Dear Parents and Carers

Semester One Reports: Staff have been working steadily on the production of end of semester reports. These will be sent home on Tuesday, June 30 so that there is time for parents to arrange interviews with teachers, if one has been requested, or they have a concern they wish to discuss with their child’s teacher.

This edition’s “Parenting Ideas – Insights” is entitled ‘Reading your child’s report’ and contains some very constructive suggestions on how to reduce the anxiety levels that are often associated with reports for both students and parents. Please make the time to read it before you read your child’s report this term.

Thought of the Week
To expand your mind is to expand your possibilities.

Peter
Peter Blackford
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Upcoming Events

TERM 2, 2015

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

Monday June 29
Kindy & PP WA Museum Excursion

Tuesday June 30
Kindy & PP WA Museum Excursion

Wednesday July 1
Dance Final and Lunch

Friday July 3
Yr 3 Ms Mugg’s Assembly
END OF TERM 2

TERM 3, 2015

Monday 20 July 2015
School Development Day
STUDENT FREE DAY

Thursday August 6
Kindy Blue School Photos

Friday August 7
Kindy Yellow – Yr 6 School Photos

Monday August 17 – Friday August 21
Book Week

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PoseidonPrimarySchoolHeathridge
School Garden Update

The seven garden beds are flourishing at the moment with a variety of vegetables being grown. There is a bed for each year level. The Year 5 Garden Gurus from Mr Hawke-Linsley’s class have been doing a great job helping to maintain all six beds. With the variety of vegetables planted, the students should be able to taste what they have grown later on in the year when they will prepare something to eat using the vegetables they have grown.

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The aquaponics section of the garden is still a work in progress. Mr. Hawke-Linsley has spent many, many hours trying to get the system to operate correctly before he introduces fish, plants and vegetables. If anyone has expertise with aquaponics is able to help do some trouble shooting, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Front Office or see Mr. Hawke-Linsley.

Dance Program TV Filming

Debbie-Anne Tierney from Humphreys Dance Studio has thanked the school community, including parents, staff and students for the wonderful support of the filming of the program. This will go to air on Saturday, June 20 at 5:30 pm on Channel 7’s WA Weekender. From all the footage filmed, sadly only 2 ½ - 3 minutes will be aired. However, Humphreys Dance studio is trying to obtain an unedited copy for the school. Debbie-Ann commended all the students for their fabulous behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. The students showed immense pride in their school and the dance studio could not have wished for more wonderful young ambassadors for their school dance program.
Dance Program Finale

This will be held on Tuesday, July 1 in the Undercover Area. Parents are encouraged to come along and enjoy watching the students strut their stuff. Parents will also be given the opportunity to join in and have a dance with their son or daughter. The Canteen is planning to offer a special lunch as well on that day and it is hoped that parents will stay to have lunch as well. More details will be provided closer to the big day.

Inter School Winter Sports & Lightning Carnival

**Inter School Winter Sports:** This Friday, June 12 our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will play Heathridge PS in the second last of the scheduled interschool matches followed by next Friday, June 19 against Craigie Heights PS. The Interschool Lightning Carnival is on Friday, June 26.

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.

Sports will be played at the following 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.

**Interschool Lightning Carnival:** The students will be playing the sports they have been participating in this term at the Interschool Lightning Carnival on Friday, June 26.

Sports will be played at the following venues:

- Netball: Bouncers Indoor Sports Centre (Joondalup)
- Hockey: Eddystone Primary School
- Soccer: Heathridge Primary School, Channel Drive
- Football: Heathridge Park, Sail Terrace Heathridge

The students playing in the Netball teams will be leaving school at 10:30 am. They will be collected by bus with all the other schools’ Netball teams to travel to Bouncers Indoor Sports Centre. The students playing in the Football, Hockey and Soccer teams will leave school at 11:30 am, with the first match commencing at 12 noon (12:20 pm for Hockey). Games are of 2 (10 minute) halves with a 5 minute half-time break. Each team will play 4 matches with 1 bye being scheduled. Please check your Lightning Carnival Program for our match schedule.
Kindergarten and Pre Primary Enrolments 2015

Say Hello To Learning – Apply Now To Enrol

Application and enrolment forms are now available from the Front 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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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.
The Poseidon P&C Scitech Evening was a brilliant school community night with over 300 Poseidon People enjoying the fantastic new Going Places exhibit. Big and small scientists explored the technology of transport with airships, hoverdisks, robots and inventions that make travel to the farthest regions of our planet possible.

