Principal's Patter:

Parent Meetings – THIS AFTERNOON
All teachers have made a special effort to be available in their classroom learning environment this afternoon to address family members of their students. Valuable information is to be presented. Your attendance for that brief period of time is encouraged.
Please note Mrs Sera Minchin will be providing a demonstration of computer assisted learning packages from 3.45 through till 4.30 in the computer room. We hope these packages are in use at home.

School Contributions
This relatively small amount of $50 for K – Yr7 and $235 for secondary is of critical importance in supporting the development of wide-ranging activities and experiences for the school’s educational program.
In many instances, support is available to families to pay this amount. Last year we did not receive contributions from 90 of our 180 students with amounts ranging from $20 to $256, totalling over $5400.
Please consider the benefits for your children.
A voluntary library fund donation of $20 and P&C membership of $1 per family complete the tally.

Year 8 Vaccination Program
This year the Department of Health is offering a free vaccination program for Year 8 students. The program offers booster doses of childhood vaccinations, as well as an additional vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV).
Students in Year 8 received an information pack earlier this term which contains details of the program and a consent form for parents to sign. Parents are asked to sign and return the consent form to enable their children to participate in this free program. The vaccinations are timetabled to occur on Wednesday 5 March. For more information, including a video about the vaccination program, visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au

P&C
The AGM is being held on Tuesday 11 March at 7pm in the Staffroom. Please consider attending as this valuable organisation needs YOUR help in providing for the education of your children.

Values
The value this fortnight is Inclusion. It is significant that children appreciate the need to feel wanted and in turn to accept the company of others – not exclude them.

For sale by tender
Tenders for the items below, advertised in our last newsletter, close tomorrow, Friday 21 Feb.
1 x NEC 52cm television, 1 x TEAC 70cm television, 1 x NEC VCR and 1 x SHARP VCR
These items are in excellent condition. No reserve.

Thought for the week
Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to work.

Norm Ireland
Principal
THE DEPUTY’S DIALECT

If you want people to be glad to meet you, you must be glad to meet them- and show it.
(Johann Von Goethe, 1749-1832, German Poet, Writer and Scientist)

Swimming Lessons
Our many thanks are extended to Jodie Bell and her team of instructors for their efforts in the coordination and facilitation of swimming lessons over the last two weeks. All our students have tried hard and have learnt a lot during Interm Swimming lessons.

Swimming Carnival
The Faction Swimming Carnival is on Friday 7th of March. If you are available to help out on the day then please contact the office and let us know ASAP. The school will be holding time trials next week the 27th and 28th of February.

Faction Captains
I am pleased to announce the 2014 Faction Captains that will be an integral part of the coordination of sporting events throughout the year. Faction Captains provide leadership and support to peers and give assistance to staff when required.
Dale - Tom Cleland and Michaela Quartermaine
Eyre - Tim Appelbee and Eliza Higgins
Forrest - Stanley Stevens and Rebecca Grover

The Schools Tennis Classic
Thank you to all students who nominated for the Tennis Classic. Mrs Shaw and myself are currently completing try-outs for teams to Kellerberrin for the Play-Offs next Tuesday 25th February. Although the Tennis Classic is a primary event taking students from Year 1 to 7, there are no age divisions, so it is expected that only players who can play tennis at a highly competitive level will be chosen. If your child has a real interest in tennis then I suggest they join the local club which will allow them to gain the experience and skill levels required to be chosen for this competition next year. Letters will be sent home shortly for those children who are chosen to represent our school.

Parent Support
Parent Support is a parenting service provided by the Department for Child Protection as one of its Responsible Parenting Services. Your local Parent Support Team is based in Northam and consists of a Parent Support Caseworker and a Parent Support Parent Visitor. Our service is a time defined home visiting service that works alongside parents in attempting to address issues and concerns relating to their children’s anti-social, criminal behaviour and non attendance. If you have any questions regarding this service then please contact Shirley Umu, the Team Leader, on (08)9621 0400. There are flyers to read in the office.

Y20 Wheatbelt
Y20 is an opportunity for young people aged 16-18 years from the Wheatbelt region to share their vision and contribute to solving some of the major issues and barriers that are impacting upon our region. You can self-nominate or nominate someone else you think actively demonstrates leadership skills, contributes to their community and/or are committed to personal endeavours. You can submit your nomination in writing or by creating a short video presentation. Nominations close on Monday 31st March, 2014 at 4pm. For further information go to the RDA Wheatbelt website on www.rdawheatbelt.com.au or contact Pippa Harris on 9575 1888 or email her on admin@rdawheatbelt.com.au.

Electronic Devices
This is a reminder that ALL electronic devices should be handed in at the front office at the start of the school day. The school will take no responsibility for the theft or damage of any electrical devices that are kept in students’ schoolbags instead of being handed in at the front office. Please label your devices.

