HARMONY DAY
Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

On Tuesday we celebrated this annual event with five cultural performances including: The Rhythm of Africa (Africa), Chinese Dance and Art (China), Spirit of Bali (Indonesia), Cool Capoeira (Brazil) and La Gioia Della Donna (Italy).

I encourage all parents to spend a few moments speaking with their children about this special day of celebration.

UNI-ACTIVE PROGRAM – TERM 2
Uni-Active will be continuing in Term 2 2015. It will be held before school on Fridays on the school oval from 7:45am – 8:30am. Sessions will start in Week 3 and continue until the end of Term 2. This program will be offered to all Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 children at North Perth Primary School. Limited places are available so parents are encouraged to book a spot for their child now.

The 8 week term costs $112 per child, this is equivalent to $14 per session to be paid upfront at the beginning of each term.

An information sheet regarding this program has been distributed to every Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 child today.

FREE DRESS DAY—WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015
The Student Councillors are holding a free dress day to raise funds for UNICEF to support some of the 54 000 children in Vanuatu affected by Tropical Cyclone Pam.

Please donate a $2 coin for this fundraising activity next Wednesday to help us achieve one of the funding targets listed below.

- $205 will help 80 children to continue their education.
- $398 will provide 30 heavy duty tarpaulins to shelter children who have lost their homes.
- $1697 will provide an emergency water tank to provide a whole community with access to safe water.

KEY DATES
Friday 20 March
School Photo Day 2
Monday 23 March
Positive Parenting Series 3 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday 24 March
P & C Meeting - 7.00pm
Wednesday 25 March
Assembly - Year 2 Room 7
Free Dress Day
Thursday 26 March
Uniform Shop open - 8.30am - 9.00am
T20 Blast Interschool Cricket
Friday 27 March
Earth Hour—Schools Day
Saturday 28 March
Earth Hour
Natureplay Busy Bee #1
Monday 30 March
Natureplay Busy Bee #2
Tuesday 31 March
School Council Meeting - 3.15pm
Wednesday 1 April
Edudance Concert #1—2.15pm
Newsletter Day
Prospective Parent Tour - 9.30am
Staff Meeting 3.15pm
Thursday 2 April
Edudance Concert #2—2.15pm
Last day for students and staff
UNIFORM SHOP
Thursday 26 March
8.30am – 9.00am

RIDE TO
SCHOOL DAY

With the lure of a free healthy breakfast, this year’s annual Ride 2 School Day was again well attended by students and parents. All participants were treated to a healthy breakfast of Weetbix, fruit salad, yoghurt, juice and bread rolls before commencing the school day. It is great to see so many students riding to school on a regular basis as it is a good way of maintaining a balanced healthy lifestyle. A big thank you to the P & C Canteen for supplying all the food for the breakfast. We would also like to thank all the committed teachers that came in early to help prepare and serve.

Top 10 Tips for Parents

- When your child wants to show you something, stop what you are doing and pay attention to your child. It is important to spend frequent, small amounts of time with your child doing things that you both enjoy.
- Give your child lots of physical affection – children often like hugs, cuddles and holding hands.
- Talk to your child about things he or she is interested in and share aspects of your day with your child.
- Give your child lots of descriptive praise when they do something you would like to see more of, e.g., “Thanks for doing what I asked straight away”.
- Children are more likely to misbehave when they are bored so provide lots of engaging indoor and outdoor activities for your child, e.g., playdough, colouring in, cardboard boxes, dress ups, cubby houses, etc.
- Teach your child new skills by first showing the skill yourself, then giving your child opportunities to learn the new skill. For example, speak politely to each other in the home. Then prompt your child to speak politely (e.g., say “please” or “thank you”), and praise your child for their efforts.
- Set clear limits on your child’s behaviour. Sit down and have a family discussion on the rules in the home. Let your child know what the consequences will be if they break the rules.
- If your child misbehaves, stay calm and give them a clear instruction to stop misbehaving and tell them what you would like them to do instead (e.g., “Stop fighting; play nicely with each other.”) Praise your child if they stop. If they do not stop, follow through with an appropriate consequence.
- Have realistic expectations. All children misbehave at times and it is inevitable that you will have some discipline hassles. Trying to be a perfect parent can set you up for frustration and disappointment.
- Look after yourself. It is difficult to be a calm relaxed parent if you are stressed, anxious or depressed. Try to find time every week to let yourself unwind or do something you enjoy.

