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Dates to Remember

- **Friday 2 August** – Uniform Shop 8.30am (in Old Library)
- **Friday 16 August** – Assembly 4TT

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Carers and visitors to our school must sign in at the front office when visiting the school. While it is not necessary when picking up or dropping students off, all other visits should be recorded.

For the **safety of both visitors and students**, it is important that we know who is on school grounds at any particular time. Thank you for your assistance.

Staff Certificates

Thank you to those families who have returned award certificates for staff. If you haven't had time to complete a certificate yet, it is not too late, as we will be presenting them to staff members after the final return date, of 16 August.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. To help us celebrate this week, we welcome Ms Sarah Dyson from the Fremantle Literature Centre to our school. Ms Dyson will be working with all of our Year 1 to 7 classes over the next three days.

We have planned the following Numeracy activities to operate during this week.

Family Numeracy Challenge - Attached to this newsletter, you will find our Family Numeracy Challenge. Have a go at doing this with your family and good luck. We will accept entries all week – please place them in the box at the front office. All correct entries will go into a prize draw with the winners being announced at our next assembly.

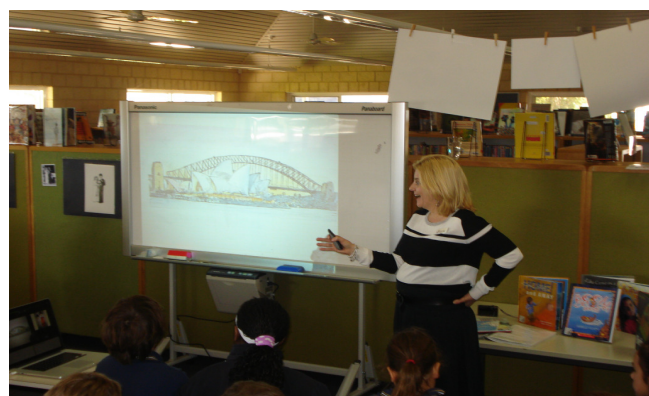
Daily Maths Challenges – Students will have the opportunity to participate in daily maths challenges. These challenges will be available in your child's class every day this week. There will be a junior and senior prize available each day. The Pre-Primary children will also be participating in a maths challenge.

Reach for the Stars is the numeracy activity for National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Reach for the Stars has been developed and coordinated by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers since 2003. This year's activity is titled 'This is Rubbish' Classes have the opportunity to participate in various activities around rubbish and recycling including

collecting, classifying and counting rubbish in their classrooms or the school yard. Data collected will be entered onto a national data base. These activities have strong links to Sustainability which is a cross-curricular priority of the Australian National Curriculum.



Mrs Sarah Dyson of Fremantle Literature Centre



WASTE FREE LUNCH DAY

Do You Think You Could Bring a Waste Free Lunch to School? On Thursday August 1, we are asking our students to participate in our 'Waste Free Lunch Day'. Each class will be placing their lunch rubbish in their own individual bins at lunch time with prizes going to the classes with the least amount of waste – this will be measured according to weight and volume. If you choose to order on Friday, perhaps you could supply your own container for the canteen.

PHYS ED - FACTION CARNIVAL

Faction Athletics Running Trials

Trials for 9-13yr olds will be held on Friday 2 August at Clayton Road oval.

Students will walk down to the oval at 12.45pm in their school uniform, wearing appropriate running shoes and a school hat. They will be required to bring a water bottle.

Please complete and return the excursion form to class teachers by Wednesday 31 July 2013.

Parent help is required, if you can assist please contact the school office.

Mrs Parker.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will now be in the Old Library, with the next open day being this Friday 2 August at 8.30am.

We are currently out of stock of size 10 Rugby Jumpers, which have been ordered but not expected to arrive until the beginning of September 2013. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Orders can be left at the office on Thursday and they will be sent home on Friday with your child.

Thanks

Nanette Steer & Sue Jacobs – Uniform Committee

KINDERGARTEN REQUEST

After many years providing great playing experiences, our little blue boat, which was kindly donated by Ms Jenni Whiteford's family, has deteriorated to the point where it has needed to be removed from the Kindy playground. The Pre Primary and Kindergarten P & C are interested in purchasing a little dinghy to replace this Kindy icon. If you know of anybody who has a little dinghy they no longer use, please let us know at Kindy on 98811545.

Thanks Mrs McDougall and Mrs Dolkens

LOTE NEWS

Welcome back everyone! It was nice to hear some children went to Bali during the school holiday and tried to practise their Indonesian with the locals. I also went on a two week Indonesian study tour organised by the Asia Education Foundation during the Term 2 school holidays. I have been to Indonesia several times, but this study tour was not like my other trips to Indonesia. During the tour, we visited three main cities on the island of Java, we had in-depth discussions with professionals about Australia-Indonesia engagement and religions in Indonesia

One of the highlights of the study tour was the visit to the Australian Embassy in Jakarta. I had the privilege to meet some people working in the embassy whose jobs are to promote Australia's tourism and education to the Indonesian people. They gave us insights into what they are doing right now to bridge the cultural and communication gaps between Australia and Indonesia.

