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## Comet Bay Primary School

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

#### Student Reports

Student Reports have been emailed out today. If you have not received your child's report, please contact your child's teacher or the front office and we will resend the report. Please remember to save or print the report as the link for your child's report will only stay active for 28 days. Please take the opportunity to read through the report with your child and celebrate their successes and review any feedback provided by their teacher.

#### Staffing Appointments

This was a very busy term with staffing processes being run for multiple positions across the school. Congratulations to the following staff members who were the successful applicants for the following positions  
Denise Duffy – reappointed as Level 4 Deputy Principal for a further 6 months with possible extension or permanency.  
Beverley Garnett – reappointed as Level 3 Deputy Principal – Early Childhood) for a further 6 months with possible extension or permanency.  
Megan Wiasa - reappointed as Level 3 Deputy Principal – Student Services for a further 6 months with possible extension or permanency.  
Tyrene Gleeson - appointed as Education Assistant – Special Needs as a permanent position  
Hayley Taylor – appointed as Education Assistant – Special Needs for the remainder of the year.  
Lisa Barker - appointed as Library Officer for 6 months with possible extension or permanency.  
Chantelle Butt – appointed as early childhood teacher in ELC for the remainder of the year.

Well done to all these staff members for your outstanding work, the quality of your applications and for those who attended interviews for shining brightly.

#### Fishing Trips / Peer Observation

Continuing our insight into our staff development processes which aim to improve learning outcomes for students, this newsletter we are looking at 'fishing trips'.  
'Fishing trips' are a pedagogical model of peer observation whereby staff visit another colleague's classroom to observe their practise of a targeted whole school approach, such as English and Mathematics warm ups, maths strategies, Classroom Management Strategies etc.  
'Fishing trips' are conducted in a small group guided by the Deputy Principal who holds the portfolio of Quality Instruction. Teachers are given a data collection tool to structure their observation and provide a framework for the post observation discussion. The analogy of 'fishing trips' is built on the fact that teachers can 'throw their line in the water' and see what they can catch to take back to their own classroom to refine their own practice.

#### School Development Day

On Monday 22nd July, our staff will be involved in our school development day, with students returning to school on Tuesday 23rd July. Staff will participate in a review of the targets and strategies from our Business Plan and our Comet Bay Way document. Staff will also be discussing Occupational Health and Safety processes, cultural awareness frameworks, the National Quality Standards in early childhood education as well as looking at instructional quality and taking part in growth coaching conversations.

#### Good Standing Policy

Comet Bay has introduced a Good Standing policy as part of our positive behaviour program. All students begin with Good Standing and maintain this by following our Comet Bay Agreements and complying with our Dress Code. Students who hold Good Standing are eligible to take part in extra curricular activities such as our recent reward day. This policy has been discussed with the P&C, School Board and with our Student Councilors. It is also being shared with all students during assemblies and in class. A copy of this policy will be placed on our website and a link included in this newsletter. [Good Standing Policy](#)

#### Dress Code Policy

Following consultation with our staff, students and the P&C, our School Board has endorsed our revised student dress code policy. No new items have been added to our uniform but we have provided further clarity on undergarments such as shirts and leggings. Please find the updated policy attached. [Dress Code Policy](#)

The School Board will be looking at the staff dress code policy at their next meeting.

#### Disco Delight

Congratulations to our P&C for a magnificent disco evening last Friday. We had a wonderful crowd turn up for each of the three discos and an incredible number of volunteers help out on the night. A special mention to our disco co-ordinator Deb Meerton for her preparation and efforts which ensured a successful event.

#### Winter Carnival

Unfortunately, the weather has not been helpful with the scheduling of our Winter Carnival interschool sport competition. The original full day carnival had to be cancelled due to poor weather last week. Whilst we had made arrangements to play our sports against Endeavour this week, the weather has again had the final say and we have had to cancel once again. Thank you to our Year 6 students for your efforts in preparing for this carnival and we are disappointed you did not get to compete. Thank you to those mums and dads who had volunteered to help out with umpiring and coaching.

#### Canberra Camp Meeting

Our final parent meeting for this year's Canberra camp will be held on Tuesday 23rd July (first day back at school) in the undercover area commencing at 6.30pm. Parents will be provided with an information booklet containing our itinerary, what to bring, sleeping arrangements and groupings for activities. We will also discuss flight details (two separate flights on Monday), airport pick ups and answer any final questions from parents.

#### Crosswalk Courtesy

A replacement crosswalk attendant has yet to be appointed for our crossing at the front of the school. Thank you to those families who are taking extra care crossing in the morning and our drivers for their extra caution. I have appreciated the lovely manners of our community in the afternoons as I help out at the crossing and enjoy the waves from the cars on your way home.

