REAL KIDS IN AN UNREAL WORLD
Building Resilience and Self-Esteem in Todays’ Children
(10 Resilience Building Blocks)

Are you worried, confused or concerned about parenting in today’s chaotic world? Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life — the good, the bad and the ugly. Maggie Dent has developed a common sense, practical model of 10 building blocks that will reassure parents that what we have always known to be important in the early years of a child’s life is still important. This seminar will offer you practical, common sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home, which will make a big difference to your children’s cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Maggie is an author of seven books, educator and parenting and resilience specialist. Her presentations are entertaining, informative and always practical.

Parents are encouraged to register online now as tickets are limited and selling fast.

Doors will open at 7.00pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm.
A light supper will be served before the presentation.

DATE: Monday 23 November
TIME: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
VENUE: North Perth Primary School – School Hall
5 Albert Street, North Perth
COST: $10
BOOKINGS: Please book online at http://www.trybooking.com/JOQM
ENQUIRIES: Karen Lockyer 9328 7104, NorthPerth.PS@education.wa.edu.au

This event is proudly supported by the North Perth Primary School P & C Association.

ARE YOU LEAVING THE SCHOOL?
The funding allocation for the school includes a component based on the number of students enrolled at the school and the closer our estimate is to the actual enrolment the smoother the start to the 2016 school year will be. Please email Mrs Cook in the school office Corrina.Cook@education.wa.edu.au if your child will not be returning to North Perth Primary School in 2016. Thank you for your support with this request.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
POPPIES
North Perth Primary School raised $486.45
Thank you to the Mt Lawley-Inglewood RSL for providing the poppies and everyone who made a donation.
CUPCAKES FOR CANCER
Thank you to everyone who kindly supported our fundraising event by purchasing a delicious cupcake, or two. We are happy to announce that we will be sending $946.10 to Cancer Support WA to help those who are going through, or who have been through treatment for cancer. Our Student Councillors excelled in the cake decorating department. Well done, team.

PRIMARY EXTENSION AND CHALLENGE
YEAR 4 STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND IDENTIFICATION
Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) offers a supplementary program for gifted and talented students and provides them with the opportunity to extend, challenge and develop their thinking skills.

Each year state-wide testing of Year 4 students is conducted to identify participants for the PEAC program in Years 5 and 6. This year 20 369 Year 4 students completed the test, including the Year 4 students at North Perth Primary School.

Student assessment and identification for selection to PEAC included a test of non-verbal reasoning ability and a test designed to measure language and reasoning abilities. The raw scores for each test were converted to percentiles using each student’s chronological age at the date of the test.

Parents of students identified as eligible for participation in a part-time PEAC program have received a letter advising that information regarding an Induction Day and Parent Information Session will be provided soon.

Please address all enquiries regarding the selection of students for this program to the Principal, Karen Lockyer. Thank you.

REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF VINCENT
The school has received a letter from Rick Lotznicker, Director Technical Services, City of Vincent

“REQUEST FOR PARENTS TO AVOID USING VINE STREET, NORTH PERTH
During a recent meeting of the City’s Integrated Transport Advisory Group, the members heard from residents of Vine Street, who have concerns regarding the route that parents are taking when dropping off and collecting their children from North Perth Primary School.

The particular section of Vine Street in question is between Angove Street and Albert Street. It was suggested that the City investigate entry signage to raise awareness and to ensure drivers take care when proceeding through the streets surrounding the school.”

Please direct all enquiries regarding this request to the City of Vincent on 9273 6006.
SAFE TO SCHOOL
The following are tips provided by the Department of Education to assist parents to regularly remind their children about how to stay safe while walking to and from school.

- Always travel in company.
- Walk on the footpath on the right side of the road so you face oncoming traffic.
- Wherever possible, leave space between you and the roadway.
- Stay in areas that are well lit.
- Stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden from view (such as parkland bush, or behind shopping centres) and plan trips to avoid such locations.
- Be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably.
- If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number.
- If a passing car stops nearby, never get too close.
- Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk.
- Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police (call 000 in an emergency or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers), noting number plates of cars and/or clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open on

Friday
13 November
8.30am - 9.00am

Online Uniform Shop also available http://nppsuniformshop.tictail.com

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
The staff would like to extend an invitation to all our wonderful volunteers to attend a special morning tea to acknowledge the valuable assistance provided to the school.

Date: Friday 20 November
Time: 10.40am - 11.30am
Venue: School hall

STAFF ON LEAVE
The following staff are currently on LSL:
- Mary Knee—Year 5/6 Room 15 Teacher, 06/11/15—25/11/15, relief provided by Julie Kay Darby and Michael Egan.
- Andrew Streeton—Year 6 Room 4 Teacher and Deputy Principal, 09/11/15—18/12/15, Kelly Carder to teach class additional days from Monday 16 November.
- Sharon Downsborough, Deputy Principal, will be working additional administration time for Term 4.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS
Do you have left over wool?
Do you have wool scraps lying around at home gathering dust?
Room 5 is looking for wool to use for their Open Night project. Please deliver any unwanted wool to Room 5 before or after school.
Your donations will be very much appreciated.
Mrs Walker

IMPORTANT NOTICE
IT UPGRADE—SCHOOL OFFLINE
The school has been assessed as suitable for an upgrade to the Standard Operating Environment which will enable administration servers to be backed up and stored at the Central Office of the Department of Education; our administration and curriculum servers to be combined; staff to log onto our system from other schools in the region; and increased functionality, management and integration of mobile devices.

