

West Beach Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

We have survived the record breaking heat wave and are very thankful for air-conditioned facilities. The school, like many homes, is very dry and many of our plants are looking stressed. Thankyou to those parents who have helped with the supervision of children in the pool over the past two weeks.

With Easter occurring early this year we will very quickly be at the end of term one. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday and the buns served for recess on Thursday. An adult will need to collect the raffle prizes as they contain wine, you will be notified by telephone. The Inter Church Council will present their Easter -Christian Options Program on Thursday before recess to students in the Hall. The Tuesday after the Easter break is a Pupil Free Day where staff will be engaged in further professional development in the area of mathematics, in the morning and preparing for our Occupational Health and Safety audit in the afternoon. Out of Hours Care will be available for those who have booked with Janine.

Teachers are offering a range of times for interviews this term to discuss your child's progress with you. It is very important that you take up this opportunity to understand how your child is progressing and raise any concerns you or they may have. If you are unable to make one of the times offered, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Harmony Day occurs on Friday 21 March so we will celebrate it on Thursday 20 March. Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to: *Celebrate our success as a diverse and harmonious multicultural society. * Re-commit to our values of respect and goodwill towards Australians of all backgrounds. * Say No to racism. The theme is **You+Me=Us**. At West Beach our families have cultural links to many nationalities Italian, Greek, Chinese, Iraqi, Russian, Polish, Serbian, Macedonian, Ukrainian, South African, English, Welsh and Scottish to name just some. Everyone who has come to Australia since the original Aboriginal people has come seeking peace or opportunity with the hope of making a better life for their families. Conflict is inevitable in all relationships. At our school we work with a framework that aims to restore relationships after conflict. We ask what happened, who has been harmed, what do we need to do to make things better? Some times people do need a little cool down time but we aim to get there eventually with all parties having a voice. Students may wear the designated colour of Harmony Day which is Orange or similar yellows, pinks, reds on the Thursday before Easter.

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Diary Dates!

Thurs	20/3	Rm 14 Easter Buns Delivery Christian Options Program R-7 -10:00 -10:30am
Fri	21/3	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon	24/3	EASTER MONDAY
Tues	25/3	PUPIL FREE DAY
Thurs	27/3	1 st Reception Visit 9:15 -10:30am
Fri	28/3	Assembly 12:15pm (Host-Rm 14, Items Rm's 12 & 13)

❖ *Pupil Free Day*

Tuesday, 25 March 2008

- ❖ *Parent/Teacher Interviews*
Take place during Weeks 9, 10 and 11. If you have not yet arranged an interview time, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Sport...By Bob Bowden

Hot Weather Policy and Sport

Over the past few weeks we have been unable to participate in many of the school sport programmes. Many of the competitions have different policies due to the time of day played, locations etc.

All school sport trainings will be cancelled if the temperature is predicted to be 36 degrees or above.

All Friday afternoon SAPSASA sports will be cancelled if the temperature is predicted to be 36 degrees or above.

The following sports are cancelled when the following temps are predicted:

Cricket: 38 degrees C or above

T-ball: 33 degrees C or above

Beach Volleyball: 38 degrees C or above

Crows in School

Over the past 2 weeks R-7 students participated in the Crows in Schools Programme. The initial visit by "Claude the Crow" and Crows staff gave an informative presentation to students about water, water conservation and the importance of water to the Adelaide Crows players. The second visit, which included Richard Douglas, was a football skills clinic on the school oval. Luckily for us the weather was ok and a modified session was enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to the Adelaide Football Club for donating a signed jumper (Nathan van Berlo's) to be used for fundraising later in the year and also 10 tickets to the Crows vs Fremantle game.

A silent auction for Tickets to Adelaide vs Fremantle

We have 10 tickets for the Adelaide vs Fremantle game on Saturday 19th April @ 2:40pm

These tickets are available as a whole group or small group.

To make a bid for the tickets please email me

bob.bowden@wbeachps.sa.edu.au with your proposed bid by Friday 28th April. Winning bid/s will be informed via email and published in the next newsletter.

Good luck!

Crows Junior Fun Day

Date: Thursday 17th April

Time 10:00am – 1pm

Ages 7-13

Cost \$35

Venue: "The Beachhouse"

For more information:

<http://www.wbeachps.sa.edu.au/sport.html>

School Football

This year West Beach Primary will offer each of our students the opportunity to take part in whichever of the following is appropriate for their age and experience:

★ Year 2/3 Australian Rules Football (very modified rules).

