Dear Parents/Caregivers

Traffic in Laythorne Street
It has been brought to my attention that a small number of people have been driving the wrong way along Laythorne Street. This street is a ONE WAY street and it is not only illegal to drive in the wrong direction, but also highly dangerous. I would hate to see a situation where a child is injured because they did not look for a car coming from the wrong direction. Community members who have reported incidents to me have also indicated they have reported these matters to local Police.

Open Night
The open night was held on Thursday February 19th here at the school. The attendance and participation on the open night was terrific, with a lot of interaction in the classrooms. It was great to see so many parents and students at the BBQ afterwards. I hope you enjoyed the evening and found it valuable in regards to school and classroom operations. Please remember that an open communication line is an important part of your child’s success at school. If you have any queries or issues make an appointment to discuss these with the teacher.

NAPLAN Testing
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing will take place in the week from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May for years 3 and 5. The results from the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests will provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing in the content strands of Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. Students in all Australian schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the tests. A brochure is included with this newsletter and it details all information regarding the testing. If you have any queries or concerns about the tests please contact the school.

Indonesian
The Indonesian program will be modified this year and will be part of Activity groups in Terms 1 and 4. Mrs Leckie will be running this as an Indonesian Club. If you would like your child to continue learning Indonesian language and culture, I would encourage them to join this club. Please see Mrs Black for details.

Precinct Board Nominations and Appointment
A letter has been included with this newsletter regarding the above.

Chris Brackenreg
PRINCIPAL
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. We would particularly love to see parents from the junior classes as many of our committee are in their final years at primary school. 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 next 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 has been sent home. If you are having difficulty with payment please call into the office to see Mrs Black or Mr Pedrotti.

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT
Mirrabooka Primary School, High School and the Education Support School have embarked on a journey to turn the unused land between the schools (north of our Hall) into a Community Garden. We have received a grant from the City of Stirling, and offers of help from other community groups. We are very excited to be able to expand our current vegetable and produce gardens into this much larger area, and to join with others in the community who share our passion of growing healthy, fresh food for our families. Ground works will be undertaken soon, and a public meeting will be held to reach all those interested in participating.
Please see Mrs Bant if you would like more information.

1st Term Reading Contacts
For the first time this term the whole school is excitedly reading to reach their reward targets. Each class has set a target to read a certain amount of books, some individually and some class, totals which range from 500 to 195 depending on the types of novels the classroom teacher has selected. If each class reaches their target the school in one term will have read over one thousand five hundred books. Each class that reaches their target will get a special recess. We would love parents to chat with their child at home about what they are reading and join in the enjoyment of reading and the fun of making their targets.

SCHOOL TIMES
Start of Day - 8.40am
Morning Recess - 10.40am—11.00am
Lunch - 12.35pm—1.15pm
End of Day - 3.00pm

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

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Mirrabooka Dental Therapy 9349 0330
Mirrabooka Senior High School 9345 9200
Mirrabooka Library 9345 2568
Facsimile 9344 1561
Facsimile IEC 9440 7788
Now is the best time to take great advantage of all of the bright and wonderful fruits and vegetables in season. It’s healthy and can be exciting to have a colourful lunchbox!

Fresh seasonal fruit salad with yoghurt makes a great lunchbox filler. Try celery sticks with hummus, salsa or cream cheese with chives, or make a mix of different coloured vegetable sticks, e.g. carrots, or a selection of dried fruit.

**Tasty Salad Suggestion:** Pack in a container pieces of chicken or tuna or hard boiled egg with shredded lettuce, diced cucumber, avocado, capsicum and tomatoes.

To increase variety try adding fresh mango or pineapple, or include a pita bread wrap or fresh wholegrain roll in the lunchbox for them to tip the salad into.

It is important to include a freezer block in lunch boxes to keep meats and dairy cold, and be sure to include a bottle of water to drink!
Join In The Fun
Family Fun Day
Saturday 28th February - 10am to 2pm
Morley Warehouse
#morleyfunday

Special Guest Josh Kennedy
10am - 2pm

Emma's Piano Teaching

My name is Emma Conway, I am a classically trained pianist and have been playing the piano for **18 years**. I am passionate about music and love to teach children and adults. I teach from my in Nollamara and have a comfy and air-conditioned lounge room for waiting parents and children! I can teach for fun or preparation for AMEB exams.

Please feel free to listen to one of my recordings, explore the website, check out my services, like me on Facebook and contact me for more information!

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Back to School
Warehouse Book Sale
50% TO 90% OFF!
1 DAY ONLY!

When:
Thurs 5 March:
8am - 6pm

Where:
Scholastic Warehouse
Unit 1
70 Beringarra Ave
Malaga

Wish List
- Chapter books
- Novels
- Nonfiction books
- Picture books
- Activity books

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