Dear Parents and Carers

It’s hard to believe that it is already Week Four of this busy and exciting term. After a smooth start to the term, the students quickly engaged with their learning and during daily fitness and physical education began preparing for the planned athletic events. Interschool cross country is first and this is followed by the school’s Faction Athletics Carnival and Interschool Athletics Carnival. Students will also be participating in the school’s annual spelling competition.

The P & C’s Let’s Get Quizdiculous Quiz Nght is only nine days away, on Saturday, August 23. It will be a very entertaining night with lots of fun for everyone. The staff have two tables and they are looking forward to the challenge of competing with the rest of the community for some of the fantastic prizes that the P & C fundraising committee have been able to secure. This will be a wonderful night’s entertainment for the school community whilst helping to raise funds for the P & C to spend on much needed educational resources for your children.

Let’s Get Quizdiculous!!

Peter
Peter Blackford
Principal

Thought of the Week
I don’t have time to worry about tomorrow......
I’m still working on yesterday!!

You don’t need to join Facebook to see our page! Simply Google Search “Facebook Poseidon Primary School Heathridge” to find our regular posts about upcoming events and school news.
Student Centred Funding Model

For the first time in 2015, funding will be allocated to schools based on the learning needs of students and school characteristics. The new model is fair, responsive, flexible and transparent. It delivers funding for each student enrolled and additional funding for students needing extra support, rather than delivering funding for school types and education programs.

Please see the attached fact sheet for more information.

Year 7 Students Move to Secondary School

As most parents would be aware that in 2015, Year 7 public school students will move to secondary school. The move will provide your child with the same opportunities as children across Western Australia, giving them access to specialist subject teaching and facilities needed for the Australian Curriculum.

As a Year 7 student in a secondary school your child will be introduced to new and more demanding mathematical concepts including formal algebra and geometry, and will study biological and physical sciences including mixing chemicals using specialised equipment. They will also have access to a diverse range of learning experiences such as computer science, robotics, food science, woodwork and metalwork.

The move will provide exciting new opportunities for your child. Our school and staff are working hard to prepare them for the transition.

If you have any questions I encourage you to visit the Department of Education & Training Parent Website http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou or make a time to meet with one of leadership team at the secondary school where you have enrolled your child.

Interschool Cross Country

This is being held on the oval at Sail Terrace, on Thursday, August 21, commencing at 9:15am. Our students in Years 4-7 have been training for this annual event as part of their daily fitness routine for this term. Congratulations go to Piper Taylor and Flavius Decan who have been selected as our team captains and Holly O’Neill and Rylee Wilkinson who have been selected as our team vice captains for this year. This is a terrific event and I encourage as many parents and friends of the family to make the time to come down to the oval to support our students.

Poseidon Spelling Competition

The finals this year will be held on Monday, September 22. Year level word books will be sent home in the near future so that students can begin to learn the words in their word books in preparation for the class level competitions which are scheduled to be held during Week 8 at the class teacher’s discretion. The top four students from each year level will then compete in the year level finals. Your support in helping your child learn their words is very much appreciated.
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.

Road Safety Reminder:
The Importance of Using Seatbelts

In the event of a crash you are 10 times more likely to be killed if you are not wearing a seatbelt.

The Road Safety Council and School Drug Education and Road Aware would like to remind all members of the school community, that wearing seatbelts is one of easiest ways to protect people when travelling in vehicles.

Kindergarten & Pre Primary Enrolments 2015
Say Hello to Learning

Application and enrolment forms are now available from the office. See the table below to find out when your child can start school. Please don’t wait to enrol as places are filling fast.

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The Poseidon Book Fair is a fantastic annual event that enables children, parents, teachers and community members to purchase quality books and classroom materials at reasonable prices, and enables us to earn free books for our school. Our Book Fair is packed with a multitude of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery. The book selection encompasses titles suitable for both girls and boys within each age group, all designed to capture their imagination and get them excited about reading.

