Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome all families, both new and continuing, to Poseidon Primary School for 2015, our first as an Independent Public School. The School Board met this week for the first time to begin the process of creating our first School Business Plan. This new planning document will provide the school with its direction for the next three years and will be used to review the school’s achievements and progress during the third year of the plan. It is both a challenging and exciting time for the School Board and I look forward to working with them as we strive to become the community school of choice for our area.

This year we had a very calm and smooth start during the first week. All children have settled well into their classrooms and routines are quickly being established that will facilitate the establishment of positive classroom environments that will allow all students the opportunity to maximise their learning. We appreciate your efforts to prepare your children so that they can get the most out of their school day.

Thank you to ALL parents for sending your children to school well equipped and in school uniform. It is pleasing to see that many more families have made the change to our new school uniform and all students look great in either version of our uniform. This is the second year of the planned transition period and it is hoped that by the end of this year ALL families will have made the change over to the new uniform.

The new faction shirts are now on sale from the Uniform Shop at P & C Central and they look fantastic. The P & C did extensive research to source these very smart looking shirts at a very reasonable price.

I am looking forward to a happy and productive term with all students, staff and parents.

Peter
Peter Blackford
Principal

Thought of the Week
To be someone special, believe that you are!

您不需要加入Facebook就可以看到我们的页面！
请在Google搜索“Facebook Poseidon Primary School Heathridge”以查看我们有关即将举行活动和学校新闻的定期帖子。
School Development Days

This year the Department of Education has reduced the number of School Development Days back to six. This year our teachers will continue with the implementation of the Australian Curriculum which will include reporting to parents in terms of the Australian outcomes. Last year the School Board endorsed the following dates for this year’s school development days.

**Term 1**
Day 1: Thursday, January 29
Day 2: Friday, January 30
Day 3: Friday, February 27 (the Friday before the Labour Day Public Holiday)

**Term 2**
Day 4: Monday, April 20

Please note the extra SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY in Term One on Friday, February 27 will create a four day long weekend.

Parent Information Meetings

Parent Information Meetings will be held in Week Four on Tuesday February 24.

For all classes P-P to Year 6 there will be two sessions for parents to select from.

- **Session 1:** 6:00 – 6:15pm
- **Session 2:** 6:15 – 6:30pm

Staff have decided to offer two shorter sessions this year to give parents who have children in two different classes the opportunity to go to both classes’ meeting on the same night.

The kindergarten meeting will be held on the same night commencing at 6:30pm.

These meetings are very important to your child’s education, as they allow the teacher to share a range of important information on how their class will function throughout the year. It also provides parents with the opportunity to ask questions and clarify any aspects they are not sure of. It is the start of the partnership between home and school that is so important to a successful year for your child and we hope to see you there.

Before School Routine

I would like to remind students and parents that **ALL** students who arrive at school before the **8:20am** siren are required to go to the Undercover Area and **SIT** quietly for the siren to sound. This indicates that it is time to move to classrooms and get ready for the commencement of the school day. This is a duty of care issue for the school and as there is no-one on duty before school the safest place for students who arrive early is the Undercover Area where a member of the admin team will be located. Parents are welcome to come into the Undercover Area and sit with their children.
Responsibilities Regarding School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child’s learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child’s social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child’s achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child’s life.

The Department of Education’s Student Attendance policy requires parents and guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children.

Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as ‘authorised’ by the principal.

As the parent or guardian you must obtain the principal’s approval for any planned absence.

Sharyn O’Neill
Director General of Education

School Map

Please find included with this newsletter an updated map of the school with all classes and teachers clearly marked. We hope that this will make it easier for families to find their way around the school.

Term 1 & 2 Planner

A planner for Terms 1 & 2 is also included with our first newsletter of the year so that you are aware of when the major events will occur.

