Cover Girl

Year 1 student Zoe Dolan is very lucky to have a mother who works as an education officer at the Perth Zoo. When the zoo was putting together their latest education brochure for schools they needed a youngster for the front cover. Zoe’s mum Suzanne, couldn’t get her hand up fast enough—and the results speak for themselves! The picture opposite shows Zoe from Room 4 in school uniform posing with Alia the quokka—or should that be Alia the quokka posing with Zoe?

Mathematicians at Work

Mrs Lowe’s Year 1 class have been busy little mathematicians this week learning about shapes and their properties. Alexander is proudly displaying his 3D shape built with magnetic construction materials. Prior to building their shapes, the class were involved in activities where they drew and visualised them. The ability to produce representations of 3D objects develops slowly and students need considerable experience using hands-on materials to develop their understanding of the specific features of different shapes.

Maggie Dent Workshop

Last Wednesday evening, February 10, the early childhood staff and Mrs Gray attended a workshop at Bullsbrook Community College presented by author, educator, parenting and resilience specialist, Maggie Dent. The topic was ‘Sandpit to Adulthood’ in which Maggie highlighted the importance of play in early childhood and allowing children to use the environment and nature as a playground. Our staff enjoyed the networking opportunity and look forward to continuing the implementation of this imaginative approach to learning through play.

P&C Meeting Monday 22 February at 6:30 in the Staff Room
From the Principal
We have now completed three weeks of a new school year. Students and staff are settled into the business of learning and are enjoying the cooler weather after the sweltering temperatures of last week.

Term Planner
Today a Term 1 planner was sent home with the oldest child in the family. The planner is a quick reference detailing events coming up this term. A yearly calendar can also be found on our school website to assist families with long term planning. Class assemblies for the 2016 school year are listed, as are significant dates. More will be added as the year progresses.

School Board
The School Board met for their first meeting of the year last Monday. Mr Simon Young remains the School Board Chair. Expressions of Interest for the two parent positions on the School Board commencing Term 2 have now closed and an announcement regarding the new board members will be made in due course. The second board meeting for this term, scheduled for Monday 14 March, will be an open meeting. Interested members of the school community are invited to attend. The meeting will commence at 7.15pm in the school library and light refreshments will follow the meeting.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Later in the term, commencing 14 March, we will again be conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews for students in Pre-primary to Year 6. These will run over two weeks and are a great opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers to talk about their child’s academic and social achievements. Any concerns parents have should be raised during the meeting so both teacher and parent can work together to achieve the best outcome for the student. Teachers will communicate with parents directly to organise appointment times.

Strategic Plan for WA Public Schools 2016-2019
The strategic plan highlights the work of public schools over the next four years. It details our commitment to ‘a high performance-high care culture’ focused on students. The four priorities in the plan are – success for all students, high quality teaching, effective leadership and strong governance and support. These priorities sit comfortably with the directions articulated in the Edgewater Primary School Business Plan. More details can be found on the home page of the school website.

Julie Tombs—Principal

Dates For Your Diary

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Rhyme Time/Story Time
Led by our Kindergarten teachers, this innovative language programme for pre-kindergarten students recommences for 2016 on Wednesday 2 March from 9:00am to 9:30am in Room 1. Come along with your youngster—both parents/carers and children will enjoy the sessions.

World’s Greatest Shave
Our Music Specialist Teacher, Mr Hadzic, is doing his bit to raise money to support people who have blood cancer. To help with his fundraising he will have his hair, including his ponytail, removed at the assembly on March 11. If you would like to support Mr Hadzic by sponsoring him, you can do it through the following link http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/nevadhadzic.

From the Music Room
The school choirs have started rehearsing and they will be hosting the assembly in week six to which all are welcome. They will also make an appearance at the ANZAC Ceremony in week one of Term 2. Students are chosen for either the junior or senior choir following an audition and a discussion on the commitment required.
From the Chaplain
What are you most proud of yourself this week? This week, sit down with your child and reflect on things they may have accomplished or learned during the week. Here are a few questions that you could ask. What are you most proud of about yourself this week? What is something you learned to do or figured out this week? Did you discover something new about yourself this week? How did you make the world a better place this week?
Lisa Ingham—Chaplain

From the Registrar
Student Banking
This service is available to all students teaching them the value of saving, spending and most importantly doing chores. If your child hasn’t banked in a while then I encourage them to do so as they are missing out on so many great rewards and life lessons. See the office for this year’s rewards. Last year we received $659.82 in commissions from the Commonwealth Bank.