You’ll find the best and newest books from more than 60 publishers, including:

- Paperback editions of the books kids want to read
- Hardcover books that make wonderful gifts
- Popular series for all ages and reading levels

If you’d like, you can also buy a book for the library – our Librarian Mrs Tegjeu is busy preparing a Library Wish List. Your family will be recognised with a Thank You label in your chosen book. Please talk to Mrs Tegjeu or Ms Mugg if you’d like to make a donation.

Poseidon Book Week ends with our annual Book Week Parade on Friday, August 22. Dress up as your favourite book character and join us for a fun assembly with our fantastic Book Week MC Mr Sullivan.

The Poseidon Book Fair will be open before and after school in the Atlantis Block (next to Mrs Willett’s Year 6/7 class). If you can help setting up the fair, or help with sales, please contact Ms Mugg, Miss Ward or Mr Swan.
Our Library Needs Help!!

The Library is in urgent need of some parent helpers to paint the Library Trolleys and the Book Display Shelf, and we also need paint!! If you can spare some time and would love to do some painting, or can donate bright red, yellow or blue paint, please see Lydia Tegjeu in the Library or leave your details at the Front Office.

RSPCA Cupcake Day is Coming!!

RSPCA Cupcake Day is Coming!!
Friday August 29
in The Undercover Area

Fight Animal Cruelty with Cupcakes!!

Parenting Ideas

This week’s parenting ideas titled “Ten Common Discipline Mistakes” is about 10 common and easily avoided mistakes parents make when disciplining their children. Replace these mistakes with better techniques and you’ll be on your way to parenting easy street.
Poseidon P&C Presents:

Let's Get Quizdiculous!!

1st Prize: Dinner for 8 @ Parliament House
2nd Prize: $400 cash
Door Prize: 32GB WiFi iPad Air
+ raffle & silent auction!!

Licensed Bar - BYO nibbles
EFTPOS available
(Sorry, no BYO booze)

Get your tickets from P&C Central
before & after school

Saturday 23 August 2014
Beaumaris Community Centre
Constellation Drive, Ocean Reef

Tickets $12 each, Tables of 8
Doors open 6:15 pm
Quizdiculousness starts 7:00 pm

Special Thanks to our Quiz Night Major Sponsors

Jan Norberger, MLA
Member for Joondalup
Blackburne Finance & Investment, Perth
Gaylene Bicheno
Peard Real Estate
Quiz Night Sponsorship & Prizes

Apart from gathering some friends together to 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.

Jan Norberger MLA has generously donated our fantastic first prize of dinner for eight at Parliament house, Gaylene Bicheno from Peard Real Estate is sponsoring a round and providing a major prizes, and Blackburne Property Group has provided our great door prize. We’ve also had some great prize donations of electrical goods.

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 and 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, or donating a prize. In return for your support, your business will be promoted during the evening and your company logo will be included in a special Quiz Night edition of our school newsletter. It’s a great way to get your business out to the local community.

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.

Let’s Get Quizdicalous!!
Uniform Shop News

STOCK CLEARANCE
All faction shirts are still ON SALE!!
Only $10 each!!
Get ready for Faction Carnival on September 5
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

Term 3 Treat – Vanilla Billabong Icecreams $1
Available at Lunch

& just a friendly reminder to our students

Please and thank you are still magic words!

😊 Bronwen, Claire & Sheree 😊
Going, going GONE!!
ORDER YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOK NOW!!!!!
Orders close on Friday August 22
so buy your book before it’s too late!!

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 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 katienumerby@outlook.com

Contact the P & C
Next P&C Meeting: Wednesday August 27
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
### Student-centred funding model

#### Per student funding
- For all enrolled students based on their year levels.

#### Enrolment-linked base allocation
- To ensure schools are able to meet general operating costs.

#### Locality allocation
- To meet additional costs unique to schools in remote and outer regional areas of the State.

#### Aboriginality allocation
- To help schools address the learning needs of Aboriginal students and close the education achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

#### Social disadvantage allocation
- To help schools address the higher and additional learning needs of students from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.

