Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow! Wasn’t our Family Fun day just the best! What a great day for our school community to come together and celebrate all things Alinjarra. A huge thank you to our great P&C and especially to the organiser Mrs Melissa Joyce and her helpers. Melissa works tirelessly all year organising the event and deserves a huge accolade. I also wish to thank our fabulous staff who gave up their family time on the day to enjoy being around their school on a social occasion. The total funds raised is $6300 which will certainly top up the savings for the undercover area floor covering. This will be a great asset to our students and something that we could never afford without the support of our P&C and our parents. Thank you to all.

On Thursday our school took part in a whole nation event called “Count Us In”. Students in schools and halls around the nation sang the same song at the same time. It was such a delight to see. Well done to Mrs Southerland for organising it and to our students for singing with such gusto!

The parent survey has now closed for 2014. I will endeavour to get the results out to the School Council and community prior to the end of the year. Thanks to those who were able to make the time to give us constructive feedback. We do appreciate it.

Booklists for 2015 were sent home last week. Please note that you can purchase the items from any supplier that you so choose. The booklist and the company selected by the Council is only a service that is made available to parents should they wish to avail themselves of it. The supplier will also be running a cash bookshop after assembly on Tuesday 2nd December from 8.30-10.30 in the staffroom if you are unable to order and pay online. The booklists will be delivered to your home prior to the start of school.

It is with great annoyance that I report to our community that once again lowlifes have broken into your school and destroyed the veggie garden. This senseless act has destroyed all the work from the students in Room 12. Mature fruit trees laden with stone fruit were ripped out of the ground and branches crushed, other shrubs and flowers were torn from the ground and destroyed, for what reason? Should you see anyone on school grounds during weekends or holidays please call School Security on 9264 4771 or the Police on 131 444.

I do hope that you were able to get to Kingsway Shopping Centre to see our art exhibition. Well done to our talented students and to their teacher Mrs Merson.

Just a reminder that swimming lessons are coming up in Week 5 and 6. All monies are due prior to lessons commencing. Any cases of genuine hardship can be discussed with the me prior to the start of swimming. It is important in our environment that all children can swim.

Our school is a busy place and there is always a lot going on. Coming up in the next few weeks we have assembly, Song Fest, 2015 Councillor elections, Graduation, final assembly and Year 6 transition day. Keep up to date by following on our skoolbag app, our website, our newsletter or teacher class notices.

Mrs Lesley Meyers
Principal
Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards at the assembly on 4th November:

Kristina from Room 1
Daniel from Room 2
Tamara from Room 5
Mason from Room 7
Kyran from Room 8
Sophia from Room 9
Nikolas from Room 10
Olivia from Room 15
Ali from Room 16

Hannah from Room 18
Chloe for Italian
Kevin for Phys Ed
Hussain for Art
All students in Room 12 for Music

Personal Items List 2015—Prepay option

You should have by now received your child’s Personal Items List (Booklists) for 2015. As mentioned on the back page, Ziggies will be coming to the school if you wish to pre-pay for your Booklist with cash or card. Please visit the Staff Room on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 between 8:30am and 10:30am, where a Ziggies Staff member will take your payment.

Sport News

Good Luck to our Basketballers competing in the Cowan Challenge on Thursday 6th November. Both teams have been training hard with Mr Rowe, and we know they will be trying their best.

SWIMMING REMINDER

Just a reminder that Swimming Lessons will be taking place commencing on the 10th November. Please remember to get your money and permission forms in as soon as possible—see options below.

For your convenience we can now offer EFTPOS in the front office, to assist you with all your school payments.

Credit card is also available either in person or over the phone. If you wish to pay by direct deposit the schools banking details are as follows:

Commonwealth Bank—BSB 066-167
Account no 10430385

Please include your family name in the details section.
**Chaplains Corner !!**

As the saying goes, **“laughter is the best medicine.”** We often think that it is appropriate to laugh with our family and friends, in social settings or when someone at school or work tells us a funny joke or we see something humorous on social media. But have you ever considered the actual health benefits of laughing?

Research has found that people who laugh:
- Improve their physical health – laughing 200 times burns off the same amount of calories as 10 minutes on a rowing machine.
- Boost their immune system.
- Decreases blood pressure and increases energy levels.
- Helps with releasing tension and improves resilience.
- Tend to make friends easier.
- Release the “feel good” chemical in their brain that helps to improve mood.

So have fun in your life and laugh... It's good for you!

Mr P
Chaplain

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**YMCA Ballajura OSHC**

YMCA Perth offers Before and After School Care and Vacation Care at the recently renovated Ballajura Community Centre, Parkview Drive, Ballajura. The service has places available every day and a bus pickup is provided to all the schools in the local community. A healthy breakfast and Afternoon Tea is provided every day and practices are guided by the YMCA’s unique Approach to Learning which is based around child focused Activities, including indoor and outdoor experiences. The service is run by a suitably Qualified Supervisor and is open from 7am-9am and the end of school until 6pm every day for children in Kindy (4 years+) to Year 6 & vacation care(7 am -6pm)

Further information is available on our website: http://www.children.ymcaperth.org.au/ or you can contact the Supervisor on 0414 293 044 to organise a tour or make a booking. Fee relief is available through the Family Assistance Office in the form of Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

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**VacSwim**

2014-2015 Enrolments now open

**January Programs**

**Program** 1 - 9 days (40min/day)
29th Dec 2014 to 9th January 2015

**Short Program** - 5 days (35mins/day)
5th to 9th January 2015 (limited Centres)
Enrolments close Monday 17th November 2014

**Program 2—10 days (35mins/day)**
12th to 23rd January 2015
Enrolments close Monday 24th November 2014
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