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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.

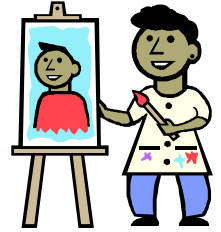
Melbourne Cup Day At Rockingham Lakes Primary School



From The Principal's Desk

Artist In Residence

As part of our school Aboriginal Cultural studies program Annukka Thwaites has arranged for Peter Farmer to work with the students during Multicultural Week. All students in years 1—7 will have the opportunity to participate in art activities guided by Peter. Peter comes to our school highly recommended for his work with school students and we look forward with interest to the artwork that will be produced while he is with us. Multicultural week is November 19—23.



Teacher Requests for 2008

Parents are advised **not** to write letters requesting specific staff members for their child's/children's teacher for 2008. In 2008 we will have 11 new staff members. It is unreasonable for parents to request a teacher for their child/children when they are unaware of the new staff being appointed. It is also logistically impractical to try and accommodate parent requests when they are only directed at half of the teaching staff.

At Rockingham Lakes we have a clear process to follow when allocating students to classes.

- To provide continuity in student learning we will endeavour to "loop" students with their current teacher. That is, one of the current year levels in a class will remain with the 2007 teacher. This is not always possible due to changing numbers and classes being different year level combinations in 2008 to 2007.
- All classes will have an even spread of :
 - students who are academically capable
 - students who are sound behavioural role models
 - students who are at Educational Risk either academically or behaviourally
- Where teachers feel it is in the best interest of our students to have them in a different class they will be moved.

Throughout 2007 I have worked with the community and staff to ensure the best possible educational outcomes are achieved for all students. I request your cooperation in this matter to ensure this in ongoing into and throughout 2008.

Reporting

Staff will soon be commencing the end of year reports. It is important that parents understand how staff choose the grade in each learning area outcome for each student, ie A, B, C, D, E.

- Over time the students achievement is measured against the Outcomes and Standards Framework.
- Staff across the school moderate student work samples to ensure consistent judgements are being made.
- The Department of Education and Training provide staff from each year level a Grade Allocation Chart which matches the levels from the Outcomes and Standards Framework with a grade, i.e. A, B, C, D, E.
- Students who maintain steady progress throughout semester 2 should achieve the same Learning Area outcome grade allocation as they did in Semester 1.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary classes will be reported on through the Pre Primary / Kindergarten Profile. A parent information session was held last term explaining the Profile and how it will be used. If you would like further information on this please ask your child's class teacher.

Footpath Petition

In an attempt to make our school community environment as safe as possible for all sectors of our community I have enclosed a letter petitioning the City of Rockingham to install footpaths in the roads surrounding the school.

I encourage every family to place their address on the top of the page, sign and date this petition. Please return to the front office as soon as possible.

Wellbeing Plan for Aussie Kids

Please find enclosed with today's newsletter a Healthy Foods and Habits fridge poster. This is provided by the Federal Government and supported by the school's Health program.



Premier's Summer Reading Challenge

At the end of each school year the Premier launches his Summer Reading Challenge. The conditions and entry form are enclosed with this newsletter. This is a fun activity to continue to improve students reading and attitudes to learning throughout the end of year vacation.

Kim Kinnear—Principal



Be Proud News Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Nathan Jakins—Yr 6	Kayleigh Morrison—Yr 7	Camryn Smith—Yr 2
Demi Brown—Yr 2	Eleesha O'born—PP	Maddy Mounsey—PP
Ashlee Bromage—Yr 4	Chloe Cross—Yr 6	Cameron Pracy—Yr 1
Ashleigh Bushell—Yr 2	Justin Paynter—PP	Jackson Grace—PP
Tom Heaton—Yr 4	Zoe Cahill—Yr 4	Charlotte Long—Yr 3
Marley Power—Yr 3	Morgan Chester—Yr 4	

The next assembly will be held on Friday, November 9.

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 November 8	
Friday November 9	Assembly
Monday November 12	
Tuesday November 13	Kindergarten Orientation 10am
Wednesday November 14	Walk to School Day RASSA Triathlon Christmas Carols Rockingham City Shopping Centre
Thursday November 15	
Friday November 16	Science and T&E Day
Monday November 19	Multicultural Week
Tuesday November 20	School Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday November 21	
Thursday November 22	



D2 Dancing Display

Parents and friends came to watch the nine dances that we have learnt during the year. It was fantastic.



School News

Art Blast

Rockingham Lakes took part in Art Blast at the Fremantle Town Hall during week 2 of this term. It is the fourth year our school has been involved in this exhibition. As a part of celebrating Education week Art Blast showcases student art work (Kindergarten to year 12) from a range of public schools in the Fremantle and Peel districts. Over 200 pieces were selected to represent Rockingham Lakes in Art Blast this year. Furthermore pieces from last terms' 'Year of the Pig' display were exhibited again in the Access Asia display at Art Blast. This is very exciting news for Rockingham Lakes because it is an amazing opportunity to promote and celebrate student outcomes within the wider community.



Both rooms 1.5 and 3.5 went on an excursion to view the exhibition and 20 keen students of mixed ages were also invited along. The students had a busy time feasting their eyes on all the artwork and finding their most favourite piece.

During Multicultural week in Week 6 of this term Rockingham Lakes campus will be working with Noongar artist Peter Farmer during their art sessions for the week. We are really looking forward to enriching our understanding about Noongar culture and aim to demonstrate some of what we learn in collaborative art work around our campus in coming weeks. Wishing you all an excellent term!

Annukka Thwaites—Art Specialist

From The Good Food For Me Team

Lovely Lunches

Looking for a change from sandwiches? Try a container with:

- A selection of cold meats and salads
- Boiled egg and salad
- Leftover spaghetti bolognaise or pasta dish with salad
- Fruit salad
- Add wholemeal bread on the side
- Include an ice brick or frozen milk or yoghurt to keep the lunchbox cool

For more information: <http://www.meerilinga.org.au>

Potato Frittata

5 minutes preparation + 10 to 15 minutes cooking

11 serves of vegies in this recipe

- 250g sweet potato, sliced
- 250g potato, sliced
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch baby spinach, washed and drained
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg



Preheat grill. Boil potato for 4-5 minutes until tender, or microwave on HIGH (100%) in a covered dish with 1 tablespoon water for 5-6 minutes, stirring after 3 minutes. Drain well. Heat oil in a non-stick frypan, add onion and cook for 2 minutes until golden. Add potato, toss to combine and brown. Stir in spinach and stir-fry until wilted and moisture has evaporated. Mix eggs, cheese and nutmeg in a small bowl and pour into pan. Cook over low heat until set. Place under hot grill for 2 minutes to brown the top. Serves 4.

Variation

Try finely shredded Chinese cabbage instead of spinach.

Serving suggestion

Serve hot or cold. Cut into wedges and serve with salad for a light lunch. For a special breakfast/lunch dish serve with grilled tomatoes and crunchy wholemeal toast.

Community News

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

Hair for Bethanie

Is now open for business
Kids cuts—\$10
Ladies shampoo & cut \$17- \$20
All services reasonably priced
34 years experience
Open Tuesday & Wednesdays
9am-2pm
Thursdays & Fridays
9am-4pm
Located at Bethanie Waters
Phone SONIA
9593 9360 or 0407 985 054

Eagle Boys

Pizza

Large Pizzas
\$5.95 each*
Plus Add Garlic Bread
For only \$2.50 each

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