



## Newsletter 8 Term 3

### Some belated THANKS and CELEBRATIONS...

Thankyou Cap'n Hooknose & your ukulele playing Pirate Crew for such a brilliantly entertaining performance at the end of term 3. Thanks for your generosity of time and talent shared with these kids each week.

Congratulations to Sisi and her Mum and Dad, Emma and Nelson, on the arrival of their dear little brother and son, Zane Nelson!

Thankyou SAS community for gathering to farewell the Markeys. I know they appreciated this – and we know it is not the last we will see of them.



We wished Jo, Charlotte and Brendan well as they took off to discover more of our State of Excitement, WA and to venture into the Northern Territory's treasures.

Thankyou teachers, kids and parents for participating in Three Way Conferences to consider and support your child's learning with setting of new goals based on information in and associated with mid year reporting.

And not so belated.....

Welcome to Narooma, to SAS and to Red Harmony Group, Elanora and her Mum and Dad, Marie and Ben, and little brother Cooper.

Welcome to Coinda, Tara, joining your brother Zak, here at school.

Woo hoo .....

the Greenhouse has been constructed inside The Wishing Garden (great photos taken by the kids uploaded to SAS Facebook, July 19)

two 3D printers, received as part of the Circuit Breakers program, have arrived in the school – housed and already operating in The Lab.

Woo hoo.....we have a pizza oven once more! This is a new design of Tom's with raised pizza stone to also accommodate char grill plate.

ThankYOU Soupmaking Mamas and Papas!! Each Tuesday is a fresh delight. Thankyou for deliciousness and dollars - \$1800 tm 3 – brilliant effort. Please note request, gentle nudge, from Helen to contribute your culinary love to the roster this term.

Welcome back today, Karen Burmas! Good to have you 'home', refreshed from a wonderful holiday. Haya loved working with Bakoolbans in your absence.

Thankyou to Haya who took on Kitchen Class with Bunganans when Laura was unwell last week.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Please come along, if you are able to, to the OPEN SAS School Board meeting 2017: **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August**, 7:00 – 9:00pm. We will discuss the Business Plan that is ending cycle and discuss the development of our new Business Plan for the coming three year cycle. These will be influenced by reports resulting from the recent reviews of the school by the Expert Review Group and by the Independent Public Schools Review Team. Also raised will be the Name and the Student Population (size) of SAS.

Bring your thoughts and join in the conversation.

### P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held here on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Come along! The agenda is being drawn up and you will be receive further information – but for now mark it on your calendar and join in the community conversation.

The expectation as a member of SAS is that you will participate and contribute and this is one of the ways in which you may do so – and to find out at this meeting the many other ways too.

### HATS and WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child has at least one of each every day.

## ATTENDANCE – being here, going there, coming late

Please note that to support accurate record keeping – and to meet duty of care/risk management measures – we are adopting a system that, along with the expectation that you sign in when arriving late at school – ie late start, been at an appointment, any reason – we now ask that your child takes the orange card into class and gives to their teacher. In this way the teacher is quickly assured that the late attendance has been recorded and doesn't have to ask if you've been to the office.



When you need to collect your child from school during the day, for any reason, at all times, please come first to the office and complete the appropriate register. Take the purple slip/s to collect your child/ren and hand to the teacher/s; so that the teacher knows the child is leaving and that the reason has

been recorded in the register at the office.

## ABSENCES

When your child is absent from school please notify the office with an explanation for this. The earlier in the day you do so the better. A written explanation is to be provided for any absence.

Advising of your child's absence by email – [Spearwood.as@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Spearwood.as@education.wa.edu.au) meets this requirement if it has the reason for absence included in the body of the email. In the subject heading please include child's full name and date of absence/s. If your child is going to be away for longer than first anticipated please follow up with another email.

## DANCE

Jess and teachers were impressed with the kids' engagement with their first dance class 2017 and to note the progress of many. Fabulous!

## NAROOMA

Breana, mum of Stella and Tully, is enrolled in a certificate course to become an Education Assistant and is completing practice hours in Narooma. As Bree supported so many aspects of Narooma's learning program in previous years with her girls in the class she is a real asset. We wish her well in her studies.

Please, when you are unable to make it to your rostered day in the Kitchen Class, arrange for someone to take your place. We do expect you to meet your commitment to provide – yourself or your replacement – adult assistance to the class and the kids.

Enrolments have yet to be finalised for kindergarten and pre-primary 2018. Sorry for delay and suspense. You will receive notice shortly.

