IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

17th Oct 2014       JP to MP Transitioning Presentation Banksia 7-9pm
21st Oct 2014       Lockdown Drill
22nd Oct 2014       Parents Meeting re School Strategic Plan 7.30pm Mallee/Banksia
23rd Oct 2014       World Teachers Day

Welcome Back!

Hello everyone and welcome back to school.

I hope you are all fit and well.

Thanks to everyone who attending the busy bee, the school looked wonderful, from the gardens to the playgroup and classrooms for the staff and children to come back to on Tuesday. We appreciate your time and hard work.

Fourth term will be busy of course with Parent information Night, Open Evening, Strategic Planning Meeting, Incursions and a Garage Sale Trail and that's just the first 4 weeks.

Reports will go out for the children in week 7 and Parent/Teacher conversations start in week 8.

Please put your name down for a time slot A.S.A.P so that you don’t miss out on one that will suit you.

See you at the Strategic Planning/Information Evening on Wednesday.

Jenny
Boston visits Boab
We had a lovely surprise visit from Boston Gregson. He is such a lovely gentle dog. The children had a great time getting to know him.

Three Levels of Government Incursion
Boab has a fascinating incursion from the Constitutional Centre. The children learned about the three levels of Government and all the different services they provide. It was interesting to learn that on the 20th of October Western Australia will have their first female Governor.
Learning about Life Cycles

Our culture focus last term (Term 3) in Melaleuca was on life cycles. We investigated how pumpkins grow, made pumpkin fritters and roasted and tasted some seeds, and then planted some in the “mound” in the garden. We made pumpkin life cycle bracelets and have a pumpkin timeline on the wall in the classroom to see how long it will take to grow a pumpkin.

It was also very exciting to have ten eggs hatch in the classroom and watch the little chicks grow in the brooder pen. We watched them eat and drink, felt their feathers, heard them cheeping and felt how tiny and warm they were in our hands. They grew so quickly in two weeks! The children made scrambled eggs with unfertilised eggs (from the shop) and herbs from the herb bottles growing on the verandah – YUM!

SHANI “On the end, they have a tooth. It’s called an egg tooth. It helps them come out”.
MAEVE “We can take them out (of the incubator) when they are all fluffed up”.
SERAPHINA “Does chicks cheep when they’re at school and they miss their mum?”
BAZ “He keeps on tweeting then falling over. He’s learning how to talk”.
ABIGAIL “Oh, I want to have them forever!”
ZOE “But you can’t! They’ll turn into chickens and try to fly and break the glass”.

YUM!
Dad’s Nite in Melaleuca

It is always great to have our dads visit and this year was no exception! Excited children rushed into the classroom eager to show their dads some of the work they have been doing recently. Of course everyone had to visit the chicks and then each child gave their dad the special gift that they had carefully prepared this term! The dads then got individual lessons from their children before going outside for the sausage sizzle and play time! Happy (belated) Father’s Day Dads!

Saskia and Alex working on teen numbers with Seguin Board A.

Amelia and Tim doing the land, air and water job.

Kensington helps Brian to match fabric textures while blind folded.
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Tate builds the Pink Tower with Scott.

Lucas, Noah and Andy in front of the chick pen.

Beck shows Paul how he works with the cylinder blocks.

Maeve grates cheese for Mike and her to have on their hotdogs.
Virtues Parenting Program comes to Fremantle.

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