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Principal's Message Welcome back to Term 4

Welcome back to term 4. It promises to be very busy as we close out 2017 over the next few months. I hope that everyone has had a relaxing term break and is ready to get straight back into work. The students have returned to school very well and settled back into their classes very quickly.

Staff Addition

My name is John Schad.



I am a teacher with over 18 years' experience in working with individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Before coming to Perth, I worked for 12 years at the Princeton Child Development Institute

(PCDI) – a private, centre-based educational program for individuals with autism.

During my employment there I attended Holy Family University and received a Masters of Education, with dual certifications in Primary Education and Special Education. Additionally I have completed a graduate certification program at the University of West Florida and am now a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst. While at PCDI, I worked in a variety of roles including teacher and trainer in the institute's Adult Life-Skills Program. This included a five-year appointment at Mountainview, one of the Institute's group homes, where I resided with my family and 5 adults with autism, under the Teaching Family model of intervention.

Since moving to Australia in 2011, I have worked at the School of Special Educational Needs: Disability as a Consulting Teacher with the Autism Education Service, providing support

to schools and students with ASD until my recent appointment to the role of Program Coordinator of the Specialist Learning Program for Students with ASD here at Samson Primary School.

SPECIALISED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 1

WHAT: This session is for all parents of students at Samson in all year levels who wish to find out more about the program, meet John and/or ask questions about how the program will operate in the school from 2018.

WHEN: **Wednesday 25th October, 2017**

WHERE: **Library / Undercover Area**

TIME: **7pm (approx. 1 hour)**

WHO: **Everyone welcome**

SPECIALISED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 2

WHAT: Repeat of session above

WHEN: **Wednesday, 1st November, 2017**

WHERE: **Undercover Area**

TIME: **Straight after PPA & PPB assembly**

WHO: **Everyone welcome**

There is further information about the program which can be found on the Samson Primary School website.

Rhonda Spencer *Principal*

School Events

Time Capsule

The time capsule was scheduled to be opened in November this year. In preparing for the opening, I opened the time capsule early so that we could prepare a display area for the items. When it was opened the items inside were water damaged and so are unable to be recovered. Everything except for a few items had to be thrown out.

It is very disappointing that the paper items have perished. A few old coins, two bracelets and a West Coast Eagles emblem were the only items that survived. As a result we will not be opening the time capsule in the library as planned.

School Photos Reminder 2017

Last term you received an envelope from Fotoworks for 2017 School Photos, outlining cost, dates and general information. Photo Days at Samson are as follows:

Monday 16 October: Kindergarten Kangaroo Group and PPA 8:45am.

Tuesday 17 October: Kindergarten Emu Group, PPB - Year 6 and staff photos.

Please return money for the photos to the office on the day photos happen or before if you can. **Please note there are no sibling photos.**

Term Planner

The term planner for term 4 is on the website and was sent home with students last term. Parents can get another copy from the front office or from the website.

Swimming Term 4, Week 5-6, PP-4

An information and permission letter will be sent home to parents next week outlining times and cost for swimming which starts in week 5 on the 6 November and concludes 17 November. Swimming lessons will be held at Fremantle Aquatic Fitness Centre and years attending will be PP to Year 4. Here's hoping to some warmer weather.

Mass Choir Performance at Assembly Week 4

In week 4 the Mass Choir will sing 1-2 songs at assembly from the term 3 performances held at Concert Hall. Mr Marshall and the students did a wonderful job, therefore the school would like to invite parents along to watch the Samson Ps choir at the week 4 assembly.

Interschool Athletics Carnival - Santich Park

Our Interschool Carnival taking place on **Wednesday, 18th October (am only)** for Jumps, Throws and Distance runs and again on **Friday 20th October** (all day) for the Track Events. The students will leave by bus at 9:00am and return to school at 12:30pm for on the 18th October. These events are held at Santich Park. We wish our students all the best on the day. Mrs Burt has sent permission home notes this week.

Camp Quality Puppet Show Information



In week 3 this term students will watch the puppet show organised by Camp Quality.

Years PP-3	9:30am -10:30am
Years 4-6	11:20am-12:30pm

Camp Quality is a children's family cancer charity. Our purpose is to make a better life for every child living with cancer in Australia. For over 25 years our Education Program, the Camp Quality Puppets, have transformed thousands of schools by helping children and teachers learn how to create a supportive school community for children affected by cancer, whether they are living with cancer themselves or have a family member living with cancer.