PETER HALL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
2014 Student Representatives

Congratulations to the following students for being selected by their peers & staff.

Student Council
Vernette McKelvie - Head of Student Council
Jessica Appelbee - Head of Student Council
Georgina Fisher
Thomas McLean
Evie Wilkinson
Kaitlin Shaw

Faction Captains
DALE - Tom Cleland & Michaela Quartermaine
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Your P&C Needs You!

Please consider a position on our P&C this year.

- Canteen Co-ordinator
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- K/PP P&C representative

OR simply support the very capable P&C executive who are continuing in 2014.

The P&C helps provide our kids with:
- fresh and healthy canteen lunches
- convenient shopping for uniforms
- additional resources for the classrooms and playgrounds eg. Spider and reading books
- a forum to make comments and request clarification
... and lots more.

All new members would be warmly welcomed and supported in their chosen role!

Please come along to the

AGM on Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} March at 7pm in the Staff room.

Many thanks to the outgoing members and those continuing in 2014 to offer their time and energy for our school.

NEW FAMILY DAYCARE IN BEVERLEY
Hello, I am looking for expression of interests to set a family daycare in Beverley. If you are interested in this type of child services, please email me at maritita616@yahoo.com including date of birth of your child/children, what days you would be interested in and if you require more than 8 hours a day or after school care. If enough interest is shown you will be contacted shortly.

If you require more information please contact me at the above mentioned email. Your prompt response is very important in order to get the daycare open as soon as possible, please respond by 03/03/2014.

Thank you, looking forward to meeting you and your children. Mari Tita.
MEASLES INFORMATION

There has been a resurgence in measles cases recently, mainly due to people acquiring the disease overseas and bringing it back to Australia. Measles is caused by a virus and may have serious complications.

Please note the following information in regards to the risk of measles:

- people born before 1966 are not classed as ‘at risk’ for measles as they are likely to have had the disease as a child. Booster immunisations are not required
- if there is doubt about having had the disease, immunity can be checked by blood testing through your general practitioner
- parents should ensure that their children receive 2 doses of the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine. Doses are recommended at 12 months and 3½ to 4 years. These 2 doses provide life-long protection
- some overseas countries give the first measles vaccine at 9 months of age. Australian health authorities do not consider this early dose effective, so any overseas children need to have 2 doses given at the ages above
- any questions can be directed to the public health nurses of the Wheatbelt Public Health Unit on 9622 4320 during office hours
Welcome back to the start of a new year,

My name is Helen Guinness and I am your Community Health Nurse, I would like to explain how we deliver health services in the schools. Our main areas are early intervention, health promotion and health expertise. This includes planning and implementing the school immunisation program along with the 0-4 year old immunisation clinics. We aim to promote healthy development and wellbeing to assist students to reach their full potential. We cover a large area across the Avon and Central Wheatbelt so you will not see us in the school every day; however we can be contacted at any time either by phone or email.

**Medical conditions**

Up to date immunisation, medical and address details are essential (this includes medications) so the school can care for your child appropriately and contact you should the need arise. The school should be aware of any medical conditions or changes in your child’s health status including severe allergies. If your child requires any medication or treatment including asthma puffers or epipen, can you please contact the school or class teacher if you have not already done this, so that a health care or action plan can be put into place.

**Immunisation**

All children who have turned 4 should have had their 4 year old immunisations. If your child has not or you are unsure please contact me to make an appointment or check their history. Alternatively you can attend your local G.P. Immunisation records can be faxed to the school or the records can be photocopied for you. An unimmunised child or one with an unknown immunisation status can be excluded from school in the instance of a measles outbreak. **Please note all 4 year old immunisations can be given from 3 1/2 years.**

**Year 8 Immunisation program**

The department of health is offering free vaccinations to all Year 8 female and male students. This includes HPV (Human Papilloma virus), Varicella (Chicken Pox) and ADT (tetanus Diphtheria and, Whooping cough) When you receive your child’s consent form please carefully read, sign giving your consent and return to the school. Our immunisation team will begin delivering these immunisations early term 1.

**Kindergarten Screening**

All new students to K, PP or Year 1 that have not had a school health assessment previously will be offered one, this includes a hearing and vision check. Referral to the appropriate health service can be arranged if required. If you receive a health assessment form will you please sign giving your consent for the assessment and return to **school ASAP?**

**Routine Indigenous Hearing Screen K-year7**

This is offered to all indigenous children from K-Year7, a consent form will be sent home to all relevant families which needs` to be signed and **returned ASAP?**

**Sun Smart**

As we are in the middle of summer it is important to remember the 5 Sun Smart rules. Slip on your long sleeve shirt. Slop on your sunscreen. Slap on a hat. Slide on your sunnies and Seek shade while at school. Skin cancer is still one of the biggest killers and affects all ages.

Please feel free to contact me at any time in regard to your child’s health needs.

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