RESTORED CHAIRS
The ceremonial chairs in the school hall were beautifully restored during the holidays by John Costa, a local upholstery specialist. John is a former student of our school who delighted in sharing the restoration process with me. The school has retained the original dedication plaques and samples of the horse hair filler, wadding and stitching with intentions of preparing a box-frame display and would appreciate hearing from anyone with an interest in this area who may be able to assist.

SECURITY
It is essential to monitor intruders on the school site, to maintain a secure and safe school and so that we can take care of any visitor in the event of an emergency. We ask parents to sign in at the office and collect a visitor’s badge if remaining on the school site after 9.00am or visiting the school during the day. Thank you.

GRADUATION MOSAIC
The mosaic created by the 2015 Year 6 students as their parting gift to the school is a beautiful addition to our school grounds. The project was coordinated by our Art Specialist, Robyne Hart, and she was assisted by Rhoda Mason, Cristina Garcia Yelo, Julie Fort and John Hart.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the school requests a contribution from parents to supplement the funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments. The $60.00 contribution requested has been endorsed by the School Council and adheres to the Department of Education’s ‘Contributions, Charges and Fees Manual’, January 2015.

Voluntary Contribution Collection Rates:

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We appreciate the increasing number of parents who have decided to make the contribution and helped to increase the collection rate from 82.29% in 2013 to 88.07% in 2015.

In 2015 the voluntary contribution was an opportunity to increase our revenue by $25 800. We collected $22 721, a shortfall of $3 079, to support our teaching and learning programs.

We are now seeking Voluntary Contributions for 2016. If you have not already paid either directly to the school or through Champion with the 2016 Personal Items List, please consider paying the contribution of $60.00 per child to the school office as soon as possible. If you are unsure if you have already paid, please contact the school office.

We are able to accept cash and cheques made payable to North Perth Primary School. We also have credit card and EFTPOS facilities available at reception.

Thank you for your continuing support of our school.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted with our Year 3 and 5 students on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May 2016.

The Information for Parents brochure will be distributed this week so there is time for parents to follow up any queries or concerns regarding a child’s participation in the assessment.

PARENT PARKING

There is limited parking available around the school so we encourage our school families to consider walking or riding to school. If you are unable to walk all the way to school, consider parking a short distance away and walking the last bit - it’s a healthy choice, will help the environment and also ease traffic congestion.

There are manned crosswalks on View Street, Angove Street, Charles Street and Loftus Street to help keep everyone safe.

If you do drive all the way to school please abide by the road signage and be considerate of our Albert Street neighbours by not parking on their verge or blocking drive-ways. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property basket near Room 1 is already full with clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles - and we’ve only been back at school for a few weeks! Please help us to return items by ensuring all items of clothing and equipment sent to school are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Parents are always welcome to check the basket for their child’s lost items before or after school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The first School Council meeting for 2016 will be held at 7.30am on Monday 22 February.

Agenda

- Actions arising- specialist program, IPS Update, Chaplaincy Update, Vision and Values
- Signage Update
- Election of Chair and Secretary
- Parent Representative Positions
- Resourcing and Budget 2016
- Homework Policy Review
SCHOOL COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

The relationship between the home and school plays a very important part in a child’s education and two-way communication is a critical factor in this partnership. The school has a number of strategies in place to inform parents of school operations and activities, as well as their child’s progress and achievements. For example:

**School Newsletter**
- Newsletter is fortnightly, includes a Term Planner

**School Website**
- Includes policies, staffing and classroom details, information from the canteen, uniform shop, P & C and School Council, announcements, calendar, ...

**Enrolment Package**
- Includes a selection of useful information e.g. Parent Handbook, key policies, early childhood learning information, uniform order forms

**School Brochures**
- Brochures available e.g. Dress Code for Students Policy, School Council

**Parent - Teacher**
- Parent Information Meetings conducted at the beginning of the year by K—Year 1 class teachers. Year 2—6 class teachers conduct meetings with parents of each child in the class
- Parent-Teacher meetings organised at request of a teacher or parent at any time during the year
- Case Conferences – conducted throughout the year with parents of children identified as being at educational risk, coordinated by Learning Support Coordinator
- Other Contact – contact occurs on an informal and formal basis e.g. telephone calls, emails, class newsletters, discussions, classroom visits, letters regarding excursions and performances
- Class Activities - parent rosters, excursions
- Student Achievement Reports - Term 2 and 4 reports provide a summary of a Pre-primary to Year 6 child’s achievement, attitude, behaviour and effort
- National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - Year 3 and 5 students participate in this national assessment of numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions, NAPLAN reports are distributed to parents
- On Entry Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - this assessment is administered to all Pre-primary children to assist in the early identification of those who may be at risk in critical aspects of literacy and numeracy, reports are provided to parents

**Other strategies**
- Annual Report – an annual summary of school activities and achievements
- Principal’s Report at P & C Meetings
- P & C and School Council minutes made available to parents on the school’s website
- Telephone Messages on Hold – recorded message with information about the school
- Assemblies - held fortnightly
- School Events e.g. Debating Night, Athletics Carnivals
- Parent Workshops e.g. 2015 - Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), Cyber-Safety, Real Kids in an Unreal World by Maggie Dent, Protective Behaviours
- Special Events e.g. ANZAC Commemorative Service, Ride/Walk to School
- A-Frame Display Boards – used to promote events

DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN?
Parents are encouraged to be an active partner in the education of their child and to maintain regular contact with their child’s teacher.

