



ENDEAVOUR SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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Primary School

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The first 4 weeks of this school year have passed quickly and with the minimum of fuss or disruption with the exception of swimming lessons and the wait for our new Early Childhood room which is still weeks away from being ready. Credit is to be given to all of our school community (students, parents and staff) for enabling this to happen.

Seven reminders for the early part of the year are:

- Please return the following to the school as soon as possible - Student Health Forms and Excursion Permission Notes which were sent home earlier this month. These are very important as they enable us to monitor and manage any health issues with our students.

- Voluntary school fees (\$45.00 per student) can be paid at the office at any time during the school day. Many thanks to those parents who have paid - the money has already been put to good use with the purchase of additional literacy and numeracy materials.

- All visitors to the schools need to sign in at the office before entering the school grounds. This is for several reasons—including, and most importantly, the safety of all children.

- Pets, mainly dogs, are not to be brought into the school grounds at any time. Again, safety is an issue as is the concern for students who suffer allergies.

- Many children at these schools have allergies to nut products and in some cases, severe reactions can occur. Please avoid any nut products in recess and lunch foods.

- Students should not arrive at school before 8.25am each morning as only limited supervision is available. If there is a need for arrival earlier than 8.25am, all students must report to the Undercover Area. Parents who wish to sit with their children before school are asked to sit in the Achiever alcove or Undercover area as well. Please note that all students must leave the school grounds immediately after the final siren of the day. Students are not to remain at school and play in the playgrounds or on/with other school amenities. I thank parents who are assisting and supporting us with these requests.

- When a student is away for any reason, parents must inform the school as to the reason for such an absence as soon as possible on return. All absences need a reasonable excuse. One of the Education Department's foci for 2012 is attendance and reducing absenteeism.

It is great to see all of our students wearing the required hats (i.e. broad brim hat, legionnaires cap or bucket type hat) as described in our Sun Protection Policy.

You would have received information re our Sustainability theme and what we have introduced this year in relation to this theme. i.e. "Nude Food Wednesday", worm farm, vegetable garden and "reduce, reuse, recycle". So far, our program is, or can be seen to be, working well. Keep up the great work.

A great start to the year has been achieved. The scene has been set for a truly successful year.

Alan Hansen - Principal

Education Support Centre

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to our first on-line newsletter!

We've had a fantastic start to 2012 and it's been very busy in all of our classrooms. We've had swimming lessons in the senior classes; Room 16 go off to Hydrotherapy sessions at StateSwim in Secret Harbour; and Room 6 has started Cheersports in Port Kennedy. Miss Pusey runs our PMP (gross motor program) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings with selected students.

We have welcomed two new students and their families to our school since the beginning of the year. They are: Darcy Poole (Year 5 in Room 19) and Deklan Donaghy (Year 3 in Room 16). Please make sure you say hello when you see them around in the playground.

Watch this space for news of our new classroom.....

It is with great pleasure that I can announce a HUGE donation to Endeavour ESC from the Rotary Club of Palm Beach. Late last year, we asked for a donation of 10 iPads and the speech program Proloquo2Go. This was a request of \$6600 which was granted in full. This donation will enable ESC students to access current technology and provide those with limited communication skills the opportunity to use their own "voice" through the use of the Proloquo2Go program which will be loaded onto 5 of these iPads. We thank everyone involved in the Rotary Club of Palm Beach for their generous financial support and their belief in the benefits this donation can make to our students.

I've been fortunate enough to be able to spend time in all the classes in these first few weeks and I am very impressed with the way the students have settled back into school. You should pop in and see the wonderful work that is going on across our schools. I'm sure you will be very impressed as well.

With class meetings held over the last few weeks, I hope you have had the opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher. IEP meetings will be taking place very soon so please make an appointment with your child's teacher for us to work together on your child's learning plan for this semester.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Tuesday, 28th February when the local Education Support Centres will be holding their annual Beach Carnival at Bell Park (Wanliss Street), Rockingham. We'd love to see all of our parents come down and join us for all the fun. I think we could easily have the biggest parent support group for the carnival! Don't forget your hat and sunscreen. The Beach Carnival runs from 10.30am to 12.30pm and then it's lunchtime— so please join us for part or all of the day.