Faulty Pencil Sharpeners on the Personal Items List
We have had a problem with pencil sharpeners on the personal items list breaking. I have managed to get them replaced and new ones have been distributed to students. Please bring any further broken sharpeners into the office and they will be replaced.

CARS Levy
Big thanks go out to all the families who have paid the CARS levy on the Personal Items List. There are still some families to pay for these. Please contact me if your child has not received their CARS book so that this can be sorted out.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to all parents who have paid the voluntary contributions. I am hoping to run the raffle for those who have paid again this year. One at beginning of Term 2 for everyone who has paid by end of Term 1 and the other one at the end of the year. Good luck!

Kathy Dean—Business Manager

Canteen News
Brownes Dairy has come out with some new products which we are now selling at the canteen. Light strawberry, vanilla bean and honey banana yoghurts in kid size 100g tubs are available for $1 each. We also have 100g tubs of chocolate Yogos in stock, also selling for $1 each. All these products fall under “green” of the food traffic light system which makes them a healthy choice for your children. We will continue to sell the 175g tubs of light strawberry and vanilla bean yoghurts ($2 each) in addition to the new smaller tubs.

Kerry van Drunick—Canteen Manager

School Hats
Last year a decision was made by the School Council, that in order to support the school’s No Hat—No Play in the sun policy, the only hats that will be part of the school uniform are royal blue bucket hats, royal blue Legionnaires hats and royal blue wide-brimmed hats. Unlike caps, all of these hats provide maximum protection from the sun’s rays. Bucket hats will continue to be available from our uniform suppliers, Uniform Concepts in Joondalup. Once the limited supply of Legionnaires and broad-brimmed hats are sold, they will no longer be available.
Resilience
Student well-being is very important to us as we provide an all-encompassing programme for our students. We have developed a whole-school social skills and mental health plan that includes, amongst other things, helping our students to become resilient. Many parents/carers often ask us what is a resilient student? Resilience is a 21st Century parent concept that every parent needs to understand. Some children are resilient by nature—their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. They are obvious in the community and at home. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment.

What can you do to help your child to have a lasting sense of resilience?
1. By staying positive yourself. Modelling a ‘you can do it’ attitude when your child meets some of life’s curved balls.
2. Build children’s coping skills—especially when things don’t go their way.

Road Safety Reminder: The Correct Use of Seatbelts
Seatbelts can reduce the risk of being killed in an accident by up to 50%, so it is essential that parents restrain their children in the correct way. The safest way for children to wear seatbelts differs with age. By law, there is a specific way to restrain a child between birth and six months old; six months and four years old; four and seven years old; and over seven years old. The Road Safety Council and School Drug Education and Road Aware advise that it is unsafe and illegal not to follow these practices.

Students in Staff Car Parks
Recently several students have been noticed walking through the staff car parks. This is an unsafe practice and students have been told that they are not to do this. We encourage parents/carers to reinforce this at home.

Student Attendance
Given that student attendance rates below 90% begins to impact significantly on learning outcomes for students, unexplained absences are not acceptable.
Please be aware that going to school is a legal requirement and every day at school matters. Consistently poor school attendance and lateness to class can affect students’ educational progress. Education is compulsory from the beginning of the year they turn 5 years and 6 months until the end of the year they turn 17 years and 6 months. Being a half an hour late to school each day from PP-Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.
Regular attendance at school is vital to improving student outcomes and no child should be allowed to continue with irregular school attendance which places them at risk.
While family time is very valuable, it is important to stress that taking children out of school for family holidays reduces the amount of time available for learning, which is detrimental to their education.
Please Note: If you are planning to go away during the school term, you must seek in writing, approval from the school principal before removing your child from school.