What can you do if you have a concern?
- Try to identify the issue clearly before contacting the school. Prepare a list if there is more than one area of concern.
- Decide whether the issue is a concern, a query or a complaint. This will help in finding a solution.
- Make an appointment to talk to the teacher. This can be arranged by emailing the teacher concerned or through the school office. If your concern is about the conduct of a staff member, you may prefer to discuss the matter with the Principal.
- Contact the Principal, or a Deputy Principal, if the concern is not resolved through your discussion with your child’s teacher.
- Try to stay calm. Even if you don’t feel it, being calm will help to get your concerns across more clearly than if you are upset or angry.

Copies of the Parent-Teacher Meetings brochure published by The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc. are available from reception.

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Music Award : Year 4 Room 12
SPECIALIST PROGRAMS
INFORMATION SESSION

Have you met our specialist teachers?
Would you like to know more about their programs and plans for 2016?
You’re invited to join us for a coffee and a chat next week.

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2016
Time: 4.15pm—5.15pm
Venue: School Hall
RSVP: School Reception 9328 7104

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
(Year 2—6)

Hockey
Tuesdays 3.15pm — 4.15pm
Tennis
Fridays 3.15pm — 4.15pm

SCREENING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
North Perth Primary School has many processes in place to maintain a secure and safe school. Department of Education policy requires us to formally screen all visitors, including parents, who have contact with children. Obviously, this does not include parents who are simply bringing their children to school or picking them up.

The screening process is simple for parents and only requires the annual completion of a Confidential Declaration form available from the school reception. Please be assured that unless statutory obligations require otherwise, the information on the completed form will not be used for any other purpose and will only be made available to the Principal. The completed forms will be treated with the utmost confidentiality at all times.

Volunteers who do not have a child enrolled at the school are required to have a Working With Children Card.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
(‘TRIPLE P’)

Free Parenting Seminars for K—Year 1 Parents

Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents.

Parents of Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 1 children are invited to attend free parenting seminars being offered this term to learn practical, positive and effective ways to manage common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents may choose to attend one, two or all three of the following seminars:

When: Monday, 29 February
The Power of Positive Parenting
Monday, 14 March
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Raising Resilient Children

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: North Perth Primary School – Room 4

Cost: Free — however bookings are essential.

To register, please contact North Perth PS Reception before Friday, 19 February 2016. Thank you.

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**UNI-ACTIVE UP AND RUNNING**

The Uni-Active program commenced last Friday with many of our Pre-primary to Year 3 students gathered on the oval before school. During Term 1 they will be focussing on developing their throwing and balancing skills. We are pleased to continue our support for this program that encourages maximum participation, increased self-esteem and the development of movement skills.

**STATE SCHOOLBOYS AFL STATE TEAM**

The trials for this year's **State Schoolboys 12 Years & Under AFL State Team** will take place during Term 1 and the April school holidays. Only players turning 11 and 12 years of age in 2016 are eligible to nominate.

This year's team will be travelling to Maroochydore in Queensland from 22nd - 31st July. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website (www.schoolsportwa.com.au) and locate the 'Interstate' menu button which is located at the top of the page. All relevant details can be found on this website. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the School Sport WA office on 92644879.

Please also be aware that School Sport WA sends teams interstate for other sports as well and their travel dates and trial months have been included. If you are interested in trialling for these teams simply follow the same process as above.

- **Basketball** 6 - 12 August  
- **Cricket** 6 - 13 January 2017  
- **Cross Country** 18 - 22 August  
- **Football (Soccer)** 20 - 26 August  
- **Hockey** 30 July - 5 August  
- **Netball** 27 August - 2 September  
- **Rugby League** 30 July - 6 August  
- **Swimming** 15 - 23 September  
- **Diving** 27 August - 3 September  
- **Tennis** 21 - 30 October  
- **Touch Rugby** 23 - 28 October

Please do not send birthday cakes, lolly bags or other snacks to your child's class as we will be unable to distribute them. Thank you.

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**Parenting WA Line**

A confidential telephone counselling service providing professional counselling and support for parents and those who care for children.

The aim of this service is to nurture and support positive, caring relationships between parents, children, teenagers and significant other people who are important to the well-being of families.

Free 24/7 support and information for parents

1800 654 432


“Early nurturing lasts a lifetime.”

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**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

North Perth School is committed to health promotion strategies and believes that learning healthy eating habits commences early in life. The School and staff promote a culture of healthy eating and are committed to providing relevant information, skills and resources to students and caregivers. In 2010 the School Council endorsed a set of guidelines to promote healthy eating which included the following statement:

"Parents are not to bring snacks or birthday cakes to their child's classroom. This is for the health and safety of all students, including those who may experience significant allergy to particular foods."

This means food may not be distributed to other students to celebrate a child's birthday.

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