The program consists of a live, educational performance focusing on cancer education, optimism, friendship and tolerance. **There is no charge to the school or the students.**

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we

are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and aid classroom discussion.

Over 4 million children have seen our puppets since the program began. We trust that your child will benefit from the positive messages throughout our performance. If you'd like more information about the program, please visit our website www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers or contact Tegan on 6163 5606



LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Book Fair in September, it was very successful.

Your support of this event provided over \$1200.00 of valuable resources for our Library. The new books we selected will be available to borrow soon. Congratulations to those students who won a raffle prize. Thankyou Mrs Bennett & Mrs De Buelle.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SAMSON for 2018.

If your child/children will not be returning to Samson P.S. next year, can you please advise the school office staff. This will help us with our planning and organisation for the 2018 school year. Thank you. Year 6 students are moving onto high school so parents please notify Samson PS of which school they will attend in 2018.

Class requests.

Where parents have an educational request for a class placement for 2018, please write a note and drop it off in the office. The reason must be **educational**. Describe your child's need and this will be taken into consideration. We do not take requests naming a teacher or a list of student names you wish to be in the class. If your child has been in a split class we try to ensure that they are in a straight class where possible the next year.

Student Booklists Reminder.

Please return to the front office by 1st November 2017, if you would like to order through CAMPION. Otherwise you are able to purchase the stationery at any supplier.

Please note the Student Workbook Levy. This needs to be paid by parents so that your child can receive a workbook in 2018. Parents will not receive the book as it will be given to your child at the beginning of the school year by their new teacher.

Don't forget you can put your Contributions & Charges as well as P & C levy on the order form also.

NB - DIARIES are now ordered on the booklist not through the school.

Additional copies of the booklist can be obtained from the front office.

Samson Primary A Waste Wise Waterwise School

Environmental Responsibility at Samson Ps



For the latest update what classrooms at Samson Ps are focusing on to help conserve our environment please see the link on

<http://samsonps.wa.edu.au/information/waste-wise-school/our school website>

P & C News

P & C MEETING

Our next P & C meeting is in the staffroom in week 2 on 16th of October 2017 at 7pm

SPOOKY DISCO

The P & C Fundraising Committee are running the 'Spooky Disco' again on Thursday 26th October so dress up and come and join the fun!!

A note will go home next week with disco times and a slip to return to pre-order entry, drinks etc on a wristband.

Cyber Safety Evening.

Will be held on Tuesday 14th November, 6.30-8.00pm in the Samson PS Undercover Area.

Paul Litherland was a WA Police Officer for over 20 years and specialised in Technology Crime Investigation. Paul has now developed his own company, educating parents and students about the dangers encountered by children using the internet. His presentation will educate parents about how to ensure your family is Cyber Safe on a daily basis.

Tickets for this event will be on sale shortly.

Thanks again

Nikki

MAGPIES SWOOPING

A couple of magpies are starting to nest. When nesting they are very protective of their young. Please ask your children to wear their hats to and from school, keep their eyes down and move out of their way quickly. Starting early will make your children aware of what to do when magpies are around.



Health Matters

INFORMATION FROM SCHOOL NURSE

There have been a number of reports from parents about health concerns for students in our school. If students continue to feel unwell and we urge parents to be vigilant as we have had two reports of students being taken to hospital with different ailments. If your child is sick, particularly with a cough, please keep them at home, so that we can contain the bugs.

Last day of term for students is **Thursday, 14th December, 2017**

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR 2018
Wednesday, 31st January, 2018 to start the new school year.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2017