Cheers for now,

Jayne Gorbould - Principal

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Canteen: 9524-5284
School Security: 1800 177 777

Dates to Remember

28.02.12 **ESC Beach Carnival**
28.02.12 **Year 7 Soccer Clinics**
 01.03.12 Assembly - Rooms 10 & 11
 06.03.12 Labour Day Public Holiday
 07.03.12 Newsletter - G1 & G2
09.03.12 **Defence Parents Afternoon Tea**
 15.03.12 Assembly - Rooms 17 & 20
 21.03.12 Summer Carnival - Years 6 & 7

21.03.12 P&C AGM - 2.00pm Staff Room
 21.03.12 Newsletter - EC1, EC4 & EC5
21.03.12 **Year 1 Fisheries Incursion**
 28.03.12 Summer Carnival back up date
 29.03.12 Assembly - Room 15
 04.04.12 Swimming Carnival - Years 4 to 7
 04.04.12 Newsletter - Room 15
 05.04.12 Last Day of Term 1
 25.04.12 ANZAC Day
 26.04.12 1st Day of Term 2

LEADERS' CAMP



Endeavour Schools' Student Leaders had an exciting start to the year - going on an overnight stay at Point Peron Camp School on Tuesday, 7th February. This annual event aims to further develop the students' leadership and teamwork skills through a range of enjoyable games and activities. The 8 Faction Captains and 7 Student Councillors participated in many group challenges including the "Spider Web Rope Challenge" which was voted the highlight of the camp. Other activities included a swim at Point Peron Beach, a "Suspension Bridge Challenge", public speaking activities and a barbeque breakfast on the foreshore. The leaders represented Endeavour proudly and will be able to apply their newly refined skills when performing their roles for the remainder of 2012.



MUSIC NEWS

I have been listening to lots of great singing in the last few weeks in Music lessons and during choir auditions. Senior Choir will be starting on Thursday, 23rd February with Junior Choir also rehearsing on Thursdays. All children in both choirs must have a display folder in which to keep their song sheets.



It was great to see the woodwind lessons start with much enthusiasm on Friday and Brass lessons started on Tuesday this week.

The Recorder group running at lunchtime has been great fun with the students learning a few new notes each week.

The Rock Band will have its first rehearsal this Friday and I cannot wait to hear what they have in store.

Keep up the great work in Music everyone.

Katherine Anson, Music Specialist

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE (ADF) FAMILIES

Hello. My name is Sharon Lamont and I am the Defence Schools Transition Aide (DSTA) at Endeavour Schools. Welcome to all new and existing ADF families to the school. I hope you are settling in well.



I hope that the year will be a very busy and successful one. I am looking forward to meeting families new to our area.

If you need assistance or just want to drop in for a chat, I am available on Mondays and Fridays from 8.30am to 1.00pm and on Tuesdays from 8.30am to 2.30pm.

Sharon Lamont, **DSTA**

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

AWARDED

16 FEBRUARY 2012

EC1	Liam Langshaw
EC2	Sean Flynn
EC3	Matisse Charles
Room 4	Peter Alexander
Room 5	Kade Hale
Room 12	Kristy Marsden
Room 6	Harry Payne
Room 13	Paige Mace
Room 14	Jayden Famlonga
Room 15	Olivia Chisakula
Room 18	Rahees Isaacs
Room 16	Levi Kenyon
Room 17	Riley Napia
Room 19	Zac Montaperto
Room G1	Taylah Fissioli
Room G2	Kayleb Williams-Harding
Room G3	Duncan Snyman
Room 22	Melody Stevenson
Room 23	Calisto Rees
Room 10	Kaitlyn Todd
Room 11	Emily Campbell
Room 9	Lachlan Caesar
Room 7	Stacey Loe
Room 8	Bethany Jolliffe
Phys Ed Award	Room 12
LOTE Award	Rebecca Phelan
Music Award	Room 12

MATH COMPETITION

Welcome to another exciting school year. I hope you are as enthusiastic about the great things we have planned in Math this year as I am! Our focus will be on Mental Math and developing strategies to use our numbers to work out sums quickly, rather than our fingers. Problem Solving will continue to be a big push — what is the question *really* asking us to do? We will be using a variety of tools to help us - from computers to counters to the fancy scientific calculators that will help the Year 6 & 7 students complete the work they need to do under our bridging curriculum.

