Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school has been working with Hon Alyssa Hayden MLC to achieve flashing 40km lights around our school to SLOW traffic down to keep our children safe. We are also trying to get a crossing outside the school on Avila Way between the school and the park. The P&C have a petition for community members to sign if they wish to support this initiative. You will find the petitions in the front office, your child’s classroom or from P&C members. Please support us to keep our children safe. In the meantime please park legally on the road and not on footpaths or verges.

We have now purchased the ‘Skoolbag’ app in order to improve our communication to our parents. The app is now available in both Android and Apple. Please find the downloading instructions further into this newsletter and join the fun!

Our students are currently enjoying lessons on self defence during their PE time. I have been impressed with the enthusiasm that the students are demonstrating during the lessons. Over the next week our students from Years K-6 will be participating in First Aid instruction basic lessons. There is no cost to our community, it is a service provided by First Aid Focus.

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email please send your details to Tracey.Murphy@education.wa.edu.au and you will be added to our list. From the end of this term we will be phasing out sending paper copies home to parents. The expense of publishing the newsletter is becoming prohibitive and we are finding that it does not always reach the intended target. We will of course still be writing a newsletter. You can access the newsletter by having it emailed directly to you, read it on Skoolbag, it will be published on our new web page and there will be a few hard copies in the front office for those parents who prefer that method.

**Hard copies will continue to be distributed to all families this term.**

Two members of our School Council have completed their term, I would sincerely like to thank Ms Michelle Choules and Mrs Sarana Cahill for the work they have done on Council. We now have two vacancies to be filled by parents. If you wish to nominate yourself or another community member please complete the slip included in this newsletter and return to me by 27th May 2014. Once we have nominees, if necessary (if we have more than two parent nominees) I will be asking parents to vote for their representatives on the Council.

I have also included information on School Council and the role it plays in our school.

Just a reminder that all students should arrive at school on time to start their day in an orderly fashion. Teachers commence the day expecting all students to be at school on time and ready to learn.

*Mrs Lesley Meyers*
Principal
Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards at the assembly on Tuesday 20th May:

- Tahlia from Room 1
- Lily from Room 2
- Devon from Room 5
- Tristan from Room 7
- Isabella from Room 7
- Isabel from Room 8
- Aidan from Room 9
- Hafiz from Room 10
- Shareign from Room 12
- Shontelle from Room 15
- Hannah from Room 16
- Chloe from Room 17
- Sarah from Room 18
- Thien from Room 15 for Art
- Chloe from Room 17 for Italian
- Katelyn from Room 5 for Phys Ed
- Tama from Room 15 for Music

Dear Parents

Our school photo day is coming! Photos will be taken on either Monday 26th or Tuesday 27th May and last week all children should have received an order envelope. Alternatively, you can order photo packages securely online through Kapture’s website.

*Please note, credit card payments can now only be made online for security purposes.*

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) business days to complete an online order only. The school office cannot accept any late payment envelopes.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. Sibling orders can only be accepted online and must be made by midday on Friday 23rd May. We suggest you place an online sibling order early to avoid disappointment.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please contact the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot—please contact the school office.

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**2015 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Applications for enrolments for Kindergarten at our school are now being taken for 2015.

The closing date for these applications is Friday 25th July 2014. To enrol your child, please fill out an Application for Enrolment form, which is available from the school office. It will be necessary to sight your child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation Records at this time.

We will notify you in writing if there is a place for your child at our school within 3 weeks of the above closing date. Please be aware that by applying to enrol, you are not guaranteed a place at our school, but we will help you find a place at another school if we cannot accommodate you.

We would be happy to talk to you about enrolling your child, so please contact us on 9342 3388 if you require further information.
Waste Wise Project Update

Our school has officially become a Waste Wise School and the sign is near the entrance to the Front Office. The students in the school have responded well to the recycle bins in the undercover area. There is still a large amount of whole fruit being thrown in the bin as well as partially eaten fruit. Every day the recycling monitors are collecting ¾ of a bucket of these scraps. Please encourage your children to bring whole fruit home if they do not eat it rather than throwing it away or else try cutting it up into more manageable pieces in a recyclable container.

Last week the students in Room 12 conducted a Recycling Survey across the school to provide some baseline data to see if the Waste Wise Program is assisting our school community to be more Waste Wise. The students developed the questions and then went to each class to collect the data. The results of the survey are below.

A battery recycling bin is located in the Front Office as well as one in the Kindy/Pre Primary area. Don’t forget to recycle your batteries in these bins. Many fires at the landfill site at Tamala Park are caused by batteries rubbing against other materials when the waste is crushed.

If you would like any further information or can assist please do not hesitate to contact Dianne Hodgson in Room 12.

REMINDER

Friendly Reminder that Voluntary School Contributions are now overdue.

- $60.00 per student
- We accept Cash, Cheque & EFTPOS.
- Direct Debit Option: BSB – 066167  ACCOUNT: 10430385

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

THANKYOU

Thankyou to everyone who helped on the Mothers Day Stall and helped to make it a success. Also an extra big thankyou to the following people for their donations: Katrina Dall, Wendy and Laila Simpson, Melissa Joyce, Mrs Pihama, Nanabeez Biscuits and the Menzies Family.

The Mothers Day stall made over $1800 so thankyou everyone for your contributions and support.
Nominations are invited for one to two (1 - 2) parent positions on the School Council for 2014-2015. 

**Nominations close on 30th May 2014**

**FUNCTIONS OF SCHOOL COUNCILS**

The functions of School Council are to take part in:

- Establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- The planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;
- Evaluating the school’s performance in achieving them;
- Formulating codes of conduct for students at the school;

(“Taking part in” could involve the School Council in discussion, consultation, contribution, assessment, debate and negotiation of issues on behalf of students, parents and the school.

The school code of conduct describes expectations for student behaviour and management procedures for inappropriate behaviour. The code includes rights and responsibilities of members of the school community. The School Council ratifies the code, including specified behavioural consequences and serious breaches of discipline.)

- Determine, in consultation with students, their parents and staff a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school;
- Promote the school in the community.

The School Council approves:

- charges and contributions for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities;
- extra cost optional components of educational programs;
- items to be supplied by a student for personal use in an educational program; and
- any agreements or arrangements for advertising or sponsorship in relation to the school.

(Note: “to determine”, “to promote” and “to approve” represents a change from “taking part in” to a stronger, more direct and authoritative role for the school Council with a greater depth of involvement and a clearly defined decision-making function.)

The School Council provides advice to the principal of the school on:

- a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education; and the implementation of special religious education.

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Nominee: _______________________________________________________________

(Include name and signature)

Secunder: _______________________________________________________________

(Include name and signature)

Nominations close on 30th May 2014

You are invited to provide a brief written statement to support your nomination. This will be published with the ballot paper.

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE**