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Rockingham Lakes Primary School is an inclusive, community environment for students where values and the unique talents of each individual child are nurtured and where excellence is encouraged.

InterGenerational Connections

During semester 1 the students from TB3.6 have been involved in an InterGenerational Program with the residents from Bethanie Waters Aged Care Facility.

Each Monday the children walk across to Bethanie Waters and participate in a variety of activities such as bingo, craft and even teaching the elderly computer skills. They are looking forward to their invited resident accompanying them to the ballet and hope to include them in more classroom activities. The students were asked to comment on what they enjoy and to offer ideas for change.

The following are some of the student responses:

- * Daniel Bourn: I enjoy seeing the residents because they are fun, cool and they have different activities every time you go there. I would like to change their memory so they can remember things.
- * Kayleigh Morris: I enjoy working with the residents because it leaves me with this thought 'I have made someone's day by just playing or talking with them.' I would not want to add or change anything because I like it just the way it is.
- * Lynne Caincross: I enjoy working with the residents because they always enjoy things and are amazed by it. I wouldn't like to add or change anything because they are just awesome to work with.
- * John Wyllie: They are funny and kind and I would like to cook and do clay models. I loved the farm animals.

Positive reflections were made by all participants.



Johnno showing a resident a pet on farmyard day.

Co-Operative Learning

Children from classes TB1.1, TB1.2 and D1 are meeting three times a week to cooperate in teams focusing on literacy learning. Teachers have explicitly planned each groups learning tasks to both challenge and meet the needs of every student. The children complete hands on learning activities based on reading strategies, writing skills and oral language. The children are able to interact with their peers, undertake leadership roles, independently follow their timetable program and meet their individual literacy goals. Within each team the children have a specific role which is rotated. These roles include resource collector, encourager, noise monitor and communicator. In our first week of literacy centres we have seen the children engage themselves in literacy learning with confidence and enthusiasm. Teachers and students just can't wait for Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday mornings because we enjoy it so much!



From The Principal's Desk

Semester One Reports

Students in years 1 to 7 took home their Semester One report on the last day of term 2. Kindergarten and pre-primary students were issued with their semester one portfolio consisting of a range of work samples covering various learning areas. If you have any questions regarding these reports or portfolios you are encouraged to ring the school and make an appointment with the class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

W.A.L.N.A. (Western Australian Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Testing)

Students in years 3, 5 and 7 will be completing the WALNA tests in week 3, August 6—10. All students in these years across the State will sit these tests. Students will be tested in reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. As parents and educators we are very much aware of not over emphasizing the significance of a "one off test". However we are aware of the media attention given to these results and staff want to promote Rockingham Lakes Primary School in the best possible manner. This week students will familiarise themselves with the testing procedures to ensure the best possible results are achieved. There are many benefits in having all students complete the assessment tasks.

- The performance of each student is compared to that of other students across the State.
- The progress of each student is monitored over time.
- The results help support teachers in identifying particular needs of students.
- The results will enable us as a school to identify strengths and areas of focus for our teaching and learning programs.



Bullying Brochure

Enclosed in today's newsletter is a brochure on how to deal with and prevent bullying. We have a very clear Behaviour Management program which is implemented by all staff across the school. Our Deputies, Carol Bailey and Brad Mitchell do an exceptional job of managing higher level misdemeanours from all year levels. It is of paramount importance that all students at Rockingham Lakes Primary School feel safe, valued and respected.

Staffing

We have a number of new staff we would like to welcome to Rockingham Lakes Primary School. Sharon Phelps and John Carson have joined the cleaning team replacing Marie-Claire and Jacques Morgana. Cathy

Cooper has replaced Julie Carlsen who is on maternity leave. Karen Koller has replaced Mel Luderer in the F.M.S. role and teaching TB2.1 with Jessica Wilmot. Mesha Steele will be working one day per week in D3 and TB3.6. We trust you will enjoy and benefit from your experience at Rockingham Lakes Primary School.



Thanks to Marie-Claire & Jacques for the hard work and dedication in keeping our school looking so nice.

Term Planner

Please find enclosed with this newsletter the Term Planner. Display this in a prominent place to ensure you are kept informed of the many activities at school. Thank you.

