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An Independent Public School

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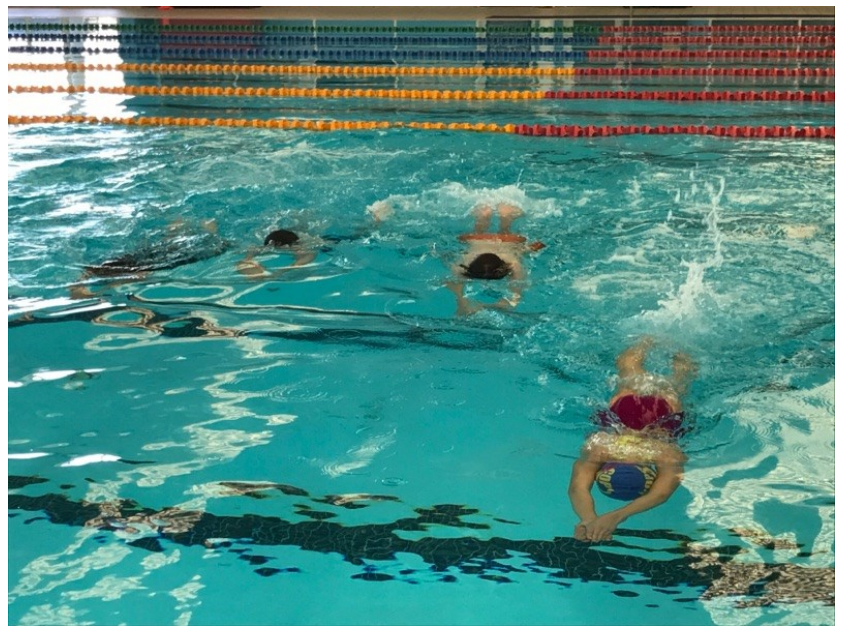
Newsletter

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Making a Splash

In-term swimming classes have concluded for 2017. Held at the HBF Arena, these classes are provided by the Department of Education as part of the Health and Physical Education learning area. The qualified teachers follow best practice in assisting students to learn essential skills in swimming and water safety through the Department's Swimming and Water Safety Continuum. Some of the Royal Life Saving Society's personal survival skills are also offered to those who completed the lower levels. Our students have enjoyed the 10 sessions and they have successfully achieved levels commensurate with their ability.



Talk4Writing

We are always looking for ways to maximise our students' achievement across all learning areas, with particular attention to Literacy and Numeracy. Using the guidance provided in the school's business plan, we have progressively begun implementing a powerful whole-school literacy strategy called Talk4Writing. Based on the principles of how children learn, Talk4Writing is powerful because it enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version. Teachers have participated in workshops and school visits in order to understand how to add Talk4Writing into their daily literacy block. From 2018 when this is fully implemented in all year levels, the benefits to students literacy levels will become evident.

If you would like to find out more about Talk4Writing you can contact Mrs Gray or Mrs Sugg who have been leading our staff in its implementation.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at the assembly this week:

RP2 Isabel K, Kaela F | R3 Ella M, Ashton B | R4 Riley F, Zac S | R6 Liam K, Michaela D |
R7 Ella R, Kory D | R11 Milly W, Rosie N | R15 Lily S, Alexander H | R16 Xavier B | R17
Elise R, Jake D

Thank you to Dean at Harvey Norman in Joondalup for the printing of the photographs.

From the Principal

Another busy couple of weeks have flown by since the last newsletter. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to:

School Development Day

Last Friday 19 May staff came together to reflect on health and wellbeing for students and staff. The morning was dedicated to student wellbeing with staff reflecting on the vision and learning environment we want for our students. Our school psychologist, Kristy Mollett, presented a snapshot of Smiling Minds, an evidence-based mindfulness programme, to staff, followed up with discussions about our expectations for implementation in Weeks 7-10 of this term and Weeks 1 & 2 in Term 3.

Smiling Minds aims to build happier, healthier and more compassionate people. The programme is designed to support students in dealing with daily life.

Coupled with the Smiling Minds initiative, staff were exposed to KidsMatter and our desire to integrate it into our daily pedagogy. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children.

Brain Ambulance

The afternoon was dedicated to the wellbeing of staff and we were captivated by Deb from the Brain Ambulance. We were given an insight into mental health, its problems and the impact it has on our lives. This was a follow-up from a previous School Development Day session held last year.

Staff Meeting

At the staff meeting we undertook Professional Learning on how to give positive feedback to other colleagues to improve their performance in the classroom and as a result the teaching staff will complete a triad before Week 3 Term 3 putting into practice the principles taught.

In-term Swimming Lessons

Students have participated in their annual in-term swimming lessons and things are going smoothly once we ironed out the bugs. Even though it has been chilly, we hope that all have enjoyed the change in pace, and the experience.

Western Australia Day Public Holiday

Finally, next Monday 5 June is the Western Australia Day long weekend. I wish everyone a relaxing and restful time wherever and whatever you choose to do in this great state of ours.

Val Gray—Associate Principal

Dates For Your Diary

June	
Monday 5	West Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 6	School Board Meeting 7:15pm
Monday 12	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 16	Assembly R7 Aussie of the Month Y3 High Tea Yr 4 Girls
Thursday 22	Interschool Lightning Carnival
Friday 23	Reports Home Pyjama Dress Up Day
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS	

Wear PJs Day

On Friday 23 June we are going to fundraise for the RSPCA.

The RSPCA is a community-based charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals by promoting their care and protection. It has a history dating back to 1871.



They run 40 shelters and employ around 1,000 staff. The RSPCA is Australia's oldest, largest and most trusted animal welfare organisation.

