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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.



2007 Western Australian Teachers Assistant Association Conference

On Friday August 17, Sharon Croy, Coralie Tovey, Sarah Pannell, Carolyn Pascoe and myself travelled to Fremantle to attend the Western Australian Teachers Assistant Association (WAATA) Conference held at the Esplanade Hotel. The conference is an annual event and it allows Education Assistants from all over Western Australia to join forces and share some of their experiences.

During the two day conference we were able to attend a variety of workshops to enrich our abilities in our profession. Workshops included Class Time Yoga, Kids 'n' Music, Reading Strategies, Healthy Lifestyles and a Maths workshop. We also enjoyed the pleasure of hearing from motivational guest speakers who helped us to further enhance our own attributes. We learnt so much over the two days and we are now looking forward to sharing some of these strategies with your children.

I would sincerely like to thank our Principal, Mr Kim Kinnear, for allowing us to travel this wonderful learning journey.

Nicola Crowdy - Education Assistant

Rediscover Book Week Dress Up Day

On Wednesday August 22 our school celebrated book week with a whole campus dress up day. The costumes were fabulous and Harry Potter was a very popular book character this year. Old favourites like Red Riding Hood, The Wicked Witch and Bob the Builder also appeared on the day.



Don Quixote Ballet Excursion

On Thursday the 23rd of August the year 5 to 7 students had the opportunity to attend a very special performance of the ballet Don Quixote at Burswood Theatre. This colourful classic ballet is based on the novel of Don Quixote de la Mancha written by Miguel de Cervantes and is a vastly entertaining ballet of chivalry, romance and comic adventure. The production was staged by Youth Ballet WA which is a not for profit organization focused on education in the Arts for youth. This company comprises of 100 talented dancers ranging from 8 – 18 years. Mrs Blair organised the excursion because she was involved in the production and her son Liam is a dancer with Youth Ballet WA. The students who attended had a fabulous time and after the show had a chance to meet some of the dancers and get some autographs. Some lucky students had also had their photo taken with Liam after the show.



From The Principal's Desk

An Even Start—National Tuition Program

Currently at RLPS all year 4 students whose 2006 W.A.L.N.A. results were under the benchmark in reading are receiving specific assistance through the Reading Assistance Voucher Programme.

The Commonwealth Government is extending the assistance in 2008 to all student who are below the bench mark in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Literacy and Numeracy. I extend a special thanks to our Education Assistants who have completed the training and are providing the tuition for this support in 2007.

Scholarship Winners

On behalf of the whole community I would like to congratulate Rose Nicholson-Holmes and Aden Lewis for being awarded a scholarship to W.C.H.S. Rose has received a general scholarship and Aden a Technology award. It is fantastic to see Rockingham Lakes Primary School students win awards in the wider community. Syd Parke, Principal of Warnbro Community High School will be at assembly on Friday tomorrow, to acknowledge these achievements.



Primary Extension Academic Challenge Testing (PEAC)

Earlier this term all year 4 students received a note informing parents of the PEAC testing on September 11. If you wish for your child to be excluded from this years testing please inform Brad Mitchell. It is most pleasing to see we currently have 11 students attending PEAC courses from years 5, 6 and 7. We are looking to build on this number in 2008.

Active Kids and Healthy Kids

Enclosed in today's newsletter is the above brochure from the Commonwealth Government. R.L.P.S. recognizes the value and importance to long term health of physical activity and provides this through daily physical education, Bluearth , Fundamental Movement Skills, Physical Education lessons, formal and informal sporting competitions. This brochure assists families support these programs while students are not at school.

Faction Athletics

Our Athletics carnival is rapidly approaching. Students and staff are busy training for this day even though they have been hampered by wet weather interruptions. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mel Luderer for her organization and flexibility in bringing this event together.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

All families are invited to attend our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations next Friday September 7. Activities commence at 9.00am. Families are invited to visit classes, observe activities join in activities and most of all acknowledge the quality experience students at RLPS are exposed to by the staff.

Please stay and join staff in the library for morning tea.

Looking forward to seeing you in the day. Extended family members are most welcome to attend.

Enrolments 2008

Just a reminder that new enrolments for 2008 need to be completed by Friday September 7.

Kim Kinnear—Principal



Year of the Pig Display!

A small selection of student art work will be displayed at the Murdoch University Library Foyer in Rockingham from September 4th to the 21st. Rockingham Lakes Primary School is among other schools in the district that are involved in an exciting program called Access Asia. As a part of the program students have explored themes related to Asia when they come to Art once a week. Students will be notified in the next few days if their work has

been selected for the display. The Year of the Pig display is well worth a look as it incorporates a huge range of amazing student art work. Entry is absolutely free, its local and runs for over two whole weeks!! See you there!

