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This is the final Newsletter for the Semester. Term 2 will conclude next Friday 30 June 2017. We hope you all have a relaxing holiday and return to school recharged for a busy term which includes our Faction Athletics Carnival. Term 3 commences on Tuesday 18 July 2017.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Ann Andrews will return to teach Area 6 next term. She has recovered well and is keen to take up her duties.

As you are also aware the Department of Education is attempting to reduce its Long Service Liability and staff must now take their leave in a prescribed period. Consequently Mrs Karen Ingram and Mr Joseph Smith will be on leave for Semester Two. Mrs Ingram will be replaced by Mrs Lynette Graham and Mr Smith by Miss Cassandra Greenwell. During Term Three Mrs Ingrid McNally will take nine weeks Long Service Leave and will be replaced by Mrs Bev Schier. The replacement staff will be working with those going on leave to handover the class and processes to ensure a smooth transition. On behalf of everyone we hope that Mrs Ingram, Mr Smith and Mrs McNally have wonderfully relaxing holidays.

During the School Holidays we ask everyone to keep an eye on our school and if you see anything suspicious please report it to either the police on 131 444 or Education Watch on 1800 177 777.

Farewell to our Semester One School Leaders

A very big thankyou and congratulations from the Whole School Community to our Semester One Student Councillors and Faction Captains. They acquitted themselves very well and proved to be mature and responsible leaders through dedication to their work. They have set a great example for our next leaders. Congratulations to Christina Barnes, Ethan Donald, Jack Hewitt, Dee-Ya Low, Lucy Mancuso, Anirrudh Sharath, Harrison Bond, Kyle Dunlop, Lauren Norman, Luke Simeon, Mollie Stiles, Jessica Taylor, Kaylee Urich and Ryan Walker.

School Semester Reports

Semester One Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 27 June 2017. It is important to note that a "C" or "Satisfactory" grading shows that your child is achieving what is expected at that Year Level. Please also read the article in this Newsletter about "Reading your child's report".

2018 Kindergarten Applications

We are nearing the closing date for Kindergarten applications for 2018. If you have a child born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 please come to the office to complete an Application for Enrolment. We are required to sight your child's birth certificate, immunisation and proof of address at this time. Applications close on Friday 21 July 2017. If you have a neighbour or friend who has a three or four year old please let them know to come in and see us.



Friday
23 June
Edu Dance
Concert
2:30pm

Tuesday
27 June
SCISA
Winter Carnival

Reports Home

Thursday
28 June
Assembly
Area 2

Year 5
Band Bash
At Winthrop PS
1:00pm

Friday
30 June
MUFTI Day

Last Day
Term 2

Tuesday
18 July
First Day
Term 3

HONOUR CERTIFICATES



Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Thursday 15 June 2017 – Berhan Candemir, Sebastian Coelho, Sienna Dunn, Paige Endicott, Charlie Foott, Reed Fraser-Birkett, Logan Grida, Jack Hewitt, Ashley Ho, Tahlija Jarvis, Audrey Koehler, Abby Le, Jay Loo, Chloe Mansell, Jay Poignand, Denis Simonji, Eliza Sullivan and Mia Watkinson.

Reading Your Child's Report by Michael Grose

Could try harder.....always does his/her best....lacks concentration. Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports, sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if your child is performing well, but considerable angst when your child is not progressing as you had hoped. Reports can mean anxious times for children too. "Will my parents be disappointed or proud?" is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you read the report do a little self check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

- Are your expectations of your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities.
- Do you hold the belief that children learn at different rates? There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady as you go kids in every classroom.
- Avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead, look for individual progress.
- Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it? Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning. Be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his/her happiness and well being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future. The skills of independence and cooperation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.
- Take note of student's self assessment, whether written or oral. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed, celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner and they can forget about assessments, tests and reports for a while.

Michael Grose is a leading parent educator, a trained teacher and author. For further ideas about raising confident kids and resilient teenagers visit www.parentingideas.com.au

THE RIGHT BITE NEWS

We wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to your continued support in Term 3.



CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 10

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
WEEK 10	26 June	28 June	30 June
9.00 - 1.00		Tanya	Keelie
9.00 - 11.00	Terry	Terry	Terry
11.00 - 1.00		Amanda Bell	Tanya

Thank you!

