



NEWSLETTER

27TH OCTOBER 2023 #7

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WHAT'S COMING UP IN OCTOBER

30TH / 31ST BOOK FAIR

31ST GRANDPARENTS DAY

WHAT'S COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

1ST P&C MEETING 6.30PM

1ST-3RD BOOK FAIR

7TH WALKAWAY CUP DURING RECESS

24TH NCVISSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Please save the date 10th December for our new and improved community Christmas Tree event.

NEWS

The current P&C committee will be retiring for 2024. If you are interested in taking part in the P&Cs future, please attend our next meeting:

1st November at 6.30 pm



It is hard to believe that we are at the end of week 3 in the final term of the school year. Teachers are currently completing Semester 2 assessments which will provide us with information about student progress and areas to address before the end of the year. There is an expectation that student programs will continue up until the final week of school, therefore regular attendance remains a priority for all students. In coming weeks classes will begin to prepare for the end of year concert and presentation assembly and this can become a challenge for students who have regular avoidable absences.

WHATS NEW?

Please continue to check the school social media pages, the term planner and Seesaw for updates about important dates and school events.

Next week students and staff are looking forward to welcoming "grandparents" to school for the afternoon, **Tuesday October 31st 1:40pm-2:50pm**. Year 6 students will be providing a school tour and visit to all the classrooms, as well as entertaining grandparents with some great Walkaway singing and a scone and cuppa afterwards. Please make sure you RSVP via Message U or Seesaw.



The school board will meet again twice this term. For those of you who are interest to know what goes on at a school board meeting you are invited to attend the next meeting **Monday, November 6th 1:50pm-3:00pm in room 3**.



This term we have **NCVISSA swimming (Year 3-6 only) at the outdoor pool, Friday November 24th**. Year 3-6 students who have passed Level 5 swimming will have an opportunity to trail for the carnival events in week 5.

2024 Intentions:

Planning is currently in full swing for 2024 and it is very helpful if we are aware of any changes to our projected enrolments so that we can include these changes in our budgeting and planning for the next school year. Please let the school know as soon as you can if you are intending to enrol your child elsewhere in 2024.

Kind regards,

Norah Flanders

Principal

Year 6 CAMP

I hope you enjoy reading some of the reflections from the year 6 class about their time on camp. Many schools have abandoned overnight camps in recent years. Taking students away for a week long camp is a massive responsibility and it requires very careful planning and care from all staff involved. The benefit to the students is difficult to measure as it is different for each child. For some children it is an opportunity to test their independence and maturity and for others it is an opportunity to meet new people and experience things that their families can not provide, but it is important to remember that school camps also rely on adults willing to accept the responsibility and risk of taking a group of students away from their families for a full week and for this I am very grateful to Mrs Milnes and Mr Hoskins (Mingenew Primary School).

"We had pizza at an Italian restaurant called Sopranos. On Thursday, we stayed at camp and did rock climbing as well as 'The Giant Swing' and sheesh did Caity fly up the rock-climbing wall! On Friday we packed up and left. After one final scream sing of a song, it was time to unload and say our goodbyes. Year 6 camp 2023 was amazing, and I am grateful for the time our teachers gave up going on camp as well as the effort and planning put in to make it happen."

Claire Marshall

"The cottages that we stayed at were called Darwin Cottage (the girls plus Mrs Milnes)- and I can't remember the boys cottage and every night after dinner the boys would come down after showering and we did our camp journal and did meditation. Being with friends was fun we met four Mingenew kids. We all got along well and had so much fun. Activities that we did were Tuesday - high ropes course, abseiling down a 15m tower, Wednesday we went into Perth – to King's Park, The Art Gallery of Western Australia and had ferry ride from Elizabeth Quay to South Perth for tea. Pizza and for ice-cream for dessert at Sopranos, an Italian pizza place. Thursday- Pinjarra obstacle course, rock climbing and giant swing. My favourite activity was the giant swing because you just glided off a platform and swung high you could catch teddies and try and get them into the milk crate (Gordan and I were the only ones that got a teddy in the milk crate) but my favourite thing about camp was spending time together with friends."

Kalahni Miller



"Fair Bridge is a beautiful place, lots of nature like Kangaroos, Rabbits, 28 Parrots, Peacocks, we also named one of the peacocks James Bond, because he would peer into the office window. My favourite thing was the huge swing. Just leaping off the platform and just feeling the swing bounce and swing you high in the sky was so awesome, and the food we had there was delicious and mouth-watering."

Ethan Levett

"On the first day when we got to Fairbridge, I could not believe my eyes there were rabbits everywhere and peacocks too, but the most amazing part was how much wildlife was surrounding us. In the houses we were staying in, there were lovely lounge rooms, bathrooms, and bedrooms. Outside the girl's cottage there was a table where we would meet at before going to activities"

Rebecca Reed



"On day one our parents dropped us off at Mingenew Primary School. We introduced ourselves to the year six students of Mingenew, their names were Gordon, James, Vera and Isla. The whole bus ride we were singing along to Mrs Milnes's groovy music. On day three we went to Kings Park. After that we went to the Art Gallery, we made foam sculptures, Rebecca and I named our Norm."








Patrick Moses

"On Tuesday we did the Fairbridge high ropes, a treetop obstacle course. We partied up high in the trees. We then had lunch and moved on to abseiling. Going over the edge of a 15mtr tower was scary, but once I got going it was great fun. These activities were at the camp, so we didn't have to travel...On Thursday, we were back at camp. We started of the morning doing the Pinjarra challenge, an action-packed morning full of Games, Including Giant Jenga which toppled on Patrick and James! We then proceeded to the 15mtr high rock-climbing tower. This was one of my favourites! I held the record for the going the highest, although we were not allowed to go all the way to the top as the 10 of us may not have gotten a go. We finished off with the giant swing! This was great fun. We climbed to the top of a platform, were connected to a stretchy rope and lifted off! We had to catch a Teddy and throw it in a milk crate while swinging high in the air. We said Farwell to Fairbridge and partied away on the bus back home. All in all, this was a super fun camp. We met new people and bonded well."

Caitlyn Naisbitt



Term 4 2023 Planner FOCUS: Kindness our Community

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	<b style="color: red;">October 9 Kindy Orientation Session 1 STUDENTS BEGIN	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
2	Kindy Orientation Session 2 Yr 6 Camp						
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
3	Kindy Orientation Session 3		Newsletter Items due	Newsletter			
	30	31	<b style="color: red;">November 1 P&C Meeting 6.30pm	2	3	4	5
4		Grandparents Day 					
	6	 Walkaway Cup during recess	8	9	10	11	12
5	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	 NCVISSA Swimming Carnival	25	26
6	27	28	29	30	<b style="color: red;">December 1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7			Newsletter Items due	Newsletter			
				End Of Year/ Graduation Concert AM			P&C Xmas Tree 
8	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			END OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	School Development Day			