Prepared by Professor Matt Sanders, founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®, and colleagues at the University of Queensland. For further information visit our website www.triplep.net.

REMINDER: NO SMOKING

The Department of Education is committed to providing and maintaining safe and healthy working and learning environments for all staff, students and visitors.

In accordance with Department policy, smoking is not permitted on school premises. This policy relates to all areas within the school boundary including the buildings, playground, the school oval, and the school car park between the Arts and Administration buildings.
ALL THINGS SPORT

Our students have made a fantastic start to the year, embracing the Bluearth philosophy of “Living the Challenge”, and ensuring they give every activity their very best effort. Congratulations to Rooms 12 and 22 for winning the first two North Perth Primary School Live the Challenge awards.

We started the term with cricket for the first five weeks, and have just commenced golf with the Year 3 to 6 students, which will run for the remainder of the term. The Pre-primary to Year 2 students will be exposed to a variety of Bluearth activities.

Our school is participating in the Sports for Schools pilot program, with 24 girls from Years 1 to 4 participating in the in2CRICKET six week program on Thursday afternoons. The girls all received packs from Cricket Australia and have had a great time participating in all the activities, showing great improvement in their cricketing ability.

On Thursday 26 March 2015, our senior students will be competing in the T20 Blast interschool cricket tournament at Coolbinia Reserve. We have four teams representing our school, consisting of three boys and one girls teams, a total of 40 students. If there are any parents interested in assisting on the day please advise either myself or Karen Lockyer.

George Naumovski
Physical Education Specialist

EDUDANCE CONCERT TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 31 March at 2.15pm
Room 21, Room 22, Room 9, Room 15, Room 2
Room 5, Room 13 & Room 4

THURSDAY 2 April at 2.15pm
Room 20, Room 14, Room 10, Room 7, Room 6, Room 12, Room 1 & Room 4

WACA GALA DAY

Several of our girls attended the girls only in2CRICKET Gala Day at the WACA after school on Tuesday. They met some of the Western Fury players, collected a few autographs and participated in a skills session with girls from other schools. It was an exciting afternoon enjoyed by all.

SUSTAINABILITY FAST FACTS ALUMINIUM CANS

- There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminium can is able to be recycled.
- The energy required to produce the metal for one aluminium beverage can is equivalent to the energy required to recycle that can 20 times.
Why is it important to ensure that my child attends school regularly?

Apart from the legal requirement to attend, it is vital that children attend school every day for the sake of their future successes, academically and emotionally as well as in regards to employment choices.

It is very important that parents help children to develop good attendance patterns from the very beginning by ensuring that they attend kindergarten or school whenever possible.

Current research points to a strong link between regular and consistent attendance patterns established in the early years of schooling and those patterns continuing throughout a student's career.

The Telethon Institute for Child Health Research report, Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts on Western Australian students clearly shows that every day counts in terms of a student's achievement and that those students who miss any school have reduced academic outcomes compared with those who attend regularly.

- The impact of absence on achievement is greatest for students who are already at educational disadvantage.
- Unauthorised absences have a greater negative impact on student achievement than authorised absences.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.
- A student who is absent 1 day a fortnight will, by Year 9, have missed 1 year of schooling.
- The negative effect of absence on achievement is cumulative over the course of a student's attendance.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday 30 March 2015
Time: 3:15pm
Venue: North Perth PS Staff Room
Agenda:
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Annual Report 2014
- Budget 2015
- School Improvement Plan
- Religious Education Policy - feedback
- School Vision – feedback

NATUREPLAY BUSY BEE WEEKEND

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March

We’ll be concreting wooden stepping stones, planting out native plants and topping up the raised garden beds.

If you can help out, please let Sonia Hills know at s_hills@iinet.net.au or just turn up on the day from 9am and donate a few hours of your time to get the work done. Thank you.

SCHOOL WATCH

We are continuing to have unwelcome visitors on the school site after-hours, especially on weekends. They are leaving rubbish such as cigarette butts, drink containers, drug paraphernalia and take-away food packaging. Last week we also had to clean graffiti from our Arts building. This misuse of the school site is disappointing and costly in terms of time to report (Education Security, Police, repair contractor), clean-up and repair.