A huge THANK YOU to the fabulous Fundraising Team and our wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the event was a smash. Thank you also to the sensational Scitech staff - we love your pink kitchen!

Click here to check out more photos on Facebook.

Lego Robotics Club Sausage Sizzle

The Poseidon Lego Robotics Club will be down at Bunnings Joondalup this Sunday, June 14 doing a sausage sizzle. Be sure to drop by to say Hi and grab a tasty snag.

Come To The Black & White Ball

Join us on Friday, June 26, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for The Black & White Ball!! Tickets are $10 from P&C Central and include finger food and complimentary mocktail. Additional drinks will be available for purchase, plus there will be a photo booth – so don’t forget your camera!

It’s time for children (and parents!) to dress up, suit up and frock up in their finest black and white gear - or you can come dressed as a zebra!
Baskin Robbins Cake Fundraiser

RAISE FUND FOR POSEIDON PS
EVERY CUSTOM ICE-CREAM CAKE YOU PURCHASE FROM BASKIN ROBBINS BELDON,
WE DONATE 10% TO THE POSEIDON P&C

A CAKE FOR EVERY OCCASION... MADE OF PURE HAPPINESS
CHOOSE YOUR FLAVOUR, SIZE AND DESIGN

SHOP 7C BELDON CITY SHOPPING CENTRE,
31 GWINNING DR, BELDON PH: 94073773
FACEBOOK: BASKRPOSEIDON

JUST MENTION YOU ARE FROM POSEIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHILE PLACING YOUR ORDER.
CUSTOM CAKES NOV 2-3 BUSINESS DAYS TO REFRESH. NOT TO BE COMBINED WITH ANY PROMOTION OR OFFER. VALID ONLY AT BASKIN ROBBINS BELDON.

KCM Photography Fundraiser

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Book a Photoshoot with KCM Photography and receive:
$150 Discount off your photoshoot
AND
$100 donated to PLRC

Photoshoot includes all images fully edited on a DVD and a custom made 5x7” photo book.

Photography packages starting from: $750

Contact Karen at
KCM Photography
Ph: 0411 450 886
www.kcmphotography.net
Unit 5/54 Prindiville Dr
Wangara
Save The Date!

August 22

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

What was the biggest single from these albums?

Did you know the E’Co Bin has raised **over $500** for Poseidon Primary in only **6 weeks**?

Thank you 😊
Entertainment Books

So far we’ve sold over 50 books – with $13 from each book going to Poseidon Primary!! If you haven’t bought your membership, check out which businesses have paired with Entertainment to bring you fantastic deals:

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

Please return book payments or unwanted books 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 0417 954 689 or via email at katieneubury@outlook.com.

Canteen News

Lunch Order Box: If you’re in a rush before school, you can put lunch orders in the green box before The Canteen opens. Change will be put in with the student’s lunch. Feel free to take some lunch bags home too – then there’s no waiting to place orders!

Dance Finale Lunches: Order forms for the Poseidon Can Dance Family Dance Finale Lunch are going home today. Order a Poseidon Sub with a drink and a brownie for only $6!! Parents are welcome to order lunch too – their orders will be packed with their child’s lunch. PLUS there will be delicious treats for Recess.

No other lunch items will be available on this day. EFTPOS facilities available.

😊 Bronwen, Claire & Bec 😊
Uniform Shop News

The Poseidon Sports/Swim Bag is coming! This versatile bag is perfect for training, a trip to the beach or sleepovers. Made from strong, showerproof, 100% recycled PET fabric, the Poseidon Sports Bag will hold damp swimmers, towels and dance gear.

- Eco friendly and PVC free
- External zipped pocket
- Round base with drawstring closure
- Comfortable shoulder straps
- Packs flat for easy storage
- Printed name patch on reverse
- Easy sponge clean
- Measures 52cm x 28.5cm x 20cm

If you’d like to see the bag, we have a sample at the Uniform Shop. Order forms will be coming home soon.

😊 Jodie, Debbie & Tara 😊

Contact the P & C

Next Meeting: June 17, 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.
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?
   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?
   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?
   Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discus the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
Poseidon P&C Presents

Come to the

Black & White Ball

Friday, June 26
5:00pm to 7:00pm

Tickets $10 from P&C Central
Includes Finger Food and Mocktail on Arrival
Poseidon can Dance
Family dance finale
Wednesday July 1
Watch your kids strut their stuff
Plus Recess Delicious Treats Lunch Poseidon subs