**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Assembly**
Room 11 took centre stage yesterday to conduct our first class assembly of 2016. The students along with Mrs Shaverin celebrated their classrooms and the school’s cultural diversity. Students reflected on their nationalities and what makes us all work and learn together in harmony. With 12 different cultures in the one room, room 11 is certainly a direct reflection of our multi-cultural school. Great work room 11.

**Garden Day**
On Friday 26 Feb our students exchanged their pencils for gardening tools for the day. Each class was assigned an area of the school to tidy up. We had students mulching, weeding, planting, learning about nature and most importantly having fun. The garden day was a great way for our students to not only give back to our school but to also learn more about caring for our environment. Thanks Mrs Black and all of your assistants for organising this excellent school program. See page 3 for photos of the students hard at work.

**Busy Bee**
On Saturday 27 Feb we held a school busy bee to tidy parts of our school grounds. Although the weather was not favourable, with the temperature nearing 40 degrees we still had a large turn out of staff members and some parent helpers. Thanks to everyone that gave up their time to help our great school look even better.

**Paul Swan**
Like our students, our staff are always learning and looking at ways to improve their teaching. Last week all staff spent two hours after school playing games in the library with Dr Paul Swan. Dr Swan is a maths expert, who specialises in teaching maths skills in fun and engaging ways. Games and activities learnt during the session are now being implemented into classrooms with students, ask your child to show or explain to you how they are learning maths skills through play in their classroom.

*Anthony Middleton
PRINCIPAL*

*Mrs Goodall, Mrs Bant and Ms Lopez playing games in the library with Dr Paul Swan.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Family Details**
Please make sure that all address and telephone details are up to date. This is very important, especially if we need to contact you in case of an emergency. We also need to be informed if there are any changes to medical/physical/psychological details for your child. A student update sheet has been sent home and will need to be returned to the school by Thursday 24th March even if there are no changes.

**P&C Easter Raffle**
Our first fund raising item for this year is the Easter raffle. The tickets were sent home with your child yesterday. If you are able to donate Easter eggs, chocolates or any Easter related items it would be much appreciated.

**School Banking**
Thursdays at 8.30am is School Banking Day and students should bring their weekly deposit to Room 4.

**Breakfast Club**
Come along and have a healthy breakfast on Thursday mornings in the canteen from 7.45am. A permission note must be signed by parent/guardian before you can attend – they are available in the office.
The following students have received Honour Certificates:

- Naya Pre-Primary
- Ka Mun Pre-Primary
- Mariam Room 20
- Ahmed Room 20
- Tiana Room 12
- Fadi Room 12
- Sama Room 17
- Jake Room 17
- Jeromina Room 16
- Min Room 16
- Sarah Room 2
- Melissa Room 2
- Nik Room 10
- Moo Nay Room 10
- Collins Room 9
- Ella Room 9
- Jean Room 3
- Emmanuel Room 3
- Efrain Room 5
- Weston Room 5
- Tahi Room 6
- Wannas Room 6
- Zahraa Room 1
- Seba Room 1

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!

SWIM AND SURVIVE

Students from room 3 and 10 have recently been participating in free Swim and Survive lessons at the Mirrabooka High School pool conducted by the Royal Life Saving Society. The program is designed to support students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds improve their swimming skills. The Royal Life Saving Society of WA will be holding a free event to showcase the program this Saturday, 12 March at the Mirrabooka High School Pool between 10am - 11.30am.

CITY OF STIRLING LIBRARIES

Stirling Libraries offer a number of programs and services that can make a student’s life that little bit easier. These include: the Bookstars early literacy program and new Bookstars passports; our eLibrary; useful online databases; and for parents with younger children, storytime sessions, including Saturday morning storytime.

For students, look out for the following:

yourtutor is an especially useful tool for students. yourtutor is a free interactive online homework help program, offering students real-time help from qualified tutors on a number of subjects. This service is available to use Sunday to Friday 3:00pm to 10:00pm. This term Stirling Libraries are offering free training sessions in yourtutor for your class at any of our local libraries.