I realise that the year has just started and most of us have just packed away our Christmas trees, however; teachers are preparing students for NAPLAN tests in Term 2; and in Term 3, we are hoping to have students enter the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is an international competition where student's choose to enter and see how they compare to thousands of others their age. The cost will be \$5.50 per student and more information will follow in future newsletters.

Each month there will be questions to answer and a winner will be chosen at the next assembly. You've got to be in it to win it!! I encourage all of you to have a go and place your entries in the box kept in the front office. Here are this week's problems:

Senior Puzzle

Danielle put this number in her calculator

542

She changed it so it became this number

502

1. Write the buttons Danielle needed to push to make this change.

2. What would the number say if she pushed + and 60?

3. What would she have to push to make the 5 disappear?

4. What would she need to push to make the number twice as big?

Junior Puzzle

Emma picks 2 of these cards.

2

5

3

1

She adds the numbers together. Give me 5 answers she could get.

Don't forget to put your name and room number on your entry and put it in the box kept in the front office to be in the running for a great prize!! Good luck!

Alison Taljaard, Getting it Right Numeracy.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Don't forget that School Banking is every Friday morning in the Achiever Block alcove between 8.15am - 8.40am. Don't forget to bring in your deposit book and money.

The Commonwealth Bank have introduced a new range of rewards for 2012 but you still only need to collect 10 tokens to be able to receive an reward. Last year's rewards are still available until stocks run out so if you were saving your tokens for one of last year's rewards, don't panic as you may still be able to exchange your tokens for them.

The School Banking "Deposit Slip Raffle" is also up and running again throughout Term 1. A big congratulations to our first winner for 2012, Rahees Isaacs. Well done Rahees! All you have to do to be in the running to win one of these great prize packs is to make a deposit into your account through the school on banking day.

"NEWS FLASH"

"Opening accounts for School Banking"

From January 2012, School Banking Accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank Branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account FOR SCHOOL BANKING. Take identification for you and your child (such as Drivers' License and Birth Certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot. It's that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you also have the option to open the account online.

When your child/children make their first deposit, they will get their first reward token and our schools will also receive \$5 in commission. So if you would like to participate in the Endeavour Schools Banking Program, just head on down to your nearest Commonwealth Bank and be a part of a great learning program that offers some fun while saving money.

The Commonwealth Bank has a proud tradition of helping generations of young Australians learn about the importance of saving and smart money management. School Banking gives schools an easy, fun and interactive way to teach children money management skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives. Through the program, kids can bank at school, giving them hands-on banking experience in a fun and interactive environment.

If you have any questions then please contact me on 0423 000 608.

Thank you.

Cheryl Crealy
School Banking Co-ordinator



Port Kennedy Cats Junior Football Club

Calling all Auskick and Junior (year 4&5) grade footballers!

National Registration Day, Sunday 26th February, 9am to 12 noon at Port Kennedy Primary School.

For enquiries please ring

Cameron 0428 966 626 or Mark 0427 004 867.



Warnbro Strikers Soccer Club Inc

The Warnbro Strikers Soccer Club are looking for new players. If you have a boy or girl between 5 and 11 years of age, please call Linda on 0423 348 810.

With the kind help of Football West, the Warnbro Strikers will be able to give children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the game of Soccer.



Community Notices

Please check the noticeboard outside the staffroom regularly for community events and sporting information received by the schools. Notices in the Community Advertising section are inserted for your information. The schools are not associated with any of these groups or businesses.

ENDEAVOUR SCHOOLS

FAMILY FAVOURITES COOKBOOK

Still available at only \$8.00 each at the front office.

"A fundraising initiative to celebrate our Schools' 10th Anniversary"



P&C NEWS

The P&C is holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 21st March in the school staffroom at 2.00pm.

If you have someone you would like to nominate for a position on the Endeavour Schools P&C, please complete the nomination form below and place in the P&C box in the front office.

ENDEAVOUR SCHOOLS P&C AGM NOMINATION FORM

AGM - 21st March 2012

I _____

Nominate: _____

For the position of: President Vice President Secretary
 Treasurer Executive Committee

I _____ accept the nomination.
(Signature)

Please place in the P&C box in the front office, and attend the P&C AGM