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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS

'Inspirational!'

That was the word our Director General Lisa Rodgers used to describe what she saw when she came to our Auslan day last week. At a school where inclusion of our Deaf students seems like a very normal and natural thing, you may wonder why we need a day to celebrate the language of the Deaf. It's all about learning valuable lessons from the past.

In years gone by there have been many changes to Deaf Education. At one stage Deaf teachers taught Deaf children in their own language and Deaf students were thriving. Then at an international conference in Milan in 1880, it was decided (by hearing people) that sign language was inferior to spoken language and suddenly it was banned! Deaf teachers lost their jobs and deaf children were forced to sit on their hands (literally!) and try to understand their world by lip reading. If you want to see the reality of lip reading, try Charlie's Lip Reading Challenge at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmHHVaYbNmY>

As sign language is a complete and natural language, and communication is a basic human need, sign language never went away. Deaf communities still came together as a cultural community built on a shared language. But Deaf children's education certainly suffered. Deaf students no longer achieved at the previous levels and their mental health was negatively impacted. It was a long and hard struggle to come back from this dark and limiting mindset in a world where Deaf people had no voice.

So now we celebrate the fact that our students can learn in a bilingual/bicultural environment where their language and culture is not only accepted, but celebrated. We now have our students proudly using Auslan to grow and develop and we have firmly embedded the ethos of 'Deaf kids CAN!!' Our children are now able to understand their world in a natural way and more and more people are learning this beautiful language.

So why do we have Auslan Day? To celebrate how far the world has come in Deaf Education and remember never to go back there. Our kids are now thriving in a world where Deafness is not seen as a disability and when you see our kids in operation at an event like Auslan Day, I am sure you will agree with our Director General when she says these kids are indeed 'Inspirational!'

Monique Smith and Alison Robb

**PRINCIPALS**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE – QR CODE**



The audience were mesmerised by the students of T15 as they performed 'Count On Me' in rich Auslan.



Director General Lisa Rodgers was keen for the children to teach her some more Auslan. Staff and students had been very impressed by the fact that our DG had introduced herself and wished everyone a Happy Auslan day in Auslan!



The whole audience full of staff, students and families all agreed – our kids are 'Inspirational!'



Staff and students joined the Director General for a final Deaf Wave.



## YEAR 2 PALAEOONTOLOGISTS

Room 2 have been learning about dinosaurs this term and embarked on a dinosaur hunt.



## DEAF SCHOOL ART PROJECT



The Deaf School students and staff created a whole school art project. All staff and students have their photo and abstract art on a puzzle piece.

## SCHOOL CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS – OVERDUE

There are a number of accounts the school must pay to outside organisations for excursions, dance, Kidz'n Sport, swimming lessons etc. and without your contribution, the school is left having to meet the shortfall. This in turn leaves less funds to spend at school level on all the students.

Please ensure that the final balance of the 2020 School Charges and Contributions are paid promptly.

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Inspired by the 2020 Book Week theme of "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" students from Pre-primary through to Year 6 participated in a creative writing competition this term. The results were incredibly creative and it was a difficult task narrowing down winners from each year group. The top 10 pieces of work from each year have been published in an anthology in the school library, while the top three winners from each year have had their work published on the Grove Library website! First prize winners received a book voucher from Paper Bird book store in Fremantle. Thanks to our judging panel which included Mrs Chatfield, parent Alison Davis, and Grove Library Youth Librarian, Stewart Farley. Also thanks to the P & C for funding the prizes.



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our skipping team have been practising for our performance at the last Values Assembly of the year, Friday 4th December at 2:40pm.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Parent/Carers,  
GIVE BACK THIS CHRISTMAS - Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers. If you have not made a donation yet and would still like to, we will be collecting until lunchtime on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will be presenting our collection of food and Christmas items from all the classes to the Representative from Salvation Army at our Values Assembly on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm.

The Chess Club has finished for this year however, if your child or children are interested in learning the art and strategies of the game of Chess, please let me know so I can forward on the registration form for next year. This is a before school activity club held in a school classroom organised by Jack South and coached by Patrick Gong, FIDE chess master and current WA State Champion from 'Chess 4 Life'.

If your child or you require support or have a need please contact me via the school number or email me.

Blessings

Rhonda Miller, YouthCARE Chaplain

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### MESSY MUD PLAY DAY

On Wednesday 2nd December Years 3 and 4 participated in Messy Mud Play. This experience formed a part of our outdoor learning experience this term. The children had an amazing time playing with mud and connecting with nature. This experience was run by Nature Play Solutions WA.



### SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE 2020 AND OPENING 2021

The office will be closed from 11.30am on Friday, 18 December 2020 for the Christmas break and will reopen next year on Monday 25 January 2021.

**Students commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.**

### UNIFORM SHOP – 2021 OPENING

Open Friday mornings 8.40am – 9.15am.