#### English as an additional language allocation
- To help schools address the learning needs of eligible students with English as an additional language.

#### Disability allocation
- To help schools address the learning needs of students with eligible disability.
- Separate educational adjustment allocation to enable mainstream schools to implement programs and learning supports for students with additional learning needs.

#### Targeted initiatives
- For schools providing specific programs and services, for example Gifted and Talented Programs.

### Budgets and costs

#### One line budgets
- All schools operate with one line budgets.
- Budget for each school is a total dollar amount.
- Principal determines the portion for salaries and the portion for cash.
- Majority of the budget for employing staff.

#### School costs paid centrally
- Some school costs continue to be paid centrally for efficiency and effectiveness.
- Costs currently include capital works, scheduled maintenance, staff leave, staff housing and workers’ compensation.

### Focus for change

#### Fairness for all students
- Funding for each student regardless of where they live or what school they go to.
- Additional funding for students who need special attention.

#### Early years of schooling
- Increased investment in students in the early years of schooling.
- Supported by research on children’s learning and development.

#### Transparency and flexibility
- Clear to see what is being funded and how it is being funded.
- Schools determine how they use the funding to deliver the best education for their students.
Ten common discipline mistakes

Here are 10 common and easily avoided mistakes parents make when disciplining their children. Replace these mistakes with better techniques and you’ll be on your way to parenting easy street.

Discipline is easy when children are easy. It can be downright tricky when children are difficult, have interesting personalities or are at one of the challenging developmental stages.

It’s with kids in these difficult categories that we need to get our discipline techniques right. Here are 10 common mistakes I see many parents make when trying to get cooperation from their children, keep them safe or teach them to behave well.

Do any of these bloopers ring a bell?

1. **Repeating yourself**
   If you do this, you are training your kids to become ‘parent deaf’. Kids learn more from respectful actions than your repeated words, so speak once – twice at most – then DO something.

2. **Shouting to be heard**
   You will get better results by going below the noise baseline to get their attention rather than raising your voice.

3. **Setting limits too late**
   If you set a limit a few weeks after new object or situation is introduced (e.g. a kid gets a new mobile phone, a teen starts going out at night), you will be seen to be taking away a freedom. It’s better to set limits first then loosen them up later.

4. **Setting no limits**
   Boundaries, rules, expectations and standards teach kids what’s expected. Boys love them. They also like to push against them, so you need a firm backbone.

5. **Failing to follow through.**
   Talk! Threaten! Nag! No way! See No. 1 above.

6. **Making consequences too harsh**
   “You’re grounded for a month, Mr 6-year-old” is a tad harsh and will usually bring resentment, not to mention confusion. Stick to the 3 Rs – respectful, reasonable and related to the behaviour – when setting consequences and you can’t go too far wrong.

7. **Applying consequences when you, or they, are angry**
   When anger is in the air kids will become mad at you ... if they listen at all. Calmness makes a huge difference to effectiveness at the point of discipline.

8. **Mixing discipline with counselling**
   Never mix the two as it sends mixed messages. If a child misbehaves manage that situation. If you suspect something negative is going on in their life, then deal with that at a separate time.

9. **Deferring discipline**
   Deferring discipline to a child care centre, preschool or school. This is taking the easy way out and teaches kids that you don’t have real authority. Have the confidence to be the authority and take a lead.

10. **One parent is always the bad guy**
    This gets wearing. Also it’s hard to have fun when you are the tough cop all the time. If you are in a two-parent situation take discipline in turns. If you are parenting solo, bring sparents into the act.

We’ve all made mistakes when disciplining kids. Tiredness, emotion and lack of skill can get in the way of effective discipline. But part of the evolution and growth of you as a parent involves eradicating some of your old ways, and replacing them with new, more effective, more sophisticated ways of managing yourself and your kids.

For better, more sophisticated and more effective discipline techniques visit my online parenting manual – the Parentingideas Club. There are 1,000s of strategies waiting to be used. Take your FREE trial now at parentingideasclub.com.au