New events will appear in red

TERM 4

Mon 9 Oct	Staff Return
Tues 10 Oct	Students return to school
Fri 13 Oct	Newsletter
Mon 16 Oct	School Photos – Kindy Kangaroos & PPA
Mon 16 Oct	P&C Meeting - 7PM
Tues 17 Oct	School Photos –Kindy Emu & PPB-6
Wed 18 Oct	Interschool Athletics Carnival Field Events Div A. Santich Park 9-12:30
Wed 18 Oct	General Assembly
Fri 20 Oct	Interschool Track Events. Santich Park 9-2
Wed 25 Oct	Camp Quality Show PP-3 9:30-10:30 4-6 11:20-12:30 Autism Program Parent Information 7pm Library
Thurs 26 Oct	P & C Spooky Disco
Fri 27 Oct	Newsletter
Mon 30 Oct	Musica Viva! PP-3 9:40-10:40 4-6 11:00-12:00
Wed 1 Nov	Assembly PPA & PPB Mass Choir Performance
Wed 1 Nov	School Council Meeting 7pm Autism Program Parent Information after Assembly
Mon 6 – Fri 17 Nov	Swimming PP - 4
Fri 10 Nov	Newsletter
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance Day 11am
Fri 24 Nov	Newsletter
Wed 29 Nov	Assembly 3 & 4

Wed 29 Nov	School Council Meeting 7pm
Thurs 30 Nov	Parent Xmas Thank You Morning Tea 10:40-11:30
Tues 5 Dec	Parent/Lunch Xmas Concert 2:00-2:50
Wed 6 Dec	Kindy Orientation: Kangaroo 10:00-10:30 Emu 11:00-11:30 in the library
Thurs 7 Dec	Pre-Primary Orientation 1:30-2:30 Music Room
Fri 8 Dec	Newsletter
Mon 11 Dec	Graduation Dinner @ Tompkins Park 6:30pm – Hawaiian Theme
Mon 11 Dec	Booklist pick up: 2:15-3:15
Tues 12 Dec	Booklist pick up: 8:30-9:30pm
Wed 13 Dec	Reports Go Out
Wed 13 Dec	Graduation Ceremony 7:00pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Graduation Assembly 8:45am
Thurs 14 Dec	Y4-6 Water Pistols 2:00pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Students last day
Fri 15 Dec	Staff last day
Wed 31 Jan 2018	Students return to 2018 school year

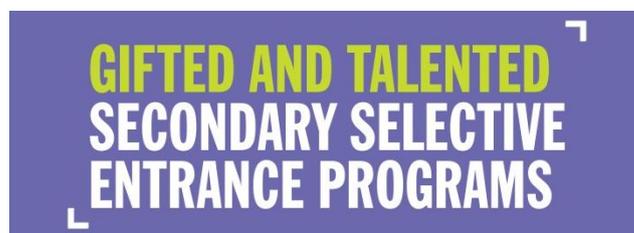
Programs are available at 18 select public secondary schools, including a fully selective academic school, an arts college and a country school. Once accepted, your child will be guaranteed a place at the school.

All Parents/Guardians of students interested in 2018 entry (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11) are invited to attend an information session regarding the application, selection and placement processes for Gifted and Talented Programs in 2018.

This will be presented by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit from the Department of Education across multiple schools and will be held at our school at the following time:

School	JOHN CURTIN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Address	90 ELLEN STREET FREMANTLE
Venue	CURTIN THEATRE
Date	MONDAY 27 OCTOBER
Time	6PM
Website	www.jc.wa.edu.au

Community News



Re: Parents with children entering year 7 in 2018

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent.

These Academic, Arts and Languages Programs are taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Your child will learn with like-minded peers and will be continually challenged to achieve at the highest level.

If you believe Gifted and Talented Programs are suitable for your child, you can apply at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

Applications opened online Monday 10 October 2017 and close on Monday 6 February 2018.

Visit the Gifted and Talented Programs website to find out more information.

RSVP to this event is essential. Please register your attendance:

<http://www.jc.wa.edu.au/community/tours/> or email: johncurtin.col@education.wa.edu.au

NIGHT FIELDS

FREMANTLE NIGHTFIELDS FREE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

FREE FOOD

FUN ACTIVITIES & PRIZES EACH WEEK

WHO: Boys and Girls year 6 – year 12
WHEN: Thursday afternoons 3pm – 4.30pm
WHERE: South Fremantle SHS, Annie st Beaconsfield
WHAT: Football matches and skill competitions

19 OCTOBER	26 OCTOBER	2 NOVEMBER	9 NOVEMBER
16 NOVEMBER	23 NOVEMBER	30 NOVEMBER	7 DECEMBER

For more information please contact Liam Anthony on 0429 348 353 or Annabeth at annabeth@headspacefreo.com.au

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