Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

**DEALING WITH A DEFIANT CHILD.**

When children are defiant, their goal is not to annoy, disrespect, or frustrate us. Rather, their goal often is to feel significant. Teachers sometimes get into power struggles with defiant children but teachers never win power struggles. Once you’re in one, you’ve lost. And so has the child: No-one wins a power struggle.

- Build positive relationships. Potentially defiant students need to know that you’ll still care about them whatever happens. Focus on positive attributes, learn about their interests, and channel those strengths into playing an important role.
- Reinforce progress and effort. Notice, and give specific praise for, positive, co-operative behaviours, however small. Better to talk about positive results – for example, “When you helped Kevin this morning, I think he felt valued.”
- Teach how to disagree respectfully. It’s empowering for all children – especially those who struggle with authority – to know that they may disagree with adults as long as it’s done appropriately. Children should be taught to use phrases like “I feel that” and “I suggest” when they believe something is unfair or should be changed.
- Channel children’s energy in positive directions. If children are fired up about an issue, they can be encouraged to write letters to the school or community paper, get involved in service projects, or do their own research on it.

**Parent Night**

Parent night will be held on Wednesday 26 August between 5-7pm. Please come along and look at the children’s wonderful work.

Cheers, Marg
Early in the term the Years 4-6 students listened to several students presenting the nomination speeches for the role of school councillors. The councillors are voted in by their peers. A big thank you to the outgoing councillors Brianna Hubbard, Jasmin Donnelly, Trey Robinett and Destiny Dhue and congratulations to the four students elected for Semester 2.

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

**A Block recipients**
A1  Rebecca Gibb  Christian Cassey  
A6  Hellen Martins  Seth Metcalf  
A7  Sebastian Cassey  Nathaniel Cross

**B Block recipients**
B2  Seth Hughes  Steven Foale  
B3  Angus Walley  Jaime Delfin  
B4  Hamish Allen  Maddy Lynch  
B5  Bella Geracitano  Lauchlan Toll  
B6  Dylan Arjoon-Cloghan  Ali Methri

**C Block recipients**
C1  Keisha Reed  Blake Edney  
    Ethan Wilson-Daurat  Hellen Martins  
C4  Tazma Ward  Charmina Tittum

**Early Childhood Unit**
EC4  Ryan Regi  Luke Bollati  
EC5  Lochlan Nichols Bella May Higgins

**Sports**
Roger Rojo Aowyn Walley  
Arlyn Grant

**Science**
Gabrielle Cameron  
Isobell Stone
Students from B2, B3 and EC2/3 visited Kalamunda History Village during last week. It is the best excursion to develop an understanding of time past and the application of technologies to our modern way of life.
BOOKWEEK 2015-BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD.
We have many delicious meals available during Bookweek.
Tuesday 25th August– Chicken soup, pizza sub, milk and Sippah $6.00
Wednesday 26th August– Club sandwich, milk and sippah- $6.00
Thursday 26th August– Dino snacks with mashed potato, peas and corn, with a piece of orange, milk and sippah- $6.00
Friday 28th August– Macaroni cheese, slinky apple, milk and sippah- $6.00
Please place orders at the canteen by Friday 21st August to ensure sufficient ordering.

Fundraising News by Sarah Mitchell
We will be holding a Fathers Day stall on the 4th September. From 9.30-2.00pm. Prices will vary from $1.00-$7.00.
Donations will be gratefully accepted. Please drop any items into the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS
PCYC ARCHERY
PCYC archery for beginners is held on Tuesdays between 6-7pm and on Saturdays between 10-11am.
Ages 10 years and above are welcome.
$10 per session
Starts Saturday 22nd August at 10am for an information and half session.
Please contact us on 9274 1918 or visit midlandpcyc@wapcyc.com.au

3 year old kindy
Specialists in 3 YO Kindy for 15 years
Woodlupine Family Centre, 88 Hale Rd, Forrestfield
Our experienced team of Educators includes a finalist for 2015 in the State Child Care Awards.
Vacancies available now for 2016. Please contact the office on 9359 1155 for details.
All welcome to our Open Day Monday 9th November from 9.30-11.30am.

PLAY TEE-BALL
Swan Districts Teeball Association are seeking players for the 2015-16 season.
Our aim is to provide fun and enjoyment for kids and adults alike while teaching fundamental sporting skills and having a great time.
Come down and have some fun, make new friends and enjoy Tee-ball at Swans.
Registrations will be held on Saturday 15th August from 12.00pm-2.00pm,
Wednesday 19th August & Monday 24th August from 33.30pm– 5.30pm
Ring registrar Andrew on 0475 555 906 or register online at www.swandistrictsteeball.com.au
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