Vacation Swimming

Vacation swimming booklets have been included with today's newsletter. If you would like your child to attend either the October or December/January sessions you can enrol online or return the completed form and payment direct to the VacSwim Office.



Derby Day

On Friday, August 3, the whole school will be getting into the spirit of the AFL Derby Day. Students and staff are invited to wear their football team colours for the day. This includes football attire only—it is not a dress free day. School uniform is to be worn if you choose not to participate in Derby Day.



School News



Be Proud News Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Bianca Toovey—Yr 4	Nathan Gram—Yr 6	Cameron Johnson—Yr 3
Solomon Bryant—Yr 1	Peter Cullen—Yr 1	Abigail Crossland—Yr 2
Corey Brand—Yr 1	Kaytlin Harvey—PP	Gemma Lewis—Yr 6
Thomas Coppin—Yr 3	Reece Bowman—PP	Indiya Manson—Yr 3
Jaime-Brooke Ross-Traynor-Yr 6	Ronin Stavreff—PP	Ebonnie Hamilton—Yr 2
Mitchell Tortelli—Yr 4	Aden Lewis—Yr 7	

The next assembly will be held on Friday, August 3 and the item will be presented by TB3.6

A Be Proud certificate was awarded to Imogen Kemp—D2

Second Hand Uniform News

A reminder to all parents that the 2nd hand uniform stall would love any donations of clean uniforms. These can be taken to TB3.6 for sorting. The stall is open each assembly Friday in the alcove of Block 1. All items range in price from \$2 to \$10 (dresses). Change for large notes is unable to be given. Please bring appropriate coinage or notes.

Lorelle Watson—Be Proud Coordinator

What's on for the next two weeks ...

Thursday August 2	
Friday August 3	Assembly TB3.6 AFL Derby Day
Monday August 6	
Tuesday August 7	P&C Meeting— 7pm
Wednesday August 8	Farmyard on Wheels PP—Yr 2
Thursday August 9	AQWA—TB1.1 & TB1.5
Friday August 10	Farmyard on Wheels PP—Yr 2
Monday August 13	
Tuesday August 14	
Wednesday August 15	PP Dental Screening Faction Cross Country
Thursday August 16	

ICT @ RLPS

Students at Rockingham Lakes will be participating in an exciting global educational revolution. Think.com is: An Online Community for Learning.

Learning is a social phenomenon, which is why Think.com engages and inspires students. Few students are motivated to write for an audience of one -- their teacher. By providing a wider yet protected audience, Think.com turns students into multimedia authors for a global community and allows peers to think and learn together. More than a Blog . . . and Safer Too! Only students and teachers from member schools can enter this password-protected learning community. Once inside, members use websites and interactive tools to publish their ideas, collaborate on projects, and build knowledge together.

Parents are invited to visit Think.com on the net to learn more about each area of Think.com and to gain an insight into what your child will be creating on the net. If there is still any questions please feel free to contact Brad Mitchell at school to learn more.

Parent Helpers Required

Parent helpers to need to cover years 3-7 visual diaries for art. If anyone is interested I would love to hear from you. You can leave your details at the front office or come and see me in the Art room. Thank you.

Anukka Thwaites—Art Specialist



School News

Breakthrough Reading News—Volunteers Needed!

Breakthrough Reading started for this term on Monday, July 30. At present we need more volunteers for this very valuable program. We need one for Monday, two for Wednesday and one for Thursday. If you are able to spare an hour on any of these mornings, or you know someone who may be interested, please fill out your details and return to Margaret Sheridan in TB2.3. Thank you for your help.



Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Phone No: _____ Child's Year Level & Class _____

Sports News—Parent Helpers Needed

Cross Country Training for years 5 to 7 will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8.10am and 8.30am. If you are able to assist for one morning per week, please see Mrs Luderer or leave your name and phone number at the front office.

Faction Carnivals will be held on September 19 for the Pre-Primary to Year 2 students and September 20 for the Year 3 - Year 7 students. If you are able to assist on either of these days please see Mrs Luderer or leave your name and phone number at the front office.

Community News

(The school does not necessarily endorse Community Group events publicized through our school's community channels)

P&C Fundraising News

Thank you to all the families who purchased Hoyts movie tickets. This week letters will be going out about our new fundraiser BE PUZZLED. Be Puzzle transforms any photo or child's artwork into personalised jigsaw puzzles and with Christmas fast approaching this would make a great gift. One of these puzzles will be on display on the P & C's board in the undercover area. Orders are to be placed no later than Friday, August 17.