The work is scheduled to commence in the week commencing Monday 30 November 2015. Importantly, the school network will be offline on the following days:
- Monday 30 November 2015
- Tuesday 1 December 2015

Please note: We will be unable to send or receive emails during this time.

If you need to contact the school during this period (Monday and Tuesday) please telephone the school on
- 9328 7104
- 0401 809 056
THE FITBIT PILOT PROJECT
The Year 6 Room 4 students are involved in the UWA School of Sport Science Exercise and Health’s research study into the measurement of children’s levels of physical activity this term. The project aims to offer insights into the impact of the school day and week on physical activity and how that changes over time. This will provide valuable information on how patterns of activity relate to key health, social and educational outcomes and for future initiatives to improve children’s activity levels.

The students are asked to wear a FitBit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during Weeks 4—10 of this term. The FitBit is a personal activity tracker that measures the wearer’s steps, distance travelled, floors climbed, calories burnt and amount of sleep. The data will be matched to each participants height, weight, absenteeism and behavior to see if there is a relationship.

Parents are also able to login to their child’s FitBit account to see their weekly data.

North Perth Primary School is proud to support a project that will provide information on how to promote and increase children’s activity levels.

BIKE EDUCATION
The Bike Education Program was another well supported road safety program. The program introduced bike safety principles and bike handling skills to our Year 3 students and revised them during a ‘refresher lesson’ with the Year 4 to 6 students. It has been wonderful to see our students riding more confidently and often to school during the warmer days.

Thank you to the SGIO Community Grant which made it possible to offer this program to the students at no charge.
EARLY CHILDHOOD UPDATE
The early childhood playground has some recent additions that have proved to be very popular and are supporting social and imaginative play.
- Mud Kitchen – thank you to Mr Simon Monaghan for crafting this wonderful kitchen bench that has already been covered with ‘delicious’ mud pies.
- Bridge – no trolls have been found hiding underneath yet, funded by the P & C.
- Outdoor table and chairs – a popular place to sit to read or draw, funded by the P & C.

SPORITING SCHOOLS - TERM 4
Students from Year 3 to Year 6 have been participating in our Sporting Schools program, learning the games of volleyball and badminton. The program commenced in Week 3, and is conducted on a Wednesday and Thursday, running for one hour, from 3.15 to 4.15pm, with badminton concluding in Week 7, and volleyball concluding in Week 8. The program aims to engage our children in sport and other structured physical activities through a positive and fun experience, developing a love of sport that inspires them to join a local sporting club.

There are still places available in our badminton sessions, so if you would like your child to be a part of this program please either see the front office or myself for further details.

George Naumovski
Sporting Schools Coordinator

MEET THE DADS EVENING
Tonight we are having a casual Dads social event at the North Perth Bowling Club. Come along and have a bowl, chat and find out more about the positive work of the Fathering Project, and how our kids, families and community might benefit. It will be social and fun, and directed by dads.

DATE: Wednesday 11 November
TIME: 8.00pm
VENUE: North Perth Bowling Club

Supported by North Perth Primary P&C

Northern Legends Cup Rugby League Tackle Carnival
Forty three students in Years 5 & 6 represented our school in a combined Northern and Northern Metro Rugby League Tackle carnival, The Northern Legends Cup, at Richard Aldersea Park in Clarkson, on Wednesday 28 October 2015. Our students represented our school proudly, displaying fantastic skills, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship. The North Perth Primary School Boys A team finished third overall, our Boys B team finished fifth, our Boys C team finished seventh and our Girls team finished third. It was a fantastic day, with perfect weather, sensational Rugby League skills on show, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

George Naumovski
Physical Education Specialist

Parenting WA Line
Free 24/7 support and information for parents
1800 654 432
“Early nurturing lasts a lifetime.”
Africa We hope you enjoyed our Assembly this week. Last term we learned about Africa. We studied African folktales on Anansi and even created our own. We had do a report on an African animal of our choice. Our class learned many things about the amazing African continent. (By Maya)

The Ocean This term we are learning about the ocean and how people pollute the water with oil or rubbish. We are also learning about shipwrecks and Vikings. (By Rory)

Soup Day This term we are growing corn in our garden. We have previously grown potatoes and leeks for Soup Day. It was delicious. (By Leila)

Buddies: For the past two terms we have been enjoying “buddies” with the Kindy/Pre Primary Classes. We read them books and helped them cut, draw, glue and fold. (By Amos)

Penguins Island In Term 1 our class learned about Antarctica, so we went to Penguin Island on an excursion. We saw penguins in the wild and in a little penguin zoo. (By Georgie)

Edu Dance During first term, we participated in Edu dance. Our class danced to “Trouble”. The dance was about kids sneaking out without asking. Our costumes were pyjamas and our hair was messy. We performed on the last day of school and had fun. (By Kate)