Staff Appointments

With the commencement of another school year I would like to introduce the staff who have been appointed to our school. We have three staff who are new to the school:

- Miss Elisa Waterman: Kindy DOTT on Friday
- Mrs Michelle Beurs: Year 1 on Monday & PP/Year 1 DOTT on Friday
- Mrs Lisa Bowe: Library Officer

It is also a pleasure to formally welcome back two staff who have been appointed on 12 month contracts:

- Miss Rachel Ward: Year 2
- Mrs Sarah Wakeb: Year 3/4

Staff and School Organisation 2015

ADMINISTRATION
Principal: Mr Peter Blackford
Associate Principal: Mr Michael Wright

OFFICE STAFF
Registrar: Mrs Debbie Linehan
School Officer: Mrs Jo-Ann Why
**LIBRARY**
Library Officer
Mrs Lisa Bowe

**ARTEMIS BLOCK**
Kindy Rm 3
Mrs Biljana Wright
Miss Elisa Waterman (Fri)
Assistant
Mrs Gwyneth Hacking
Assistant
Mrs Sandy Morton
Special Needs Assistant
Mrs Leanne Best

**OLYMPUS BLOCK**
Pre Primary Rm 4
Mrs Jaine Seward
Mrs Katie Aarons (Fri)
Pre Primary/Year 1 Rm 5
Miss Effie Sentonas
Mrs Michelle Beurs (Fri)
Year 1 Rm 7
Mr Danial Swan
Mrs Michelle Beurs (Mon)
Assistant
Mrs Anne Barlow
Assistant
Mrs Sandy Morton
Assistant
Mrs Marianna Chan
Assistant
Mrs Sam Johns

**ATHENA BLOCK**
Year 2 Rm 19
Ms Jane Kasperkiewicz
Year 2 Rm 20
Miss Rachel Ward
Year 3 Rm 18
Ms Ros Mugg
Year 3/4 Rm 17
Mrs Sarah Wakeb
Special Needs Assistant
Mrs Maria Kostopoulos

**ATLANTIS BLOCK**
Year 4 Rm 16
Mrs Michelle Porro (Mon, Tue, alt Wed)
Mrs Marie Paragalli (alt Wed, Thu, Fri)
Year 5 Rm 15
Mr Hawke-Linsley
Year 6 Rm 14
Mrs Margaret Willett
Special Needs Assistant
Mrs Robyn Bentley

**SPECIALIST TEACHERS**
Physical Education
Mrs Michelle Porro
Music
Mrs Lisa Sturgess
Visual Arts
Mrs Loretta Clark
Health (Years 1-3)
Mrs Katie Aarons
Drama (Years 3-6)
Mrs Katie Aarons

**AUXILLIARY STAFF**
Gardener
Mr Mietek Berezowski
Cleaners
Mrs Ayre Ambrose
Mrs Pamela Marsden
Mrs Lesley Butler
Mrs Thanamas Thorburn
Canteen
Mrs Bronwen Tuhakaraina
Mrs Claire McGill
Twilight Lantern Parade

The Joondalup Festival is the spectacular finale to the City of Joondalup’s summer events season. Celebrating seventeen years in 2015, it is the northern corridor’s largest and most significant community event and a two-day feast of arts and cultural happenings.

One of the highlights of the Festival is the Twilight Lantern Parade, a participative community arts project that showcases the talent, energy and creativity of the community. Using the rich colours of the rainbow, lantern parade entries will come together to create our own curious landscape at the Joondalup Festival.

This year our Year 5’s and Year 6’s will be taking part in the Twilight Lantern Parade and will be creating some beautiful and exciting artwork. More information will be coming home soon, but mark Saturday 28 March in your diary now!

- Loretta -
Mrs Loretta Clark
Visual Arts Specialist

Parenting Ideas

This week’s Parenting Ideas article is on Parent Involvement: The Secret Ingredient to Children’s School Success. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as holding their school in high regard.

P & C News

The Poseidon Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is an active and dynamic group of dedicated parents and carers who have a significant input into student wellbeing, providing a wide range of educational resources for students and fostering the great sense of community which exists at our school. We support the school by fundraising throughout the year, managing The Canteen and running The Uniform Shop.

Poseidon P&C has raised nearly $30,000 over the last two years thanks to the dedication of our fantastic members and the support of our wonderful school community, and we have lots of new and exciting ideas planned for 2015.

We welcome all our new families to Poseidon Primary, and a big hello and welcome back to our continuing families. We wish everyone a wonderful year and hope to see you at a P&C event soon.
P & C AGM

The P & C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, February 25** at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. This dedicated and hard working group of parents needs the support of more parents and families. Please make the time to attend so that you too can help provide resources that improve the learning for ALL our students.

