



READING READING READING!

In Touch



13 February
Week 2

A message from Mr Pardini...

Parent information evening

Thank you to all those families who were able to make it last night to our parent information evening. It was lovely to see your support of the classroom teachers. Don't panic if you missed out because I know the teachers will be happy to catch up with you at some other point. And on that note, my appreciation is extended to the staff who are only given a 30 minute time slot to discuss and whole year of work! Well done.

P&F/Board

Our first set of meetings will be held this coming Tuesday 18 March. We would love to have you join us at the P&F meeting which will commence at **5.30pm in the staffroom.**

A huge thank you to Lara Veslea who has offered to be our Secretary – thank you very much Lara! This means we only have one more role to fill, that being the role of President.

To all school Board members, please note that this term, meetings commence at **7.30pm.** See you there!

Year 4/5 Mass

The first class mass of the term will be celebrated next Wednesday at 10.00am. Please come along and join us.

Year 7 camp

At the Parent evening, I managed to cover most things to do with the upcoming Year 7 camp so there isn't much I need to say here.

Just a reminder, I am looking for cakes, biscuits, packets of chips or fresh fruit. If each Year 7 family could donate something of this nature and bring it along on Sunday 23 February that would be excellent.

I anticipate leaving from St Joseph's at 1.00pm on this day. It should only take us around 20 minutes to load up the bus so if you could be there around 12.30pm that would be ideal!

Early close

Apologies for the confusion with the term planner and the early close dates. A new copy was issued at the start of this week with the correct dates on it. Please note, early close falls on all 'odd' weeks – Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Year 4-6 excursion

Not to be 'out done' by the Year 7s who are heading to Perth on camp, the 4/5/6 classes will be taking the bus to Yalingup on Friday 28 February. Please don't forget to return your permission slips for this day to the respective teachers.

With our parent night being so well attended, it almost seems like my job this week in the In Touch has been made redundant with nothing much else to say except have a great finish to your busy week and may you all enjoy the weekend ahead.

Take care,

Carlo Pardini
Principal

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Tues 18 Feb	P&F / Board meeting
Wed 19 Feb	4/5 class Mass
Wed 19 Feb	Early close
Sun 23 Feb	Yr7 campers depart
Fri 28 Feb	Yalingup MAZE excursion (Yrs 4-6)

Classroom news...

➔ K/PP/1

Welcome to our Kindies who have settled in fantastically to our class.

A huge thanks to all families who made it to last night's info evening.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you as parent helpers.



➔ 2/3

The Potato People

In year 2/3 we have been focusing in on our book of the week, *The Potato People*, by Pamela Allen. We used the book to search for nouns and Proper Nouns, as well as using it as the basis for our own narratives, *The Cucumber Kids!* We have started dissecting the Stepping Stones Program in Maths and so far we love it.



It's hard to believe this is their final year at St Joseph's! But no matter your age, you are never too old for a photo!

➔ 6/7

Accelerated Reading

It is so great to see the class come in each morning and sit down to read. The goals for Accelerated reading have been set and now all that is left to do is to reach them! Why not ask your child what their goal is? Now that we have email addresses for all parents in the class, we can send you updates about how your child is progressing towards their goal - so you too can track their success.

Class Buddy

With so much to cover at last night's parent evening, I forgot to mention that this year the 6/7 class will be carrying on with the Class Buddy program with the K/PP/1 class. I am really keen to see the interactions between the two groups - I know the 6/7s look forward to this. Buddy classes happens on a Wednesday morning.

➔ 4/5

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make it to last night's parent evening. For those of you who could not make it, please feel free to contact me and arrange a time to meet if you wish.

The year 4/5 class will be having their class mass next Wednesday at 10am and we would appreciate as many parents as possible to come and join us in our celebration.

Lastly, the talk around the class over the last week has definitely about our trip to Yallingup Maze. A note will be sent home tomorrow outlining the finer details of the day.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

From Susan's desk...

Thank you to everyone for making me very welcome during my first few weeks in the office.

I am learning a lot and your help and patience has been great.

Also just a reminder if you haven't already, please return emergency forms by Tuesday 18 February.

P&F News...

A reminder to everyone that our first meeting of the year will take place this coming Tuesday 18 February at 5.30pm.

At this first meeting we will look at the year ahead and hopefully begin to plan some fundraising events. We are 'thinking BIG' so any ideas would be much appreciated.

As Carlo has already said in his section, a HUGE thank you to Lara Vesely who has kindly offered to assist the committee as secretary. We look forward to the year ahead.

With one position down we still need a President. Don't forget, there will be help available to you if you would like to put your hand up.

Thank you – P&F Committee

Office Hours:

The office will be open Every Day.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 18 February:

Melinda Arnold & Serena Abraham

Tuesday 25 February:

Pip Ellis & Paula Della Franca



Wed 22 Sebastian Vesely

Around town...

PEMBERTON LIBRARY

Rhythm Time will be re-commencing at the Pemberton Library on Wednesday 19th February at 10.00 a.m.

This programme is in conjunction with Better Beginnings and promotes the importance of sharing rhythms and talking to your baby.

Rhythm time is a fun time to share singing and social skills with other children aged 0 - 2 years and runs for 30 minutes.

Any queries please contact Sherril at the Pemberton library on 97761311 or Samantha Staddon on 0400278818

SOUTHERN STAGE

Offering Classes 2yrs to Adult
Ballet/Contemporary
Jazz
Hip Hop/Musical Theatre
Acrobatics
New Classes for 2-4 yrs
Tiny Tumblers
Rhythm Rockers
Classes commencing 3 Feb
For enrolment packages
please contact Lee-anne on
97731268 or
southernstage@five.com.au

FREE EMERGENCY WORKSHOP

Open to all community members

Registrations required at

admin@farmsafewa.org or
9359 4118

Pemberton 23 March 2014
@10 am to 1pm

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'Story Time - Helping Your Child to Read' at the Pemberton Public Library

It is well known that the amount of time that a child is read to at home corresponds with literary success at school. In recent years it has been recommended that this reading begins at birth, to encourage a love of books from an early age. Books are a window into the world for children, developing imagination, building knowledge and expanding the child's vocabulary.

"The best time to start reading aloud to a baby is the day it is born" according to Mem Fox author of Reading Magic. "By the age of one most children have learnt all the sounds that make up their native spoken language. The foundations of learning to read are set down from the moment a child first hears the sounds of people talking, the tunes of songs, and the rhythms and repetitions of rhymes and stories"

With this in mind, Pemberton Library have offered for the past 4 years a story time session for 2-6 year olds. This initiative has been supported in principle by Better Beginnings and the Shire of Manjimup and implemented by volunteers.

A volunteer reads a story followed by a craft activity for the children. The aim is to encourage a love of books, create a social event for the child (and parent) and encourages use of the free library service.

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needed to help us grow and improve Story time for your child**

To help us do this we need your feedback.

At the present time Storytime is held every Saturday at 10.30 am in the library during school term.

What day and time would you prefer (Please tick the box that best suits you)?

- Saturday morning
- After School
- During School hours

What format would you prefer (Please tick the box that best suits you)?

- Story only
- Story and craft

Please return to library, school office, Little Taddies, or the out of hours shute at the Pemberton library
Friday 21st February 2014.

Thank you for your support. Any queries please phone Sherril at Pemberton Library on 9776 1311