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Independent Public School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 1. Children and staff have worked so hard this term with the reading program Cars and Stars and PR1ME Maths being implemented from Pre-primary to Year 6. PR1ME Maths is based on the Singapore maths program and requires a high level of engagement by children and their teachers.

Play Based or Academic Learning in the Early Years

You may have seen or heard some strong opinions in the media recently about how schools need to have more 'play-based' learning and less formal, academic learning.

I am concerned that the views expressed seem to be quite polarising. We at Malvern Springs Primary School believe there needs to be the 'right' balance of both approaches to children's learning. This means the 'balance' would be different for children of different ages, with more play-based learning occurring in Kindergarten than Year 6. We also believe that all learning should be engaging for children at all times. Our goals are for every child to have success at school, to enjoy being at school and to feel safe at school. We want to be sensible in our approaches to children's learning.



Parents and Citizens News

Many thanks to the outgoing P&C Office Bearers and Executive for their hard work and contributions to Malvern Springs PS over the last year. Congratulations to the following for accepting nominations for the following P&C positions for the 2018 school year.

President: Gedda Brooks (returning)

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Rebecca Thorpe (returning)

Treasurer: Jodie Yost (returning)

Fundraising Coordinator: Sara Matthews

Events Coordinator: Kylie Crane

Grants Coordinator: Mel Garbutt (returning)

Executive Committee Members: Sonia Eaton, Estelle Daw,
Cass McQueen



Many, many thanks to Michelle Johnston who is retiring as an executive member of the P&C. I look forward to working with the incoming committee.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (cont)...

Staff Changes for Term 2

Acting Principal: Mrs Penny Reynolds

Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs Karen Kenny

I will be on Long Service Leave for all of Term 2.

Holiday Dates

Holidays begin Friday 13 April. Children return to school on Tuesday 1 May.

Have a fun-filled and safe holiday.



Regards
Dr Jenny Kuhn
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTYS' DESK...

Australian Early Development Census

In early 2018, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fourth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don't need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers' individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

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Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transition to Year 1 and for developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au



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Deputy Principals

MUSIC NEWS...

What a great start to 2018! Music classes have progressed smoothly in Term One with all classes from Pre-Primary to Year 6 settling into a nice rhythm.



Speaking of rhythm, we had a whole school incursion called KABOOM Percussion visit Malvern Springs. Josh and Cat entertained us with their rhythm skills on ordinary, everyday items such as brooms, chairs and cups. We were amazed at eggs multiplying and drumsticks flying. Check out some photos of the day which was enjoyed by all.



Finally, both the School Choir and the School Concert Band have made a successful start with all of our IMSS positions filled and PMI has had some good enrolments. If students wish to enrol, positions are still available for PMI enrolments. The first performance of 2018, for both groups, will be at the ANZAC Service on the 10th of April. Thank you to students who have been working hard with extra practices in order to give their best.



All the best over the Holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Term Two.



Mrs. Robeson, Mrs. Seymour, Mr. Dawson
Music Teachers

MERIT CERTIFICATES...

The following students have received Merit Certificates

Congratulations!

Caitlyn C	Brody H	Jessica K			Ellie D
Chol R	Flynn B	Krish S	Josiah N	Harrison V	Georgia J
Maanvi N	Shaleah B	Zarah T	Steven L	Lincoln S	Haiden B
Mackenzie J	Forrest P	Isaac P	Annabelle S	Makayla B	Ronan J
Mia P	Jayden C	Miah R	Indiana J	Piya K	Emily L
Nimrat G	Mya D	Jax C	Lincoln G	Zahlia S	Hayley R
Sienna S	Giulia G	Tilly W	Roman M	Ellee J	Maylee M
Mathew K	Kynan D	Georgie D	Chloe R	Joshua Mc	Zavier F
Kherington G	Luke C	Utkarsh S	Shirin B	Riley Y	Lucas S

DENTAL THERAPY...

The Dental Therapy Staff will be visiting for Dental Screening on Thursday the 10th of May. Dental Screening is a growth and development check for all **enrolled** students in Pre- Primary, Year 3 & 6. This is not a thorough check-up, so parents will not need to be present. If a follow-up appointment is required parents will be contacted. Parents of Pre- Primary children will receive appointments for initial check-ups in the upcoming months. Please ensure all outstanding enrolment forms are returned promptly as only **enrolled** students will be seen. For any further information please contact the Dental Therapy Centre.

ANNE HAMERSLEY DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE
(08) 9297 7021

COMMUNITY NOTICES...



WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALISED BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Western Australia's highest ranked basketball school is currently accepting applications for their 2019 student intake.

The Specialist Basketball Program inspires talented young West Australians to develop their skills, leadership, character and passion for excellence, both on and off the court. Our students learn the fundamentals of basketball in a high performance environment, as well as life-skills and values such as respect, leadership, time management, teamwork, discipline, mental toughness and sportsmanship.



The Willetton Senior High School Specialist Basketball Studies Program has been instrumental in developing many talented young athletes who have gone on to elite careers.

For further information please visit the website:

<https://www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au/our-curriculum/specialist-programs/specialist-basketball/>

Application for Year 7, 2019 close Friday May 11

Application for Years 8 - 11, 2019 close Friday June 8



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PMI PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE **Concert Band, Keyboard & Guitar Lessons**
Malvern Springs PS

Accepting New Students For Instrumental Lessons

- Lessons are available once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!

Concert Band Lessons & Rehearsals

- Band rehearsals 1 hour per week before / after school (only \$4.95, and free if having PMI lessons)
- Instruments indicatively include: alto saxophone, flute, clarinet, snare drum, trumpet, trombone
- Equipment to be coordinated by parents. Primary Music Institute can provide details of easy rental and purchase options. School PnC also offer an instrument hire program
- Participation is available to students in **grades 4 and above**

Keyboard & Guitar Lessons

- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Participation is available to students in **all grades (but below grade 4 will have lessons after school)**

• Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM



Join your next FREE local program at Arbor Grove Primary School

DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 9 week healthy lifestyle program for families. In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.

PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 2 2018:

Call us: 1300 822 953
Text us: 0409 745 645
Online: www.betterhealthprogram.org

Starts: May 5th, 2018
Day: Wednesday
Time: 4-6pm

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Healthy Active Happy Kids



Gecko Ensembles Weekly Drama Classes for children aged 8 - 12

Fun today. Skills for life.
"If I could describe my experience in one word
it would be quite simple - fun!"
- Junior Gecko

Perth's favourite drama program for children is losing Midland, and we are set for another term! Gecko Ensembles help kids develop reading, speaking and listening skills in a safe and fun environment with expert guidance from our teaching artists.

Gecko Ensembles run every week of the school term and build toward a showing for friends and family at the end of term.

book online at barkinggecko.com.au
or call 08 6212 9399

Term begins 5 May
Midland Junction Arts Centre



BARKING GECKO THEATRE COMPANY **healthway**

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Tuesday 10 April ANZAC Service—10:00am
Wednesday 11 April—13 April Year 6 Camp
Tuesday 1 May School Resumes

*"When you think things are bad,
When you feel sour and blue,
When you start to get mad...
You should do what I do...
Just tell yourself, Duckie,
You're really quite lucky!
Some people are much more...
Oh, ever so much more...
Oh, muchly much-much more
Unlucky than you!"*
- Dr Seuss

Term 1 2018 Wednesday 31 January 2018 to Friday 13 April 2018
Term 2 2018 Tuesday 1 May to Friday 29 June 2018