Dear Parents/Caregivers

Principal’s Report

Open Night
The open night will be held on Thursday February 19th starting at 5.00pm here at the school. The night will be broken into two sections so you are able to attend other classes if you have more than one child. The children are expected to come along to these visits so that the information provided is consistent. A letter outlining the night has been sent home and we would appreciate your attendance.

Student Council 2015
The student leader group for 2015 is as follows:
Head Boy        Dylan Clements
Head Girl       June Rose Mang
Deputy Head Boy John Alnajjar
Deputy Head Girl Wendy Gojak

Congratulations to you all and good luck with your duties for 2015.

School Board
I have sent home a letter with this newsletter explaining the roles and responsibilities of the school board for the Mirrabooka Education Precinct. A nomination form is also included and would ask that you consider nominating for a position on the board.

IEC Buses
A reminder to parents that ALL children using the bus service MUST be supervised by parents while waiting for the bus in the mornings. In the afternoons parents need to be ON TIME to collect children. **If you require changes to the bus schedule you must telephone the school or come into the office. The bus driver and staff cannot do the changes for you.** All queries/concerns regarding the bus service are to be directed to Mrs Burnett on 9440 7777.

Term Calender
Term one calendar is included with this newsletter. Please refer to it for important dates and events.

Healthy Lunches
I would like to remind parents to strongly encourage healthy eating practices in the school. We would greatly appreciate parents supporting this in everyday lunches brought from home. We have noticed a number of children bringing soft drinks and lollies to school and want to discourage this as it does not allow children to fully focus on their classroom work.

Chris Brackenreg
PRINCIPAL

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 will be sent home in the next week.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to those families who have already paid. This money goes towards the extra benefits our children use at school which is not covered by the school grant. The amount is **$40 per child with a maximum of $100 per family.** Thank you in anticipation.

School Banking
Don’t forget that Thursday, 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.

Canteen
This year the canteen will be available to students on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. A new menu went home with your child last Friday. The orders will now be taken in the morning by the P&C in Room 4. So far this has been working very well. Any late orders (After 9.15am) must be taken to the High School canteen by the parent.

The P&C are looking for volunteers in the morning to help process the orders and would be most appreciative of any time you can give. Please see the ladies in room 4 in the morning.
P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting for this year will be in the Hall on **Thursday March 5 at 2.30pm**.
Please come along and share your ideas, we are always looking for new perspectives and would welcome any time you may have to offer. It is not a huge commitment and everything we do is for the benefit of all the children in the school.

**SENIOR SWIMMING**
Children in years **3 to 6** will commence swimming lessons on **Tuesday March 3** until **Friday March 13**. Children can wear their bathers to school under their uniform or they will need change into their bathers at school before going to the pool. After swimming lessons children will dry off, put a shirt on and come back to school to get changed into their uniform. Thongs/slip on shoes may be worn to the pool. Please **label all items**, as it is easy for bathers etc to be misplaced. A letter outlining all the costs and times will be sent home next week.

**SCHOOL ABSENCES**
We will continue to follow up children arriving to school late and those who may be absent on a given day. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have been telephoning us in the morning to notify the school that their child is going to be absent.
If you are intending to take your child out of school for an extended period of time a letter will be required outlining dates and the reason before you leave.

**SIGNING IN**
We remind all parents and caregivers, if you are visiting the school for any reason you **MUST** sign the visitors’ book in the office. This is particularly important in case of evacuation or emergency, as we need to know who is present on the school premises at all times.

**CRUNCH & SIP**
To encourage healthy eating, Mirrabooka Primary School is running a Crunch and sip program in all classes. Every day children will be permitted to drink water and eat a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable in their classroom after lunch. We encourage you to send a small container with cut up fruit or vegetables to school with your child each day along with a drink bottle of water.

**HEAD LICE**
Now that we have started back at school it is inevitable head lice return as well. Prevention is always better than having to treat your child, so try to keep long hair tied up and use a preventative.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday 2nd March due to the Labour Day public holiday.

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***Please note:***
*Every Thursday is late start at 8.55am and early closing at 2.30pm.*

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**Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop**

**Helping your children to develop personal safety skills.**

_We have the right to feel safe at all times._

We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

**Facilitator:** Rebecca Foltz, Department of Local Government and Communities, Parenting WA

**Date:** Tuesday 17th February  

**Time:** 12:30–2:30pm  

**Location:** Child and Parent Centre Westminster, 24 Marlee Road, Westminster

**Crêche:** Free

_Bookings Essential!_  
To register phone Parenting WA, Mirrabooka, on 9207 5363 or Child and Parent Centre Westminster on 9440 1097.