**Kindy-Year 2 Summer Sundowner**

All families with children in Kindy to Year 2 are invited to join us at the Early Childhood Playground for a BBQ and a chance to meet other parents, teachers and your P&C members.

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**Poseidon P&C Presents**

**Kindy to Year 2 Summer Sundowner**

**Friday 20 February from 4pm**

Come and meet other Kindy to Year 2 families, teachers and your P&C members.

Pack your eskie and we’ll fire up the BBQ at the Pre-Primary Playground.

Please let your class teacher know if you can join us.

BYO Drinks. Sausage Sizzle - Gold Coin Donation.
Canteen News

UPDATED SUMMER MENU

The updated 2015 Canteen Summer Menu is available on our website at http://www.poseidon.wa.edu.au/for-parents/the-canteen/. Lots of yummy food, plus new $5 daily deal combos – lunch, plus a treat and a drink - brilliant value!

We are very mindful of keeping prices affordable, and there have only been a few price increases - Chill flavoured milks, slushies and jellies, which are all more treat items. Ordering one of our delicious lunches supports The Canteen and allows us to keep our prices as low as possible.

RESTRICTED DIETS

Every now and then, a student may forget their lunch, or their sandwich might accidentally get trodden on. The Canteen is happy to help out and make sure kids don't go hungry, but if your child has a restricted diet, be it for health, religious or lifestyle reasons, we would like to know. Drop by and have a chat with us about your child's diet to ensure we can provide safe, healthy food for them.

CANTEEN ACCOUNTS

Please be advised, Canteen Accounts can only be run on credit – we cannot run The Canteen on a debit system, so add some money to yours today!!

EFTPOS facilities are available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Canteen needs more volunteers! If you have a spare half hour during the day, we'd love to see you. Our busy times are:

- 8:15am to 8:45am: taking the kids' orders
- 10:40am to 11:00am: serving recess
- 12:00pm to 12:20pm: packing lunches
- 12:20pm to 1:00pm: serving lunch

There are always lots of laughs, and we can promise lots of coffee!!

& just a friendly reminder to our students

Please and thank you are still magic words!

😊 Bronwen & Claire 😊
Uniform Shop News

We have the new broader-brimmed school hats and the fantastic new faction shirts, plus everything else you need to look smart at school.

We also have a new consignment of Kissy Curls hair accessories, specially designed and created by one of our mum’s to match our school uniform and faction colours. Hair accessory packs are $10 each – buy two and get a free hairtie/headband. If you’d like to know more about Kissy Curls other products, simple click on the link http://www.kissycurls.com.au/

The Uniform Shop located in P & C Central in the Undercover Area and is open most mornings before school. We are happy to open after school by prior appointment. Simply contact Debbie Ellis on 0408 083 312 to arrange a time.

EFTPOS facilities are available.

😊 Jodie & Debbie 😊

School Banking

Welcome back to another great year of school banking. Our School Banking Program continues to grow, and is a fun, engaging way for kids to learn lifelong money-management skills. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive school banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

This year’s theme is “Outer Space Savers” and we have some super rewards that are out of this world!! Term 1 rewards are an ET DVD and a Planet Handball, with two new items coming in Term 2.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, come down to see us Thursday mornings from 8.10am in the Undercover Area and grab a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack.

😊 Terase & the Banking Team 😊
Contact the P & C

Next Meeting: P&C AGM Wednesday February 25, 7:00pm

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. Alternatively you can contact us via email at poseidonpandc@gmail.com.
If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical.

The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

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Parent involvement takes energy

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Unfortunately, finding parents who are willing to take part in these activities is increasingly difficult. Many parents find themselves worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. They find themselves with no energy left to be involved in their child’s school.

Make sure kids are school ready every day

Participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child.

These include: talking with your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having had plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

✔ Find out what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child’s school apart from others.

✔ Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.

✔ Direct conversations through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

✔ Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

✔ Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.

✔ Consult with your child’s teacher about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven contributor to student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school life.
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Joondalup Festival 2015

TWILIGHT LANTERN PARADE

Our Curious Landscape: Creatures and plants from over the rainbow

Saturday 28 March 2015
6.30pm to 7.15pm