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Physical Orientation & Mobility Skills

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From the Principal's desk

The term has really flown, and we are already in week eight with the Easter Break starting on the 29th March. The first few weeks of the school year which are very important for learning routines, establishing relationships and expectations and building friendships are now a distant memory. Many thanks to all those families who have made themselves available to participate in their child's Individual Education Planning. It is extremely important that parents, teachers and specialists work together to set IEP goals that are developmentally appropriate to the individual learner and that are achievable within the given time frame.

The theme of this newsletter is **Physical Orientation and Mobility Skills** which includes:

- Fine motor skills, for example, holding, grasping and releasing, manipulating;
- Whole body skills, including coordination of movement, for example, reaching, rolling, walking;
- Positioning skills, for example, head control;
- Managing the environment, for example, movement between rooms or in the community; and
- Tolerating and/or managing mobility aids, for example splints, rolator, cane, wheelchair.

Acquiring, developing, practising, applying and extending physical, orientation and mobility skills is a high priority for some students and takes up a large part of their learning time. For other students these skills will be included in experiences and activities across the curriculum and therapies.

Bike Week Excursion Wednesday 20th March

Once again we held our very popular Bike Week excursion at Burswood Park and were joined by a number of organisations who helped provide a challenging and entertaining day. Thanks to the Burswood Park for allowing us to use the car park and allocating the room to practise our skills out in the community. The Landsdale Farm animals and tractor rides were very popular and it was exciting to have both Dreamfit and

Technical Aids Disabled WA (TADWA) there to display adapted bikes and provide information for parents and staff. The excursion was rounded off nicely with a barbeque lunch cooked by Gwen Evans from the Town of Victoria Park.

Parent Handbook

We endeavour to share and keep our community informed. I hope you find the handbook informative. Feedback on items which could be included in future is much appreciated. You can let us know through the home/school notebook when you keep in touch with your child's teacher.

E-Newsletter

Families who prefer to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please email the School Officer at Chris.Davison@education.wa.edu.au. A contact list can then be compiled.

School Board Meeting March 14th

At the first meeting of the year school staff explained the outcomes of our various self review processes and outlined some of the goals for 2013 which will be included in the new Business Plan. The new School Business Plan and the Delivery and Performance Agreement will provide the framework for progress and development for next 3 years. The board is pleased to welcome Mr Shane Jez, President of the Conductive Education Association of WA to its ranks.

Schools Plus and Resources

Many thanks to those families who provided the essential information for their child's application. Without your cooperation we would only receive minimal funding and of course this could have a major impact on our programs and consequent educational outcomes for our students.

Kind Regards John Exeter Principal

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P&C News . . .

Many thanks to those parents/carers and family members who have joined the P&C as financial members. Greater numbers increases our chances of being successful with grant applications for funding. Membership application forms are available from the front office. There is a compulsory charge of \$1.00 per membership.

Unfortunately the Bunnings BBQ was cancelled at the last minute as we couldn't get enough people to volunteer their time. We realise everyone has commitments, but the BBQ's are a popular event and community groups usually only get one opportunity a year. Bunnings Cannington have always been great supporters of our school through donations of time and items for our annual Quiz Night. Hopefully we will get the chance to do another BBQ. The support shown by the people who did offer to volunteer was much appreciated.

Uniform order forms are sent home at the beginning of each school term. For this term only, we will be doing another order for those parents who would like to start organising their winter uniforms. Orders must be returned to school, with correct money, by Friday 5th April. Please remember to put your child's name and class on the form to assist with delivery.

Coffee Morning: This was well supported and a great way to meet our new Community Support Officer, other parents and share ideas. Another coffee morning will be organised for the beginning of term two. We are hoping these will become a regular event.

Playground: An exciting new playground will be constructed during the first week of the school holidays. All the components are designed to challenge our children and create a fun play area. Many thanks to the Conductive Education Centre of Western Australia (CECWA), the Commonwealth Bank and the P&C for their support funding this event. Enjoy the Easter break.

Liz Green
P & C President

Reminder—Voluntary Contributions



For all families who have paid the \$60 Voluntary Contributions for 2013, we thank you.

If you have not yet paid the Contributions for

your child, you may still do so—either via the class teacher, directly to the office, or via Direct Deposit into the Carson Street School bank account as follows:-

BSB 066 040 A/C 1990 1199

(Please quote surname as a reference)

This money goes towards funding essential classroom resources for the children.

Town of Victoria Park's 'wheelie big day out'

Walk, Wheel or Run for charity on Sunday 14th April.

Join the Town of Victoria Park at the Wheelie Big Day Out, hosted by the Centre for Cerebral Palsy, at

Burswood Park (off Resort Drive). There's a 1km or 6km circuit.

More information can be found at www.walkwheelrun.com.au



VICTORIA PARK



Great prizes available when you Walk Wheel Run for Charity!
Sunday 14 April 2013
Burswood Park, Burswood

Belmay Class

Harmony Week

The students from Belmay Class performed on stage during Harmony Week recently.

They presented Generation One and the National Anthem and they performed brilliantly! We were all very proud of them. Well done!

The photos show Belmay students with their Harmony Week work along with Harmony Week Coordinator Apryl Longford (right) and (below), Belmay students with Mayor of Town of Victoria Park, Trevor Vaughan.







Encouragement Award from Belmont Forum

Belmont Forum Shopping Centre is presenting an Encouragement Award to one of our worthy students each month.

The Award includes a certificate and a \$20.00 shopping voucher. The staff and students of Belmay Class would like to thank Belmont Forum for their generosity and support of our students.

This photo shows Holly O'Rourke receiving the award for this month from Tanya Musgrave, Promotions Co-Ordinator from Belmont Forum.





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Foster Carers Urgently Needed

Currently there are many children that require foster care throughout the Perth region. Foster carers are urgently needed for children and young people who can longer live at home because their family is no longer able to look after them or they may be at risk of harm. This is a call to arms for the Perth region. If you have you ever thought about opening up your home and your heart to a foster child, now is the time to make all the difference in their world. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a carer please call 1300 395 005 or visit www.foundcarekids.org.au

Please find a web link below to the Victoria Park Digital Hub which provides **free computer courses and online training** for the local community, not-for-profit organisations and businesses. Residents can participate in friendly, interactive training sessions to learn how to access and explore the online world. http://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/community/digital-hub For further information please call 9329 4238.

Happy Birthday to You!



Kezia Bluegum 1st April
Dakota Belmay 21st April
Holly Belmay 27th April
Luke Room 5 30th April



What's on what's coming up	
Thursday 28th March	Easter Activity Day
Friday 29th March	Good Friday
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday (Holiday)
Tuesday 2nd April	School Closed
Wednesday 3rd April	Students return