Supported by:   
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# Mirrabooka PS - Term 1 Calendar 2015

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Friday APRIL 3 to Sunday April 19 inclusive
The Giants

Perth International Arts Festival (PIAF) presents The Giants

The streets of Perth will host one of the biggest live arts events ever seen in Australia this summer when two giant marionettes roam the city in a moving and emotional commemoration of World War One.

Produced by French outdoor arts event company Royal de Luxe, The Giants will depict the story of a girl in the Breton area’s lightouse off Albany who relayed messages to troops before their departure for Gallipoli.

This coming weekend from this Friday February 13 to Sunday 15, an 11m deep sea elevator and a six little girl character will roam streets around Langley Park and the city, portraying an uncle and niece reunited 100 years after the Gallipoli landing.

For more times and further information about this historic event please visit the website below:
visit the website below:

www.perthinternational.org.au

Slalom Come & Try Day

Do you like playing in water? Are you able to swim? Would you like to paddle a slalom canoe?

If the answer is “Yes” then you may be interested in the free “Come and Try” morning at Ascot Kayak Club On Sunday 27 March 2011 from 8.30am to 11.30am. Limited places - so register NOW!

For “Come and Try” & Paddle Passport Course

And introducing: Our Paddle Passport Course for Term 1 & Term 2

We will be recruiting for our Paddle Passport Courses $106 for 5 weeks being held by Slalom Group at Ascot starting Term 1 - Wednesday 30 March 2011 and continuing Term 2 - 6 May 2011 (this course doesn’t run during school holidays).

Great opportunity for kids to discover the Olympic sport of Slalom kayaking at Ascot Kayak Club. This 5 week course is suited to beginners and will cover the basics of kayaking as well as introducing the techniques of slalom kayaking.

Experienced Ascot paddlers will coach this course, which is suited to children 8 to 11. All equipment is supplied and there are change rooms and showers on site, as well as a park and playground.

We may also have a few places available for parents to try paddling, but Mums & Dads will need to book their visit beforehand.

To Register for Free Come and Try Day - Ascot Kayak Course – (Pay/Register for Ascot Courses)
Further enquiries - email: slalom@ascot.com.au or contact
Jenny Vogel - Ascot WA Secretary: 0477 449 944
Where: Ascot Kayak Club, Faunt Royal Ave, Ascot

Primary Music Institute

Instrumental Music Program At Your School

Primary Music Institute (PMI) provides small group and private instrumental music lessons at your school through our unique keyboard program.

Enrol Now

To enrol now please visit our website (www.primarvietmusicateway.com.au). If you have a paper enrolment form you can either enrol online or fax your completed form to: 1300 764 074.

The PMI Approach

- Lessons are held on school campus – with exact lesson days and times confirmed on an individual student basis depending on availability and school preferences
- Structured learning objectives and student development plans – provided as part of the PMI Stars program
- Outlines a student learning plan for all program participants
- Each level passed by completing activities across theory, aural and sight reading, scales and performance
- Parental engagement and visibility of student progress – including a student progress report (as part of the PMI Stars program), recitals, school performances, etc.
- Unique curriculum – developed with the input of a panel of musical and education experts
- Continual innovation – led by new Program Directors since mid 2013
- Quality teaching – stringent selection criteria, safety certification, ongoing curriculum development and teacher coaching

Contact Us

For more information about any of the PMI programs please have a look at our website and to receive any further information please contact our Parent Support Team at admin@primarymusiicateway.com.au or call on 1300 362 624.

Relationships Australia

Western Australia

PARENTING COURSES
February/March 2015

WEST ENDENURVILLE

Child Rearing Greek Parenting Workshop

Wed, 16 Feb 9 9 AM

Family Patterns

Mon, 21 Mar 9 9 AM

Making Step Families Work

Wed, 22 Apr 9 9 AM

FREMANTLE

Parent Child Connection

Thu, 17 Mar 9 9 AM

Moms Raising Boys

Wed, 23 Mar 9 9 AM

JINDALUP

Moms Raising Boys

Wed, 30 Apr 9 9 AM

KWINANA

Very Happy Parenting Program

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