## BAKOOLBA

Steve Grant, Freo Herald, came to speak with the class in response to emails kids sent him about what was happening to our beloved bush block, Piara.

**Kids bushwhacked**  
by STEVE GRANT

TO the kids of Spearwood Alternative School, the small patch of bush tucked away behind their classrooms is a wondrous playground full of secret cubbies and shy quenda.

But their efforts to maintain and beautify Piara, as they call it, are being hampered by hoons practicing their drifting and tradies dumping daily loads of rubble from nearby building sites. A council contractor got in on the act after installing a new playground in a neighbouring park, dumping left-over turf and rubble on top of bushes the kids had planted.

"We learn a lot inside Piara as well as have fun," said Jack from the school's year 3/4 class.

"We have grown trees and plants and they are all native Australian plants. There has been constant people not using their initiative and driving their cars straight through Piara and destroying the bushland."

The kids have tried to educate the grown-ups about the site's importance, putting up signs and making makeshift roadblocks with rocks and branches, but the hoons mow down the signs and simply

swerve around the barriers, making new scars along the way. Jack's classmate Anouk lives across the road, and recently her family took photos of the hoons.

"They smashed down the sign and they were playing cricket up by the toilets, and we took photos of their number plates."

"It's very upsetting because it's a wonderful bushland where we learn and have so much fun," she says.

"I have had enough of it," says Megan.

"We have got their number

plate and we would hate to bring this further, but if they continue we will be forced to tell the police."

Anouk goes further, saying the kids want an apology in return for their silence.

Class teacher Craig Murphy says the school surveyed the land and realised its boundary was a lot bigger than expected, and it's given the kids a renewed zest to restore the bushland and use it as a backyard science lab. Mr Murphy says that'll be difficult unless locals start respecting the site.

Teacher Craig Murphy and his year 3 and 4 students wonder what it will take to protect their bush playground. Photo by Steve Grant

Bakoollbans reaching out – locally and globally – has had significant response. Last week Pippa received a reply to her letter to Patch Adams at the Gesundheit Institute.

PEAC (Primary Extension And Challenge) testing will take place in the next couple of weeks. Please let Denise know if you'd rather your child not participate.

## BUNGANA

Unfortunately Ali's return to fulltime with the Bunganans has been shortlived; her enthusiasm was not matched with her health and capacity to do so, no matter how much she wanted it to. Ali now needs some time away, at this stage a month, and on her return it will be to three days each week.

Lilanie Buekes and Lehani Williams have made themselves available and along with Gitika and Kiran will support the learning program and the learners of Bungana. We will aim to keep the Bungana teaching team as – Lilanie, Lehani, Gitika and Kiran; and of course their subject specialist teachers. The kids will support each other and will step up to demonstrate their independent learning capability.

Thankyou to parents who came together Monday afternoon to talk about this.

Thankyou to those of you who have requested time with me to talk through how this may impact your child so that we can work together to support them.

I have spoken with Gitika re some of the points raised and will speak with both Lilanie and Lehani this coming Friday when they are both here together. (Lehani taking Karen L's role that day).

I will send home a copy of who is with Bungana each day of the week throughout the month.

## HIROSHIMA DAY

Anna and Nellie represented SAS and themselves beautifully last Friday. They participated in the local ceremony that annually acknowledges the devastation that was the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and the strong message from that decision of the desire for peace in a world free of nuclear weapons.

Following brief words from City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett, and then from the Consul General of the Japanese Consulate here in WA, two white doves were released and trees were planted, by each of the schools represented, in Botany Park, Hammond Park.

At Council Chambers a luscious morning tea preceded a further brief speech before the mayor introduced Anna and Nellie to read the Story of the Peace Crane. They did so with clarity, without hesitation, and with a presence that impacted on those listening. With their permission I have uploaded the video to SAS Facebook.



Consul General and Vice Consul of the Japanese Consulate. Thanks Ryan for accompanying the kids.

This, posted by Vandana recently to SAS Fbk, seems relevant:

*'Yindyamarra Winhanganha' .... heard this beautiful word on ABC radio during morning commute to work, from a boy from Wiradjuri community.*

*'Yindyamarra Winhanganha' is a Wiradjuri phrase meaning, 'the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in'*

## ART / DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Kerry, with the kids, is creatively supporting learning in both these areas this term.

Some of the kids are designing "something that the world needs more of" in response to the Cardboard Challenge put forward by the Awesome Arts team. The works have to contain at least one moving part and must use recycled items. The kids may choose to submit their works, including a description of how the cardboard creation works, to be possible chosen to be exhibited during the Awesome Festival in October.