★ Year 4/5 Australian Rules Football (fairly modified rules).

★ Year 6/7 Australian Rules Football (slightly modified rules).

These three levels are all played term 2 and part of term 3. As we have for many years now we will form joint teams with Henley Beach Primary

Notes have been distributed to all children who wish to participate. Registration forms are available in the front office or on our school website:

<http://www.wbeachps.sa.edu.au/sport.html>

School Soccer

Soccer registration forms have been sent out to all classes. Please return these asap, so that we can register our teams.

All coaches will be required to have a police check. If you intend to coach a team, please speak to either Bob Bowden or Pat Smith.

School Netball

Last year a yr 3 / 4 / 5 netball comp was played on Thursdays after school at 3:45 with 10 min quarters against local schools. It is anticipated that this competition could continue in term 2 and 3 in 2008. We anticipate that we could have 2 teams (3/4 & 4/5). Registration forms have been handed out to all interested players.

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Congratulations to Jackson, Georgia, Kelsey, Nicole and Emma who represented AIRPORT SAPSASA in the recent State Swimming carnival.

SAPSASA Softball 31st March – 4th April

Congratulations to Tayla, Emily, Janice, Holly, Jessica, Selene and Sophie who have all been selected in the AIRPORT SAPSASA softball team. They will participate in the annual SAPSASA softball championships (31st March – 4th April) to be played at softball headquarters at West Beach. Good luck.

An Easter Message

In the book 'The power of Unconditional Love', Ken Keyes offers "techniques for personal growth" and how to "use these skills in developing a deeply satisfying relationship with a partner". It is difficult to grasp the concept of 'unconditional love' but Keyes defines it for his purpose by one of its functions as "Unconditional love means learning to separate the person from the problem. Love the person; work with the problem". Further, Keyes says the first step in the process is learning to love ourselves unconditionally.

At Easter time Christians reflect on the death by crucifixion of Jesus Christ and recognise it as being the ultimate example of God's unconditional and undeserved love for all people. But there was purpose in Jesus' death; we believe that in order for us to love ourselves properly, we must offload the baggage and burdens of our sin and his death was the means of achieving this. Christians aren't blue all Easter but celebrate on Sunday, Jesus' coming to life again, his resurrection, and believe he is spiritually with us today.

Don (Christian Pastoral Support Worker)

Front Office News...

- Health Plans - should your child have a medical condition, please ensure that an up to date Health Plan is available to staff and relevant medication is held in Front Office.
- Medication - should your child need antibiotics at any time, an 8 hour antibiotic is available and you just need to request this when your doctor is prescribing for you. This alleviates the need for staff to administer antibiotics during the school day.
- Uniform Shop – with the heat wave hopefully over, the uniform shop is stocked ready for the cooler months coming up. We have a range to choose from Long Sleeve Polo shirts, Fleecy Boss Tops and Grey Cargo Pants for both boys and girls (Girls Hipster pants currently on order and due in soon).
Hats are compulsory all year round
- Head Lice – we have had several reports of Head Lice recently and would appreciate if families could do regular checks to help alleviate the problem.
- Late Arrivals – should your child arrive to school late, we ask that they report to the Front Office to sign in.

Assembly Certificates:

Room 2: Katrina C-for always staying on task and doing her best to help others, Amy R-for being a caring, enthusiastic class member who works well in small and large groups.

Room 3: Rosalie K-for improving organisational skills, Harry M-for settling well into Room 3 and getting along with your new classmates.

Room 4: Katherine P-for settling into Room 4 and persisting with the class structure, Khalee L-for always being organised and persisting with her learning.

Room 5: Sam M-for excellent progress with written work, Jacinta V-for fantastic Story Writing and all written work.

Room 8: Liam N and Jack L-for helping our class by following instructions and waiting their turn and joining in with a smile.

Room 11: Georgia N and Georgia R-for showing initiative, responsibility and for being reliable sports monitors on Fridays.

Room 12: Danniella M-for being thoughtful, considerate and a good friend, Alexandra I-for excellent listening, manners and always trying hard.

