Harmony Day

Parents open morning, Thursday 20 March, 2014

Parents will shortly be receiving an invitation from their children to join them in their classroom from 8.30 – 9.00am on Thursday 20 March.

Please remember to R.S.V.P. Your children are looking forward to sharing their work with you and explaining what they do.

Tea and coffee will be served for parents only in Kambarra from 9.00 – 9.30.

Lunch Boxes in Middle and Upper Primary

Information for Parents

One of the big changes when moving from Junior to Middle is the lunch box routine.

The children’s fine motor co-ordination is now well developed and they can be given the bigger lunch boxes with ice bricks which they are able to handle with ease.

The children take their lunch boxes out onto the verandas around 10am for snack and then leave them in the shade on the tables, ready for the 12 noon lunch. The snack boxes and lunch boxes are no longer moved in and out of the classroom.

Please ensure your child’s lunchbox has ice bricks to keep it cool in the hot summer days for this short period.

IT’S A BOY!

Congratulations to Peter, Rachel and Akira Cosgrove on the arrival of your son and brother Cooper James Cosgrove weighing 4.19kg on Wednesday 19th February 2014.

We all welcome you into our community Cooper and look forward to meeting you soon.

The Third Week in...

The Blue Gum pulse is beginning to steady – always a challenge at the start of a new year. Teachers will always tell you that it takes a minimum of six weeks to settle a class that has new children joining it.

Change is always challenging for everyone and more so for children who have not had the advantage of world knowledge. The teachers are paying close attention to settling the children. Please try and be patient, and give time for the hiccups. Encourage your children to share how they are feeling about the changes – share a few stories of your own and how you coped.

On Thursday 20 March, your children will be showing off their work to you and all will be revealed.

Regards Janet

Important Dates to Remember

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Valentines Day

What fun that Valentines Day finally fell on a French Friday.

As we have just been learning the names for vegies and fruit in French lessons so far this term, it all tied in rather well when I made the classes laugh by teaching them the oh so very romantic French phrase.."Tu es mon petit choufleur', which for those of you who still have no idea, means : "you are my little cauliflower."

Various other romantic phrases were taught such as..." Jet'aime " I love you or I like you if the former felt too heavy;
"Je t'adore" which does not mean : "shut the door" but rather, " I adore you"; and " tu es mon meilleur ami " for those who needed something lighter still, meaning: "you are my best friend."

A story was told about a man in Roman times called Valentinus who signed a letter to his beloved student..."From your Valentine" before being sentenced to death; and beautiful valentines cards were made and offered to friends or family members.

Students in Karri Wandoo and Boab had to " pretend buy" pictures of roses and chocolates from me by asking for them in French..."Je voudrais du chocolat" or "Je voudrais des roses rouges." meaning " I would like some chocolate " or " I would like some red roses" before sticking the picture/s of their choice onto their cards.

Joyeuse journee de St Valentin.

Madame.
The Wandoo Class collaborated to paint and create a representation of our class community, ending up with an amazing Wandoo Tree for 2014.

Whole School Cultural Infusion Incursion!

Monday 17th March 2014

Blue Gum will be celebrating Harmony Week with a whole school incursion from the award winning Cultural Infusion program for schools. The Multicultural All Day Program offers students a global experience for one whole day. It’s the perfect way to celebrate diversity!

The programs are interactive, engaging and encourage intercultural dialogue while being fun and inspiring. Students gain an insight into the cultural heritage of our diverse nation while they explore the history, traditions and languages of various cultures.

The multicultural experiences provided for the children will be Bollywood Infusion, Cool Capoeira, Middle Eastern Fusion, Rhythm of Africa and finally, for Middle and Upper, Hip Hop Fusion.

To celebrate our cultural diversity, and add to the experience, the children have the option of dressing up in multicultural clothing of their choice for the day.

“Harmony Day: is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.” (Australian Government).

We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed up, enjoying and learning from this wonderful experience.

