Welcome back parents, carers, staff and students.

It’s good to be back again and we look forward to another year jam packed with a love of learning and parent support for our excellent standard of behaviour.

We welcome, in particular, Mrs Simone Cain our new K/P teacher. The new building should be ready midway through term one. We are waiting for the turf to be laid, some minor defects to be fixed up and for the furniture to arrive. In the meantime the students in year one are quite happy in their temporary classrooms. Ms Bonnie MacKay and Ms Bev Ingham are teaching our Year one students. The school grounds are looking a bit messy at the moment, particularly the front of the school. I wonder how much interest there is out there in having a busy bee once all the construction is finished?

Thank you so much for sending your children back to school wearing the school uniform. There’s no doubt about the impact the school uniform has on standards and school spirit. Please be reminded that students may not wear black leggings, or indeed any other coloured leggings, under school shorts.

Thanks Mrs Debbie Butler, mother of Joseph, Caleb and Elizabeth, for organising the uniform shop and making sure that the students have an opportunity to abide by the “no school hat no play” policy. The new style crushable hat is available for $12.50 from the Uniform shop on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

We are all looking forward to Edudance which starts this Friday. It is truly worth every cent of the $20.00. At $2.00 per lesson the children learn movement, rhythm and dance, and develop confidence and self esteem. What a bargain!

Please don’t let the teachers’ car park and parent parking become an issue throughout 2011. Parents are NOT to park in the carpark unless you are engaged in work at the school at that particular time.

All our programs of support will continue throughout 2011. If your children mention to you that they are attending a particular group session it will be because they are getting the help they need.

You will have noticed how clean the school was on return, that is due to our wonderful cleaners, Bernie, Marg, Juanita and Rose.

Congratulations Milka Harrison, the Scholastic Bookclub organiser, you have earned us $2471.00 in free resources during 2010. Thank you, what an amazing effort!

Have a great year everyone.

Don’t forget to slow down and smell the daisies along the way.

Cheers Marg
Library News

Welcome to 2011 everyone. The Library Resource Centre (LRC) is up and running with a display for Chinese New Year (Kong Hee Fat Choy!) and “Hidden Treasures” and if you were born in the year of the rat, it’s your year! Encourage your children to come and have a look.

Details of practices, times and policy of the LRC will appear in the next newsletter.

The Festival of Perth holds a special FAMILY DAY at the University of W.A Nedlands on Sunday 6th March starting at 9.30am to 3.15pm. This is a FREE event at a lovely venue. Your children, and all the family would enjoy this event I’m sure.

Children’s authors and illustrators Ursula Dubosarsky, Ron Brooks, Sandy Fussell, Anthony Eaton, Wendy Orr, Briony Stewart, Brian Falkner, Cheryl Kickett-Tucker and Laura Dudgeon will entertain and inform you. Get a group together and just turn up. If you are interested in taking your children to this event, ask them to come to the LRC and get a copy of the programme, or go on the Internet to http://perthfestival.com.au/events/pwf/family-day/.

See you there.
Helen McGinniss
Library Resource Centre

Canteen News

By now everyone should have our new look menu and order forms. Just a couple of changes:

- Hot dogs and fish have moved to TUESDAYS
- Spaghetti is now on the menu
- Jellies are now called “WOBBLYS”

Because we have lost money in the past, there will be no credit given this year through the canteen for childrens’ morning tea and lunch.

One of my goals is to provide a variety of low priced items at recess. These will be different from week to week as I get more creative, also the more volunteer help we get the more we can do. That’s where even an hour or two from a volunteer will be appreciated.

A BIG thankyou to Amanda for her support as I transition into my new role.

Teresa Elzer

Music News

There will be another marvellous Music Incursion opportunity for the students this term. Adam Hill and Mitch Chatfield will be presenting “AdamMitchinal –The Didgerido’s and Don’ts of Urban Aboriginal Arts” at the school on

Wednesday 9th March 2011
9.15am for years PP, 1,2,3
10.45am for years 4,5,6,7

Adam and Mitch present an original, humorous, highly energetic performance of song, dance, puppetry/language, personal stories and Yidaki (didgeridoo). While they draw on storytelling and performance traditions for inspiration, Adam and Mitch have added their own unique touches to this cultural programme-including a display of Adam’s basketball prowess and Mitches skill at Beat Boxing and Break Dancing.

Using a map of Indigenous Australia, Adam provides an informative interactive introduction to various language groups. Adam and Mitch demonstrate the complex “Tongue talk” techniques and various playing styles of the Yidaki, and give a history of its origins.

The cost is only $5.00 per student. Please get your money in to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. As always, any parents who are available may come along and share in this experience for free!

Tim Schoenmakers
Music Specialist