Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support and contributions last week. There was an immense feeling of togetherness and community within the School last week and Mel and Brenden Powell have expressed their thanks and appreciation for all of the support the School community has provided and continue to provide for their family. On-going support is accessible for anyone in need. Please do not hesitate to talk to your child’s teacher or myself.

NAPLAN took place for Years 5 and 7 students last week and is underway for Year 3 this week. The children have done well not to be worried about this and just treat it like another educational activity. Reports will be provided by the government through the School later in the year.

A note on attendance: The School Education Act 1999 requires compulsory aged students to attend school, or participate in the educational program of a school, on the days on which the school is open for instruction, unless an alternative written arrangement has been entered into for the student (Sections 23 - 26). Our School Attendance Policy states that parents/guardians of a child who is enrolled at the School are responsible under the Act for ensuring their child is attending on a daily basis.

The only acceptable official reason for student absence are sickness or family bereavement.

Our duty of care to your children requires that we know they are with their parents if they are not at School so if your child is away, please call or email Deb in the office by 9:15am. Note there are two phone numbers to get through to the office: 97572564 / 97587 754. This is preferable to contacting your child’s teacher directly as they may not be able to check their emails or messages until later in the day.

If your child/ren need to be away for an extended time other than illness, please make a time to see me as your child/ren’s schooling is our highest priority.

Thank you.

Lisa

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School Re-Registration

What is School Re-Registration all about?
It may interest you all to know a bit more about the Registration process that you may have heard talk about and that we as a school are currently undergoing. Under the School Education Act 1999 (Part 4 - Non-Government Schools) all non-government schools in WA must be registered by the Minister of Education and therefore undergo an on-going re-registration process with the Department of Education Services (DES) of WA. It is the governing body of a school, in our case our School Council, that applies for registration and as such they must demonstrate that they have met and continue to meet the requirements of the School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Regulations 2000.

The whole process is easily described as an audit of the functioning of the school and in doing so we must address a set of criterion.

Our most recent registration occurred in 2011 and we were awarded 3 years of registration with a number of recommendations to implement (5 years being the maximum registration period awarded). It should be noted that a number of adjustments have been made to the 2014 Registration Standards and Requirements by DES such that the process is ever more rigorous and demanding. Thankfully our School Council, Sue Gaunt, Sue McLeod and Lisa Fenton have been diligently working through the requirements and will be sending off our application this week.

The next step in the process is a day-long visit and inspection of our School by two consultants from DES who will meet with Lisa, visit classes, talk to students and teachers and inspect the School environment. This will occur on Thursday 26th June (that is only 5 weeks away).

This is where you all can help! Any cleaning, sorting and beautifying help that you can offer will go a long way to getting us through this process. I know that all of you want the best for our School so let’s all pitch in and go for 5 years of registration!!

Young Readers & Writers Festival comes to Montessori

Students and staff were delighted to have two special guests from the Young Readers & Writers Festival come to our school to present workshops to all students.

Gabriel Evans is an illustrator and artist based in country WA. He is the illustrator of Dianne Wolfer’s latest book ‘Annie’s Snails’, and he will be releasing two books later in 2014 with Five Mile Press. He has previously illustrated 11 children’s titles through independent publishers. Using a whiteboard Gabriel showed the Junior and Middle Primary children how he gets inspiration for his drawings.

We enjoyed looking at his portfolio that includes drawings done from the age of 3. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Gabriel’s visit.

Multi-award-winning graphic novelist Justin Randall then presented to the Middle and Upper Primary children. Justin uses photographs that he then traces using a lightboard and adds his own touches to match the novel. Children heard about one example where he took photographs of two different people at different locations and drew them together at a café to suit the book.


Long Sleeve T’s – perfect for this time of year! Only $25 from the Uniform Shop.

Whole School Japanese Kaigi
Held in hall
Fri 30th May
9am to 10am
All welcome!
On Saturday 12 July, you’re invited to the biggest birthday party in Cowaramup this year.
The cows turn two and they’re celebrating at Deja Moo, Cowaramup Fair.
We want to see Cowtown in the Guinness Book Of World Records for ‘most people dressed as cows’.
“We’re asking people to buy, or make, a cow costume and join us in our world record attempt,” said Molly Cow, the matriarch of the Cowaramup herd, when interviewed outside the tennis courts on Monday.
“The current record is held by a town in the USA, where 470 people channelled their inner bovine and donned the black and white last year. To beat them, all we need is more than 470 people dressed as cows to spend five minutes in one place at the same time. Cowaramup is the place!”
Simply go to www.cowaramup.com.au to see the exact details of the outfits you can make to qualify, or you can buy a cow onesie ($15 children, $20 adults) from the website.
The event is free to enter!

Do you have a disability or care for someone who does? Are you eligible for the MY WAY (NDIS) trial in the Lower Southwest? Do you want to know more about the ways in which supports may be provided? Cam Can is a locally operated service provider that offers high quality individualised and flexible supports to vulnerable people and their families/carers. Supporting over 150 people to achieve greater flexibility and control over their resources Cam Can provides leadership in the delivery of individualised supports that will assist you to meet your goals, dreams and aspirations.

My Way (NDIS) and you!
When : Thursday 5th June 1.30 – 3.00pm
Where : Margaret River Community Resource Centre
Get connected with local resources that are invested in listening to your story and supporting the development of plans that lead to real outcomes for people with disabilities and their families.
RSVP to: Steve 9752 3852 Mob: 0499 523 856 Email: steve@camcan.org.au

Jollettes
GYMNASTICS
GYMNASTICS - Coaches Wanted
• Enjoy working with children aged 4 to 12 • Must be Reliable • Casual Position • Training provided
• Suit student or energetic mum
Margaret River Recreation Centre Monday / Thursday afternoons 3.30pm to 6.00pm 0422 952 887

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