Dear Parents and Carers

Student reports will be sent home on Tuesday December 15 with the children. Teachers have put a lot of time and thought into creating individualized reports that reflect the achievements made by each student this semester. Please make the time to sit down and discuss their reports with your son or daughter.

I would like to thank all parents who have assisted in classrooms and around the school throughout the year. There are many programs in the school that would be extremely difficult to operate without parental assistance. Invitations have been sent out to a Thank You Morning Tea which is to be held on Wednesday December 9 in the Staff Room.

A final reminder to all families, that on Monday December 14 we will be holding our annual Book Awards Assembly, commencing at 8:40am. The Year Six Graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday December 15, commencing at 5:00pm. I am looking forward to seeing lots of parents, grandparents and friends at both end-of-year events.

School commences again for students on Monday February 1 2016 and the Front Office will open from Monday January 25 2016.

Enjoy the holidays with your children, have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back at school next year.

Peter
Peter Blackford
Principal

Thought for the Week

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

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You don’t need to join Facebook to see our page. Just click here to find our regular posts about upcoming events and school news.

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2016 Classes

Currently, we are considering several class structures that could operate in 2016. The final class structure will depend upon our total student enrolment, which has been consistently changing throughout Term Four. Until that has been determined no final decision has been made as to which staff member will be allocated to any particular class or year level.

Final class lists will be displayed in the Undercover Area before school on **Monday February 1 2016**.

School Board Thank You

I would like to thank all ten members of the school board for enthusiastic and professional manner in which they have worked together this year to create the school’s first business plan. This document provides the strategic direction for the school for the next two years. It has been a privilege to work with such an experienced and talented group who are really committed to creating a positive future for the students of Poseidon Primary.

[Read the Poseidon Primary School Business Plan.]

P & C Thank You

On behalf of the students and staff I would like to once again thank the dedicated and enthusiastic members of the P & C, who this year have continued to set new standards and records for their involvement in our school. For one of the smallest schools in the Joondalup area, we have possibly the largest, but definitely the most active P & C membership that I have ever had the privilege to be associated with in my 30+ years in public education. They have not only once again raised an exceptional amount of funds for the school and your children, but also continued to bring the school community together through the very enjoyable social events they have organised.

The P & C members are a friendly and cooperative group to work with and if there are parents who would like to join the P & C for 2016, you are most welcome to come along for the first meeting in 2016, which will be held in the Staff Room on **Wednesday February 24 2016**.

Parent & Community Thank You

I would also like to thank you, the parents and community members for your support for our school during a very successful year. The school has achieved a great deal thanks largely to the strong partnerships that have been developed between the parent body and the school.

Staff Thank You

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to ALL staff of Poseidon Primary School for the commitment and dedication they have continued to display this year to ensure that the students are engaged in meaningful, interesting and relevant learning programs.
30th Year Celebrations

The school board has decided that the first function to celebrate this significant milestone in the school’s history will be held in March 2016. This will be an evening event aimed at bringing the past students, parents and staff together to celebrate the many of achievements of the school. More details will be provided early in the 2016 school year.

Memorabilia items are still being accepted via the Front Office. If you have items that you are prepared to lend to the school for an exhibit, please contact our Marketing Officer Samantha Smolarek via email at samantha.warren@education.wa.edu.au.

Special Team Photos

We have been advised by Kapture Photography that all special team photos taken this year will be removed from their website at the end of this term in readiness for next year’s photography. This is your last chance to view and purchase the choir, school councillors and faction captains photographs. Please visit www.kapture.com.au and access the gallery using our school code – F9UU22.

This code can also be used to purchase class or individual photographs for 2015 should you have missed out earlier in the year.

Christmas Assembly

This year’s Christmas Assembly will be on Friday December 11 commencing at 8:45am. The Pre Primary students will be performing a Nativity Musical, with the School Choir also performing and leading the school community in singing Christmas carols – so bring your best voice!
Spiers Centre Christmas Appeal

As you know, Poseidon Primary is supporting the Spiers Centre Christmas Appeal to assist needy WA families. We are asking for each student to donate specific food items for Christmas hampers being made up by The Spiers Centre. Each class is asked to donate a specific item:

