PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS
I hope you like the look of the newsletter. We are trying to improve communication to parents and what better way than to have beautiful, smiling faces on the newsletter. If you have any other ideas, let us know!

Emailed newsletters look much better as they are in colour. If you would prefer your newsletter by email, please let the office know.

What a cold winter! I always boast to friends and family in Perth about how much warmer we are down here but I don’t feel it at the moment.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS
Last week the school voted for semester 2 Student Councillors. The School Captains are Sara Simpson and Maggie Hardiman, also Library and Environment Councillors, respectively. Amber Ninyette is Fundraising Councillor, Jack Hunter is Environment Councillor and Floyd Picket and Bindi Robertson are Faction Councillors. Congratulations!

SCHOOL BOARD
The School Board met last week and endorsed the Homework and Waste Wise Policies and the Healthy Lifestyles Overview. These will be posted on the school website.

The Board also reviewed the School Surveys. It was noted that one family may have completed more than one survey due to the fact that you could only enter one child per survey. This means the response may not have been as good as first expected.

The Board would like to draft their own survey next year to gather particular information they feel worthwhile to the success of the school.

SCHOOL P&C
The P&C met yesterday. They have decided to open up the P&C Facebook page to the public but have the administrator approve all posts. They also donated $500 towards Digital Technology equipment for the school. Thanks!

WORLD OF MATHS
The P-6 students had a great time discovering mathematic principles during the World of Maths Day. They worked collaboratively to solve more than 17 puzzles. Thanks to the P&C for covering the costs of this incursion.

AUSDANCE
CO3 with support from Country Arts WA and Act Belong Commit, involved the students in a dance workshop today. The students watched two very different characters explore their strengths and differences and work together for collaboration and compromise. They then had an opportunity to explore movement with a partner.

THANK YOU
Thank you to Stan and Merry from Stan’s Mechanical and Tyres for donating tyres to enclose the softfall and Russell Hill for transporting them to school.
Whooping Cough

There have been several confirmed whooping cough cases in the Albany region.

Parents and care-givers are advised to watch for signs and symptoms of this infection and take any child, adolescent or adult showing symptoms of the disease to see a doctor for testing and possible antibiotic treatment.

Symptoms of whooping cough include persistent coughing, breathing difficulties and often coughing to the point of vomiting. A flu-like illness may precede the coughing stage. Young infants and children may also make a ‘whooping’ sound during coughing bouts, but this sound does not always occur.

Adolescents and adults can have the disease with the only symptom being a persistent cough lasting several weeks or months. It is important to have such coughs assessed by a doctor because if one person in the family has whooping cough, it is likely to spread to the rest of the family, including vulnerable young children.

Whooping cough is a debilitating disease for young children who are not immunised and can be fatal in children under 2 years.

Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis in our community.

If your child is due or overdue for his/her routine 4 year old booster vaccinations, please make an appointment to see your immunisation provider. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, please see your doctor or community immunisation provider for information and vaccination if necessary. You can also call the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students:-

PP  Madison Bourbon-Muir
PP  Molly Vega
Year 1  Finn Banister-Jones
Year 2  Pia Gamblin
Year 3  Krystal Taylor
Year 4  Kalel Farnell-Henderson
Year 4  Keira English
Year 5  Luella Minchin
Year 5  Amber Vermeulen
Year 5  Ben Corrans-Larty

The Shire of Manjimup is developing an Early Years Strategy.

If you are involved in the care of a child aged 0-8, they would like your opinion.

Public consultation took place August 9 at the Walpole Recreation Centre.

If you were unable to attend but still wish to share your contribution, access the online survey at www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/earlyyearsstrategy until August 19 or collect a survey from the Town Library.

Do you have children aged 0-8??