



## Celebrating Book Week

### Principal's Words

Parents and carers,

We have experienced a few incidents recently where children have not been picked up from school at the end of the day in a timely manner.

Can we ask that if your arrangements are to change on any given day that you check and re check with family members or Out of School Care providers in regard to the changes? We have found that most incidents are the result of miscommunication or no communication.

In addition can I ask all families to ensure that the contact details provided to the school are up to date at all times, particularly in relation to your listed "Emergency Contact" details.

If there are repeated instances, you will be asked to meet with the Principal to determine alternate, more suitable arrangements.

In line with the Department of Education guidelines, if a child is left at school and in extreme cases we cannot locate any responsible adult or party to collect them, the school is obliged to:

A: Advise the local Police and;

B: Notify the Department of Family and Children's Services who will then collect your child and most likely follow up with the family.

### Father's Day Breakfast

Our Father's Day Breakfast is this Friday, 31 August. Come along between 7.30 – 8.30am to visit your child's classroom and grab a bacon and egg roll for breakfast for just \$4.

Volunteers to assist with the breakfast preparations are needed to help make this special event a success. Please sign up on the board near the front gate or pop into the office to see what you might be able to do to help on the day.

See you at the gate.

*Noel Morgan*  
**Principal**



## Associate Principal's Words

### Book Week Celebrations

We had a wonderful time celebrating book week last week. The students and teachers looked amazing in their costumes! Each class celebrated the theme 'Find your Treasure' in different ways with activities such as making a treasure map, self-portraits of themselves in their costumes, and videoing themselves talking about their favourite book. You can see some of the wonderful costumes in the photos included in this newsletter.

### Every Minute Counts

We would like to congratulate parents and children on their efforts to arrive at school on time in the morning. We have been very impressed with the commitment and punctuality of our community and all of our classes have been able to develop strong morning routines that maximise learning opportunities.

#### Every minute counts!

8:30 am	Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible. You will have time to settle your child and give any messages to the teacher.
8:40 am	Your child has arrived just after most children and will need to get organised quickly and enter the classroom quietly. You will not be able to interrupt the teacher or enter the classroom with your child.
8:45 am	Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. Being late a few minutes can be unsettling for your child and they will have missed key messages from the teacher. 5 minutes a day = 3 days a year.
8:50 am	10 mins late a day means 6 lost days a year!
9:00 am - Late note is needed	Arriving at 9:00 am, you will need a late note from the office. Your child is severely disadvantaged having missed the morning routine and revision activities. 20 mins late a day means 12 lost days a year!

If you arrive at school after 8.45 am it is an attendance requirement that you report to the Front Office to obtain a late pass prior to taking your child to class.

### Staff Development Day

On Monday, 13 August, the teachers, education assistants and administration staff completed further training to support them to continue developing their skills to help your children learn and achieve. The teachers participated in conversations to reach a shared understanding of what excellence in teaching and learning looks like and what they as teachers, and the education assistants need to do every day to reach this goal. Excellence in teaching and learning is one of our priority areas in our interim Business Plan for 2019.

The education assistants and administration staff attended a Network Conference with other schools from the area. They were able to choose from a range of workshops including developing fine motor skills, animal talks and walks, having difficult conversations, understanding the role of Standards and Integrity, and moving towards a cloud-based environment for data entry.

### Excellence in teaching and learning

One of our priority areas is achieving excellence in teaching and learning. Our Pre-Primary classes are already achieving this goal in literacy with excellent results for Semester One in the areas of reading and writing. Each Pre-Primary class implements a 2 hour 'Literacy Block' every morning of every school day. During this time the teachers and education assistants follow a prescribed routine ensuring that every child receives explicit teaching in reading and writing, while participating in a 'playful approach' to practising their skills in small groups. We are very proud of our teachers; Miss Bosman and Miss Graham, and the way they have supported every child to achieve beyond state benchmarks in the first six months of the year. We are now looking at strategies to continue student achievement as they start to read more challenging books and write longer stories.