The Bookstars program is a great incentive to read and fosters a love of reading. Children are eligible to join the program from Year 1. Bookstars receive a reading passport in which they can record their weekly progress and eventually earn rewards. Bookstars membership is free and members receive invitations to special VIP events.

Supporting children to develop and learn in their early years

The early years of childhood up to four years old are extremely important for children’s development and learning. During these years, children have the greatest rate of cognitive, linguistic, emotional and physical development, laying the foundations for future learning and development. By the time children are three years old, 90 per cent of their brains have developed – so experiences in these early years are very important.

Parents and carers have the ability to influence children more than anyone during these early years. This means they have the opportunity to help them have the best start in life. There are many things they can do at home with their children and many services in the community to help.

For details and translations on how you can help your children learn at home follow the link for lots of ideas, activities and support.
http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou/detcms/navigation/your-childs-education/before-school/?page=2

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting for this year was held on Thursday February 25.

Thank you to the new parents who came along to offer their help. We welcome you to the P&C committee for 2016.

The elected office bearers for 2016 are as follows:

President: Amanda Devereux
Vice President: Brooke Wyatt
Secretary: Marie Biesot
Treasurer: Ros Price

RUNNING CLUB

YEAR's S&6
When: Every Tuesday and Thursday Lunch 1
Where: Meet sports shed, bring bags/lunch with you.
With: Ms Farmer
Mr Hay helped us to make some 3D shapes and then we turned them into lanterns.

Room 10 students helped us to present our lantern parade.

SWIM AND SURVIVE

GARDEN DAY

BUSY BEE
Community News...

ECU FREEWAY BIKE HIKE FOR ASTHMA
SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2016, ELIZABETH QUAY

REGISTER TO RIDE IN WA’S LARGEST COMMUNITY CYCLING EVENT AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH ASTHMA!

THERE IS A HIKE FOR EVERYONE
No matter if you are a cycling enthusiast, looking for a fun family day out or just love riding your bike, there is a ride for everyone, every fitness level and every age.

50 KM
FULL HIKE
Recommended age: 12 Years or older.
Start time: 8:30 am
Location: Elizabeth Quay

30 KM
MID HIKE
Recommended age: 10 Years or older.
Start time: 9:00 am
Location: ECU Joondalup Campus

10 KM
MINI HIKE
Recommended age: 5 Years or older.
Start time: 10:00 am
Location: Hermitage Trail Station

1 KM
TRIKE HIKE
Recommended age: 5 Years or older.
Start time: 11:00 am
Location: Point Lowly Roadeclosed

FREEWAYBIKEHIKE.COM.AU

THE ASTHMA CAUSE
Asthma is the #1 chronic disease for children, in the leading cause of children’s admission to emergency departments and last days of school, affects 20% of West Australians, and at present there is no cure. The majority of asthma-related deaths are preventable, yet still 400 people in Australia die every year.

You can help— all funds raised go to asthma services and research through Asthma Foundation WA and Telethon.

START FUNDRAISING AT: EVENTGATHER.COM.AU/EVENT/FREEWAYBIKEHIKE2016

Girls’ Brigade is a low cost activity in the community which provides safe, low cost activities for school aged girls.

Get into...
GIRLS’ BRIGADE
AT GREENWOOD
GAMES | CRAFTS | CAMPS | SPORTS | DRAMA

Girls’ Brigade is a low cost activity in the community which provides safe, low cost activities for school aged girls. It is a great way to meet new friends!

PP - Yr 12 | Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm
Trinity North Uniting Church
89 Marlock Drive | Greenwood

Contact Sarah Menagio
0430 193 334
3rdperthbg@gmail.com

Local Parks MultiSport Program

Parents and Guardians are more than welcome to support & watch!

Free to join, for youth aged 5 to 18 years old

Mondays at Hainsworth Park, Girrawheen
Netball (4-5:30pm)

Tuesdays at Butterworth Park, Koondoola
Soccer & Basketball (4:30-6pm)

Wednesdays at Chisholm Catholic College
Swimming (5-6pm)

Thursdays at Herb Graham Centre
Volleyball (4-5:30pm)

For more information please contact Edmund Rice Centre on 9349 9660 or email to Lisbeth@ercm.org.au

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.