Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and exciting semester we have had, with dancing lessons, NAPLAN, the Speak Out competition, interschool sport and swimming lessons. All of these events have been combined with the meaningful and creative learning programs that our great teachers have been implementing in their classrooms across the school.

I know that both students and staff are looking forward to the break after such a challenging and productive semester of learning. From all of us at Poseidon, I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

Peter
Peter Blackford
Principal

Thought of the Week
The best way to be somebody ... is just to be yourself.
Staff Update

Mrs Jaine Seward has been appointed to take over from Mrs Erin Isbister, who is now on maternity leave, in our Kindy / Pre-Primary class for the remainder of the year. The school is still in the process of selecting a teacher to work on Fridays in this class.

Our fantastic registrar, Debbie Linehan is taking some well-deserved long service leave and will be away for all of Term 3. We wish all the very best for her northern adventure as she has a trial run at being a grey nomad. Lisa Freegard will be our acting registrar for the term.

Speak Out Competition Finals

This year’s event was truly outstanding, with the quality of the speeches performed by the year level finalists making it very difficult for our judges, Mr Jan Norberger MLA and Mrs Tammy Beswick to select a winner for each year level. In fact, the judges could not separate our two Year Six finalist Christine and Chloe who were declared joint winners. Congratulations to all our finalists and winners.

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Poseidon Dance Finale

The Poseidon Can Dance Finale that was held on Tuesday was an outstanding success and a real celebration of the dance skills the students have developed over the course of this year’s program. The P&C’s initiative to have scones, jam and cream for morning tea and a special Poseidon Sub lunch really added to the day for both students and parents. It was so good to see so many parents both enjoying the students dance performances and also joining in for the odd dance or two.

Interschool Sports and Lightning Carnival

Our school teams have completed the round of fixtures against our neighbouring schools. All teams continued to improve their skills and ability to play as a team which resulted in more on field success for most of the teams. Staff are to be thanked for the extra effort put into training at lunch times and congratulated for the improvement in results.
WA Education Awards 2014
Recognise Excellence in Your School

Students have the chance to turn the tables on staff at our school and award them with merit certificates as part of the 2014 WA Education Awards. The merit certificates are an opportunity for students and parents to recognise the work of school staff and let them know they value the work they are doing. Merit certificates are available for [download on the awards website](#). Don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate what’s great about our fantastic school. The merit certificate is also available at the end of the newsletter for you to print and fill in.

Parents can nominate our school, teachers and staff for a WA Education Award. The awards are your opportunity to tell everyone what’s great about our school and the staff who work here. This year there are six award categories that apply to Poseidon Primary. Please click on the category to find out more:

- WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year
- WA Primary School Leader of the Year
- WA Beginning Teacher of the Year
- WA Education Assistant of the Year
- WA School Services Staff Member of the Year
- WA Primary School of the Year

I would be more than happy to support anyone with the completion of a nomination for any of the awards. Please contact the Front Office for more information.

School Photo Day

School photo day will be held early in Term 3.

**Kindy, Pre-Primary and Sibling Photos: Thursday August 7**

**Years 1 to 7 Photos: Friday August 8**

Every student will be bringing home a photo order envelope today. You can now order your photo packages securely online through Kapture’s website. Alternatively, you can select the options you wish to purchase and return the envelope to the school on the photo day with cash or cheque payment included. **Please note, credit payments can now only be made online for security purposes. If you have placed your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.**

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five business days to complete an online order. **The Front Office cannot accept any late payment envelopes.**

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package. Sibling photo packages can **ONLY** be ordered online. **Siblings orders close @ 12:00pm Wednesday August 6.**

Kapture offers 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](mailto:enquiries@kapture.com.au).

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records. They will also be included in their class group photo, which is 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 student councillors, Mrs Willett and Mr Hawke-Linsley would greatly appreciate help setting up for the disco, helping in the canteen during the disco, or packing away. If any parents or carers can help, even if it’s just for a short while, you can do so anytime from 3:30pm.

Parenting Ideas

This week’s parenting idea is on helping kids leapfrog their difficulties with five ideas. A parent’s attitude to their child’s difficulties will determine how successfully they meet and overcome many of the obstacles and hurdles they meet.
Join us on Saturday August 23 at Beaumaris Community Centre for the Poseidon P&C Quiz Night!!
Doors open @ 6:15pm, Quizdiculousness starts @ 7:00pm
LOADS of prizes, cash bar, BYO nibbles
Tickets only $12, tables of 8
There are only 30 tables, so grab your tickets from P&C Central NOW!!

Let’s Get Quizdiculous – How You Can Help

Apart from gathering some friends together to a buy a table of tickets, Poseidon P&C are also seeking prizes and donations for this year’s Quiz Night. A silent auction and a raffle will be conducted during the night so if anyone is able to donate a prize then please let us know.