Another highlight of the tour was to visit Borobudur Temple. This ninth century built temple is said to be one of the 1000 places we must visit. This temple looked amazing and it is beautifully crafted and built. It is also incredible to know how Borobudur has survived through many volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. In 1991, it was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). I would definitely recommend you to go to visit the temple if you have the chance.

The group of people I was travelling with were all educators from different parts of Australia. The opportunity to travel with them was a valuable experience for me. We have already begun to exchange and share teaching ideas and resources over the internet.

If you are interested in finding out more information about Asia Education Foundation and what they do, you can visit the Asia Education Foundation website <http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au>

With *Asia and Australia's engagement* becoming a part of the Australian Curriculum, Asia Education Foundation has become a vital source for Australian educators to go to in order to gain knowledge about Asia and network with professionals across Asia and Australia.

Mr Young



LOST PROPERTY

There are two towels and goggles that have been handed in after swimming lessons last term. If they are yours please come and collect them from the front office.

CHAPLAIN CHAT

Uniforms

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have brought in second hand uniforms. I am getting a small pile, though they do go out very quickly. Please donate to the school whenever possible. These can be left at the front office.

Gem Club (Breakfast Club)

We are getting over 35 students at GEM Club, which is wonderful, students are enjoying a social time together. I would like to thank the Baptist Church/ Pascoe Family for donating a big tin of Milo. Everyone is welcome, students and parents. We are here from 8am.

Friday Lunch time Activities

I am going to help students make a Fathers Day painting of the beach/sea/coral/fishing. I can only have students from year 4 and up and a limited number of students, (unless I get some volunteers to come in and help). Students will need to bring in a canvas 30cm x 30cm which are available from Thing-me-bobs for \$ 3.99 each. It would be appreciated if students wishing to do the fishing scene, could bring in a small fishing hook (barbs removed) with a bit of line attached, the hook and line does not have to be new. Please put them into an envelope to prevent injuries and bring to school. Please feel free to ring me on a Thursday or Friday at the school if you have any pastoral concerns for you or your children.

*Blessings
Jennifer Pollard
Chaplain*

MESSAGE FROM THE TOOTH FAIRIES

From Monday 22 July, the Dental Therapy Centre at the Narrogin Primary School will be closed for the remainder of the year, while we travel to other towns with the mobile dental van. The school office has our itinerary and we can always be contacted for advice or treatment. An answering machine message at the clinic (9881 2281) will also tell you where we are at any time. The phone number in the van is 0428 984 100. We will be working in Narrogin on days that the van is moving from town to town and we will be available for toothaches, so please call us in the case of an emergency.

CANTEEN NEWS

Can you please ensure all lunch orders are placed in your class baskets or ordered at the canteen before recess.

There will be a Canteen meeting on Tuesday 6 August at 2.30pm in the canteen to discuss the new menu. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you to E Geyser & N Walker for volunteering their time, it was great to see a father helping in the canteen. There will be two additional flavoured milks on the menu, choc mint and caramel.

The Roster for this week

Tuesday	30 July	L Conlan
Wednesday	31	T Barrow

Thursday	1 August	J Young
Friday	2	C George
Tuesday	6	K Kensett-Smith

Canteen Staff – Mandy Muller and Tracey Palmer

MUSIC NEWS

Choir Term 3 & 4

The Junior and Senior choirs are starting up again this term with more excitement! Junior choir is still Friday's at lunchtime for students in years 1, 2 & 3. Senior choir, for students in years 4-7 has moved to Tuesday lunchtimes & after lunch until 1.30pm. Any new students are more than welcome to come along, however commitment by all students is very important to the success of the groups. A big thank-you needs to go to the P&C who have purchased performance t-shirts, keep a look out for them in the coming months! If anyone has any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Domini Carroll (Music Specialist Teacher)

Wanted

A handy dad, grandad, uncle, brother or cousin to make the music room a rack for the 28 school ukulele's. Please see Miss Carroll for more information.

P & C NEWS

A huge thank you to all the parents, staff members and helpers for volunteering their time at the busy bee on the first weekend of the school holidays.

It was lovely to meet new families and enjoy the sunshine whilst we worked on a several projects including the rose garden, drainage solutions, maintaining the playground areas and several small garden areas. The fresh air and hard work ensured that everyone slept well that night!

Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 August at 7:30pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there!

Zoe Knell
P & C Member

COMMUNITY NEWS

Narrogin Gymnastics Club

The Narrogin Gymnastics Club has vacancies for BOYS aged 8 and over! Classes are Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Learn some cool gymnastics tricks and have fun!

Contact Jo Cook 0417 921 451

WESCARPADES Saturday 10 August 2013

East Narrogin Primary P&C will be holding a Breakfast between 7-9am to raise money for Camp Quality and kids living with Cancer. Cars will be on display in their Hansard St car park.