All students and staff are invited to dress up in their pyjamas and to donate a gold coin to the RSPCA.

**Jakob, Amity, Rafa, Meg—
Executive Student Councillors**

Communication with our Parent Community

We are very conscious of the need to use as many methods as possible to communicate information to our community in a timely and efficient manner. We do this through our website, the school app, Updat-ed, and various other methods. If you wish to communicate with classroom teachers, we have provided their email addresses on the school website.

The classroom teacher is usually your first port of call for information regarding students' academic progress or any issues that have arisen either in the classroom or the playground. If the query is regarding challenges at a school level, or any other unresolved problems, please contact a member of the administration team. Queries regarding day to day matters of a general nature can be dealt with by our office team.

Pirate Day Friday



The school will be over run by pirates on Friday 9 June—it'll be 'AARRRGH!' and 'Ahoy, me Hearties!' from Kindergarten to Year 6, as we have fun and games to support the research into children's brain cancer. All of our students and staff have been invited to dress up as a pirate and bring a gold coin 'treasure' to place in Mrs Tombs' treasure chest. Whilst this is optional, we are encouraging all to give to support those less fortunate than we are. More information on Pirate Day Friday and the reason it started can be found [here](#).

WA Day

We will be celebrating all that is great in our wonderful state next week. As a whole school project, we encourage students to bring a photo/image of their favourite place in WA to put on display outside the library for all to see and promote discussion.



Canteen

You might have noticed a new face in the Canteen this past week. Tarny Ellis is a Year 11 hospitality student from Belridge Secondary College, and will be assisting me in the Canteen as part of a work study program until next Friday 9 June. Tarny used to attend Edgewater Primary and graduated in 2013. She was particularly excited to find a wall tile near the Canteen door that she made in Art class when she was in Year 2. I know you'll make Tarny feel welcome during her short stay here.

Kerry van Drunick
Canteen Manager



HBF Run For A Reason

Alexander from Room 8 and his mother completed the HBF run for reason with a 12 km run (actually walk + jog). It was below 10 degrees in the morning but they made it together with over 36 thousand other people. Alexander's mother is very proud that he made it to the finish line without giving up, even though the run was tough. Congratulations to Alexander and his mother.



Manager Corporate Services

The number of families who are paying online for their child's activities is amazing. A big thankyou from the staff as it makes their morning routine easier. If you pay online please remember to email me. While some put the reference Mark Room 12 ,it makes it difficult to locate the correct person if we have two Marks in the room. The email helps me with locating your child, because even though you may have only one child here, there may be many with the same surname. With swimming, I am doing up to 60 entries on some days and your assistance in helping make it easier for me is appreciated.

When paying online our BSB is 016494 which is ANZ. The P&C BSB is 036237 which is Westpac. Please make sure you are selecting the correct one.

Well done to the families who have taken my advice to start a credit for your child. For more information please email or call me and I am happy to explain how it works. After swimming, the next big cost for families is Dancesport in Term 4 and the cost is around \$40. If you wish to start putting money aside now please do so and it will sit in credit until then. Whilst school photos will be taken on the 13&14 July, payment is made straight to the company.

Kathy Dean

Maths Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in their basic facts:

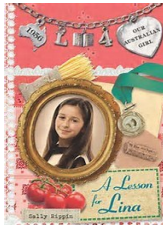
R2 Zoe S, Hamish W | R3 Chloe M, Jayden S | R4 Amelia W, Megan K | R5 Sam B, Heath R/Ewen L |

R6 Liam K, Ben N | R7 Jackson B, Clara W | R8 Nelson B, Matthew S | R9 Jaden Q, Jacob F | R11 Charu B, Kate S

R12 Abbie B, Cameron D | R15 Madison G, Jayden C | R16 Ryan G, Jaxon C | R17 HolyE/Elise F, Glenn S

Book Review Winners

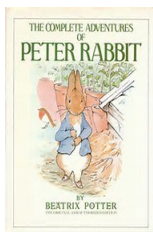
(The Book Review Competition runs weekly so get your entries in!)



Tara S from R8 reviewed *A Lesson for Lina* by Sally Rippin. This book is the final in a four part series about a passionate girl never giving up on her dreams. Tara put a lot of effort into highlighting this theme and this resulted in an excellent review. She recommends *A Lesson for Lina* as she thinks that following your dreams is a very important message.

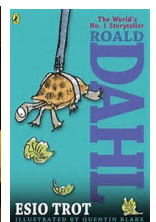
Rowan D from R3 reviewed *Pikachu's Rescue*

Adventure by Tracey West. He loves the Pokemon series books and his favourite part of this one was when Pikachu rescued the flying Pokemon. Rowan did a wonderful illustration of this adventurous rescue.



Mario V from R4 reviewed *The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter. His favourite part of the story was when Peter Rabbit got a very bad tummy ache from eating so many of Mr McGregor's radishes and needed special tea to feel better. Mario did a wonderful pen illustration of Peter Rabbit and some friendly sparrows who helped Peter escape the clutches of Mr McGregor!

Sofia M from R9 reviewed *Esio Trot* by Roald Dahl. She thought this book was funny, descriptive and had a lovely moral. Sofia loved the delightful characters and the story. A lot of effort went into this review, down to her tiny turtle illustrations. Sofia's book review was a pleasure to read.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Our school photo day is **Thursday July 20** in Week 1 Term 3. Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day.

You have the remainder of the current year to order, although 5 days after photography a late fee will apply. Please check our website at www.kapturephotography.com.au.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online; however, please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order the moment you receive your personalised envelopes.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.*

Lost Property

In-term swimming has generated an increased amount of lost property. If your child is missing a towel, jumper, thongs, bathers or goggles please check lost property located outside the school library.