**Class Donations Requested**

- **2016 Kindy Mrs Wright:** 1 x packet fruit mince pies
- **2015 Kindy Mrs Wright:** 1 x 420g canned sweet corn, peas or carrots (or mixed)
- **PP Mrs Isbister:** 2 x 85g jelly box and 1 x 200ml UHT cream
- **PP/Yr 1 Ms Sentonas:** 2 x 500g bag of mixed lollies
- **Yr 1 Mr Swan:** 2 x large packet of potato chips
- **Yr 2 Ms Kasperkeiwicz:** 1 x 340g or 450g tinned ham
- **Yr 2 Miss Ward:** 1 x 340g or 450g tinned ham
- **Yr 3 Ms Mugg:** 1 x 410g or 800g tinned fruit and 1 x 500ml UHT custard
- **Yr 3/4 Mrs Wakeb:** 2 x packets of pretzels or rice crackers
- **Yr 4 Mrs Porro/Paragalli:** 2 x 1.25L soft drink
- **Yr 5 Mr H-L:** 1 x 800g fruit cake or 800g Christmas pudding
- **Yr 6 Mrs Willett:** 1 x packet of savoury biscuits and 1 x packet of sweet biscuits
- **Poseidon Staff:** 1 x large box of chocolates

**Please send you donations into your class teacher.**

Each item on the list above will be used to make up one complete hamper. Each hamper is worth approximately $50. If your family is in a position to donate a complete hamper, please deliver your hamper in a box or basket to Mrs Wright and the Kindy staff. Families who would like to donate new toys, books or gift vouchers for children’s gifts are welcome to do so and can also deliver these to the Kindy staff.

Please donate as generously as you can until Friday December 11.

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**2016 Booklists**

*Just a reminder that the 2016 Booklists are on our website.* The school realises that with Christmas approaching, some families may be experiencing a degree of financial stress with the added expenses of the booklist. The items included on each booklist are those that the staff have determined as student requirements for the whole year. That is why there are multiple of some items. Feel free to only purchase one or two of these items to reduce the overall cost of the booklist. Also, there is no need to purchase new items such as calculators and pencil cases if this years items are still in good condition.

You may purchase the booklist items from any supplier that you wish. However, as Poseidon Primary’s preferred supplier, shopping with Campion acts as a fundraiser for our school. If you do choose to use Campion, Poseidon receives a commission which assists the school to purchase additional resources for the students. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Lapathon

Thank you to all those families that have collected and handed in their children’s sponsorship money. **A grand total of $3500 has been raised.** Prizes for the top 10 student fundraisers will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly. Thank you to everyone for supporting our lapathon. If you still have sponsorship money to hand in, it’s not too late – all monies gratefully received.

School Grounds Improvements: We Want Your Ideas!

The new school business plan was launched a couple of weeks ago and we hope you’ve had a chance to read it [if not, click here!](#) As part of the implementation process, the school board has formed three subcommittees; one of these is the Sustainability, Grounds and Arts Committee, which aims to improve the amenity and look of our school, both the buildings and the school grounds. In order to create a plan of action, we want your ideas and input. **What would you like to see happening to our school grounds and buildings?** Do you have a wish list? What would you like added? What would you like to see improved or replaced? What needs more maintenance and TLC? Send an email to **poseidonpandc@gmail.com** with your thoughts - all ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Games for Giggling Geckos

Giggling Geckos are looking for games – board games, card games, all games! If you’re doing a pre-Christmas clean out of the games cupboard and have a heap of games you don’t know what to do with, drop them off at Giggling Geckos before or after school – the kids just LOVE games!!

Christmas Lights for Princess Margaret Foundation

See the amazing Christmas Lights and support Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. Come to Coongan Court on **Sunday December 20** from 7:30pm and meet Stitches the PMH Bear and Anna and Elsa, plus there will be a cake stall and lollies for sale. Gold coin donation.

Parenting Ideas

**It’s a (Christmas) WRAP:** How will you close up the school year and set the scene to make next year your child’s best year ever?
Direct Deposit School Payments

You can now make payments by direct deposit for incursions, excursions and voluntary contributions.

Bank: ANZ  
Account Name: Poseidon Primary School  
BSB: 016494  
Account Number: 340975592

Please remember to use your child’s name (first name AND surname) as a reference.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary Enrolments 2016

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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Students Who Will Not Be Attending Poseidon Primary in 2016

If any parents know that their child/children will not be attending Poseidon Primary School next year, could they please fill in the form at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible. This information will help us in compiling the classes for 2016.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STUDENTS WHO WILL NOT BE ATTENDING POSEIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2016

My child/ren will not be attending Poseidon Primary School in 2016.

