Dear Parents and Carers

The staff have been working steadily on the production of the end of semester reports. These will be sent home on Tuesday July 1 so that there is time for parents to arrange interviews with teachers, if one has been requested, or they have a concern they wish to discuss with their child’s teacher.

This week’s edition of parenting ideas is entitled ‘Reading Your Child’s Report’ and contains some very constructive suggestions on how to reduce the anxiety levels that are often associated with reports for both students and parents. Please make the time to read it before you read your child’s report this term.

I have once again included this cartoon as I think that is still relevant and humorous at this time of year.

It may be society’s report card, but it has your name on it.

Peter Blackford
Principal

Thought of the Week
The person who never stubs their toe is probably standing still.
Staff Update

Mrs Isbister had to return to her home in Tasmania last Monday, to be with her family, due to the sudden and unexpected passing of her father. Whilst she has been there, she has given birth to her first child, Imogen Grace. Our thoughts and best wishes are constantly with Erin, Gavin and their family at this very emotional time.

Annual Speak Out Competition

I know that students have been very busy preparing their individual presentations for the class presentations that are due to be completed by this Friday June 20. The year level finals will be held on Monday June 30 commencing at 9am in the undercover area. It would be great to see as many parents and grandparents as part of the audience. Each year, I have been impressed with both the quality and variety of the presentations that all of the finalists display. We truly have students who are really talented public speakers.

Poseidon Can Dance Program Finale

This will be held on Tuesday July 1 in the undercover area. Parents are encouraged to come along and enjoy seeing the students strut their dancing skills around the undercover area. Parents will also be given the opportunity to join and have a dance with their son or daughter. The canteen is offering a special Devonshire Tea recess and Poseidon Sub lunch and it is hoped that parents will stay and join us. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Lunch order forms will be sent home next week. Students can also wear free dress for a gold coin donation.

Landcare Grant

A big thank you to Melinda McAndrew, who has been successful in securing a grant of $1000 for our school. Mr Hawke-Linsley will use these funds in the school’s hydroponics garden to replace trellising damage in the storm, complete maintenance work on existing equipment and purchase new seeds.

Interschool Sports and Lightning Carnival

This Friday June 20 our Year 5, 6 and 7 students will play Craigie Heights PS in the last of the scheduled interschool matches before the Interschool Lightning Carnival on Friday June 27. They will be playing the sports they have been participating in this term.

Sports will be played at the following venues:

- **Netball**: Bouncers Indoor Sports Centre (Joondalup)
- **Hockey**: Eddystone Primary School
- **Soccer**: Heathridge Primary School
- **Football**: Heathridge Park, Sail Terrace, Heathridge

The students playing in the Football, Hockey and Soccer teams will leave school at 11:30 am with the first match commencing at 12 noon (12:20 pm for Hockey). The girls in the Netball teams will be leaving school at 10:30 am. They will be collected by bus with all the other schools’ Netball teams to travel to Bouncers Indoor Sports Centre. Games are of 2 (10 minute) halves with a 5 minute half-time break. Each team will play 4 matches with 1 by being scheduled. Please check your Lightning Carnival Program to work out when our matches have been scheduled.
Quick Cash for Schools

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN CASH

The West Australian is giving schools the chance to WIN part of $10 000 cash in the Quick Cash for Schools promotion. On Saturday 21st & 28th of June a coupon will be published in The Weekend West and each coupon collected will give our school an entry into the draw to win part of $10 000.

THE MORE COUPONS COLLECTED, THE MORE CHANCES WE HAVE TO WIN!

Please collect as many of these coupons as you can from your friends and family and bring them to the Front Office.

School Photo Day is Coming!!

School photo day will be held early in Term 3. Soon every student will receive a photo order envelope to bring home. This year, photo packages can be ordered securely online through Kapture’s website. Alternatively you can select the options you wish to purchase and return the envelope to the photographer at the school on the photography day with cash or cheque payment included. Please note, credit payments can now only be made online for security purposes.

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) business days to complete an online order only. The school office cannot accept any late payment envelopes.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place an online sibling order early to avoid disappointment. Siblings orders close @ midday Wednesday 6 August

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot, please contact the Front Office.
School Disco
The whole school disco has been organised for Thursday July 3 by the Year 6’s and 7’s.
The theme is **Winter Wonderland**.
PP to Yr3 – 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Year 4 to Year 7 – 5:50pm to 7:30pm
Entry $5, Hot Chips $2, Cold Drinks $2, Hot Dogs $3

Global Awareness Day
Thank you to all who took part in our Global Awareness Day fundraiser for Cambodian villagers. We raised $340! This money will be used to purchase building materials to construct houses and an orphanage, and will also be put towards a conservation project directed at maintaining an elephant refuge.

