Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to congratulate all the members of our Interschool Cross Country Team on another magnificent effort last Thursday, in which Poseidon finished second overall. This result reflects the time and effort the students and staff have put into training for this event as part of the school’s daily fitness program which commenced at the beginning of Term Two. Read on for more detailed results and pictures.

Staffing Update: I would like to advise the school community that due to circumstances beyond the school’s control, that this will be Miss Amy Edwards last week in our school. Mr Scott Sullivan, who holds a substantive teaching position in our school, will be returning as of Monday, August 29 to resume teaching, after completing several acting school administrator positions in other schools. Miss Edwards has done a wonderful job this year nurturing the emotional and social needs of students, whilst providing engaging and motivating learning programs that enabled all students to continue to develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

This week’s Year 2, Room 20 assembly will be an opportunity for students, staff and parents to acknowledge Miss Edwards for the many positive contributions she has made to the school during her time with us. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Miss Edwards all the very best for the future and I’m sure that we will see her back at Poseidon at some time in the future.

Peter Blackford
Principal
Interschool Cross Country

On Thursday, 18 August the Poseidon Primary School Interschool Cross Country team competed at the annual carnival. Our team of 32 students participated to the best of their abilities which resulted in the school finishing in second place overall. Our Year 3 and 4 girl teams won their sections and our Year 5 boy team tied with Beldon PS as winner of that section.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved podium places:

Year 3 Boys: 1st Kieran Gray
Year 3 Girls: 2nd Molly McL
Year 4 Boys: 2nd Kieran Aiesi
Year 4 Girls: 1st Alex McGill and 4th Stephanie Spence
Year 5 Boys: 1st Joshua Mannion, 2nd Harmon Slater and 4th Trent Hiscock
Year 5 Girls: 3rd Mia McLeod and 4th Kate Morris
Year 6 Boys: 2nd Brandon Sutherland

Faction & Interschool Athletics Carnivals

The Faction Jump and Throw events will be held on Tuesday, August 30 for selected Year 3 to 6 competitors.

An outline of the approximate times for each event is below:

9:00 am Year 6 Long Jump Year 3 Throwing
9:30 am Year 5 Long Jump Year 4 Throwing
10:00 am Year 4 Long Jump Year 5 Throwing
11:00 am Year 3 Long Jump Year 6 Throwing

Spectators are welcome to attend and support the students.

The Faction Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, September 2. A program has been emailed to all Parents and Carers. The approximate times are: -

8:50am Kindy and Pre Primary Games and Running, 400m events and Year Level Races, 11:10am – Year Level Races continue, 12:00pm – Relays, 1:10pm –Team Games Lunch will be at 12:40pm and presentations at 2:20pm.

The Interschool Jumps and Throws event will be held at Poseidon Primary School for the very first time on Tuesday, September 13 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 on our school oval on Friday, September 16 commencing at 9:15 am.
Book Week Thankyou

We had another successful Book Week, with over $4,500 raised! We hope you enjoyed the fabulous Book Fair. A special THANK YOU to all our Book Fair volunteers – we couldn’t have done it without you!

Students enjoying being part of the Book Week Parade displaying their favourite book character.

School Stream App

We now have 111 Staff and Parents using the new School Stream App. If you would like to place the School Stream App on your phone there are instructions at the end of this newsletter showing you how it is easily done allowing you ease of access to all that is going on at Poseidon Primary School. However, if you do not want to or aren’t able to have the App placed on your phone and wish to still receive information via Email, please fill out the notification and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Spelling Competition

Spelling booklets have gone home with students from Pre Primary to Year 6 for them to start practising their spelling words for the School Spelling Competition being held in Week 8.
RSPCA Cupcake Day 2016

Our traditional fund raiser for the RSPCA was held on Tuesday. Once again, both the quality and quantity of cakes and slices was truly amazing. Students and staff had a wonderful time first selecting something to eat and then indulging themselves in a very special treat at morning recess. The $1000+ raised will be helping the animals in our community. This was another very special Poseidon day, where we have *created an opportunity together* to make a difference. A big thank you to the many parent volunteers and Ros Mugg, who has an amazing talent for uniting the school community in support of such a worthy cause.

Co-Operative Learning Focus

Each Friday in Room 4, our Pre-Primaries and Year 1’s have a fun question of the week, to which they have to choose one of two answers. This week’s question was ‘Would you rather have a dragon or be a dragon?’

Students need to have reasoning behind their answer and we use the Kagan Cooperative Learning Structure ‘Timed-Pair-Share’ to discuss. This structure allows everyone to have an equal chance to share their choice and reason, as well as practice being a respectful and attentive listener. The children are getting very good at finding a ‘shoulder partner’ while on the mat and following the steps of this structure.

After everyone has shared, a few students are given the opportunity to share their partner’s answer with the class, making them accountable for playing an active role within their pair. This structure ensures every single student is engaged in discussion.

Parenting Ideas

With Fathers’ Day being on Sunday, 4th September, 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.
Kindergarten and Pre Primary Enrolments 2017

Say Hello To Learning – Apply Now To Enroll

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 enroll as places are filling fast.

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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.

Contact the P & C

Faction Athletics Carnival Canteen Order

Canteen Lunch Orders have gone home for Parents and students to place their orders for the Faction Athletics Carnival next Friday 2 September. All orders are to be back by Wednesday 31 August. Please find attached at the end of this newsletter a copy of the order form.

Next Meeting: September 21, 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.
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.

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How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school. For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download
4. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector, select add a school, type the school name* into the search then add. Jump between your children’s schools by touching the school name/logo in the top blue bar, or switch schools from the slide-in menu.

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.

Don’t have a smartphone?

If you don’t have access to a smartphone and require information to be delivered via traditional methods (printed notices & email), please fill out the form below and submit it to the school office.

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☐ I don’t have access to a smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android, etc.)
☐ I prefer not to receive information from the school on my smartphone
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Parent lunches will be packed with child’s lunch

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Orders need to be returned to The Canteen by Wednesday August 31
No other lunch items will be available on this day
EFTPOS facilities available