Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the many people who have enquired about my recent holiday. Sandy and I had a fabulous time in Spain, Portugal and Italy. However, I am very lucky to have such a great school to return to and I am looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

NAPLAN Testing – NAPLAN testing is taking place this week. Staff involved have prepared the students so that they have the best possible chance of achieving results that reflect each student’s level of ability. Traditionally, the school’s results have indicated that our students outperform students from ‘like’ schools in Australia. Results are usually made available to schools at the commencement of Term Four. As was the case last year, in this year’s school plan, staff decided to also test the Year 4 and 6 students on last year’s NAPLAN tests. This provides useful data to inform our teaching programs for the remainder of the year as well as providing an additional practise at completing this style of assessment.

Thought of the Week
Only the guy who isn’t rowing has time to rock the boat.

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Peter
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Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Upcoming Events
TERM 2, 2015

Friday May 15
Inter School Poseidon v Beldon

Wednesday May 20
Yr 5/6 Excursion Government House
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday May 20 – Wednesday July 1
Dancing

Friday May 22
Year 3/4 Mrs Wakeb’s Assembly

Monday June 1
Western Australia Day Public Holiday

Thursday June 4
Musica Viva Incursion Yr PP – Yr 6
Yr 3 Excursion Wanneroo Museum/Cockman House

Friday June 5
Yr 1 Mr Swan’s Assembly
Inter School Poseidon v Eddystone

Thursday June 11
Little Athletics Clinic Yr 3 – Yr 6

Friday June 12
Inter School Poseidon v Heathridge

Wednesday June 17
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Friday June 19
Yr 2 Miss Ward’s Assembly
Inter School Poseidon v Craigie Heights

Friday June 26
Lightning Carnival Yr 4 – 6

Wednesday July 1
Dance Final and Lunch

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School Plan 2015 - 2016

At the school development day at the beginning of this term the staff finalised our school plan which will guide the teaching and learning programs through to the end of Term 1, 2016. Each year, the staff analyses the NAPLAN data to help decide what the priority focus areas should be for the next year. As the school has maintained our focus on these priority areas for an extended period of time, this has enabled us to achieve consistent improvement outcomes across the school.

The priority areas for 2015-16 are:

- **Numeracy** - focussing on understanding numbers and operations
- **English** - focussing on grammar, punctuation and reading comprehension
- **Cooperative Learning** - Cooperative learning is a successful teaching strategy in which small teams, each with students of different levels of ability, use a variety of learning activities to improve their understanding of a subject. Unlike individual learning, which can be competitive in nature, students learning cooperatively capitalize on one another’s resources and skills (asking one another for information, evaluating one another’s ideas, monitoring one another’s work, etc). Furthermore, the teacher’s role changes from giving information to facilitating students’ learning.
- **Embedding the Poseidon Identity** – IDEAS (Innovative Designs for Enhancing Achievements in Schools) is a research based and highly respected comprehensive approach to school revitalisation that recognises the extraordinary complexity and subtlety of teaching. Through our revitalisation process we have created the Poseidon Primary Identity, incorporating our vision, values and school-wide teaching and learning practices. 2015-16 will see a focus on embedding this identity throughout the school community.

New Technology

The school is in the process of transitioning from the students accessing technology mainly through the computer laboratory in the Library to wireless technology. This was made possible through the support of the P&C who funded 50% (or $4000!) to upgrade the school’s wireless infrastructure. The old computer lab has been dismantled and the leased machines returned to the leasing company. The school has negotiated new leases for 25 notebook computers and 20 iPads. Mr Swan has been working with the school’s network integrator to get all these devices on to the network as soon as possible. When complete students (K – 6) will be able to access both the school’s network and the internet from most classrooms in the school. This will create new opportunities for students to use technology to enhance their learning.
Inter School Winter Sports

Our school teams (football, soccer, hockey and netball) will compete in the first round of fixtures with our neighbouring schools on Friday, May 15 against Beldon Primary. All teams have been enthusiastically practising and are looking forward to the chance to test their skills in a game situation. We wish our teams all the best for their first games.

All games are played between 1.15pm and 2.30 pm with a staggered start. All students are to wear their school uniform and bring a drink bottle.

VENUES
Football - Sail Terrace Reserve
Hockey - Eddystone Primary School
Netball - Belridge Secondary College
Soccer - Heathridge Primary School

Each week Poseidon Primary staff work to allow the Winter Sports fixtures to take place. A final decision is made at 12 noon on the day with regards to bad weather stopping the matches being played. If you are ringing to check if a game is playing, please do not phone the Front Office before 12 noon.

GO POSEIDON

Safety Suggestions for Students

The school has received a number of reports through our regional office in recent times of suspicious incidents that have been report by students attending northern suburb schools when either walking to or from school. To help ensure the safety of all students when travelling to and from school, we remind families each term of the simple but important ways they should regularly discuss and reinforce personal safety with their children.

