**Principal's Report**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Swimming Lessons**
Over the past two weeks students from PP - 2 have been participating in swimming lessons at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre. The students have been developing their swimming skills and it has been very impressive to see the improved confidence of our students over the fortnight. This is the first time that we have trialled swimming lessons in term 3. The students have loved the indoor heated pools and having our students accessing the beach style pool with walk in entry and gradual depth increase has given our less confident swimmers greater support to access the water. Due to the success of the trial we will look at continuing lessons next year at a similar time. See photos on page 3 of our students in action at the pool.

**Interschool Athletics Carnival**
Next Wednesday and Friday Mirrabooka PS will be hosting the interschool athletics carnival. Selected students will be participating in jumps, throws and long distance runs on Wednesday morning with the full carnival on Friday. Year 1 and 2 students will be competing between 9am and approximately 11.30am, with senior students, years 3 - 6 competing from midday onwards. Competitor lists are on display out the front of room 4. On the day of the carnival the P&C will be running a sausage sizzle and cake stall. All students, competitors and non-competitors are able to pre order a sausage sizzle and purchase items form the stall. The P&C will also be drawing the raffle on the day with some fantastic prizes, including a bike, up for grabs. Make sure your pre sold tickets are returned before the day. Thank you to Ms Farmer and the P&C committee for coordinating this huge event.

**Footy Colours Day**
On Wednesday students and teachers supported the Children’s Cancer Councils Footy Colours Day. It was great to see lots of students and teachers supporting this very worthy cause, raising $120 for the Children’s Cancer Council whilst showing their true colours. Special mention to Liani and Robert for wearing arguably the best jumpers on the day! Go Hawks.

Anthony Middleton
Principal

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Enrolments Kindergarten to Year 6 for 2017**
We are now taking applications for enrolment for all year levels for 2017. To enrol in Kindergarten 2017 your child’s birthday must fall between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour who has a child in this birthdate range please let them know to come into the office and apply for a place in our wonderful Kindergarten program in 2017. Application forms are available in the front office or can be downloaded from the school website. A copy of your child’s birth certificate and statement of immunization is also required when lodging your application. Current Kindergarten students will also need to inform the office of their child’s enrolment for pre-primary in 2017. As we continue to plan for 2017 if you are aware that your child will not be returning to our school next year please notify the office.

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**Noongar words of the week**
Boorda (b-or-du) means later/bye
Koorda (K-oo-r-duh) means friends
Wanjoo (wun-jew) means welcome

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**Lost Property**
Please label your child’s clothing as the lost property box is overflowing. Anything not labelled (except uniforms) will be given to charity at the end of each week.
The following students have received Honour Certificates:

- Ngo Siso Room 11
- Ubah Room 17
- Museo Room 12
- Amir Room 12
- Danial Room 10
- Selena Room 10
- Armel Room 2
- Niki Pre-Primary
- Mohamed Room 3
- Moo Nay Paw Room 3
- Mis Room 1
- Denny Room 1
- Armand Room 1
- Janet Room 20
- Zaw Room 20
- Mekdese Room 6
- Nevaeh Room 6

**WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!**

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**SMS Messaging**

A reminder to families to place the school’s messaging number in the contacts list on their mobile phone. The number is **0437 418 711**. This will ensure that any messages you receive from the school will be identified on your phone.

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**School Banking**

Don’t forget that Thursday, 8.30am is School Banking Day and students should bring their weekly deposit to Room 4

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**Sporting Schools**

For the last three terms some of our students have participated in an after school program of sporting activities. The juniors were on Monday and seniors on Wednesday. This valuable program was coordinated by Ms Coppins and Mrs Price and sponsored by Australian Sports Commission. The children learnt skills in Rugby, Soccer, Gymnastics and Athletics. Thanks to the children for their great behaviour and parents for supporting this after school program. Sporting Schools will recommence in Term 1 of 2017.

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**Music News**

If you are in the school early on Thursday mornings and have been hearing beautiful music coming from the Music Room, it is the newly formed School Choir. They are practising hard, having lots of fun and are sounding wonderful.

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**Primary Music Institute**

provides a fantastic opportunity to learn the keyboard. There is a cost that is very reasonable. Please ask at the office if you are interested.

**Mrs Davey**

Music Teacher

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**P & C News - HELP WANTED**

Next Friday the 16th September is the Interschool Athletics Carnival. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle, coffee and tea station and a raffle. **We are asking all parents/caregivers to consider helping out on the day for any amount of time** (20 minutes, half an hour or whatever time you can). Any time given will be of enormous help to us. This is a big fundraising opportunity for us as we only get to host the interschool athletics every few years. Just report to us on the day or let the school office know your details.

Thanking you in anticipation

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**Is your child getting the best start?**

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**Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?**

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

**AT MIRRABOOKA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.40AM**

**EXCEPT THURSDAY 8.55AM**
Yesterday Rooms 3 and 9 went to the Art Gallery. They learnt a lot about art and the emotions it can produce.

It was very interesting to discuss how artists portray emotions through their work, from the sad and hopeless feelings portrayed in "Down on his Luck", to the very scary "Wadjiti" and the happy "Thundi". Then we tried to express an emotion in our own piece of art, using shapes and a selection of colours.
FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM

Join your next FREE local program at Herb Graham Rec Centre!

DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?
The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families.
In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.
PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 4:

Starts: 11th October 2016
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Call us: 1300 822 953
Text us: 0409 745 645
Online: www.betterhealthprogram.org

Mirrabooka Primary School
Supported Playgroup

PLAY GROUP
FUN FUN FUN

Who:
Playgroup is for parents & 2-4 year olds. Babies are welcome.

What:
Playgroup is fun & playful morning that helps you get your little ones ready for Kindy.

When: Every Friday 9-11am
Where: KINDY ROOM

ECU Sports Centre Mt Lawley
is home of the ECU Kids Holiday Program!

It is an exciting program that is not only fun for children, but extremely good for them. Our program is for 6-12 year olds and focuses on giving kids as much sporting experience as possible! Activities are structured so they are appropriate for each age group and are supervised by experienced and skilled staff.

Our next program will run during the Sept/Oct school holidays 27th Sept– 7th Oct.

For more details and enrolment options please view our website www.ecu.edu.au/sport/hp or call us on 6304 6700

FREE Half-Day Pass!

Name: ____________________________
Offer Expires: _______________________________
Campus: [] Joondalup  [] Mt Lawley
*Offer valid for first time program users only

Mirrabooka Primary School
Supported Playgroup

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 21 OCTOBER 2016

Benefits for Students:
- $500 initial one off payment
- Mentoring from ECU
- Entrance into our specialist STEM Program
- Visits to ECU for hands on activities and guest lectures

For more information, call Dianella Secondary College on (08) 93459200

Would you like to know more about toilet training?

Children usually begin toilet training between two years old and three and a half years old. This can be a difficult time.

Come along and join us for a question and answer session facilitated by the Child Health Nurse.

DATE: Tuesday 13th September
TIME: Arrive 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start.
The session finishes at 2.30pm.
VENUE: Child and Parent Centre - Westminster
74 Merton Road, Westminster
CRECHE: Free

PLACES IN THE CRECHE ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK IN EARLY
Call 9440 1097 or drop in to the centre between 9.30am and 4.30pm to register

Disclaimer - Please note that the programs and activities mentioned in the community notices section are not sanctioned school programs but are provided for your information only.