Room 14: Connor F-for being a dedicated learner and a responsible leader, Cassidy R-for persistence in all her learning and for always smiling, even when things are tough.

University of New South Wales Competitions

Each year, this school provides an opportunity for students Years 3-7 to take part in the competitions listed below. The tests are conducted at school and marked at the UNSw. Results are collated from state-wide entries and certificates are awarded as follows:

High Distinction – top 1% for each level in the state.

Dinstinction – 10%

Credit – 20%

Achievement – top 20% in the school

Participation

COMPETITION	TEST DATE	COST (INC GST)
Computer Skills	27 May	\$6.00
Science	29 May	\$6.00
Spelling	12 June	\$8.00
Writing	12 June	\$11.00
Maths	29 July	\$6.00
English	19 August	\$6.00

Time to Think about High School

At the end of this term, Year 7 students will receive an Information Pack with an application form for secondary enrolment. South Australian children are assured of a place at their local Government Secondary School. Some families choose a school that is not their zoned school because they believe the unique programs and environments offered best suit their child. All Government Secondary Schools hold open days and information sessions to help families make an informed choice. We encourage families to attend these sessions with children in Year 5 to 7.

Here is a list of some schools and their open days we feel will be of interest to our families:

SCHOOL	DATE OF OPEN	TIME
Adelaide High School	Wed 2 April	5:30 - 8.00pm
Brighton Secondary School	Tues 13 May	Tours at 9:30am, 11:30am, 2:00pm Info Session 5:30 – 7:00pm
Findon High School	Wed 7 May	7:00 - 8.45pm
Hamilton Secondary College	Tues 20 May	4:00 – 7:00pm
Henley High School	Thurs 15 May	11am - 7pm
Seaton High School	Sun 30 March & Mon 31 March	1 - 3:30pm & 6 - 7pm
Underdale High School	Sun 4 May Mon 5 May	1.30 - 4pm 5:30 - 7:30pm

REMINDER

Daylight Savings is almost coming to an end and finishes on **Sunday, 6 April 2008**. This is a great time to remember to change your smoke alarm battery as part of the South Australian Fire Service annual Smoke Alarm Campaign



Thankyou

Thankyou to all families for their generous contributions and donations toward the 2008 Easter Raffle. Also thanks to all those who purchased their Hot Cross Buns through our Kytons fundraiser.

All proceeds will go to increase and update resources for our children.

A special thanks to Tina, Karen, Jo, Tracey, Lisa and Emma for their time and effort. Kytons orders are available for collection from the Front Office and the Raffle will be drawn today. Winners will be contacted.

Good Luck!
The Fundraising committee.

Class Parent Representatives 2008

We hope to get this role under way this term as it was very successful last year.

The role of Class Parent Representatives is to improve communication and build community in our school.

It is hoped that they will help to:

- Aid teacher to parent communication
- Provide accurate information on class and school activities
- Direct other parents with questions or issues to the appropriate person in the school.

We hope to be able to do this in an informal way throughout the year. There is also scope for class social events and building links between the parent groups.

We are seeking further interested parents from Rooms 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Room 2	Lisa and Natalie	Room 5	Lesley and Helen
Room 3	Amanda and Mark	Room 14	Cathy, Jane and Pauline
Room 4	Sally	Room 10	Brenda

There will be a note from these reps asking if you would like to be notified of activities this group is organising and if so could you provide your email or telephone contact details.

Maths

As a result of recent staff Professional Development, the concept of subitising has formed part of our recent maths lessons. The worked originates from an Italian word 'subito' meaning 'at once'. A series of cards with an array of dots was shown very quickly to the children. They had to form an 'at once' idea of how many dots were arranged without counting the individual dots. The array of dots were in 2 grids of 10 or smaller arrangements up to 10.

We then extended the activity by using one card of each set and forming a number sentence, which supported our classroom numeracy topic.



Community Notices:

Growing for Gold free for 6-16 year olds from 14 April-24 April. Lots of fun, learn new skills, meet new friends! There are a wide range of sports and you can pick up your registration form from school or by calling 8408 1306 and speak to Felicity at City of Charles Sturt.