We appreciate the support provided by our school community to help protect our school by reporting unusual noises or suspicious behaviour.

What to look for?
- The most important times for you to be vigilant are during weekends and school holidays as the school is unattended and therefore more vulnerable than usual to crime.
- Keep in mind that our school site is large with multiple "blind spots". If you hear unusual noises from within the school, such as glass breaking or banging noises, this might mean people are up to no good.
- Watch for groups "hanging around" on school grounds. This should not occur and can be one of the starting points for crime to occur.
- If you live near our school and see or hear suspicious behaviour, immediately telephone:
  School Watch Security on 1800 177 777
  Police on 13 14 44

Your assistance in protecting our school is appreciated.
Zucchini and Parmesan Minis
Traffic Light Category: Green
Serves: 12

Ingredients
- 1 large zucchini
- 3 diced spring onions
- 3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 4 slices wholemeal bread
- 3 eggs
- 6 cherry tomatoes

Method
1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Grate 2 cups of zucchini.
3. Squeeze handfuls of zucchini to remove excess water, place zucchini on paper towel, then place in mixing bowl.
4. Add diced spring onions and grated parmesan to zucchini.
5. Tear bread into chunks, place into food processor and make into fresh breadcrumbs (not too fine), add to zucchini.
6. Gently mix zucchini, onion, cheese and bread.
7. Whisk eggs and add to zucchini, mix until combined.
8. Place spoonfuls of zucchini mix in greased or lined muffin tray, press down with the back of a spoon and top with half a cherry tomato.
9. Bake for about 15 minutes or until the tops are golden brown.
10. Store in an airtight container in the fridge. They can be frozen.

Reference: Canteen Vol 20, Issue 1 February 2015

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLASSES
Since 1998 the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Curtin University has successfully run a Mathematics Enrichment Program for Years 5 - 11 students and will be doing so again this year. The program will be suitable for a broad range of mathematically talented students. The main aim is to develop a sound mathematical understanding and to develop a range of mathematical problem-solving skills. Students will be issued a certificate on completion of the course. There will be 16 weekly sessions held at the Curtin University campus in Bentley.

The closing date for enrolment is Wednesday 22 April 2015.

For further information please call 9266 7672 or email maths.admin@curtin.edu.au or visit the website at http://maths.curtin.edu.au/enrichment.cfm

SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS
Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (10 mins parents, 15 mins children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to: www.tinyurl.com/SSBPParents

For more information please contact Kate Derry at 6488 3259.

MOUNT LAWLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN DAY INVITATION

Mount Lawley Primary School is holding an Open Day on Saturday 28 March from 10.00am to 2.00pm and would like to invite community members to tour the new school buildings and celebrate the return to Second Avenue. The day will feature the official launch of the DVD, Out of the Ashes and the school’s Centenary Book at 11.00am, classroom displays, P & C sausage sizzle and sale of bricks for the school’s boulevard.
Hello, I am delighted to introduce to you, Year 2 Room 2 for this fortnight’s newsletter. For the first few weeks of this term it has been very busy with establishing classroom routines, making new friends and welcoming new students to our classroom. It’s been.....Wow!! : )

The following are some areas we have been focusing on this term.

In Mathematics, we begin the session by learning our times tables along with mental maths activities. We have also been investigating number sequences, representing numbers in digits and words and identifying a ‘fact family’.

In Science, we’ve been learning about ‘ourselves’ and developing our understanding of life stages in humans and other living things. The students love to talk about what they have learnt about themselves and sharing their thoughts and discoveries with the class. We have been learning a lot about one another.

We also love looking after our garden plot. In the photo above, the students are pruning the gooseberry bush. Thank you to our ‘parent garden rep’ and the students who have been doing a great job in taking care of our plants. We also know it is important to take care of ourselves and in Health we identified and discussed ways to make positive and healthy choices to promote health, safety and wellbeing. To do this we have been learning how to take care of our bodies on the outside as well as the inside. Our incursion, ‘Edudance,’ has been a fantastic way for students to keep fit and healthy and have fun at the same time.

We hope you enjoyed our little intro to the school year.

Thank you
Room 2 : )