Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Central Office Visit
Next week our school will be visited by the Department of Education’s Expert Review Group. This group will conduct an enquiry into Teaching to assist us to develop ways to improve the learning environment for our students. They will be here for two days, interviewing staff and talking with parents and students. They look forward to hearing your views. If you would like more information please call me.

School Photos
The dates for the school photos have been changed, they will now be held on the 11th & 15th June.

Make a Wish Foundation
Thanks from the Make a Wish foundation for the donation of $261.05 We raised this money the day we came to school dressed in a rainbow of colours and added to the 5c piece collection.

EduDance Payments
I have sent letters home regarding the payment for the dance lessons and I need to point out that this Friday is the last Friday your child will attend lessons unless payment is made or a payment schedule is arranged with the office.

Application for enrolment of students for 2013.
Applications for enrolment of children entering Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Year 1 or Year 8 and for children changing school for the 2013 year should be made by Friday 3rd August 2012.
As school holidays are from early to mid July, please try and submit applications before the end of Term 2.

1-2-3 Magic And Emotion Coaching Parenting Workshop
- Increase skills in encouraging and promoting positive behaviour in children.
- Learn strategies for managing challenging behaviour
- Build strong and healthy connections with your children.

Facilitated by:
Parenting WA-Midland
Where:
Unit 2/42 Mathoura St, Midvale
Date:
Wednesday May 30th and June 6th and 13th 2012
Time:
9.30am-12.00 noon
Cost:
Free
Bookings essential-must attend all three sessions.
Parenting WA-Midland
9274 1666
I have included all the above information because this is an excellent program for parents needing to build positive relationships with children.

Phones, DS games, ipods, ipod speakers, toys and other gadgets
Please do not let your child bring expensive articles to school, if they are lost or stolen the school will not accept responsibility. ALL MOBILE PHONES AND IPODS are to be signed in and out and kept in the office during the day.
Library News

And the winner is……
The children in B2 have been looking at books by Australian authors. We read 6 books and voted for our favourite book and author. Here are the results:

Key to books:
1. By Teana Raffa-Milligan
2. By Narelle Oliver
3. By Margaret Wild
4. By Mem Fox
5. By Libby Hathorn
6. By Jan Ormerod

![Bar chart showing the results of the book votes]

Reading Tips for the National Year of Reading

- Download talking books from the internet.
- Keep a READING LOG of all the books you read. It’s great to look back on in years to come.
- Ask your child to recommend a book for you to read and the discuss it.

Congratulations to all of the following students who received honour certificates.

**A Block recipients**
A1  Melissa Bennett  Cody Rix
A5  Dion Merrilees
    Hayden Outman-Musarri
A6  Toni Principe  Kira Quain

**B Block recipients**
B1  Brooke Jones  Favour Iloh
B2  Olivia Wijtowycz
    Kamella Henare-Thomas
B4  Shanel Alles  Jaxon Aquino
B5  Ruby Livingstone  Cate Slade
B6  Isaac Johnson  Shei-Lee Harvey

**C Block recipients**
C1  Terrance Taylor  Justin Edgecumbe
C4  Trent Cox-Simpson  Kye Grant
C5  Corey Button
C6  Raymond Smith  Dakota Rivers

**LA Block recipients**
LA1  Nicholas Armstrong-Byrne
    Emily Swadling
LA2  Jessica Orr  Tyraa Lawler
Helping your child with maths

**How can I help my child?**

Discuss your child’s progress in maths with your child’s teacher regularly.

- Be aware of the maths your child is learning in school and support them at home with every day activities and games.
- Attend parent-teacher meetings to find out more about learning maths.
- Visit det.wa.edu.au/education/schoolsandyou for links to parent booklets that are free to download.
- There are many websites that have interesting, interactive maths activities. Just do a search for number games or ask your teacher to recommend websites.
- Place maths posters such as times tables around the home.

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World of Maths Incursion.

Teacher involvement

Education Assistants involvement

Parent involvement

Kids having fun!!
Thank you to all the parents who are supporting our school by collecting their Midland Gate receipts and dropping them at the quick drop boxes or at the canteen. Remember for every dollar you spend at Midland Gate our school will gain kilometres in a Run Around Australia. Currently we are 9th on the leaderboard. Check it out at midlandgate.com or go to runaroundaustralia.com to see how far we have travelled. With your help we have a chance of winning one of the local prizes with which we could purchase a thermomix for the canteen. Sign up as a VIP to earn 200 bonus kilometres and individuals have a chance to win $50 gift card each week and a $500 gift card at the end of the promotion. I won the first weeks prize! There is also a chance for VIPs to win a thermomix. GET THOSE DOCKETS IN AND HELP US WIN.

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**CanTeen News**

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**Swan View Surveyor**

Year 7 Rottnest Camp Fundraising News.

Our third sausage sizzle to raise funds for the year 7 camp raised a total of $243.90, a fantastic effort. Thanks to all parents and students who have supported us so far this term. Thanks also to the helpers on the day who cooked and prepared the sausages for us; Megan Robinett, Neecole Downing, Karen Green, Dave Doyle, Sandy Gibson and Teresa Elzer. Congratulations also goes to Shakaya Smith who is our lucky raffle winner. Shakaya can pick up her $10.00 canteen voucher from my office.

Mowing Of The School Grounds

The mowing of the lawns is contracted out to an external provider. They do their very best to mow without causing too much inconvenience for all of us. Sometimes, we have a hiccup in the timetable so we deal with it on a case by case basis. For example, they mowed the lawns on Friday when we were at sport but after I had spoken to them they were happy to cease work and we changed the mowing schedule. Yesterday after school, the mowers were there and they were abused by one of the parents. After school is a time when the mowers can work without interrupting the school program, and at that time all parents and students should have vacated the property.

**Pyjamarama Story Time**

Midland Library
Wednesday 23rd May @ 5.30pm for children 3 to 8 years.
Join us for a milo and biscuits with stories before bed. Wear your pyjamas and bring along your favourite cuddly toy and snuggle in for stories and songs.
Bookings are essential, please phone Midland Library on 9267 9020

**WINTER BASEBALL PROGRAM AT SWAN DISTRICTS**

This program will be conducted by Swan Districts State League Coach Arnie Noel and players from the Senior Club. There will be two programs running on Saturday afternoons from the 5th May to 30th June between 2pm to 4pm.
Teeball to Baseball transition and Little League program for players aged 9 to 12 years old AND Baseball program for players 13 to 16 years old. For further information please contact: Marina Brennan 0422 522 463/9250 6508 Email: swandistrictsjnr.ballclub@gmail.com Or visit our website: www.swandistrictsjnr.baseball.com.au

**Worm Wizz for sale**

Worm Wizz for sale for a gold coin donation. Worm wizz is an organic fertiliser that is suitable for all plants. It can be used diluted 1:10 or straight. If you would like to purchase some worm wizz contact the office or A6.

**School Banking**

Exciting prizes for students. As we celebrate our centenary the Commonwealth Bank will be running a fun and exciting School Banking competition between 16th April and 30 June 2012. There will be some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including iPads, excursions, movie tickets and more. Competition entry will be very simple, however a child must be banking at school to be eligible.