We already have some electrical goods donated by an electrical retailer who was closing down his business, Gaylene Bicheno from Peard Real Estate is sponsoring a round and providing a major prize, and Jan Norberger is also providing one of the major prizes.

Please have a think about what you might be able to contribute that will help the evening be another successful event. Bottles of wine, chocolates, electronics, craft items are all examples of what was donated to the Spring Fair silent auction. Don’t be concerned if the prize appears to be small, every bit helps and we can combine items to make up hampers.
If you are a business owner you may consider sponsoring a round at the Quiz Night which will promote your business to the local community. Sponsorship packages start from $200.

Remember the Quiz Night is this year’s major fundraiser and all profits benefit our students. The P&C has many exciting projects that are being undertaken and wants to support even more.

If you are able to provide any suitable prizes, please bring them to P&C Central as soon as you can. If you are interested in sponsorship, contact Yvonne Atkinson, P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator at trevoli@bigpond.com.au or 0419 184 572.

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.

😊 Jodie & Debbie 😊

Canteen News

END OF TERM
When ordering lunches, please check with canteen staff that items are available, as we are running down stock levels to prepare for the end of Term 2.

IF YOU OWE MONEY ON YOUR CANTEEN ACCOUNT, PLEASE COME AND PAY THE BALANCE ASAP.
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
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.
THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Dance Finale lunch yesterday:
Deb, Yvonne & Peter, Jodie and her mum, Vickie, Cynthia, Tara and Bec.
If we have missed thanking anyone, sorry.
Thank you for supporting the Canteen and Poseidon P&C.

😊 Bronwen, Claire & Sheree 😊

Entertainment Book School Holiday Specials

Keep the family entertained these school holidays and enjoy fantastic savings!
Available as a Traditional Entertainment Book OR the NEW Entertainment Digital Membership for up to four Apple or Android devices.

Follow the link to order

(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 katienewbury@outlook.com

Contact the P & C

Next P&C Meeting: Wednesday July 23

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, Peard Real Estate
Major Sponsor of the 2013 Spring Fair
Helping kids leapfrog their difficulties with these 5 ideas

A parent’s attitude to their child’s difficulties will determine how successfully they meet and overcome many of the obstacles and hurdles they meet.

Whether it’s going to school for the first time, making new friends or even going to school camp, children often experience difficulties that they need to overcome.

When children overcome problems and deal with unpleasant situations they learn they are capable, which is the basis of self-esteem and confidence.

Children’s resilience is fostered when they overcome problems and manage unpleasant social situations such as teasing or going into new situations. Protecting kids from challenging experiences robs them of chances to learn, develop and grow.

Resilient kids look back and draw on skills and understandings they have developed in the past to help them deal with present challenges. For instance, a sixteen year old girl recently revealed how her time spent on a twelve-day adventure camp helped her overcome the homesickness she experienced on a six-month student exchange.

She remembered how on the first day of her school camp she didn’t think she could make it – but she did. She experienced those same doubts early in her exchange but she knew that just as she had coped before she would do so again, but this time in more difficult circumstances. She was drawing on the same resources.

Here are five great parenting ideas to help your kids leapfrog their difficulties:

1. **Frame the problem as a challenge:**
   Frame the difficulty as a challenge rather than a problem. Kids take their cues from their parents so the frame of ‘challenge’ gives kids something to rise to rather than be overwhelmed by.

2. **Coach kids to do well:**
   Talk kids through their challenges, give them ideas to cope and manage. Consider rehearsing some skills or language that they may need.

3. **Show confidence they will succeed:**
   Children generally meet their parents’ expectations so make sure your expectations are realistic, positive and supportive of their feelings.

4. **Give kids a chance:**
   Allow kids to approach challenges in their own way without constantly checking on them. Your nervousness is definitely catching.

5. **Celebrate their success:**
   Even if they were partially successful, such as they went to school camp for two out of the three days, then praise their efforts. They’ve got a great building block for next time.

The attitude and approach of parents and teachers will determine how successfully children and young people meet and overcome many of the hurdles they encounter. That attitude needs to be courageous, sensitive and hopeful that your child will meet, and overcome with assistance, all the challenges they encounter.
Poseidon P&C Presents:

Let's Get Quizdiculous!!

Tables of 8. $12 per Ticket
Tickets for sale at P&C Central

Major Table Prizes
Door Prize
Raffle
Silent Auction

Cash Bar. BYO Nibbles
EFTPOS facilities available

Saturday 23 August 2014
Beaumaris Community Centre
Constellation Drive
Ocean Reef
WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO

Thursday July 3
Years PP-3 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Years 4-7 5:30pm to 7:30pm

ENTRY $5

HOT DOGS $3  HOT CHIPS $2
COLD DRINKS $2
Certificate of Merit

I would like to acknowledge:

Name

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