From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to our Student Councillors on conducting their first assembly. Our student leaders have settled well into their roles.

To support and extend our children’s literacy learning Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Jeayes are providing support lessons in Vocabulary Development in Years 1-6.

Another week of warm weather. Please remind students to bring water bottles, hats and to apply and re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

Parents as Partners

As we start the new school year it is timely to remind all of school expectations for parents. Please take the time to read the Parents as Partners pamphlet attached to this newsletter so that proper processes are adhered to.

Reminders:

- Parents/Adults are required to sign in at the front office (other than drop off or pick up) if entering the school grounds. (Kindy/PrePrimary classes have a sign in/out book). This is so the school knows who is on site in the event of an incident.
- Parents/Guardians must not approach a child (that is not their own) to reprimand without parental permission whilst on school grounds.
- Confidentiality is a priority to protect our children and as adults we are modelling that learning is lifelong.

On Entry Assessment Program

Testing of children in Pre Primary and Year 1 will be conducted between Weeks 3-6. Parents will today receive information on the assessment. Information will also be available via our website with Google Translator access.

The On-Entry assessment program provides teachers with information about the understandings that a child brings to school and assists teachers in developing informed and intentional teaching programs.

Snake Sightings

It was this time last year when there was a small amount of excitement at the front office as a professional snake remover collected and relocated a metre long dugite to a safer location. It is important that students and staff remain mindful that these reptiles are in our vicinity. We have had one sighting of a small snake in Week 2.

Please talk with your child/ren about hanging their bags on the hooks provided, wearing sensible closed in shoes and if they see a snake to stay well clear and notify a staff member. Staff will also be reminding students.

Correction to 2016 School Development Days

We apologise for an error in the School Development Days in the last newsletter. Please note the correction below:

Term 1 - Friday 4th March
Term 2 - Monday, Tuesday 26th April and Friday 3rd June
Term 3 - Monday, 18th of July
Term 4 - Monday, 10th of October
Mini-lit and Multi-lit – Parent Helpers Required

Now that our students are settled into their new classrooms our literacy programs for our students who require a little extra support are being implemented. The ongoing parent support in the delivery of such programs is what enables the programs to run successfully.

At this time we have enough education assistant time alongside our parental support to run mini-lit for our junior students. We require 1-2 parents to assist with Multi-lit. Multi-lit supports students in Years 3-6, students work one on one with an adult for 30-40 mins. Please let us know if you are able to give this time one morning a week to assist. Training is provided and it is truly rewarding to be part of supporting a child’s literacy learning.

Macca’s Junior Sports Grant

Caversham Primary School has been successful in their application for a Macca’s Junior Sport Grant and have received $1005.00 towards the purchase of new netball uniforms. Thank you to Mrs Gillies for organizing the grant application and all the follow up required for our teams to be looking great on the netball court.

Australia Post West Coast Eagles Community Camp Visit

Students enjoyed a visit from West Coast Eagles players on Monday 8 February. School and Community Development Officer, Joe Wear was accompanied by Eagles players Scott Lycett, Kane Lucus, Xavier Ellis and Brady Rawlings. Students gained an insight into training requirements of an AFL player, nutritional information as well as having the opportunity to ask questions of the players.

Community Event

Wendy Binks, author of the books about the emu chick, Stripy, is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Kalamunda at the Kalamunda Markets on Saturday 5th March 2016.

Wendy will be doing an author visit at KADS (Kalamunda Dramatic Society) between 12 and 1pm where she will be showing children the process of creating a book, from an idea to its appearance on the shelves. This is a free event and open to all children, with children under 10 needing to be accompanied by an adult.

Reminder – Last Opportunity School Council Nominations

A reminder that this year we will have two vacant positions on the School Council. If you are interested in how schools operate and would like to support Public education for all children I encourage you to nominate yourself for a position on the School Council. The Council meets once a term.

Please fill in the nomination slip below and return to the school office by Friday 19th February.

School Council Nomination Form

€ I wish to nominate for a position on the Caversham Primary School Council in 2016.

Name: __________________________________________ Contact Number: __________________________

My child’s name: __________________________________________ Room No. ______________