**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **3rd July 2014**  
  End of Term Assembly—11am (school ends at 3pm)

- **26th July 2014**  
  Busy Bee—8.30am to 12noon

- **29th July 2014**  
  Term 3 Commences—Students return to school

- **5th Aug 2014**  
  Discover Montessori Upper Primary Parent Information Evening
  6pm until 7pm

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**BOAB NEWS**

*NAIDOC WEEK*

Boab celebrated NAIDOC week by learning about Aboriginal culture provided by a wonderful incursion by Neville Collard.

The children participated in boomerang throwing, rock art, made a hand painting mural and listened to Neville explain the use of different Aboriginal implements.

- Sam: “I learned that the Aboriginal people used boomerangs as weapons”
- Josh G: “I learned that the Noongar tribe used quartz to make spears and axes”
- Charlie: “I learned that boomerangs are really cool”
- Noah: “I learned that paperbark is used for houses”
- Emily: “I learned that tools made out of kangaroo poo are awesome”
- Josh V: “I learned that they use shields for oars”
- George: “I learned that they have lots of natural materials”
- Ethan: “I learned that the Aboriginals shields are really big”
- Anita: “I learned how to throw a boomerang”
- Candice: “I learned that Aboriginal women use their head to carry things”
- Ella: “I learned that paperbark is waterproof”
- Malu: “I learned some Noongar words and how to throw a boomerang”
- Bianca: “I learned about the Noongar tribe and their traditions”
- Mitch: “I learned that paperbark is waterproof”
- Lexie: “If it was a cold night the Aboriginal people would say it is a two dog night. They slept with them for warmth”
- Emma: “It was interesting learning about Noongar culture”
- Crystal: “I learned that didgeridoos are not part of the Noongar culture”
- Violet: “Aboriginal people have good balance because they can carry big things on their heads”
- Steph: “I thought throwing a boomerang was fun”
- Grace: “I enjoyed the artwork on the rock”
- Conall: “It was great that Neville knew my mum!”
Boab children were so excited to finally be able to perform their item ‘Video Killed The Radio Star’ at the Edu Dance performance.

They have practiced with Miss Dudley all term and each week you could see the children’s skills and self-confidence increase.

All the parents and staff were so proud of each and every one of you. What a magnificent effort!

Thank you so much to Miss Dudley!
EDU DANCE School Performance

Wattle and Melaleuca rock stars very excited before their Edu Dance performance!

"That's what makes you beautiful!"

What a great show! Well done to all the performers. You truly are rock stars!!

Montessori Quotes for Parents

"Imitation is the first instinct of the awakening mind."
The cowboys and cowgirls from Wandoo kicked off the event with a lively performance to ‘Cotton-Eye Joe’. The children’s movement, co-ordination and team-work were simply brilliant. The Wandoo children were enthralled by the other performances. These are some of their thoughts:

Hannah: I liked Boab’s performance because most of the children were smiling and they all did the dance moves at the same time.
Poppy: I liked the Junior Primary performance because they all were doing the exact same thing.
Imogen: I liked Karri’s performance because they had to remember two arrangements and they did it well.
Magnus: I like Boab’s performance because they were changing from one move to another easily.
Lily: I liked Karri’s performance because they all had similar faces and looked the same.
Leilani: I liked Karri’s performance because they really did look African.
Tahlia: My favourite dance was Junior Primary’s.
Matilde: My favourite dance was Karri’s because it made me feel like I wanted to jump up and move.
Estelle: I enjoyed Karri’s dance because they put a lot of energy in it and they looked really good.
Sebastian: I thought Boab did well because just by looking at them I felt like they really were trying hard.
Isaac: I enjoyed Karri’s performance because I felt like I was in Africa and their movement was really good.
Lilian: I thought that Karri’s performance was really good because they had so much energy.
Sasha: I really liked Boab because they had a lot of action.
The Karri Edu Dance performers were exceptional and looked ferocious. They performed the ‘African’ theme dance with high energy and enthusiasm.

Well done Karri class members!
Music in Tuart
As we have been learning about sound this term, part of our studies covered musical instruments and the orchestra. The older children watched a video in the library of the San Francisco Orchestra performing the musical story of Peter and the Wolf. In our classroom the children were introduced to the families of instruments (strings, woodwind, brass and percussion), with some children completing a musical instrument book to take home. Here is Coco working on her booklet.

The children were so interested in the instruments; I decided to invite any parents who play an instrument to come in to share their instrument with the children.

Lachlan’s dad; Ben, shared his acoustic and electric guitar (along with a ukulele, trumpet and many other instruments). We heard how the amp could change the sound the electric guitar made, and the children all got to have a go at strumming/plucking the strings. Here are Jasper and Elijah having a go with each of the guitars.

Aslan’s dad; Yasas, and Lucy’s mum; Kendra, both brought in their flutes. They showed us how to put it together, how to blow across the hole, and how the buttons changed the sound. We talked about what material the flute was, and could, be made from and how to look after it (like polishing and cleaning it).

Nicholas having a go at pressing the buttons.

