Our School’s a Star:
Our School’s a Star is an opportunity for Western Australian public schools to show the world what makes them shine. With a school’s staff, students, parents and local community members working together they can identify what is so special about their school. It’s a chance for the whole school community to say how proud they are of their school and how they contribute to its success. Thank you to Liz Berman and Sonia Pavone for their efforts in submitting an entry for our school.

Bench Seating:
Thanks to Tanya and her family for the donation and installation of some fantastic bench seating in the Art Park. We are looking forward to sitting on the seats very soon. We will have some photos for our next newsletter.

Thanks to a number of Year 6 parents for fundraising:
$1800 was raised last week for the pizza lunch, Mother’s Day raffle and games. Thanks also to Paula Jones who has coordinated the Entertainment Books for 2015. All profits from the sale of Entertainment Books will go towards Canberra 2015.

Website update
Our website is evolving and we ask all parents to check in where possible to see what’s new and to advise us of what is missing which is required. Class teachers are adding information and celebrations to their pages on an ongoing basis. The android version of our app is ready from the app store but as yet we are waiting for the Apple store to approve the Apple version. We will keep you up to date. If you can check in every now and then with the store you may see it before we do.

Our next newsletter will look different as we will be using our new ‘shells’ and all newsletters will be emailed via the website. To date all newsletters so far this year are on the web and our Term Planner is now underway on the website. Parents can select an option to add events from the website term planner to their own calendars, so you always know what’s on and when.

School Board update
- Business Planning is underway with a draft presented to Board for ratifying over coming weeks.
- Parking is in progress and we will advise when the “Kiss and Drive” is ready for use. Negotiations are also underway between the City of Stirling and the Department of Education to increase the parking in Howes Cres.
- The Board has approved the use of seatbelts on coaches for excursions where possible.
- The Board has approved in principle; a half day close for parent interviews July 2. The Department of Education have advised that they endorse this school closure Please save the date. All interviews will be booked online. You will be advised soon what the link is to do this. For anyone who needs some help with booking online, please see the Corporate Services team in the front office.
**NAPLAN:**
NAPLAN has been very smooth this week. Congratulations to all our students and staff for their efforts and the way it has been conducted. Thanks to all the parents who were supportive of the school and the process, to the camera crews on site at the end of the first day of testing. Results will come through in September and we will pass these onto parents when they arrive.

**PEAC Testing:**
PEAC Testing for our Year 4’s is next week. Letters have gone home. Please see your child’s teacher if you have some concerns you wish to discuss before the testing.

**Robotics Week 5:**
Our first Robotics session starts next week. We have selected students in Year 4 to 6 who will work with Mr Wilson to build and program robots. We look forward to seeing what they come up with.

**Eagles Rock my School:**
The Eagles are coming!!!! Next Wednesday is an assembly, with the West Coast Eagles. I can’t wait till they hear our new school song!

**Voluntary contributions**
53% of the community have paid their voluntary contributions and whilst we thank and appreciate parents for these payments, we ask that all families pay their contributions as soon as possible. We have a range of exciting new initiatives within the school to offer our students opportunities to learn and the contributions are invaluable in assisting with resourcing. Families who have not yet paid will receive an invoice in the post.

**Voluntary Contributions:**
Update on contributions received thus far this year:
- Kindy - 55%
- PrePrimary - 47%
- Primary - 53%
Thank you to those parents that have already paid their contribution for the year. If you have not already paid please see the office staff as soon as possible.

**Save the date:**
- June 2 - School Photos
- June 10 - After hours meeting to discuss a rebranded uniform, 7:00pm in the staff room
- July 2 - Parent Interviews 11:45am to 4pm
- Dec 4 - Overnight camp out; Gogo Roar and Snore
- Dec 4 - The Amazing Race (A-Thon)
- Nov 13 - School Disco
- Dec 14 - PP-5 Evening EduDance Concert
- Dec 15 - Year 6 Graduation Evening
What is great about B3

We get lots of Dojo’s and raffle tickets for doing good things. Lucy & Sabannah
B3 is great because we have lots of friends to play with and we help each other. Bianca & Scarlett
We have awesome teachers. Imogen & Caitlyn
We made super cool Easter hats! Elise & Calum
We get to make bridges and kites with our buddy class. Nicholas & Tanmay
B3 is great because we do cool things in B3. Ziva & Samarrah
In B3 we have made cool monsters. Stive, David & Jayce
Work time is the best in B3 and we are awesome at tidying up. Maddox & Sam
We go to fun places and do fun activities. We have group points. Elise & Calum
Everybody is nice in B3 and it is super cool because we learn new things. Ari & Calvin
We made our own pigeon holes!! Lucy & Sabannah
We made good Mother’s Day presents. Orlando & Fadumo
We had fun making Anzac biscuits and going on excursions with our mums. Aiden & Oliver
We made critters and wrote stories and did plays. Elise & Paige
Life Education Van Visit

The Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will visit our school from **Wednesday 10 June to Monday 15 June**. The objectives of Life Education Australia are to encourage young people to make healthy lifestyle choices on a range of important issues.

Parents are encouraged to come down to visit the van and find out more about the topics your child will be covering. More information regarding times will be coming soon.

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DENTAL VISIT

The School Dental Service will be conducting dental screening sessions of Pre-Primary, Year 3 and Year 6 students at the school on Monday the 18th of May. It is a requirement of the Health Act to screen children in these years who are enrolled in the School Dental Service.

This screening is a check of the growth and development of the jaws and teeth only. The screening is not a detailed examination and appointments for check-ups will be issued in due course. Your appointment is precious so please make sure you attend the Dental Therapy Centre when you have received your appointment.

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CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Hi Parents,

On May six parents and I met to talking about how we can help our children to “bounce back” when they come across difficulties in their lives. It was a great session and I’m looking forward to running a second Resilience workshop on Wednesday May 27 at 10 am for parents of children aged 8 and up. If you missed the first one, please come along to this one, even if you have younger children, it will still be relevant.

I came across the following online program recently and I think it is well worth having a look, even if right now your child does not have too many worries.

THE BRAVE PROGRAM

Need help managing stress or anxiety?

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8-17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit [www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au](http://www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au).

If you want to come and talk with me about the Brave Program, Resiliency or something else please contact the school.

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A huge thank you from the Year 6’s

The amazing support we received from our school community with the Mothers Day Raffle, Pizza Meal Deal and Games Day fundraisers for our Canberra trip is very much appreciated.

Congratulations also to Jan Lucas who was the lucky winner of the Mothers Day Raffle.

Thank you!

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