#### Karate Consideration

Thank you to Alan from Kupso Karate school for working with the school last Friday after we accidentally double booked the undercover area on disco night. We appreciate your flexibility in moving to another location in the school. Your consideration was very much appreciated.

#### School Holidays

We wish all our families a safe and rewarding school holiday period and remind you that our students return on Tuesday 23rd July. If you live



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near the school or are passing by, we ask you to keep an eye out for anything suspicious and encourage you to contact School Watch on 1800 177 777.

#### Upcoming Assemblies

26th July – Whole School Assembly  
 2nd August – TA6 Senior Assembly  
 9th August – LA1 Junior Assembly  
 16th August – LA14 Senior Assembly

#### Dates for the Diary

23rd July - Students Return  
 23rd July – Yr 4/5 Dance commences  
 31st July – Interschool Cross Country  
 7th August – School Board Meeting  
 19th August – Canberra Camp  
 23rd August - Book Week Parade  
 9th – 11th September – P-6 School Photos  
 13th September – Junior House Carnival  
 16th – 17th September – Kindy School Photos  
 20th September – Senior House Carnival  
 24th September – Learning Journey Evening

Kind regards,  
 Graeme Watson  
 Principal

## From the Deputies

#### Whole School Reward

Well done to all our students who were invited to participate in our school reward on Monday and Tuesday this week. The students enjoyed racing each other over a 35m inflatable obstacle course and down a 10m high slide. This is one of the many ways we acknowledge our amazing students and we are extremely proud of their positive attitude and behaviour across the whole term.

#### Comet Bay College Enrolment 2020

Enrolment packages for Comet Bay College were sent home last week with our Year 6 students. It is requested that these be returned directly to the College no later than Friday 2nd August. If you did not receive a package you are welcome to collect one from our office or the College.

#### Year 4/5 Dance Lessons

Our year 4/5 students will start their dance lessons in the first week back after the holidays. These students will participate in 7 lessons and then showcase their routines in a concert for their families. Please ensure you have paid for your lessons so you don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

#### Bunnings at the Kindy

Thank you to Kim from Bunnings for your generosity and support in providing new seedlings for our Kindy students to plant in their vegetable garden.



Please click on the following link for information in regard to 'When is it OK to miss school?'. [When is it OK to miss School?](#)

#### NAIDOC Art Competition

Congratulations to the following winners of our NAIDOC Totem Pole art competition.



#### Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Katy in TA8 and Isla in EC2 for being presented with the Aussie of the Month awards at our recent assemblies.

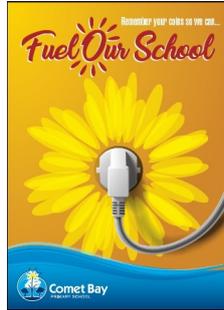


## School News



#### Visible Learning

Over the last fortnight, we have been exploring the learning disposition of Independent Iam. When you are independent you use multiple strategies to problem solve. Ask your child about what they are doing to independently improve their learning.



Congratulations to EC4 for being the leading fundraiser in our Fuel our School campaign for Term 2. Congratulations also to EC3, LA6, TA9 and LA12 for being the highest fund raisers in their year groups.

#### Maths Challenge

Please click on the following attachments for a copy of each year groups Maths Challenges. Students complete the Maths Challenge in class each week. [Maths Challenge PP/Yr1](#) [Maths Challenge Yr 2/3](#) [Maths Challenge Yr 4/5](#) [Maths Challenge Yr 6](#)

## P&C News

#### School Disco

Our first Disco for the year was a huge success. It was fantastic to see everyone dress up in their PJs and come along. A huge thank you to all those Parents and Teachers that volunteered time to help out. A special thank you to Deborah Meerton for coordinating a great night.

#### The P&C have a new BBQ!

A big thank you to Jack Wormington - The Agency, Coates Hire and Kleenheat who donated funds to purchase the BBQ. Perfect timing for our sausage sizzle orders on the last day of term. We are so lucky to have the support of these businesses!

For all your P&C updates, upcoming events and meeting information, like and follow us on Facebook - [@CometBayPrimaryPandC](#)

## From the Community

#### Anglicare WA - Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Please click on the following link in regard to a free family event coming up in August. [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day](#)

#### Better Health Program

The following links provide information in regard to the Term 3 Better Health Program for children aged 7 to 13 who are above a healthy weight. [Term 3 Better Health Program](#)

#### Relationships Australia - Mandurah

Please click on the following attachments for information in regard to upcoming workshops and courses planned for Term 3. [RA Term 3 Outline](#) [RA Term 3 Mandurah Brochure](#)

#### Triple P Program - Child and Adolescent Health Service

Please click on the following links for upcoming Triple P Parenting Programs. [Triple P - Kwinana](#) [Triple P - Warnbro](#)



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