Having the opportunity to see, touch and hear the REAL instruments is an invaluable experience for the children. Thank you to Tuart parents for your continued support J

DISCOVER MONTESSORI
UPPER PRIMARY
Come and enjoy an evening discovering how your nine to twelve year old can continue to benefit from the Montessori Method at Blue Gum.

The information evening will demonstrate how the children become more independent and responsible, how the student’s academic and social needs are met through collaborative group work, more specific research and a greater leadership role within their community.

Mark it in your calendar and I am looking forward to seeing you there!
DATE: Wednesday 6th of August, 2014
TIME: 6.00 to 7.30pm
Having our “letter of the week” news is working for our children. They are so excited to see the letter, hear the sound that it makes & feel/trace it (3 senses in one material). Thank you for helping them find things at home to share for news – they are becoming more and more exciting, especially when there are interesting stories behind the news item.

We have finally finished our Geography project of “My Place - from the Solar System to My Home.” The aim of the project was to help the children visualize where they are on earth within the vast universe. I believe that this is one of Dr. Maria Montessori’s aims: to help the children understand where they are in the universe and that each individual becomes a responsible citizen of the world. Thank goodness for the Geography materials we have!

We will farewell Sophie Payne, Vilhjalm Sand & Quentin Manson. Sophie & family are moving to New Zealand while Vilhjalm & Quentin are transitioning to middle primary next term. We wish all 3 of them the best in their new phase of learning.

Enjoy the term break everyone! Wish all those winter bugs away and see you back in term 3!

Kind Regards
Maria & Patricia
Muffins & Books at Assembly, Thursday

Nearly the end of term now, and it’s been a quiet one for the P & C as we consolidate our new membership. We don’t want to miss out on fundraising completely this term though, so at assembly on Thursday we will be having a second hand book stall. We have leftovers from previous events, so we’re not asking for donations, thank you. Most books will be “a buck a book”, with exceptions made where appropriate.

What we would like donations for is our muffin stall, also at assembly. Calling all Blue Gum Bakers, please bring us your delicious wares to sell for $2 each. As usual, donations can be dropped off in the morning, or at assembly, and as usual, we ask that you work within the school food policy – so, muffins not cupcakes, no nuts, please label clearly with ingredients. Thank you.

Relay for Life next Term

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we would like to put forward a 15 person Blue Gum team for Relay for Life on 20-21 September, at the Dick Lawrence oval in Fremantle.

If you’re not familiar with Relay for Life, it’s a fundraising event for the Cancer Council, which involves teams walking laps of an oval for 24 hours. It goes from 11am Saturday to 11am Sunday, and generally you’d have a couple of people walking at any one time. Those who are not walking, particularly those doing overnight shifts, can hang around in the tent and enjoy a sort of sleepover/slumber party. We’re thinking that families with younger children can just come down for a daytime shift, and maybe some of the Boab kids would enjoy an overnight adventure. The P & C are hoping to raise funds for the school by selling snacks and drinks to the walkers and their families.

We will need to register soon, so please let Sue Cooke know now if you’re interested in participating at cookiemonster671@gmail.com.

Details for our Term 3 P&C Meetings are:

We try to make our meetings parent friendly, by changing days, times and venues. If you can’t come to an evening one after the kids are in bed, come to a weekday morning one and bring little ones with you, or come to an early evening one, bring all the kids and something for them to eat:

Wednesday 30th July, 8pm, Bad Apples Bar in Applecross
Friday 22nd August, 5pm, P&C member’s house TBA
Thursday 11th September, 8.45am, Next Generation Gym, Port Kembla Drive, Bibra Lake.
Community News

Judith Price teaches Drawing on Wednesdays at Blue Gum, she has just released a beautiful book that is written and illustrated by herself. We have purchased this book for our Library so that the children can enjoy it, if you are interested in purchasing a copy please put your name down in the administration office and Judith will arrange for the copies to be available in Term 3.

The Fathering Project

About The Fathering Project

The Fathering Project is a University of Western Australia-based non-profit team of professionals whose aim is to help fathers realise how important they are in a child’s life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.

Their work is also aimed at father figures such as grandfathers, stepfathers, uncles, mentors, youth leaders, teachers, pastors and coaches, knowing that many children do not have much father contact at all.

This work was triggered by statistics that show that:

whilst mothers are usually involved in children’s lives, education and health matters, many fathers are not as involved as they could be.

this father-absence has a major impact on education (eg. on attitude to school, truancy and bullying), health (more drug addiction, depression, cigarette smoking) and crime.

the cost of this problem to the Australian community is estimated to be over $12 billion per year, so this intervention could save many millions of dollars each year.

For further information please browse the below website - http://thefatheringproject.org/tips-for-busy-fathers

*The Art of Drawing* Classes or Term 3

The Enrolment Form for Term 3 Drawing Classes has been emailed out, if your child is 7yrs or older and would like to learn more about Drawing then Judith will commence her lessons at Blue Gum on Wednesday 30th July from 3.15pm to 5pm throughout the term.

Please fill in a form and return it with payment to Judith Price direct on the 30th July 2014.

"It is self-evident that the possession of and contact with real things brings, above all, a real quantity of knowledge."