**Special opening for start of 2021**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9am – 11am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2pm – 4pm

Online Uniform orders: [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

**Matt Needham**, MPPS Uniform Shop Coordinator

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### ABORIGINAL HOMEWORK CLUB FINAL BBQ FOR 2020

Our Aboriginal Homework Club is now in its third year and our numbers have increased over that time with a consistent group of about 18 students attending each week. Each term we try to do something to celebrate this consistent attendance. In the warmer months, after Homework Club, we invite the families to join together once a term as a community to enjoy a meal and play games with their children at our school. This term, our BBQ allowed us to farewell our Year 6 students, who made the hamburger patties for everyone, and thank our volunteers who come each week to support our students: Christine Crossley, Brenda Parker and Tina Kypers. We also thank our staff for their support, in particular, our regular volunteers: Amanda Fraser, Emma Lipscombe, Christa Daly, Kerrie Lynch, Denise Barnett, Trudy Fortescue, Martha O'Hara and Dennis Ong. Our chaplain, Rhonda Miller, and EAs (Kate Emslie and Verity Drewittsen) are always there too with food and ipads to get us started each Wednesday afternoon. We also acknowledge the families themselves for supporting this initiative – thanks too to Luke Nicholson for his wonderful barbecuing skills.

We are so lucky to have such a generous group of people.



### NAIDOC 2020

A final thank you to Kahlie Lockyer for completing 6 beautiful dot paintings which represent the Noongar seasons. Kahlie designed the paintings and has worked with the students on NAIDOC day to paint them. Kahlie has finished them off and they will be hung in our school shortly. They are stunning and will be a great talking and teaching point for generations to come.





## MAKER KIDS FIG TREE FAIR

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, we ran our Fig Tree Fair to give our students a chance to use the entrepreneurial skills they have been learning through the Maker Kids program in a real world environment. Our Year 5/6s operated stalls to sell their wares to the community and raise some funds for various charities. It was a very exciting and much awaited event.



## P&C NEWS

### Xmas Raffle

We have already sold over 50% of our Christmas Raffle tickets with the final draw on Sunday 13th December. With over \$3,000 of prizes included at just \$5/ticket make sure you get in quick

<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/mpspc2020>

### Containers for Change

We have raised over \$80 already from only 4 weeks of collecting containers at the school. We are excited about increasing the educational element to both the kids and parents and the three bins are always available for you to deposit any containers from home.



### P&C Facebook Page

Please join our P&C Facebook group to help communication and sharing of tasks and ideas for the year ahead

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3112320152210506>

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is being held on **Monday 7th December, 7pm** at the school library. If you cannot make it in person, we will also be hosting it via Zoom.

Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2642433071?pwd=NGUrY2puTWl4aHJYZmxuMFdkMm9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 264 243 3071 Passcode: 0kZhm1

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any ideas, concerns or thoughts which are always welcomed.

Nick Lonie,

President, Mosman Park Primary School P&C

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCREEN ACTING HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO ACT IN THE MOVIES?

Be a part of the action and learn The Filmbites Way:

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MALAGA	Thurs 14 Jan	Ages 6 - 8 & 9 - 12
FREMANTLE	Mon 18 Jan	Ages 9 - 12
BALDVIS	Tues 19 Jan	Ages 9 - 12

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### TACKERS

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

PRESENTED BY SUN SMART

TACKERS IS A JUNIOR START SAILING PROGRAM AIMED AT 7 - 12 YEAR OLDS. THE 20-HOUR COURSE IS MANAGED BY EXPERIENCED COACHES AND IS A POPULAR WAY TO GET YOUR CHILD INVOLVED IN SAILING AND DEVELOP A PASSION FOR BEING OUT ON THE WATER

**TACKERS 1**  
"HAVING FUN"

MONDAY 4 JANUARY TILL FRIDAY 8 JANUARY  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

THIS COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH A FUN, SAFE & AFFORDABLE WAY TO GET INTO SAILING AND IS DESIGNED FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO HAVE FUN & LEARN THE BASICS OF SAILING THROUGH GAMES ON & OFF THE WATER.

**TACKERS 2**  
"TRICKS & TECHNIQUES"

MONDAY 11 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 15 JANUARY  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

THIS COURSE AIMS TO BUILD ON THE FUN FROM TACKERS 1 AND PROGRESS ON THEIR SAILING SKILLS. IF KIDS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN SAIL A BOAT ON THEIR OWN WITH LOTS OF SUPPORT, SUPERVISION & ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE INSTRUCTORS.

**TACKERS 3**  
"SAILING FAST"

MONDAY 18 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 22 JANUARY  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

THIS COURSE AIMS TO BUILD ON SKILLS LEARNED IN TACKERS 2 & FOCUSES ON ADVANCED SAILING SKILLS THROUGH GAMES & ADVENTURES ON THE WATER. THIS IS A CHANCE FOR KIDS TO SAIL BOATS ON THEIR OWN, LEARNING HOW TO MAKE THE BOAT GO FASTER, ALL WHILST STILL UNDER THE GUIDANCE & SUPERVISION OF THE INSTRUCTORS.

MEMBERS - \$242/COURSE  
NON-MEMBERS - \$273/COURSE

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 1 JANUARY 2021  
TO REGISTER CALL RECEPTION ON (08) 9386 6437.  
EMAIL [MEMBERS@PPSYC.COM.AU](mailto:MEMBERS@PPSYC.COM.AU) OR REGISTER THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.

## Re-Invention Workshop

2:30pm Tuesday, 12 January 2021

The Grove Library - 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove

Young people will put their creativity to the test in this hands-on workshop that challenges the idea of waste.

The workshop is tailored for children aged between 7 - 12 years. All children need to bring is themselves and they will leave the workshop with a unique creation constructed from recycled material!

Places are limited, to secure your spot please email:  
[environment@mosmanpark.wa.gov.au](mailto:environment@mosmanpark.wa.gov.au) or call (08) 9383 6600

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