Leeming Dental Clinic

The Leeming Dental Clinic will be closed during the School Holidays. In a dental emergency please phone the following clinics:

Monday 3/7/17—Tuesday 4/7/17 Attadale DTC on 9330 5876

Wednesday 5/7/17 to Friday 14/7/17 Carlalee DTC on 9337 6818

For after hours emergencies please phone 9325 3452.

League Tag

On June 6 some students represented Banksia Park in a League Tag Carnival. The schools that attended were Rossmoyne PS, Shelley PS, Riverton PS, Oberthur PS, Bull Creek PS and Banksia Park PS. There were A division, B division and C division teams. Our A division came third with Rossmoyne and Riverton tying for first, B division came second losing only one game to eventual winners Riverton and C division came second also only losing one game. Mr Carvajal coached C team, Mr Holbrook coached B team and Mr Griffiths coached the A team. It was an awesome day! We would like to give a big thankyou to all of the parents who came along and helped out on the day. Another big thankyou to all of the students who participated and represented our wonderful school. Our three coaches helped us improve so we could play better for the coming games. At the end of the day everybody had a massive amount of fun and enjoyed themselves. It was a fantastic day.

By Zac and Paige

Children Sing Festival



On 14 June, our Choir participated in the 2017 Children Sing Festival at the Octagon Theatre, University of Western Australia. We sang two songs, The Lachlan Tigers and Brolga Dance, receiving

positive and encouraging comments from our adjudicator, Mrs Mary-Anne Goyder, whose comments included our excellent stage presence, choice of repertoire and very entertaining performances of two Australian pieces demonstrating focused sound with two part singing. We thank Miss Mia Brine for her accompaniment and willingness to come to our school for a rehearsal before the concert. Well done to all choir members for a fabulous team effort! The feedback from the students was very positive. They said that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We have Massed Choir next term.

P&C News

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Pyjama Party Disco

Thanks so much to all the children who attended the Disco on Friday night. It was a huge success with some amazing dancers and we raised around \$1300! Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who helped set up, pack up and run the night, without you all these events wouldn't be possible. A very big thank you to our events coordinator Maria Wilson for organising the event.

Edu Dance Cake and Coffee (and don't forget Assembly Days!!)

As a special treat for the parents, the canteen will be open for cake/slice and coffee for just \$3.50 on Friday afternoon before the Edu Dance performance! Get there early to reserve your seat and then sit and enjoy your coffee while you wait for our amazing performers. Don't forget - every Assembly day the canteen will be open as well. All proceeds go to the P&C.

Groovin' for Grownups

Big thanks to the parents who joined in the fun at Groovin for Grownups at the Swan Yacht Club. A very big thanks to Maria Wilson and Sarah Reid for contributing raffle prizes, Liana Donald, Keelie Gleeson-Regan, Giorgia Kloosterman and Jacqui Westell for helping sell raffle tickets and run games and Amanda Bell for organising a float. Your help was very much appreciated. Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Tami Bird for organising the night and the band members who performed. How lucky we are to have so much talent in our little school! We raised \$835 for the P&C!

Christmas Markets – Expressions of Interest

On Friday 24 November the school will be hosting Christmas Markets at the school so we can all get our Christmas Shopping done! If you would be interested in booking a stall please contact musolissa@gmail.com

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are now available! If you would like to purchase a hard or digital copy Entertainment Book they are \$70 and can be purchased online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/860b40> or via Giorgia Kloosterman ggkloosterman@westnet.com.au. If paying by cash you can see the front office to purchase a book. There are so many fantastic places to go and things to do so if you are looking for things to do with the family this is a must! Remember, 20% of all sales goes to the school.

Save the Date! Saturday 14th October

BPPS's adults only BIG night out will be held at the school on Saturday 14 October so be sure to book those baby sitters people!! This is a great night out and our biggest fundraiser for the school year. So many prizes and so much fun, just ask those of us that have been before ;)



Thank you to all the wonderful, amazing and big hearted parents and grandparents that have supported all of our fundraising activities for the second term. Watch out for next terms activities including our Father's Day stall and the school faction carnival.

To volunteer to help at any of our events please contact our Fundraising Coordinator Maria Wilson on 0402 660 242.

Please be aware that there have been several cases of Whooping Cough reported at Leeming Senior High School.