Good Evening Everyone

The completion of first term has arrived, rather too quickly for all the matters that are yet to be attended to. However after a break I’m sure all staff and students will be ready and raring to go again on Thursday April 26 until the mid year break on Friday 6 July.

Most importantly I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

ANZAC DAY
The School will acknowledge our Servicemen/women with a ceremony on Friday April 27 as this is the closest date we can get to Anzac Day. The ceremony will take place in front of the flagpole (weather permitting) and will begin at 2.15pm. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

ANZAC WREATH FLOWERS – DONATIONS
Could families/students who would like to donate flowers to be used in our school's ANZAC Wreath, please deliver flowers to the Art Room on Friday, 27th April by 9.00am.

Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Preparation has already commenced for this next interschool activity (May 25). Training will continue in the first few weeks of next term including a P&C organised Fun Run at the Country Club on Friday 11 May followed by the Championship the next Friday. Both days will commence at 1.00pm with students walking to the Country Club as their warm-up. Students will be bussed back School at 02.45pm ready for their school bus or to walk home.

Parents wishing to collect their child at The Country Club MUST inform the teacher prior to the respective activities. All children are expected to take part in the Fun Run and will be limited to running/walking two laps of the Cross Country Course.

IGA VOUCHER PROMOTION
Our school is collecting coupons for the IGA $20,000 School Wish List promotion, which were published in the Saturday edition of the West Australian newspaper on 17, 24 and 31 March 2012.

The more coupons we collect, the more chances our school has of winning prizes ranging from $1000 to $5000 cash.

If you purchased the West Australian on the above dates or know someone who does, please cut out the coupons and drop them into the School.

Thank you in anticipation of your help!

SCHOOL HALL
The School Hall is currently empty! If you have any suggestions as to its best use to benefit student learning please contact me or one of the School Council members.

NAPLAN TESTS
Next term in week 3 the National Testing programme will begin; it is important that ALL students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are at School during this time so that their progress can be monitored in comparison to other students across Australia.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
We have now completed two yachting theory sessions with Jamie Dunross and Leah Elston and will commence practical sailing next term. Activities next term will include students “building and sailing their own yacht” at the Yacht Club. Practical sessions will take place at the western end of Coalmine Beach commencing on Sunday 29 April from 09.00 – 11.00am. Sessions will continue each Sunday morning with the last session on May 27. The shift to Sundays is mainly for safety reasons as we can obtain more adult support for students at this time and hopefully the usually lighter morning winds will make the experience more enjoyable for our novice sailors.
In what will be a really busy term students will also have opportunities to attend Junior gymnastics on Monday, Auskick on Tuesday, Netball on Wednesday and Karate on Thursdays.
Most of these sports are community-based BUT have received some After School funding assistance with equipment etc. More details early next term.

SCHOOL FEES
To date 80% of families have paid their fees and we thank them for their ongoing support that enables us to purchase many additional items that ALL students need.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following students:

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Aussie of the Month Macy Lane

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have maintained a 100% attendance record this term:

ARROWSMITH Will
BELLANGER Kailis
CLIFFORD Harrison
EDMONDS Elsie
EDMONDS Monty
EWING Aurora
FINLAY Gabriel
HARRIS Ella
HIGGINS Lily Belle
HUNTER Jack
HUNTER Lara
ROWLANDS Jack
SLATTER Zoe
THOMPSON Kori

There were a further 31 students who have been absent on only one occasion; keep up this great attitude! This means that almost 50% of our students have attended every day or have only had one absence. Thank you to parents for their support with getting children to school every day; it is obvious that you and your children appear to value education.

If you have any matters that you wish to discuss with me or any of the teachers, please telephone to make a mutually convenient appointment. I can't guarantee the answers that everyone wants BUT I will listen and endeavour to negotiate an acceptable solution or to investigate your concerns and get back to you!

Richard Walker

This Fortnight's thoughts
"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."
Leonardo da Vinci

"The only way to get positive feelings about yourself is to take positive actions. Man does not live as he thinks, he thinks as he lives."
Vaughan Quinn
A Tale of Two Bunnies (a fable)

Once upon a time there was a forlorn bunny. He was down in the dumps because he was lonely and he felt he didn't have a purpose. He walked along and he walked along and he walked along until... he met a big white rabbit carrying a basket full of coloured eggs.

"Hello, why have you got all those eggs?" said the bunny, now not quite so forlorn.

"I'm the Easter Bunny and I'm going to hide these eggs for the children to find. Would you like to help me?"

So the two bunnies set about hiding all the eggs in the garden. The first bunny forgot about being depressed because he was having too much fun. When they'd finished, the Easter Bunny said, "To thank you for all your help I would like to invite you for dinner." This invitation was readily accepted and the two friends walked off happily into the sunset.

THE MORAL OF THE STORY - WHEN YOU GIVE YOU RECEIVE.

Licence to Parent
7pm, Tuesday 1 May, 2012 – Perth Modern School, Subiaco

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Step Parenting

Sessions Include
- Anxiety and Expectations
- The Couple in the Stepfamily
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- The Stepfamily Journey

Where     St John’s Centre
          44 Collie St, Albany
Date     Six sessions
          Starting Friday 11 May 2012
Time     1.00pm - 2.45pm
Cost     $20 for entire course
Bookings
          Bookings are essential
          Phone Marion on 98456614

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

P& C FUNDRAISER

The P&C is conducting a FUN RUN activity in conjunction with the School to raise funds to support our children’s education. Students have today been issued with individual sponsorship sheets. Funds raised by the P&C assist students by providing funds that amongst our many needs enable the school:
- to purchase new and replacement computers
- to obtain access to the Mathletics computer programme
- to purchase new and replacement playground equipment
- to maintain a comprehensive library
- to sustain the wide variety of consumable resources needed for teaching and learning resources

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If you missed it then there is still time and you can sign up at our first run which will be after school Term 2 on Tuesday May 1st.

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Healthy Easter Eating Tips

Do you and your kids love chocolate, but want to avoid overindulging this Easter holiday?

Here are some simple tips:

1. **Size does not matter**
   - Instead of giving big Easter eggs or Easter packs try giving a few little individually wrapped Easter eggs

2. **Quantity Vs quality**
   - Choose smaller amounts of good quality dark chocolate that also have additional antioxidant benefits for health and are usually more satisfying in smaller amounts

3. **Give more non edible gifts**
   - Instead of giving all chocolate for Easter why not try other gifts such as a storybook, a bunny toy, or a toy to play outside with in the holidays or a trip to a fun park or zoo

4. **Do a real Easter egg hunt or other outside games**
   - To get the kids active and outside with friends and family this Easter try hiding hard boiled painted eggs or wooden or plastic eggs to find, then reward all participants with a non edible gift. You could even do an egg and spoon race or play pin the tail on the bunny for more outdoor games.

5. **Enjoy healthy Easter treats**
   - Enjoy wholesome and healthy food this Easter with a BBQ and salads, fruit hot cross buns or try baking with the kids some healthy muffins with crosses on the top.
