Principal’s Message

Harmony Day Thursday 24 March
Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is “our diversity is our strength”. We want to hear how diversity makes you or your community stronger.

Come along and enjoy lunch with your child. Recess break at 10.40am and lunch break from 1 pm until 1.50 pm. An orange order form was sent home on Friday, 11th March. A family order can be written on the one order form. Recess and lunch items are included. The ingredients in each item can be found on the P & C and school websites. Last date for order forms and money is Friday, 18th March.

Students will be involved in activities throughout the day with various teachers. At the end of the day we have a concert in the undercover area for students in Year 1 to Year 6 beginning at approximately 2pm. Don’t forget to check out the theme tree near the library.

On Entry Assessment
Students in years 1, 2 and Pre Primary will conclude their on entry assessment in week 7 on the 14 March. Staff are busy entering the data onto the computer by 25th March. We will have the Parent Summary Reports ready to be sent home Wednesday, 30th March. Duplicate copies will be sent home for each family that requires a copy for Mum and Dad. There are suggestions for activities to help your child develop further on the back. Students receive a report for Literacy and Numeracy.
Mathletics – Silver
9th March, 2016

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CRACKING THE CODE BUSY BEE UPDATE

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to cut out resources. I now have 10 parents, which is wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Aylward, Ms Jeppessen and Mrs Craig for assisting me with finding volunteers. I look forward seeing you on the 22 March from 9:00-2:30pm. We will meet in the Middle Block wet area at this stage. Thank you Ms Hargreaves.

Voluntary contributions can be paid in the front office ……

Payments for school contributions are $60 for each student. These funds provide valuable resources to our students. All of the funds are spent on resources for our students to use in the classroom from Kindy to Year 6.

FOOD BANK
Food bank is supplying and delivering fresh fruit to our school and students weekly. Students can take a piece of fruit from the wet area if they choose.

Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls Sport Day 2016
Well done to our Year 4, 5 & 6 students on an excellent day at Success Park on the 10 March 2016. Our students are to be commended on their excellent citizenship and sporting skills. The girls were involved in playing the following sports: cricket, netball and football.

Congratulations to our year 5/6 Netball girls who won a trophy. Well done to Ashlyn who was the only year 4 representing Samson PS, you were a super star athlete on the day. Out of our four teams we took, one took out first place in cricket and third place in netball. Thank you to Ms Burt for preparing our students for the games. More photos on the web page.

CHAT TO A CHAMP IN RM 6

The Year 4 Students in room 6 had the opportunity to talk with and ask questions of Olympian Shannon Parry (Rugby Sevens Player) via live video and audio last week at school. Thank you to Mr Evans and Ms Burt for organising this.
**Mathematics**
As you may be aware Mathematics is a focus at Samson in 2016. Parents can assist your child by teaching and then practising mental strategies that enable them to calculate numbers more efficiently in their head.

Some simple mental strategies are:

- **Complements of 10** and /or e.g. 6 + 4, 7 + 3, 14 + 6

- **Skip counting** meaning counting by 1s, 5s or 10s. Remember to start children from different numbers e.g. 380 + 10 as many children are not confident of our number system beyond 200. Count forwards and backwards by the same amount.

- **Counting On** e.g. 16 + 35. Start with the biggest number being 35 then partition 16 into 10 and 6. Add the 10 to 35 to get 45 and then add the 6 (or 5 to reach the 50 milestone and then 1 more).

Children need strategies often explained and then an opportunity to practise them. During preparation of the evening meal can be a good time. Good luck!

In addition there is an on line Dictionary of Mathematical terms that students and parents can use at all levels of their education, primary, secondary and tertiary. Best of all it is free to use by anyone for educational purposes. Read the terms and conditions from the tab. The link is included below.
http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html

**Fremantle Family Support Network**
St Patrick’s Community Support Centre is the Lead Agency for the Fremantle Family Support Network. The Network helps by coordinating agencies and services to provide a one-stop-shop for families needing support who live in the Fremantle, Melville and Cockburn areas. Areas we can offer support in include:
- Family services
- Children’s services
- Parenting
- Family Violence
- Parent Teen conflict
- Counselling
- Drug and alcohol
- Financial counselling
- Legal advice
- Educational services
- Family disputes

Please call our friendly staff and find out how they may be able to help you.
Phone: 1300 951 190   Email: ffsn@stpats.com.au

Or speak to Joel Candy our school chaplain on the days he is here (Tuesday and Wednesday).

