Dear Parents and Community Members

What a great start to the school year. I have been delighted with the way most students have settled back in to school life.

School Assembly
Our first class assembly of the year will be held on Friday 22nd February by Jarrah 3, Mrs Loffelmann’s Year 3 Class.

P&C Meeting
The P&C held its first meeting of the year on Monday 11th February. It was great to see some new faces and the P&C were able to approve a number of financial requests from the school. I know they will be sending out their own newsletter but we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful P&C who donate in excess of $20,000 each year to the school. The exciting news for this year is that they are purchasing a giant fan for the undercover area. This will make the space far more comfortable for our community during assemblies, incursions, discos and Phys Ed lessons. A huge thank you to the P&C.

Swimming
The Year 5 and 6 students start their swimming lessons on the beach this week. I know they are going to have a great time and learn many important skills.

Year Six Camp
The Year Six students will be on camp at Fairbridge Farm 5th-7th March.

Bike Riding on School Grounds
A reminder that the riding of bicycles on school grounds is not permitted. Students and parents are asked to dismount and walk their bikes on and off the school grounds. We have had several near misses already this year. A reminder that WA law requires all cyclists to wear a helmet.

Parent Information Evening
Our Parent Information Evening will be held tomorrow evening from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm. A timetable has been sent out and I look forward to seeing many parents at the school. If you are unable to attend or there is a clash of times if you have more than one child, a class information letter will be emailed out to you.

Collaborative Catch Up
Twice a term, the Associate Principals and myself take all PP-Y6 students for an hour to give staff time to collaboratively plan. Our first one took place on Friday last week. I told some stories related to the Aboriginal Cultural Framework. I told the story of the Rainbow Serpent and linked it to Chinese New Year, Noah, Garden of Eden etc. I made the point that all cultures had stories to explain significant cultural events.

The Associate Principals then ran a buddy class activity and introduced our new student leaders for this semester.

Dress Code
A reminder that from today all students who play outside will be required to wear a school hat. Baseball caps and hoodies are not acceptable. Hats can be purchased every day from the canteen or from the uniform shop during normal opening hours.

Junior Football
Ocean Ridge Junior Football Club is holding a registration day for both boys and girls football.
**Social Media**

It is timely to remind parents of the risks associated with the use of social media. Across the country, children are using social media younger and younger.

Most apps are for use by children aged 13+. However, children are using apps younger than the recommended age and we need to make sure children are safe and well educated on risks that are easily avoidable.

YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat and Musical.ly are the most popular with young children. Do you know how to identify that they are following a real celebrity? It is rare that primary school age children can answer the question. The reason they need to know is there are multiple fake accounts trying to lure young people into following them. In extreme cases, young people have disclosed that during their talks that they have received private messages from celebrities. Conversations with these “celebrities” often involve asking for inappropriate photographs of the young child. Please make sure that your children know that a celebrity will not send them a private message. Ever.

Be aware that whenever someone who is hugely popular with young children is touring the country, fake accounts start to appear. For example, Kylie Minogue is about to visit and we may see fake accounts being set up pretending to be her.

Fake accounts will often have a slight typo in the name, usually so minor that a young child will not be able to notice. You cannot monitor 24/7 what your child sees on social media unless you are holding the device and hovering over their shoulder. Even with monitoring devices in place, some things slip through. They are never fool proof solutions.

Every parent and carer needs to know how to identify a real celebrity. Most major social media platforms have a verification process to prove that it is the real celebrity or organisation. Please check through with children each celebrity account they are following and unfollow the profiles that do not have the following verification symbols in place.

- Facebook a tick in a circle next to the name of the page.
- Instagram it is a blue circle, with a white tick in a circle next to the name of the page.
- Snapchat calls its verified accounts “Official Stories”. When you follow a famous person on Snapchat, you’ll know they’re verified if they have an emoji to the right of their name. And yes, celebrities get to pick their emoji.
- Twitter has a blue circle with a white tick in it beside the name.
- Musical.ly has a crown emoji next to the profile picture of the celebrity.
- YouTube has a red tick in a white box with a red border.

