Butt or Mrs Baily aware of the school they will be attending.

Julie Tombs—Principal
School Board Matters

Hello everyone, and welcome to the new ‘Quarterly’ from the School Board. We intend to keep you ‘in the loop’ on activities and decisions coming from the School Board as we work with our Principal, Julie Tombs, on developing the school’s path to becoming a successful Independent Public School (IPS).

So what’s been happening so far? Earlier this year the School Council transitioned into the School Board and we have had to say farewell to some of the hardworking council members who helped us achieve IPS status, which we couldn’t have done without them. Our new Board has undertaken training, developed the structures and rules for it to operate effectively, and now the Board members are in the swing of things and helping to identify the additional Community Representatives we need for our team.

We have started planning for our school’s strategic development by working with the school staff to develop a Business Plan for the next three years which will be published soon. The plan outlines the direction of the school in broad terms, describing key focus areas of development intended to have maximum impact on overall school performance with a view to making our children’s school experience a great one, and in line with developing our core values of Confidence, Aspire and Respect.

In the coming weeks we will be improving our web presence and letting you see who we are, what our wishes and plans for the school are. Part of our journey is to improve links with the Parents and Citizens’ Association to help build a stronger team for school funding and project development. As this develops we will be sharing this with you as part of our school community.

Working with Julie as part of the ongoing development of our educational network, we have met with the Prime Minister Tony Abbott with the help of Ian Goodenough, and had the Shadow Education Minister Sue Ellery for afternoon tea as part of her WA tour. We continue to work on keeping our connection with Jan Norberger and his continued support of our school.

As part of the rules for operating as an IPS we are working towards holding an open board meeting which our school community is invited to attend. We will announce the date soon and hopefully will see you there. Keep an eye on our website for more news.

Simon Young—School Board Chair

Scholastic Book Club News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Club in Semester 1. Because of this support you have donated $1264.50 worth of books and resources to the school already this year! This includes 175 new books for the library. 20% of all book club sales goes directly to the school to purchase items for our students.

Issue 5 is out now and orders are due Friday 7th August, with books delivered to the classrooms in time for Book Week! Forms can be returned to the school with cash or processed online via the LOOP ordering system which requires no paperwork to be filled in or returned to school.

Thank you again for supporting our school and the children’s love of books.

Lee Tanner and Joanne May—Book Club Co-ordinators

Dates for Your Diary

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Kathy’s Corner

The number of students participating in school banking is increasing, which is a great sign. This is a fantastic way to reinforce the notion of delayed gratification, a concept that seems to have almost disappeared in our society. Banking can be done at the office on Mondays to Wednesdays.

I trust you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for Term 3. I have once again sent home statements for outstanding school contributions with the amount outstanding highlighted.

All parents who have paid their school contributions in full will go into an end of year raffle—prize still to be decided.

Kathy Dean—Registrar

A Healthy Lunch Box

Sandwiches are a great lunchtime food because they are so easy to make. There are many different sandwiches you can put together. Try something different each week and your child will never get bored.

Consider different breads, [eg. wholegrain, wholemeal, white or rye], slices of pumpkin bread or fruit bread for something different. You can also choose from a range of shapes [eg. sliced bread, round rolls, long rolls, pita breads or French sticks]. The trick to a good sandwich is making sure it does not go soggy.

Don’t forget to pack snacks for recess. Fruits are a great snack to pack either whole, chopped or dried. Always remember to pack some water.

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SPORTS CARNIVAL! The faction sports carnival is coming up in four weeks time (Friday, 4 September) and we desperately need help on that day. The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle meal deal for students (order forms will go home shortly) and will be selling sausage sizzles as well as ice creams, drinks and baked goods on the oval for parents and spectators. We need help cooking the sausages and packing up lunches in the canteen, as well as people to man the BBQ on the oval - dads and grandads, we’re appealing to you and your cooking skills! You needn’t miss your child's sports events, just help out when your child isn't competing. If you are able to lend a hand please could you let me know either by popping into the canteen or messaging me on 0410 951 844 so that I can ensure we have enough help to make this day a great success for our students. Thank you.

Kerry van Drunick - Canteen Manager

Aussie Of The Month

Congratulations to Georgia who was chosen by the year level teachers to be awarded the Year 3 Aussie of the Month. Her award was presented by a member of our school board at the assembly this week.

Georgia is dedicated to her studies and always gives her best, even when faced with a challenge. Her outstanding attitude to her studies was noticed by her previous teachers, even in Pre-Primary.

Georgia displays our three school principles of aspiring to succeed, respecting others and attempting tasks with confidence.

Congratulations, Georgia.