Starting in week 3 the P & C will be running a raffle each fortnight for one lucky child to win 2 Hoyts movie tickets. Thickets will be 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00 and will be sold through the canteen. The raffle will be drawn at each of the next five assemblies. Once again, thank you for your support.

Janine Stevens—Fundraising Co-Ordinator

Would you like to be the next
Lleyton Hewitt or Alicia Molik?
Tennis Coaching at
Safety Bay Tennis Club
All ages—Beginners—Advanced
Get an enrolment form from the
school office or call Peter Gerrans
Ph. 9381 7756
or mobile 0417 935 659
Group Coaching
Private lessons
Junior Match Play (competition)

Rockingham PCYC

Smythe Street, Rockingham
A range of activities are run for children in the local community to meet new friends and interact with others in a safe and friendly environment.

Junior Mega Dance
Friday August 17, 2007
Pre-Primary to Year 3—5pm to 7pm
Year 4—Year 7—7.30pm to 9.30pm

For more information
contact the PCYC on 9592 1232

Volunteer Resource Centre

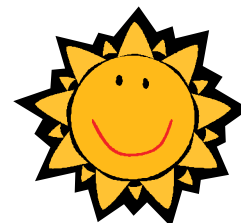
Want to get more involved in the community? Want more adult conversation? Want to try something different? Have you considered volunteering? The Peel Volunteer Resource Centre has over 250 flexible voluntary positions available that will fit in with school times and other commitments. If you feel that now is the time for you to get involved with your local community and make a difference to yourself and others, then please call the Peel Volunteer Resource Centre on 9581 1187 or email peelvolunteer@southwest.com.au or go to our website www.peelvolunteer.org.au

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Rockingham Lakes Primary School Term Planner – Term 3, 2007



Week 1	Mon – Jul 23 PD Day	Tues – Jul 24 First day Term 1	Wed – Jul 25 Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration	Thurs – Jul 26	Fri – Jul 27
Week 2	Mon – Jul 30	Tues – Jul 31 Yr 7 - Vaccinations	Wed – Aug 1 Jump Rope for Heart	Thurs – Aug 2	Fri – Aug 3 Assembly – TB3.6
Week 3 WALNA WEEK	Mon – Aug 6	Tues – Aug 7 P&C Meeting– 7pm	Wed – Aug 8 Farmyard on Wheels Yr 1 & 2	Thurs – Aug 9 TB1.1 & TB1.5 AQWA Excursion	Fri – Aug 10 Farmyard on Wheels Yr 1 & 2
Week 4	Mon – Aug 13	Tues – Aug 14	Wed – Aug 15 PP Dental Screening Faction Cross Country	Thurs – Aug 16	Fri – Aug 17 Assembly – D8
Week 5 BOOK WEEK	Mon – Aug 20	Tues – Aug 21 School Council Meeting 7pm	Wed – Aug 22	Thurs – Aug 23 Ballet Incursion Block 3	Fri – Aug 24 TB2.2 & TB2.4 – WCHS Library
Week 6	Mon – Aug 27 Kindy Incursion	Tues – Aug 28	Wed – Aug 29	Thurs – Aug 30 Choir – Mandurah Performing Arts	Fri – Aug 31 Assembly – D6 Kindy Incursion
Week 7	Mon – Sep 3	Tues – Sep 4	Wed – Sep 5 RASSA Cross Country	Thurs – Sep 6	Fri – Sep 7 Star Search – Yr 1-7
Week 8	Mon – Sept 10	Tues – Sep 11	Wed – Sep 12 Senior Music Festival - WCHS	Thurs – Sep 13	Fri – Sep 14 Assembly – D7 Loud Shirt Day
Week 9	Mon – Sep 17	Tues – Sep 18 Faction Jumps Yr 3- 7	Wed – Sep 19 Faction Tabloid Day PP – Yr 2	Thurs – Sep 20 Faction Athletics Yr 3 – Yr 7	Fri – Sep 21
Week 10	Mon – Sep 24	Tues – Sep 25	Wed – Sep 26	Thurs – Sep 27	Fri – Sep 28 Assembly – Choir