In 2015 Poseidon Primary will be an INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL!!!!
Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Poseidon Primary School has been selected to become an Independent Public School in 2015. This is a very significant achievement and acknowledges the positive partnership between the school and the community. I would like to thank the team of staff and parents who assisted in the preparation of the school’s presentation. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Yvonne Atkinson and Samantha Smolarek for the huge amount of work and support they gave me.

The next step in the school’s journey is an extensive training and transition program in preparation for becoming an Independent Public School.

**Cooperative Learning: a priority at Poseidon Primary**

On a daily basis teachers and students from K-7 use cooperative learning strategies. This feature of our school has been developed because research indicates that when cooperative learning is implemented effectively, the following student outcomes can be achieved - increased engagement in learning, higher self-esteem, higher achievement, increased retention, greater collaborative skills, greater intrinsic motivation, better attitudes to school and greater use of higher level reasoning. WOW! You can see why we are focusing on cooperative approaches to learning.

**Thought of the Week**

A father is someone who will play with you, even though he has friends his own age to play with.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Upcoming Events**

**TERM 3, 2014**

- **Friday August 29**
  - RSPCA Cupcake Day

- **Wednesday September 3**
  - Year 4-7 Faction Jumps / Throws

- **Friday September 5**
  - Faction Athletics Carnival

- **Friday September 12**
  - Yr 1 / 2 Rm 5 Ms Kasperkiewcz’ Assembly

- **Wednesday September 17**
  - Interschool Jumps / Throws at Heathridge
  - P & C Meeting 7pm

- **Friday September 19**
  - Interschool Athletics Carnival at Heathridge

- **Monday September 22**
  - Spelling Competition Year Level Finals

- **Friday September 26**
  - Yr 6 / 7 Rm 11 Mr Hawke-Linsley’s Assembly

**END OF TERM 3**

**TERM 4, 2014**

- **Monday October 13**
  - School Development Day
  - STUDENT FREE DAY

- **Tuesday October 14**
  - START OF TERM 4

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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.
Interschool Cross Country

On Thursday August 21, the Poseidon Primary School Interschool Cross Country team competed at the annual Carnival. Our team of 64 students participated to the best of their abilities which resulted in the school placing 3rd overall. A very special thank you to Mrs Porro for all of the work she did to ensure that we enjoyed a very well organised and efficiently run event.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved podium places:

- Kai York 1st Year 7 Boys
- Flavius Decan 2nd Year 7 Boys
- Piper Taylor 3rd Year 7 Girls
- Jessica Greenhalgh 3rd Year 5 Girls
- Sam Turner 4th Year 5 Boys

A special mention to all our athletes who placed in the top 10 of their races.

Faction & Interschool Athletics Carnivals

The Faction Jump and Throw Events will be held on Wednesday September 3, for Year 4 to 7 competitors. An outline of the approximate times for each event is below.

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Spectators are welcome to attend and support the students.

The Faction Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday September 5. A program will be sent home this week with all students. The approximate times are:

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Lunch will be at 1:00pm and presentations at 2:20pm. Students and parents can pre-order a special lunch – sausage sizzle, a drink and a surprise – for $4 from The Canteen, and the P & C are running a BBQ & Cake Stall, with bacon and egg burgers, sausage sizzle, hot soup, plus coffee and biscuits. Lunch order forms are being sent home this week – please return your order asap.

The Tabloid Events will be held as a special afternoon on Friday September 26, commencing at 1:15pm. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

The Interschool Jumps and Throws Event will be held at Heathridge Primary School on Wednesday September 17, commencing at 9:10 am. Students who finish first and second at the Faction Jumps and Throws will be selected for this team.

The Interschool Athletics Carnival will be held at Heathridge Primary School on Friday, September 19, commencing at 9:15 am.
Scholastic Book Fair 2014

We had an amazing week culminating in a fantastic dress up assembly. We managed to take $4450 at the book sale, which means **we have $1335 to spend on books** to supplement our middle year’s home reading selection. A fantastic effort and our best year yet!

Thanks go to Mrs Willet and her students for their invaluable work behind the scenes, Miss Ward for organising the prizes, Mr Swan for the music and Mr Sullivan for his impressive performance as the MC on Friday. Thanks also to Lisa Freegard for her assistance coordinating the payments. Another great week at Poseidon!

Poseidon Spelling Competition

Word booklets have been given to each student from Pre Primary to Year Seven and we encourage parents to help their children learn the words in preparation for the class competitions that are scheduled to be held in Week Eight. The top four students from each year level will participate in the finals to be held on **Monday September 9** in the Undercover Area.

National School Opinion Survey

On April 5, 2012 the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC, from July 1, 2014 known as Education Council) acknowledged the importance to schools, schooling systems and jurisdictional authorities of gathering and analysing school opinion information and changes to that information over time. This information can be invaluable to educational practitioners in understanding and responding to their communities’ perceptions, and providing leaders with data for consideration for continuous improvement in their schools, schooling systems and jurisdictional authorities.