Regards

Laura Nicholls—Boab Teacher

Maria Montessori

Quotes

“To let the child do as he likes when he has not yet developed any powers of control is to betray the idea of freedom.”

“The child’s parents are not his makers but his guardians.”
Have you booked your space yet?

Blue Gum’s Car Boot Sale, Sunday 9th March.

Are you running out of places to put stuff after Christmas?

Do you make, bake, grow or sew stuff you want to sell?

Want to raise awareness of your business?

We have the answer! Book yourself a space and offer your wares to the Blue Gum community.

A reminder of the logistics:

A map of car park bays ($10), or coveted shady spots ($15) in the grassy area beside Mallee is on the large P & C noticeboard near the office. Currently, only Blue Gum families can reserve a space, but from Saturday 22nd Feb we will be opening it up to local businesses, friends of friends etc.

Spaces are available on a first come - first served, no money - no goods basis. Club together with a friend (or go it alone if you’ve got lots to sell), choose your spot, write your name on the map, rip off the corresponding tag, put it in an envelope with your name and your money and put it into the P & C tray in the office. The tray will be cleared daily, and only spaces for which money has been received will be reserved.

On the day in question, “stall holders” will be allowed in to set up from 7am. You can park your car in your bay and open the boot, or set up a table (those who’ve paid for a spot in the grassed area will be restricted to tables).

It’s BYO everything, tables, shade etc. although there will be refreshments for sale (and hopefully, some of our bakers will be selling goodies). During set up, cars will be allowed to drive to their reserved spot, but they will be asked to leave before we open for business if they’re not parked in their allocated bay.

We will be open for business at 8am. Customers will be charged $2 entry (obviously, this can’t really be policed, so we’ll be relying on good faith and if people are feeling generous, they’re welcome to donate more)!

Next meeting: 28 March 5pm for 6pm meeting. 31 Rainer Mews Willetton, kids welcome, BYO dinner.

P&C SCHOOL DISCO

Just a reminder to add to your calendar the end of term Disco which is planned for Thursday 10th April 2014 in the evening.

Watch this space for more details!
Dads Raising Teenage Girls

The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time.

Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter.

This workshop will discuss:
- Building a positive relationship with your teenage daughter.
- Issues teenage girls face today.
- How to cope with the changes in your teenage daughter.
- What do teenage daughters need from their dads.
- Practical ways you can help her make better choices.

Times and Cost
27th February 2014 Thursday at 1 Ord Street Fremantle at 6.30pm until 9.00pm—cost $25 per person.

3rd April and 26th June 2014 Thursday at 15 Cambridge Street, corner of Southport West Leederville at 6.30pm until 9.00pm—cost $25 per person.

Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322.

Blue Gum News—20th Feb 2014

Government of Western Australia
Department of Health
Child and Adolescent Health Service

Fremantle/Cockburn Community Health centre
FOR THE NEWSLETTER/COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Lack of control of the bladder while asleep is a common problem in children. However, if your child is still wetting the bed more than twice weekly at 5½ years of age, there is help available, if the child is motivated to stop wetting. After this age continuous bedwetting may cause emotional stress, concern and frustration, leading to a lack of confidence and low self-esteem.

A bedwetting clinic is available at Fremantle/Cockburn Community Health. Parent/Guardians are requested to take their child to a General Practitioner (or Paediatrician) for medical examination and referral to Fremantle/Cockburn Community Health, 18 Dalgety Street, East Fremantle 6158. Please contact the clinic for the correct referral document prior to visiting your doctor. Their child will then be placed on a wait list and parent contacted by the Centre.

There is a charge of $20 per week for the hire of equipment. Regular counselling is given to the parent and child. Reduction is available for Health Care Card holders. The treatment lasts from 6 to 8 weeks. The success rate is about 90%.

For more information, you can contact the Community Nurse on Mondays between 8:30am and 4:00 pm telephone 93391362; fax 93391369.

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