Welcome to Term 3, especially new families joining our school this term.

School Development Day
On the School Development Day yesterday our school combined with seven other local schools (Coolbinia PS, Highgate PS, Inglewood PS, Mount Lawley PS, Mount Lawley SHS, Sutherland-Dianella PS, Yokine PS) for the Network Conference at Edith Cowan University and Mount Lawley Senior High School.

The education assistants focused on strategies to support students to demonstrate appropriate behaviour and our corporate services staff developed skills for assertive conversations. Teaching staff commenced the day with an inspiring keynote presentation by Renae Sayers, Curtin University, on the Chasing Fireballs in the Sky project. She discussed the importance of developing 'citizen scientists' and including real life examples and storytelling to develop Science enquiry and endeavour in students. The teachers then attended three concurrent sessions that focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) such as Digital Technologies, Coding, Working with Spheros in the classroom and Integrated planning with STEM.

The day was a wonderful opportunity to view new digital technology resources, clarify curriculum planning issues, develop skills and to network with colleagues—the perfect way to start a new term.

K & PP (2018) Enrolments
Enrolment applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary 2018 close this Friday (21 July 2017). It is important that applications are completed and returned with the required documentation before 3.00pm on this day to be considered for placement. Please remind any families with young children in your street of this timeline.

Term 3 Planner
The Term 3 Planner is attached to this newsletter and provides an overview of the activities that have already been organised and may be supplemented with additional experiences throughout the term.

RAINBOW GATE RESTORATION

The Rainbow Gate sculpture was made by artist-in-residence, Tim Keevil, to celebrate the school’s 110th Year. The children contributed their ideas for the design and collected scrap metal for the project. The view as you enter the school represents all the opportunities and possibilities that school provides. The view as you leave the school represents all the fun things we do when we get home and also our futures. A ‘pot of gold’ was also included at the end of the rainbow!

Since it was installed in 2009 the gate has become a well-known feature of our school that is often used as a backdrop for media announcements and even featured in a local Tropfest film. Importantly, the students have a strong connection to the sculpture.

Unfortunately, the sculpture sustained some vandal damage and the arch was rusting which may have made it unsafe if it continued. Therefore, we arranged for Tim to complete some restoration work on the sculpture during the recent holidays so it would continue to be a creative entrance to our school for many more years.

Tim said that he enjoyed working on the sculpture and enjoyed hearing about how it was used and appreciated by the school community.
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability every year.

The data collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013, to provide information on a students' level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education. Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer and no student's identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Downsborough, Deputy Principal, on 9328 7104 or the Western Australian Department of Education NCCD Helpline on 0477 741 598.

STUDENT LEADERS - SEMESTER 2

The Student Leaders in Semester 1 performed their duties to a high standard and proved themselves to be independent workers who were responsible and dedicated to their role. Many of them also used their problem-solving skills and initiative when an issue needed prompt attention. I am certain that the students will continue to be great role models for the other students, including the new Student Leaders that were announced at our final Term 2 assembly.

Congratulations to the students selected to take on a leadership role this semester.

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UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING DAYS TERM 3

Thursday, 3 August, 8.30—9.00am
Thursday, 24 August, 8.30-9.00am
Wednesday, 13 September, 2.30-3.00pm

CANTEEN
FREE FRUIT DAY

Monday, 31 July 2017
Enjoy a healthy piece of fruit with your friends.

SCHOOL WATCH

We appreciate the assistance provided by parents and community members who help to minimise vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the school after-hours.

Please report any suspicious activity or vandalism to School Watch on 9264 4771, 9264 4632, School Watch Free call on 1800 177 777, or the Police on 131 444.

Parents are asked to remind children that the main school grounds are out of bounds out of school hours.

Children may access the school oval during daylight hours while accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

School Banking

Wednesdays—8.15am in the school library
AGWA ART AND PHILOSOPHY DAY 2017
On Friday, 16 June, six of our Year 6 students participated in the Art and Philosophy day run by The Art Gallery of Western Australia. There were 16 schools attending this annual event.

On arrival, Emma, Mia, Astrid, Nicola, Euan and Amos were put into groups mixed with students from other participating schools. Each group rotated through three 30 minute sessions where they analysed different artworks by discussing philosophical issues.

After lunch, all the groups viewed the international exhibition *The Rise of the Sneaker Culture*. This display of footwear gave them insight into the complex social history and the cultural significance of the sneaker that is now worn worldwide. Each group was given a different question to consider relating to the sneaker display. The students used the insight they gained from the exhibition to form their responses. Next they rehearsed their answers. The last hour was spent in the theatrette where each group gave a short oral presentation to all the others outlining their question and explaining their answer.