Schools are required to report on student, parent and staff satisfaction under the National Education Agreement and the Schools Assistance Act, and are also required to include a link to the My School home page alongside their school satisfaction reporting in their annual reports. The online surveys will be completed by staff, senior students and parents. In the next few weeks I will be providing all families and staff with the link to the website where they can access the survey.

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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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 Tomorrow!!

Fight Animal Cruelty with Cupcakes!!
Bring a plate of goodies and your pocket money to The Undercover Area and we’ll raise money for the RSPCA

Parenting Ideas

With Fathers’ Day being on Sunday September 7, I have selected an article on ‘Being a Great Dad.’ Modern dads want to be close to their kids. They want to know what’s going on in their kids’ lives and they want to be hands on.
What a fantastic night!!

140 people joined us at Beaumaris Community Centre, pitching their wits against each other, playing heads and tails, buying raffle tickets and bidding on the silent auction.

Can you answer the questions?

Here are some of the questions from Let’s Get Quizdiculous – do you know the answers?

1. John has been hired to paint the numbers 1 to 100 on apartment doors. How many times will he need to paint the number 8?
2. Aside from humans themselves, which animal is responsible for the most human deaths in the world?
3. A man is pushing his car along the road when he comes to a hotel. He shouts “I’m bankrupt!” Why?
4. Which animal has teeth in its stomach?
   a. Boa Constrictor   b. Tarantula   c. Octopus   d. Lobster
5. What has a crapulous person had an excess of?
6. Using three 9’s, make a sum that gives the answer 11
7. What is the more common phrase of the following: “Missiles of a ligneous or petrous consistency have the potential of fracturing my osseous structure, but appellations will eternally remain innocuous.”
8. Which organ contains the smallest bones?
9. Ganymede is a moon of which planet?
10. What does the c stand for in the equation E=mc2?

(Answers at the end of the newsletter)
Congratulations to our Winners

1st Prize: Dinner for 8 at Parliament House, donated by Jan Norberger, MLA Won by Table 16
2nd Prize: $400 Cash, donated by Gaylene Bicheno, Peard Real Estate Won by Table 14
3rd Prize: 8 bottles of red wine, donated by Heathridge Liquor Won by Table 8
Door Prize: 32GB iPad Air, donated by Rex & Elana McCay, Blackburne Won by Shane Dowling

Let’s Get Quizdiculous raised $5600!!
Thank you everyone!!

A massive thank you to:
- Peter and Shane, for writing the questions.
- Peter, for being totally a fantastically quizdiculous MC in his Red Foo outfit.
- Shane, Cameron and Sam, for marking all the questions.
- Sam, for creating the most amazing powerpoint showcasing our sponsors and making the questions clear.
- Debbie and Terase, for working the bar.
- Tara, Katie, Jodie, Bec and Vicki, for working the floor selling raffle ticket and ensuring silent auction items were bid on.

A special thank you to the many husbands who are also willing to lend a hand, especially Dave Ellis and Peter Newbury.

Finally, thank you to the entire P&C team for all your help in securing silent auction and raffles prizes, and for all the help cleaning up afterwards!
Special Thanks To Our Quiz Night Major Sponsors

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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 😊

Contact the P & C

Next P&C Meeting: Wednesday September 17
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.

Answers: 1. 20 times, 2. The mosquito, with as many as 1,000,000 deaths to malaria each year, 3. He is playing Monopoly, 4.d. Lobster, 5. Alcohol, 6. 99/9=11, 7. Sticks and stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me, 8. The ear, 9. Jupiter, 10. The speed of light.
Being a great dad

Modern dads want to be close to their kids. They want to know what’s going on in their kids’ lives and they want to be hands on.

Today, involvement in their kids’ lives is the mantra of most fathers. Most men want to be more than breadwinners, and want to share in as many aspects of parenting as practical. They want to know what’s going on in their kids’ lives and they want to be hands on.

In fact, many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don’t enjoy a close a relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:

1. Find something in common with your kids
Dads related better with their children when they have something in common. Finding that common bond can be tricky though. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your bag, find something else that you and your kids have in common.

A common interest is a great help for fathers who live apart from their kids who are looking to maximise the time they have with them.

2. Tell your sons you’re proud of them
Boys want their dads to be proud of them. They just yearn to hear their dads say, “I’m so proud of you and what you do!” Some dads struggle getting those words out! It’s not so much that they are not proud, it’s just that many dads want their sons to be better. Some dads need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That’s when boys turn off their dads.

3. Don’t wimp out on discipline
Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then they expect their partner to settle them down. Both parents can take their share of managing children’s behaviour.

4. Treat your daughters well
There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

5. Say goodbye Superman, hello Clarke Kent
Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It’s part of growing up. Author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the ‘old ram, young ram syndrome’. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game in which boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son’s life.

6. Support your partner
Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. A woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother.

7. Change as your child changes
They’re children one day and teenagers the next. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Fathers who are little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it.

By being alert, watchful and listening to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.