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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.

AQWA Excursion—TB1.1 & TB1.6

On Thursday 9th August Rooms 1.1 and 1.6 visited AQWA. We have been learning about Sea Creatures as part of a collaborative theme and we were so excited to finally see all the animals in real life! We also loved our lunch at King's Park, it was great fun.

We were very well behaved which made for a great day. A big 'Thank You' goes to Mrs Crowdy, Mrs Mercer and Sam (our parent helper) for helping make the day such a success. Mrs Brown did a good job of organising the day, so 'thanks' to her too.

We can't wait to apply all the new things we learned to our classroom work!



Farmyard Incursion

Last week many students in the early childhood years were provided with the opportunity to meet Farmer Mick and his animals when they visited Rockingham Lakes Campus. We learned lots of farm animal facts and loved being able to hold, feed and get up close with the various different animals.



Jump Rope for Heart Fun in the Sun



On Friday 3rd July the sun came out and our school participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The students and teachers enjoyed being active moving through a range of skipping activities. Together we raised over \$300 for the Heart Foundation. The important message from the Heart Foundation is to be active everyday and never smoke.

From The Principal's Desk

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Parents are invited to attend our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations on the morning of Friday, September 7. Students will rotate through the classes within their blocks participating in a variety of activities. These activities will display a variety of learning styles and student outcomes being sought by the teachers. Parents are invited into classrooms to enjoy these activities with the students and meet in the library for morning tea at 10.30am. I am hoping many parents will find the time to share with their child/children in the class on this day and mix with staff for morning tea.



Enrolments 2008

We are currently processing enrolments for 2008. Projected numbers indicate an increase in total school numbers for next year. This has caused higher than expected numbers in some early childhood year levels. Parents are reminded that preference is given to students who live in our local intake area. Parents will be notified in the near future of the outcome from their application for enrolment.

Staffing 2008

The Department of Education and Training has brought forward the staffing processes for 2008. Rockingham Lakes Primary School currently has a local merit selection advertisement for classroom teachers for next year. If these positions are still vacant after the referred teacher process recommendations will be made from those short listed.

Kim Kinnear—Principal

National Science Week—Saturday August 18 to Sunday August 26

Next week is National Science Week! The school theme for 2007 is Antarctic Science. Why not try out the following investigation at home with the whole family.

I am the walrus

(from: 101 Cool Science Experiments, Glen Singleton)

You will need: 2 cups, cold water, ice blocks and white fat, lard or shortening.

Fill 2 cups with cold water and ice blocks. Put one of your fingers in each of the cups. How long can you keep your fingers there before they get too cold? Think about how a walrus, seal, whale or penguin must feel diving into the freezing waters of Antarctica! Make a ball from a spoonful of fat. Put one finger into the middle of the fat, making sure the whole finger is covered. Put the fat covered finger into one of the cups and another finger into the other cup. Which finger do you want to take out first? Lots of Antarctic animals have a thick layer of fat covering their bodies called blubber. The fat you used is like the animal's layer of blubber and is used to insulate the body.




Book Week – Theme Rediscover

Monday 20th – Friday 24th August 2007. Whole school activities include:

- Whole School Dress Up Day—All staff and students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Wednesday, 22nd August 2007
- Library display - Class work and poems from the competition will be displayed in the library, so pop in and check them out.
- Book Week Whole School Poetry Competition— Students are invited to write a poem about reading and why it is so great to "Rediscover" reading. All forms of poetry are welcome. Presentation of the poem is important too. Book prizes will be awarded to winning students in lower, middle and upper year levels at the Week 6 Assembly. Entries need to be given to Amanda Everett in room 2.4 by Friday, August 24.





Parent Help Wanted

The Faction Carnivals will be held on September 19 for the Pre-Primary to Year 2 students and September 20 for the Year 3 to 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.

Toys At School

Please be reminded that toys and games are not to be brought to school. Toys can only be brought to school if they are being shown for news. The toy is to remain on the teacher's desk until the end of the day.



Be Proud News Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Taylor Edwards—PP	Matthew Rivett—Yr 6	Rhiannon McGinty—Yr 2
Daniel Bourn—Yr 7	Jakeb Munn—Yr 3	Joshua Traynor—Yr 4
Rylee Woods—Yr 2	Emily Thompson—PP	Joshua McMillan—PP
Gessica Galati-Ranno—Yr 1	Ashleen O'Born—D1	Charlie Bell—D4
Dylan Ennis-Bedford—Yr 6	Brodey Thompson—Yr 3	Gia Traynor—Yr 2
Brodie O'Neil—Yr 2	Emily Waddams—Yr 5	

The next assembly will be held on Friday, August 17 and the item will be presented by D8.