**A Note from our Community Health Nurse – Judy Sullivan**   Ph 9314 0100

**Children and healthy growth**
Our modern society makes it very easy for children to gain too much weight too quickly. About a quarter of Western Australian children are overweight by the time they start school. Recent research shows that children in WA among the most overweight in Australia.

It is so common that it is difficult to tell what is ‘normal’ anymore.

The good news is that simple lifestyle changes for children and families help everyone. Think about changes that could work for your family, such as;
- more active play (try stopping at a park on the way home from school)
- walking to school two or three times each week
- plan active outings on the weekend
- make food portions a little smaller
- cut out some food treats
- provide fewer soft drinks and fruit juices.

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**Chaplain Chatter**
Joel Candy has started the BUZZ programme with the students in year 4 this term and continuing next term. Information on the programme will be sent home soon. This builds and understanding of social skills and allows students to practice the skills they have learned.
Below is a table of all the recycling depots at Samson Primary School. If you currently dispose of any of these items the school will gladly see that they are recycled. Simply drop the items into the appropriate room. We would also like to remind Parents and Carers about the previous newsletter and the school’s participation in the Low Carbon Schools Program. If you are able to help in any way or know of anyone in the community that can support the school in reducing our Carbon Footprint please let the office know.

Garry Evans

Waste Wise Depots

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In the table above is a list of **What** will be recycled, **Where** it will be collected, **Which** class is in charge and which area of the school each class is responsible for keeping clean.

* These two projects involve children monitoring the water and energy usage in the school to ensure wastage is minimised and targets detailed in policies and applications can be maintained. Thank you, Waste Wise committee and Green Team.

Message from Chris the School Gardener

We are collecting plastic lids of any size and colour to create an ongoing recycle/reuse project. These are the lids that come on bottled water, milk, vinegar, soft drink etc. There is a mini green Sulo bin at the back of the vegetable garden shed for you to place them in. See the image below for an idea of what they will be used for and the number required.

TERM DATES
DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1
New items will be entered in red

Term 1
Thu 17 Mar  Newsletter
Wed 23 Mar  Assembly Year 2
            Classrooms Rms 3, 4 & 5
Thu 24 Mar  Harmony Day
Fri 25 Mar  Good Friday holiday
Mon 28 Mar  EASTER Mon holiday
Tue 29 Mar  EASTER Tues holiday
Wed 30 Mar  OEA Parent Reports sent home for PP – Yr 2
Thu 31 Mar  Summer Lightning Carnival
Wed 6 Apr   ANZAC Ceremony 9am
Fri 8 Apr   Last day of term and Crazy Hair Day

Term 2
Wed 27 Apr  Students first day at school for term 2
Thu 28 Apr  Yr 6 Anzac Excursion at RSL Memorial Park 9:30-12:30

Other important Dates:

Term 2
10-12 May  NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & Yr 5
27 June    Walkathon at 2:00pm (now June)

Term 3
18 August  Interschool Cross Country
5 September Cross Country
6 September Faction Carnival (Field Events)
8 September Faction Carnival (Track Events)
21 September Parent Open Night

Term 4
17 October  School Photos – Kindy
18 October  School Photos - PP- 6
19 October  Interschool Athletics Carnival (Field)
21 October  Interschool Athletics Carnival (Track)
7-18 November PP – Yr 4 Swimming Lessons

The next P & C Meeting is Tuesday, 5th April at 9am in the staffroom

EASTER RAFFLE 2016
Mrs Van Sant is hoping to make up some very colourful, baskets full of Easter treats for an Easter raffle. If you would like to donate, all donations can be dropped off at the canteen to Cheryl on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. As Easter is in week 8 of this term – early this year, donations are needed ASAP. The Raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 24 March during the Harmony Day celebrations. Thank you for your anticipated support.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW – These can be purchased from the canteen. $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00