This information has been provided by “Safe on Social Media” and for further information please log on to: www.safeonsocial.com

David Womersley, Principal

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Many thanks to those parents who have sent in shoe boxes, I am still after some more. Just a reminder that all students require a plastic pouch folder for Science, as I no longer use scrapbooks. Thank you to all those parents who have already supplied this for their child/children.

**Lab Assistants unpacking our new resources**

Sara Munro, Science, Design & Technology Teacher
From the Associates

Student Leaders
Congratulations to our newly elected Semester 1 student leaders Josie (Tuart 1), Isla (Tuart 1), Georgia (Tuart 3), Iona (Tuart 1) Leilah (Tuart 1), James (Tuart 3) Liam (Tuart 1) and Lucas (Tuart 3). The student leaders will be kept busy working with Mrs Coyle in a number of ways, including presenting at assemblies, supporting students in the playground and organising lunch time activities.

Kiss and Drive
Kiss and Drive will continue to operate this year in the bays adjacent to the staff carpark. This is a NO PARKING area. If your child is not waiting for you at the Kiss and Drive, please continue to drive between the roundabouts to ensure that traffic continues to flow. The staff carpark is also a NO PARKING area for parents for student safety reasons. Please do not use this car park for dropping off or picking up children at any time of the day. We thank you for your support in this to help keep our school and students safe.

Mobile Phones
A reminder that mobile phones are not to be used at school by students, other than to text/call parents to confirm safe arrival at school. Mobile phones are to be kept in students’ bags during the day. For safety and privacy reasons, students are not to take photos or videos of other students on their phones while at school.

WOW work
Mrs Cochrane and Mrs Coyle love seeing great student work in the office! Teachers send students who are trying super hard or students who have “Wowed” them with outstanding work. We would like to celebrate with you some of our WOW work!

Use your camera on your phone to scan this QR Code to view our WOW work.

10 Ways to ask ‘How was school today?’
Here are some questions you can ask to get your children talking...

- What is the best thing that happened today?
- How did somebody help you today?
- Tell me one thing you discovered today?
- When were you the happiest today?
- Where do you play the most at recess?
- Would you like to play with tomorrow that you haven’t played with before?
- What did you do for someone that was kind?
- Who did you sit next to in class?
- How would you describe your teacher using three words?
- What are you most looking forward to doing at school tomorrow?

Brooke Coyle & Chantelle Cochrane, Associate Principals
Confidential Declaration Forms

Confidential Declaration forms have been sent home today with the eldest child in the family. Parents wishing to volunteer in the school or on excursions with students must complete this form and return it to the school office. These forms must be completed on an annual basis. Parents attending school camps or overnight stays are required to have a Working with Children Check Card.

Learning • Respect • Inclusion • Relationships • Independence

Nihongo Club is back for 2019. It is an opportunity for students to take part in many hands on activities related to Japanese culture. In our first Nihongo Club students made origami arigatou (ありがとう thank you) hearts (心 こころ kokoro). We also folded ogres (鬼 おに oni) to celebrate the Japanese festival Setsubun. Arigatou (Thank you) to the Year 6 mini senseis for their support during our first Nihongo Club of the year.

See you in Nihongo Club every Wednesday lunch in Karri 3.

Don’t forget to be a mini sensei and teach someone or thing (pets can be included!) Nihongo Japanese we have studied in class. When we teach we learn and it’s great review. Sayounara.

Jorgensen Sensei (Japanese Teacher)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Connolly OSH Club Room can be found at the front of the school in the Banksia Block. Our opening hours are 7:00am - 9:00am ad 2:50pm - 6:00pm. We offer breakfast until 8:00am and we also provide an afternoon snack with fresh fruit for after school care. For Vacation care parent and guardians will need to provide a morning snack, lunch, and a afternoon snack. We provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities suitable for all the age groups.

Please ensure your child has a hat to be able to play outside, if children don’t bring a hat they wont be able to play outside due to our sun smart policy. Children will also have to apply sunscreen (We can help the younger ones) We do supply the sunscreen, your also welcome to bring your own if you would prefer or have a medical reason for doing so. Hats and sunscreen are to be worn all year round.

Any questions you may have or if you would like any additional information please give us a call or pop in and see us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Laura – Coordinator & Olivia – Assistant

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