Kerry has been taking art classes with interested Bunganans after school on Thursdays. Thanks Kerry.

**DENTAL SCREENING** of Preprimary, year 3 and year 6 students on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August starting just after 9:00am. This service is provided free of charge by the Dental Therapy Centre.

## CLOTHES SWAP

This has been re-scheduled to Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, opening at 6:30pm. Come and have a laugh and choose some new additions for your recently cleared wardrobe from someone else's. There will be some items for Men and Kids, too. \$20 will get you a good night, some luscious nibbles, a drink and some 'new' clothes.

## PUPIL FREE DAY and other

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August**, staff will participate in planning and no children will attend school on this day. Enjoy a long weekend with your lovelies.

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August**, staff will also participate in planning but relief teaching staff will be with classes. Music and Noongar lessons will proceed as per usual and the **kids are expected to be at school**.

## WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY CAMP 2018

If you are interested in contributing to the development and organisation of next year's camp – in any capacity – please join Denise in a meeting at **3:15pm next Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August**. Camp in 2018 is to be held onsite at school – with some exciting going out adventures also. Come along and hear more about camp and what is possible even if at this stage you are not certain you wish to 'put your hand up' for any role

in the committee. Your input will be very much appreciated.

### STTEAM Day and ART Exhibition

On **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**, in the final week of term three the kids will participate in a fabulous array of activities organised by each of the Harmony Groups and based on Science / Technology / Engineering / Art / Maths principles. You are all invited to join in.

Kerry will have, with the kids, the week before, prepared an exhibition of kids' artworks that you will be able to enjoy on the same day.

Yellow HG have put a call out for cardboard rolls for their project.

Red have put a call out to parents of their own group first and will, if necessary, follow up with call out to broader community for smallish objects in HG colours that can be put into their design piece.

### BAMBOO STRAWS

The entrepreneurs of Bungana will appreciate your order for these. Funds raised support the ongoing function of the Greenhouse in propagating native plants. Check out the SAS Fbk post and the posters around the school and place your order at the office.

### PIRATE FAIR

Captain Hooknose (aka Justin and Banjo's Dad) has generated quite some excitement with the suggestion of a Pirate Fair/School Fete. If you are feeling the enthusiasm to get behind this idea please let him know, and or your class rep know, and please attend the P & C meeting because this will be on the agenda.

And .....from Justin/Captain.....*the PU crew and I have this Pirate Fair idea which is basically the Spring Fair with a Pirate theme. We would like to pitch our idea on **Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> August** after Pirate Ukulele say **9:00am – 9:15am in The Space**. I'm envisioning some sort of powerpoint presentation using the projector in that room. The plan is to whip the kids into a frenzy of excitement about the event so that they go home and tell their parents, and together they can start coming up with brilliant ideas. Of course parents can come along to the presentation too! I will also pitch the idea to the P&C on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at the next meeting but I want to get the ball rolling asap.*

**Arshi** is able to support SAS learning program with some '**volunteer hours**' and will come in Thursday and Friday afternoons to do so. It will be good to have her here.

**Phoenix Park Little Athletics Club** established in 1976 is the oldest club affiliated with the Cockburn Little Athletics Centre and is seeking new members to join the upcoming summer athletics season commencing October 2017. Athlete ages range from under 6s through to under 17s.

Our ethos is to encourage development of physical fitness at an early age for children of all abilities and capabilities.

Our athletes are encouraged to have fun, participate, and achieve their personal best, in a family friendly, supportive, and interactive environment. We're running a number of no obligation trials during training sessions in September so prospective new members and families can see what Phoenix Park LAC can offer.

Phone: 0438116616

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### Children's Leadership forum

Are you a Year 5 or 6 student attending school in Cockburn or Kwinana?

Would you like to have your voice heard and be an active citizen?

Do you want to help improve outcomes for young children?

Then come along to our fun, interactive workshop with games and a free feed!

Connecting Community for Kids has just finalised a series of four workshops with community members and service providers to brainstorm identified themes impacting childhood development. Now we would like the kids of Cockburn and Kwinana to have their say and share their stories.

Parents, please register your child's interest now!

Tuesday 22nd August  
3.30pm to 5pm

The Hive, Cockburn Youth Centre  
25 Wentworth Parade, Success  
0429 904 324

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All staff at Connecting Community for Kids hold a WWCC. Your child will need to be signed in prior to the session beginning and signed out for collection. Parental Permission will need to be given prior to participation.