Anukka Thwaites—Art Specialist



Through our literacy initiative Rockingham Lakes Primary School welcomes Leroy Hecquet to our school.

School News



Be Proud News Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Emily Crowdy -Yr 4	Saxon Rice-Fazey—Yr 2	Angel Hannen—PP
Amiee-Lou Bowden—Yr 1	Mitchell Burt—Yr 4	Clayton O'Neil—Yr 2
Georgia Staff—Yr 2	Madison Sanders—PP	Thomas Coppin—Yr 4
Emilie Bird—Yr 1	Aleesha Palmer—Yr 3	Sandra Ristova—Yr 1

The next assembly will be held on Friday, August 31 and the item will be presented by D6.

Be Proud certificates were awarded to the following students:

Zoe Lee O'Connor—3.6 Juan Luke—3.1

Second Hand Uniform News

An urgent request for uniform donations as the rack is empty. The second hand uniform rack will not be out until we have some stock. Thankyou for your great support of this project.

Snack Shack Meal Winners

The winners of the uniform raffle for the previous fortnight were Jaycie Perryman 2.4 and Jessica Jackson D8. Congratulations—BE PROUD and continue to wear school uniform.

Lorelle Watson—Be Proud Co-ordinator

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

Thursday August 30	Choir—Mandurah Performing Arts
Friday August 31	Assembly D6 Kindy Incursion
Monday Sept 3	
Tuesday Sept 4	P&C Meeting
Wednesday Sept 5	RASSA Cross Country
Thursday Sept 6	
Friday Sept 7	Literacy & Numeracy Day
Monday Sept 10	
Tuesday Sept 11	
Wednesday Sept 12	Star Search
Thursday Sept 13	D6 & 1.2 Excursion Egypt



Kids Clubs

During term 3, the year 3's and year 4's plus Miss Callaghan's 2/3 children have been participating in an exciting program, which consists of a number of different interest groups. The clubs include drama, gardening, arts and crafts, yoga, dance, computing, Japanese, basketball, weird science, scrapbooking, and board

games. The clubs provide the children with a variety of different learning environments, which have been very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.

Miss Callaghan, Mrs Everett, Miss Sewell, Mrs Sheridan, Miss Morgan, Mr McNeil, Mrs Tovey, Mrs Haggar and Mrs Welch.



Reading to learn and help others!

The children in Block 2 have recently participated in the Scholastic book club Classrooms Care - Reading is Giving program. Each class was challenged to read 100 books. Scholastic will then match each book read with a book donation to the Smith Family charity for children in need. The children have been very busy reading and they have read a grand total of 600 books, that's 600 books, being given to needy children. WELL DONE!!!



School News

Faction Carnival Dates:

Tuesday September 18 2007	Faction Jumps and 400m races	Years 3 to 7
Wednesday September 19 2007	Faction Carnival	PP to 2
Thursday September 20 2007	Faction Carnival	Years 3 - 7



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.

Items needed for Art

If you have any PVC pipe or old towels you no longer need can you please drop them off at the art room. These items are required for a year 3/4 art project. Thank you.

Annukka Thwaites—Art Specialist

P&C News

Uniform News

The uniform shop still has windcheaters and rugby jumpers on sale. Limited sizes but fantastic prices. Don't forget to tell your friends who have kids in kindy next year. We are desperately seeking a garment rack (or two). If anyone has one in good repair, please come and see us at the uniform shop. The 2008 school uniform orders will be going out in term 4.

Nell Gledhill—Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Fundraising News

HELP WANTED! 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 idea's for fundraising and can spare a few hours here and there please come and see me. I will be in the undercover area selling raffle tickets on Mondays and Fridays or you can contact me on 0416 969 076. Thankyou to all the families that ordered BePuzzled puzzles. We raised \$185 for the school.

P&C will be running a raffle this fortnight for two lucky children to win two AMF Bowling vouchers that entitles you to one FREE game and shoe hire. Tickets will be 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00 and will be sold before school in the undercover area. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on September 14. Congratulations to Madi Sanders –D4 for winning the Hoyts movie tickets raffle.

Janine Stevens—Fundraising Co-ordinator

Community News

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

Relief Cleaners Required

We are desperately in need of relief cleaners. If you are interested in relief cleaning for early morning or afternoon shifts please leave your name and contact details at the office.

West Australian Little Athletics-Registration Day

Do you like to Run, Jump or Throw?
Then come and join your local Little Athletics Club.
Registration for all Clubs will be held on Saturday
September 1 between 10am-1pm.
Registration Venue near your or contact the WALA
office on 9388 2339.

HAIR FOR BETHANIE

Hair for Bethanie is now open for business.
Kids cuts-\$10.00
Ladies shampoo & cut-\$17-\$20
All services reasonably priced.
34 years experience.
Open Tuesday & Wednesdays
9am-2pm
Thursdays & Fridays
9am-4pm
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