Child/rens Name: ______________________________________________________________

Current Year Level: ____________________________________________________________

Signed: _____________________________________________________________________ Date: ____________________
P & C News
Meet Our Sponsors:
The Butchers at Drovers

Have you been to Drovers lately?
Drovers Pastoral Company has new owners and is now The Butchers at Drovers.

At The Butchers at Drovers, we take great pride in our store and the service we provide to the local community. All our fresh meat is cut fresh daily by our skilled butchers. We support local farmers and producers and supply meats to cafes and restaurants throughout the Perth metropolitan area.

We have a huge new range including ready-to-go meals, gourmet antipasto, cheeses, herbs and spices along with the highest quality beef, lamb, pork and poultry products.

We are open 7 days a week, 8:00am to 6:00pm, with a great selection of products available for any special occasion, be it a sausage sizzle by the beach, Sunday lunch with friends or a Christmas family feast.

1397 Wanneroo Road, Wanneroo WA 6065
Phone: (08) 9206 4722
Find Us on Facebook: TheButchersatDrovers
Thank You

The P&C is an important part of Poseidon’s community and as another year comes to a close I would like to thank our members, school community, students, friends and staff who have been involved or attended one of our events.

The P&C has continued our relationships in the community with Joondalup Rotary, Bunnings Joondalup, Gaylene Bicheno of Peard Real Estate, Schweppes, British Sausages and many other local businesses and government representatives. We have also developed new relationships and welcome The Butchers at Drovers into the Poseidon family.

Thank you to our staff and volunteers who run The Canteen; Bronwyn, Claire, Bec, Erica, Cynthia, Katie, Deb and many of our year six student helpers.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in our Uniform Shop; Jodie, Tara, Deb, Sam, Katie, Cynthia, Shona, Bec and Yvonne.

Thank you to the P&C Executive Team who work hard to keep everything running smoothly; Shane, Deb, Melinda, Samantha, Jodie and Yvonne.

A special thanks to Peter Blackford and Mike Wright, the Front Office administration team and the staff for their support and teamwork throughout the year.

Please join us in 2016 for more fantastic projects and events as we create opportunities together.

- Cam-
Cameron Walton
Poseidon P&C President

Canteen News

*The Canteen will only be open for RECESS on Wednesday December 16*

**LUNCHES CANNOT BE ORDERED**

*THE CANTOON WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 16*

Christmas Fun Day
Friday December 11 is Christmas Fun Day at The Canteen! We’ll have coffee and Chrissy treats at the Christmas Assembly, and lots of tasty Christmas goodies at recess.

Stock Run Down
As we come to the end of the year, we are starting to run down stock. Please check when ordering lunches that menu items are available.

Canteen Accounts
Thank you to everyone who has kept their Canteen Account in credit. If you owe money on your account, please pay the balance by Friday December 11. EFTPOS facilities available.

New Faces in 2016 – We’d Love to See YOU!!
We’d love to meet our new parents in 2016. If you have a spare half hour during the day, drop by and say hi - there are always lots of laughs, and we always have lots of coffee!!
Thank you ALL for supporting The Canteen in 2015 and we look forward to serving up more yummy food in 2016. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!!
😊 Bronwen, Claire & Bec 😊

Uniform Shop News

*The Uniform Shop will be open Friday January 29 2016 from 9:00am to 11:00am*

A big THANK YOU for your continued support from all of us in the Uniform Shop – we hope you all have a truly relaxing break.

Merry Christmas!!

😊 Jodie, Debbie, Bec, Tara & Shona 😊

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from
Poseidon Primary School P&C

We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

Contact the P & C

Next Meeting: Annual AGM on Wednesday February 24, 2016

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.

Major Sponsors of the 2015 P&C Quiz Night

THE BUTCHERS at Drovers
It’s a (Christmas) WRAP!

How will you close up the school year and set the scene to make next year your child’s best year ever?

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. **Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:**
   - Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. **Celebrate improvement and success:**
   - Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognize achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. **Show appreciation:**
   - Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. **Look forward**
   - It maybe beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. **Now relax**
   - It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

**So it’s a wrap!** The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!
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