Cambodian Orphanage
During the July School holidays Mrs Willett and Mrs Linehan are going to spend some time at the ‘New Hope for Cambodian Children’ orphanage in Cambodia. As part of our school’s initiative to raise global awareness, we are asking for donations of small, lightweight toys for the children’s Christmas Hamper. The age range of children in the orphanage is 2 to 18. We ask for light weight toys as we can only take 60kgs on the aircraft. We are also taking cash donations, which will be used to sponsor the children’s education. Please drop your donations off at the Front Office. If you would like to sponsor an individual child’s education, or to find out more about the orphanage, please come by the Front Office and speak to Mrs Linehan.
P & C News

A big thank you to everyone at Poseidon Primary for their support of the recent P & C fundraising events. The two main fundraisers for Term 2 have been the sale of Entertainment books and our Family Movie night.

**Entertainment Books:** Thanks to Katie for her dedicated and persistent efforts to co-ordinate the sale of Entertainment books this year. We had a different approach this year, with each family taking a book home. To date 65 books have been sold, 35 more than last year – a fantastic result!

**Amount Raised:** $845, with an additional $25 in donations.

**Family Movie Night:** Our second Family Movie Night was held on Saturday 24 May when more than 120 guests crowded into the undercover area to watch Looney Tune cartoons and “Cat in the Hat”. The Candy Bar was as successful as ever, with plenty of hot dogs and hot chips being sold.

A big thank you to the fundraising team and our lovely extra helpers on the night. I would also like to acknowledge Debbie Ellis for her efforts in co-ordinating this event, and Danial Swan for making himself available so we could have a member of staff on site.

**Amount Raised:** $800.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!
WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU!!

-Yvonne-

Yvonne Atkinson
Fundraising Coordinator
Poseidon P & C

Uniform Shop News

**STOCK CLEARANCE**
All faction shirts are
ON SALE!!
Only $10 each!!
Get ready for
Faction Carnival
and GRAB YOURS NOW!!

We also have a range of second hand items going out for only $5 each.

Don’t miss out!!

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The P & C Central Uniform Shop is open Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 8:20am. We are happy to open in the afternoon by prior arrangement. Simply contact Debbie Ellis on 0408 083 312.
POSEIDON CAN DANCE FINALE!!
To celebrate the culmination of our whole school dance program,
The Canteen has created a delicious menu for the day.

At recess there will be delicious Devonshire Teas
Scone with jam & cream, plus a tea or real coffee: $5
Scone with jam & cream: $1

For lunch, enjoy a Poseidon Sub!
Poseidon Sub with a drink, cookie and special surprise: $5
Parents are welcome to order lunch too!!
Lunch orders must be into The Canteen by Friday June 27
Lunch order forms will be sent home on Monday
No other foods will be available on the day

EFTPOS facilities available

SUPPLIERS SPECIALS
From time to time, our suppliers provide us with FANTASTIC deals
on things we don’t sell at The Canteen,
but we can sell directly to YOU!

This week we have
Cornetto Salted Caramel Ice Creams: $2 each
Bags of frozen chips: $5 each

Please note, the chips are for frying, NOT oven baking.
We have limited numbers, so come and see us and grab a delicious bargain!!

The items are ADULTS ONLY – we will not be selling them to students.

😊 Bronwen, Claire & Sheree 😊

P & C Quiz Night: Let’s Get Quizdiculous!!

Saturday August 23
Beaumaris Community Centre
Tickets $12, Tables of 8
Loads of prizes, raffles, silent auction
Cash bar, BYO nibbles
Doors open 6:15pm
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!
Entertainment Books are Still Available to Order

Available as a Traditional Entertainment Book OR the NEW Entertainment Digital Membership for up to four Apple or Android devices

Each book sale earns our school $13. A big thank you to the families who have chosen to donate $13 to Poseidon in lieu of buying a book. And thank you to everyone who has ordered books - we hope you enjoy your savings.

Follow the link to order https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8610t4 (Please remember to reference Poseidon Primary School when registering your 2014 | 2015 Entertainment Membership)

All book payments or unwanted books need to be returned to either P&C Central or the Front Office ASAP. If you need more information about ordering or returning books, please contact Katie Newbury on 0417954689 or via email at katieneubury@outlook.com

Win Sunken Treasure with The Dollarmites!

IT’S NEARLY THE END OF TERM 2, BUT YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN!!

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to share it with your students in the form of some amazing prizes.

**Major student prize**

One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

**Runner-up student prizes**

- 130 Toys“R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

**Sunken treasure for schools and you**

- There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia.

**Here’s how to win!**

All your students need to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and they’re automatically entered into the competition.
Contact the P & C

If you are interested in finding out more about what the P & C is, what they do and how you can be a part of it, come along to one of our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We are also on Facebook - simply search for Poseidon Primary School P&C and request to join our group. Or you can contact us via email at poseidonpandc@gmail.com.

Gaylene Bicheno, Pead Real Estate
Major Sponsor of the 2013 Spring Fair
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
Poseidon Can Dance
Finale Tuesday July 1
Watch your kids strut their stuff
Plus
Recess Devonshire Teas
Lunch Poseidon Subs

Dance Times:
Pre-Primary 8:40 to 9:35
Year 4 & 5 9:40 to 10:35
Recess 10:40 to 11:00

Year 3 11:00 to 11:55
Year 1 & 2 12:00 to 1:40
Lunch 12:25 to 1:15
Year 6 & 7 1:45 to 2:40