P & C Facebook Page
To stay updated with the happening of the P & C parents can find the Facebook page by searching the following:
samson primary school p&c

STUDENT DISCO
Will be held in term 2. Date and theme to be advised

SMS – Absence Messages
For the parents who would like to SMS to provide a reason for your child’s absence, the phone number is 0418 948 875.
Melville Senior High School invites applications for three Approved Specialist Programs in 2017
Applications close on 22 March 2016

Aviation
- Two moving flight simulators
- Students can undertake flying training with qualified instructors

Graphic Design Media
- Purpose built facilities
- Tertiary institution master classes
- Industry standard software

Netball
- Accredited by Netball WA
- High performance coaching clinics
- Coaching, umpiring and event coordination

For full details of testing and application visit www.melville.wa.edu.au or phone 9330 0300

Kind Regards
Kate Main
Marketing and Communications Officer
9330 0320
(Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)
0417 949 761

School Sport WA

State School Boys & School Girls Basketball Team Trials
Join us on the Basketball Tour to Terrigal, NSW in August 2016!!!!

When
12 & U Boys & Girls born 2004 and 2005
Thursday 24th March 2016
North of River – Registration 8:30am Trial 9am-11:30am
South of River – Registration 12 noon Trial 12:30pm – 3pm

18 & U Boys & Girls
Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Registration 11:30am Trial 12noon – 3pm

Where
Bendat Basketball Centre, Mt Claremont

Register online at www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/basketball/

No hair spray at school. Please spray your hair at home.

We’re going wild and wacky with our hair! Bring a $5 gold coin and we are generous with our wigs!

Our Events
Friday 8th April

Please wear school uniform for crazy hair day!
PERTH PERFORMANCE TENNIS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR TENNIS CLINIC
at SAMSON RECREATION CENTRE

Dates:
Clinic 1- Monday 11th- Friday 15th April (5 day clinic)
Clinic 2- Monday 18th- Friday 22nd April (5 day clinic)

Times:
3.5 to 6 year olds- 9:00am to 10:30am
7 years and over 9:00am to 12:00 noon

Cost:
3.5 to 6 year olds- $110
7 year and over- $160

To enrol or for more information please contact
Braden on 0433 713 116 or email to
braden@perthperformancetennis.com.au
Website: www.perthperformancetennis.com.au

TERM2, 2016 JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING SCHEDULE
at SAMSON RECREATION CENTRE

Monday:
Pee Wee 3-6 yr old - 3:45-4:30pm
Beginner 7 yrs and over - 4:45-5:45pm
Beginner 7 yrs and over - 5:45-6:45pm
Cardio Tennis Adults - 6:00-7:00pm

Wednesday:
Pee Wee 3-6 yr old - 3:45-4:30pm
Beginner 7 yrs and over - 3:45-4:45pm
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Cardio tennis Adults - 6:00-7:00pm

Friday:
Pee Wee 3-6 year old - 3:45-4:30pm
Beginner 7 yrs and over - 3:45-4:45pm
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Cost:
Pee Wee - $135 (8 week term),
Maximum of 6 players per coach.
Free racquet to keep for first time sign ups

Beginner - $155 (8 week term),
Maximum of 6 players per coach.

Cardio Tennis- $80 (8 week term)
or $15 per session

$10 discount will be applied for early bird payments.

Term Start Date:
Monday 2nd May,
Wednesday 27th April
Friday 29th April

To Enrol:
Contact Eddy for more information on
0434930147
Or email info@perthperformancetennis.com.au

To enrol into a preferred day and time, enrol ASAP to avoid disappointment, as spots are limited so don’t miss out on your preferred slot.

Website: www.perthperformancetennis.com.au

All of our coaches are fully “Tennis Australia” qualified and also hold a working with children's check card and a first aid certificate.