School Holiday Netball Clinics are being held at ETSA Park on 16, 17 and 18 April. Closing date for registrations is Wednesday, 9 April and you can find details at www.netballsa.asn.au

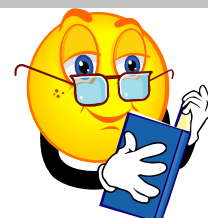
Brighton Secondary School Special Interest Music Scholarship for students in 2009 auditions are being held Thursday, 29 May and Friday, 30 May 2008 in the Hudson Room, Music Centre at the school. A pre-audition assessment will be held on Saturday, 17 May 2008 at 9:00am-1:00pm. Should you have any questions about the Music Program at Brighton please contact Jeffrey Kong on 8375 8215.

TafeSA is holding an information session for Certificate in Women's Education to be held on Tuesday, 8 April at 10:00am with the course commencing on Monday, 28 April. For more information, please see the flyers advertised on the Community Notice Board under the stairs at West Beach PS.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge is on again for the fifth year running and is open to all South Australian students from Reception to Year 9. It is continuing to grow each year and an amazing 100,971 children completed the Challenge in 2007 which meant that 93% of South Australian schools took part. Once again, students from West Beach Primary School will be given the opportunity to take part in the Challenge.

Literacy levels in our state are rising and children are reading more books than ever before and continuing to discover the joys of reading a good book



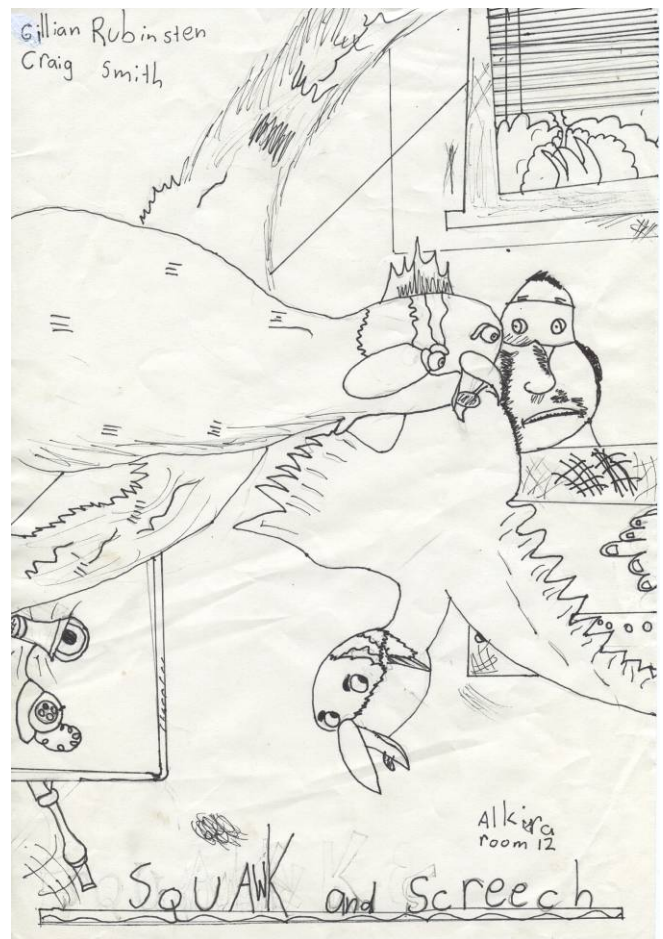
Room 12 Activities...

Squawk and Screech

Room 12 has been working on a novel called 'Squawk and Screech'. It is a simple children's story about 2 birds.

They lived in the wild but squawk is so silly that he keeps hurting himself. There was a family who saw him and took him to the old lady down the road who loved birds. Squawk and Screech ended up living with her. One day a burglar came. He took the TV set but Squawk and Screech bit him again and again. He ran away but when the old lady came home she found 6 things out of place. The birds came out and she said "I do believe you scared him away!"

The End
Alkira



Indoor Soccer

A fun game played by all. Indoor soccer! We play this game in our hall. We have four teams, two girls' teams and two boy's teams. At the start of the year, everybody writes down 2 teams. The boys write down 2 teams and the girls write down two teams. One boy and one girl are chosen to use their teams on Wednesday afternoon. Matches last 7-8 minutes and we swap over. Both teams have two matches. The person in charge of the teams gives out red sashes.

People like matches because they get to run around and kick the ball. We use a yellow sponge ball so it does not damage the hall or hurt people. We use shoes to make the goals.

Aidan Martin
Michael Luppino

