End of year concert

As we prepare for the End of Year Concert, I am writing to advise parents of a few changes to support a more effective delivery of the concert itself.

The school has hired chairs, these will be placed on the grassed area, enabling more parents and community members the opportunity to view the concert from a position of comfort. We will also be roping off the playground area next to the undercover area. The Senior playground will be available for parents whose children need an outlet during the concert. Provision will be made to ensure there is adequate lighting in the area for younger siblings. Kindergarten students will be invited to sit with Mrs Le Roux and Mrs Why for the evening; students can access this as an option. The Kindergarten students will have front row seats. All of the above changes have been made as a result of parent feedback from last year. We hope that as a result of taking the above actions, all parents and visitors will have the chance to see and hear clearly all parts of the Circus Extravaganza and award presentations.

Graduation Assembly

All parents and community members are invited to the graduation assembly to be held at 1.30pm on Tuesday 6th December. This is the school’s formal farewell to our departing Year 6 students. Parents and Guardians are invited to join the children for a cake and cuppa after the assembly. Students will have the opportunity to have their graduation bears signed.

Woolworths opening

The Pre-Primary/Year 1 class were up bright and early last Thursday morning. They were invited as special guests to sing the National Anthem for the opening of the redesigned Woolworths store.

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Please note a correction to page 3, point 2.1 in the School Handbook. SDD Days for 2017 are as follows:
- Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January
- Monday 24 April (Monday prior to ANZAC day)
- **Monday** 21st August
- Monday 9 October
- Friday 15 December

These dates will be advertised in the School Newsletters and Term Planners.
Principal’s News continued...

A special thanks goes to Mrs Webb and Mrs Newman who were up bright and early to support the students. A big thank you also to Woolworths for their donation of $500 to the school. We will use this to fund Achievement Awards for the End of Year Concert and also to provide ice-creams to students after our Good Standing pool day.

2017 Planning

As we move towards the end of the year, we have completed the majority of our staffing. Mrs Joanne Tester has been appointed to the position of Associate Principal for the year. Mrs Tester visited the school yesterday and comes from East Wanneroo where she has been teaching Year 6 and has also been acting in an Associate Principal role. Miss Holly Constantine, Miss Larissa Elms and Miss Gianna Chiffelle also join us for 2017. Holly spent two days at the school last week and Gianna has been teaching in the Year 3 class for the last 2 weeks. Larissa joins us from Karratha.

As we have had many new enrolments in the Junior end, we have created an additional class for 2017. The additional class will allow for students to receive a higher percentage of teacher time and for the numbers of students in classes to be less. The class structure will now be as follows:

Kindergarten:
Pre-Primary:
Pre-Primary/Year 1
  Year 1
  Year ½
  Year 2/3
  Year ¾
  Year ¾
  Year 5/6
  Year 5/6

If parents have submitted a placement request and feel this may be impacted by the additional class, please feel free to contact me. Additional requests regarding classroom placement in light of the new structure can also be made.

Booklists and Contributions

Booklists and Contributions and Charges were sent home last week after being endorsed by the School Council. School Council and P & C had an opportunity to discuss items on the booklist, as well as the new arrangements in regards to suppliers. Parents are able to purchase booklist items from any supplier they choose and items need not be the brand specified on the booklist. School Council also reviewed and discussed the Contributions and Charges for 2017. Both of these responsibilities are an important element of the School Council role. This year we had a 58.3% return rate on contributions for the year, an increase of 7.7% from 2015. We are hoping to exceed this in 2017 and are again offering the $20 class draw prize at the end of Term 1. This was sponsored by the P & C in 2016.
Principal’s News continued...

Parent Interviews

We are again offering the opportunity for parents to meet with teachers after they receive student’s end of year report. This is a chance for parents to touch base or seek further clarification regarding grades or comments. It is also an opportunity to seek feedback from the teacher on specific areas for improvement as the students prepare to move into a new year. Interviews will be held on Monday Afternoon between 2.30 and 4.30pm. Please complete the attached parent interview request form and send to the Office. Parents will be informed of interview times next Wednesday.

Teresa Wigg
Principal

Hour of Code Activities

This week some students will be taking part in the ‘Hour of Code’ activities. This is a global initiative to encourage students to learn computer coding. Students will use specifically designed computer programs using either Minecraft or Disney characters to write computer code.

STUDENTS will think they are PLAYING.......TEACHERS will know that they are LEARNING.

The hour of code activities are open to anyone from pre-readers to adults - activities are free and can be found on www.code.org. They can be accessed using a laptop, desk top or tablet so you can join in at home!

Did you know?????

Computer graduates earn the 2nd highest starting salaries, the highest are engineers (who have to do computer coding as part of their course)
Computing jobs are the number 1 source of new wages in the WORLD

Community Notices

Katanning YouthCARE Council are supporting these schools in your local area:

Katanning Primary School, Braeside Primary School, Katanning Senior High School, Nyabing Primary School,
Pingrup Primary School, Woodanilling Primary School and Katanning TAFE.

You can support your local Chaplain by the transfer of grain via Loadnet.

All donations are a tax deduction.

Queries: Brad Patterson 0427228043