Be Proud Certificates were awarded to:

Jessie Brown—D2	Pia Jones—TB3.2	Jamaica Flecknell—TB3.1
Chelsea White—TB3.5	Jessica Anderson—TB3.6	

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.

Snack Shack Meal Winners

The winners of the uniform raffle for the previous fortnight were Miah Carr—TB2.2 and Kaitlyn Taylor—TB3.6. Congratulations—BE PROUD and continue to wear school uniform.



Quality Of The Week

This fortnights quality is **work together**. At Rockingham Lakes Primary School campus we work collaboratively and co-operatively. By working together as a team we are able to achieve the best outcomes for all.

Lorelle Watson—Be Proud Coordinator

Learning Centres the Go!

There has been big movement in Block 3 with Mrs Blair and her year 5/6 students moving to TB3.5. The activity is all about learning centres. The students from these two classes are working together four times a week to participate in a variety of MAG centred activities based on literacy, numeracy and spatial concept development. The students are excited to be working together and are getting used to all the noise Mrs Watson makes. We are hoping to get some parents involved in helping with our sessions. Everyone is demonstrating skills such as teamwork, cooperation and leadership qualities.

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

Thursday August 16	
Friday August 17	Assembly D8
Monday August 20	Book Week
Tuesday August 21	School Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday August 22	Dress-Up Day
Thursday August 23	Ballet Incursion Block 3
Friday August 24	TB2.2 & TB2.4 Warnbro Library
Monday August 27	Kindy Incursion
Tuesday August 28	
Wednesday August 29	
Thursday August 30	Choir—Mandurah Performing Arts



Through our literacy initiative Rockingham Lakes Primary School welcomed Xavier to our school.

School News

Drug Awareness Presentation

On Monday 13th August our two Year 6/7 classes attended a Drug Awareness Presentation by Jade and Tristan from Teen Challenge. Jade and Tristan shared their life stories and the devastating effects drugs had on them. They encouraged students to take responsibility for their actions and make wise choices. Jade and Tristan also discussed some ideas and gave students a brochure about how to say "No" to drugs. The presentation was very motivational with the students asking some interesting questions.



P&C News

P&C Request

Our P&C is still looking for community members to fill the following positions:

- Secretary
- Fundraising committee

If you are interested in either of the above positions please contact Stuart Gledhill on 0408 932 883.

Fundraising News

I have been doing the fundraising for the last few months and I'm in need of some helpers to join the fundraising committee. So if you have any great ideas for fundraising and can spare a few hours here and there please come and see me. I am in the undercover area selling raffle tickets on Monday and Fridays or you can contact me on 0416 969 076.

It is the last days for your Be Puzzled orders to be placed. Orders need to be placed by Monday morning, August 20.

The P&C will be running a raffle each fortnight for one lucky child to win 2 Hoyts movie passes. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00 and will be sold before school in the undercover area. The raffle will be drawn at each of the next four assemblies.

Janine Stevens—Fundraising Co-Ordinator

Community News

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

Australian Government—Mobile Phones—Child Safety Checklist

The Australian Communications and Media Authority, in collaboration with the children's internet charity, Childnet International, has developed a checklist of important questions to ask your mobile provider when purchasing a mobile phone to help you protect your child and make sure they get the most out of using their mobile phone safely. Download the complete guide at www.acma.gov.au/mobilesfor kids

Auskick is starting in Port Kennedy

Where: Port Kennedy Primary School
6 week program
\$10 for 2007 enrolled participants

When: 3.30pm— Tuesday, 21 August
\$36 for new Auskick participants
New participants receive an Auskick pack

Warnbro Careeba Junior Cricket Club

Registration: Saturday August 18 & Sunday August 19 Time: 3pm to 5pm
Venue: Warnbro Sporting Complex Contact: Patrick Brown - 9553 1562
See www.waca.com.au for more information

Applecross High 30 Year School Reunion

Ex students who attended Applecross Senior High School, Year 8 1973 to Year 12, 1977 are invited to attend a 30 year school reunion to be held on October 26, 2007. To go onto a mailing list or for more information about this event, please go to our ASHS website via www.mcbphotographics.com or send an email to clairec@iprimus.com.au with your name, postal address and contact number so we can send you an invitation.

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