Our students enjoyed the day and benefited from the stimulating discussions.

Robyne Hart
Visual Arts Teacher

SECRET PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
The entrance to the Secret Playground is coming to life with Year 1 and 2 artwork being transferred to the structure by our Visual Arts Specialist, Mrs Hart, and her team of talented parents including Emma, Shiang, Sara, Alison, Alisha and Steve.

Keep an eye on the entrance over the next few weeks and you’ll see a few bugs will also make an appearance in the painted garden.

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 a group.
- Walk on the footpath on the right hand 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 (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres) and planning 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 if you feel at risk.
- Report suspicious behaviour to your parents, school and the police (call 13 14 44 to report an incident or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers), noting number plates of cars and/or clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.

To get the latest community safety information from police, visit WA Police on Facebook [www.facebook.com/WA.Police](http://www.facebook.com/WA.Police) or online at [www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au)

Kids Helpline
Free, private and confidential, phone counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25.

1800 55 1800
HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE
While we all enjoyed the July holidays, the school was a hive of activity with the following projects being completed:

- Marking of lines for four-square, basketball, netball and tennis courts
- Remarking bus bay and numbering bays in staff car parks
- Installation of sound-proof folding doors between Rooms 14 and 15
- Removal and repair of drainage pipes in Secret Playground (behind Room 15)
- Restoration of Rainbow Gate sculpture
- Selected vinyl areas stripped and resealed, and selected carpet areas extraction cleaned
- Selected garden beds mulched
- Gutters and downpipes cleaned.

TERM 2 MUSIC ASSEMBLY
The Music Assembly held in Week 10 of Term 2 was hosted by the Arts Ambassadors.

North Perth’s talented brass students were the first to perform. Their instrumental teacher, Skye Reynolds, conducted their performances. Rose W, Saskia L and Amos R performed on trumpet and Grace M and Georgie D performed on trombones. Trumpets and trombones combined to play Frere Jaques, then the trumpets performed Aura Lee’ followed by trombones playing Bile them Cabbage Down. The quality of their items, along with the big sound and brassy brightness of the instruments, proved most entertaining.

The Combined Choir of close to 80 students from Years 2 – 6, then performed two items. The selected pieces were from the Massed Choir repertoire. Mrs Macpherson conducted the students. Uma Familia and Black Fella, White Fella were fully choreographed songs, with precision actions. The choir’s performance was both polished and uplifting.

The Music Assembly in Week 10 of this term, will feature the North Perth Ensemble and some of our other instrumental students.

Helen Macpherson
Music Teacher

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY (2018) APPLICATIONS
Due before 3.00pm on Friday, 21 July 2017

LETTER OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED BY OUR SCHOOL
“Thank you for your recent participation in the Tomato psyllid trap hosting program as part of the Department of Agriculture and Food’s response to this destructive quarantine pest in Western Australia.

The support and assistance of the community has been essential to our efforts to map and control the psyllid, and we sincerely appreciate your contribution,...”

Kevin Chennell
Executive Director
Biosecurity and Regulation
Department of Agriculture and Food

Note: More information about the current situation and maps of the quarantine zones are available online at www.agric.wa.gov.au/ttp
PLASTIC FREE JULY
Did you know that every bit of plastic ever made still exists and in the first 10 years of this century the world economy produced more plastic than the entire 1900s!

More than 6 out of 10 of us are already refusing plastic shopping bags, avoiding pre-packed fruit and veg, picking up other people’s litter and avoiding buying bottled water.

Choosing to be part of the solution, you can act by:

- Avoiding products in plastic packaging (choose alternatives)
- Reducing where possible (opt for refills, remember your reusable shopping bags)
- Refusing plastics that escape as litter (e.g. straws, takeaway cups, utensils, balloons)
- Recycling what cannot be avoided

It’s not too late to join the Plastic Free July challenge and choose to refuse single-use plastic — just follow the link and begin making a difference: www.plasticfreejuly.org/

UPCOMING EVENT: IMAGINE VINCENT
The City of Vincent has launched Imagine Vincent - a community engagement campaign that will inform their Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028 and outline the community's long term vision, values, aspirations and priorities. They are providing a number of opportunities for people to provide feedback, ideas and thoughts.

The City of Vincent is also seeking the feedback of children and approached local schools to support this process. North Perth Primary School has accepted the opportunity to participate.

On Monday, 7 August, thirty of our Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 students will participate in one of the two sessions to be conducted at our school. The children will not be identified or photographed participating in this process.

Please let your child’s teacher know this week if you do not want your child selected to be a part of this engagement process.