Here are some suggestions to help children stay safe:

- Always travel in company
- Walk on the right hand side of the road so you face oncoming traffic
- Wherever possible, leave space between yourself and the roadway
- Stay in areas that are well lit
- Stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden from view (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres) and plan trips to avoid such locations
- Be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- If a passing car stops nearby never get too close
- Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk
- Provide this advice to brothers and sisters, especially if younger
- Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police, noting number plates of cars and/or clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.

Call 000 in an Emergency or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nathan Buzza for winning both the local and State Newspower Colouring Competition. Nathan won a $250 stationary pack and Poseidon Primary received $500 worth of stationary.

Congratulations also to Kobi Aiesi in being selected for the State Under 12’s Rugby League Team. We wish him all the very best of luck in his endeavour.

Well done Nathan and Kobi, we are very proud of you!!

We Want Your Recycling!

Mrs Clark from the Art Room is in desperate need of the following items for the School’s Recycled Art Program:

- 1 Litre drink bottles
- Ice cream containers with lids
- Margarine containers
- Paper kitchen towel rolls

All items can be dropped off at the Front Office.

Parenting Ideas

This week’s Parenting Ideas article is titled ‘Don’t yell, move closer’. As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children.
The P&C has hired Scitech EXCLUSIVELY for Poseidon Primary families and tickets are now available. Plus you can pre-order a delicious dinner for the whole family. For $5 choose from a Pulled Pork Roll or a Kids Combo (sandwich, crisps and a juice box). Cool drinks will also be available.

Friends of Poseidon families are also welcome but NUMBERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED, so grab your tickets from P&C Central before school ASAP. Alternatively you can contact the P&C via email at poseidonpandc@gmail.com. The P&C cannot ‘hold’ any tickets; it’s first in, best dressed! EFTPOS facilities available.

Please Note: EVERYONE needs a ticket for Scitech, even the FREE Under 4’s. P&C needs to have exact numbers, so there will no admittance without a ticket. Tickets for Under 4’s are available from P&C Central.

All meals must be pre-ordered through P&C Central.

Get your tickets and place your food orders NOW!!
Entertainment Books

The 2015-2016 Entertainment Books are coming! Entertainment Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! Buy a membership for only $65 and receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers that can be used from now until 1 June 2016.

CLICK HERE TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

Use just a few of these offers and you'll more than cover the cost of your Membership! Whether you choose the printed Entertainment Book -OR- the Entertainment Digital Membership for your smartphone, $13 from every book goes towards our fundraising.

Follow the link to order

(Please remember to reference Poseidon Primary School when registering your 2015 | 2016 Entertainment Membership)

Baskin Robbins Cake Fundraiser

Order a delicious ice cream cake from Baskin Robbins Beldon and they will donate 10% of the price to Poseidon P&C. Just mention Poseidon when you order.

Baskin Robbins Beldon at the Belridge Shopping Centre
Phone: 9402 2376

Click to check out cakes on their website, or Like Baskin Robbins Beldon on Facebook.
Save The Date!

**August 22**

We’re planning another great quiz night, so be sure to mark the date on your calendars!

More information coming soon!

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**Canteen News**

**Winter Warmer Daily Combos:** Our delicious new Winter Warmer Combos are available EVERY DAY. Order Tuna Mornay or Macaroni Cheese plus a Veggie Crunch Pack OR a Hot Corn Cob PLUS Milk OR Water. **Still only $5!!**

**New Ice Creams:** We have a new range of ice creams, ranging from 30 cents to $2.00. Ice creams are available at lunch time after the second bell.

- $2.00
- $1.50
- $1.50
- $1.00
- Whole 60c or Half 30c

😊 Bronwen, Claire & Bec😊
Uniform Shop News

Have you seen our great new homework/library bags? Perfect for protecting library books, homework and school notes, they’re made from heavy duty showerproof nylon that simply wipes clean. Designed to last throughout your child’s school life, they come with a 25 year guarantee. They’re available in a variety of colours and are selling for ONLY $10!! This is a limited time offer, so grab yours now from the Uniform Shop before school. EFTPOS facilities available.

😊 Jodie & Debbie 😊

Contact the P & C

Next Meeting:  May 20, 7:00pm

This dedicated and hard working group needs the support of more parents and families, and parents and carers are always welcome and encouraged to attend, share their ideas and provide input on decision making. The committee members are happy to chat to parents and carers who cannot attend about any ideas or feedback and are able to bring issues to the meeting for discussion.

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.
Don’t yell, move closer

As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.

You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don’t respond.

Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.

Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.

When your request for cooperation is ignored.

So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that’s still ignored you RAISE the volume.

‘I’ll yell at them. That should work!’

Hmm, I’m not so sure. Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you’ve developed to get cooperation then here’s a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once.

No aggression, just expectation.

It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That’s why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your body effectively to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child’s proximity. Don’t stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you’ve got to do it.

In future don’t yell, move closer.

Michael Grose