Our Kindergarten classes use a combination of adult-led learning and child-initiated learning to provide lots of opportunities to develop oral language, vocabulary and social skills. This program is designed to build a strong foundation for the children when they move into a more academic learning program in Pre - Primary. The classroom teachers design learning centres for specific purposes that promote oral language and social interaction. Children get to choose which spaces they engage with, whilst the teachers and education assistants expertly scaffold their learning, extending their thinking and current skill set.

*Sheri Evans*

**Associate Principal**



## Voluntary Contributions

In 2018 approximately 76% of Kindergarten families and 63% of Pre - Primary families have paid the Voluntary Contribution and we greatly appreciate and thank them for this.

The maximum amount that the school can request for Voluntary Contributions each year is \$60 per child. Collectively the contributions that remain outstanding total approximately \$2,500. This amount would assist Aspiri Primary School purchase additional classroom resources that directly benefit your child's learning experience.

A Notice of Unpaid Billing Items will be sent home this week. If you do not wish to pay the Voluntary Contribution please let the Office staff know and we will note your record so that you do not receive any further reminders.

Thank you

*Marie McGlashan*

**Manager Corporate Services**

## Room 3 News

Miss Stevenson brought in a worm farm for the Pre - Primary students. They are using the worm farm to learn about recycling and caring for living things. The worm farm was kindly donated by Bunnings. The Aspiri students have been feeding the worms their food scraps!



## Road closure

Our builders have asked us to let our school community know that within the next two weeks, Aspiri Promenade in front of the build site will be closed during working hours to allow works to be completed along the verge. The road will be reopened each evening.

If you need further information, contact PACT builders.



**Is this your first child at school?**

**Is this your first time in an Australian public school?**

**Are you interested in learning more about how you can help your child get the best possible start to their education?**

Throughout Term 3 and Term 4 2018, Aspiri Primary School will be hosting a number of parent workshops. These workshops will support parents with understanding how public schools in Australia operate and how you can support your child get the best possible start to their education.

<b>Helping your child with Numeracy</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	5 September, 2018
<b>Times:</b>	9.00am to 10.00am
<b>Venue:</b>	<b><i>Aspiri Primary School</i></b>
<b>Content:</b>	Numeracy describes the different skills students need to develop at counting, adding, subtracting and multiplying skills. This workshop will support you to understand how and when children learn these skills. You will find out about which maths skills are expected in Kindergarten and Pre Primary, as well as understanding of how to give your child the best possible foundation for schooling. You will also learn about different activities you can do at home.

<b>The Power of Positive Parenting.</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	TBA
<b>Times:</b>	9.00am to 10.00am
<b>Venue:</b>	<b><i>Aspiri Primary School</i></b>
<b>Content:</b>	The early years of a child's life are vitally important to their future development, learning, health and wellbeing. We know that if every child has the best start to life, we can expect to see them thrive through to adulthood.  This program is based on some of the most extensively researched parenting program in the world. It is designed to strengthen parent-child relationships, and to prevent behaviour and emotional problems in children. It is for every parent.

Tea, coffee and a light snack will be provided.

Supervision for toddlers will also be available.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to email [Oshiel.tanubratu@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Oshiel.tanubratu@education.wa.edu.au) or phone 08 9297 8300.



# Book Week 2018



## Term 3 Planner – 2018

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT/SUN
Week 7	27	28	29	30	31 Father's Day Breakfast 7.30 – 8.30am	1/2 Sep
Week 8 September	3	4	5 Parent Workshop 9-10am Helping your child with literacy  P&C Meeting 2-3pm	6	7	8/9
Week 9 September	10	11	12 Multicultural Day	13	14	15/16
Week 10 September	17	18	19	20	21 Last Day Term 3	22/23

## Community News

littleathletics.com.au

### FAMILY FUN & FITNESS



DALE Little Athletics Centre  
Registration Day 01/09/18  
Morgan Park, Ironcap Place  
Armadale. 9AM-2PM  
daleregistrar@gmail.com

Little Athletics  
Western Australia

Call on 9399 2339

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### Bletchley Park SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING EXPO

A special Bletchley event bringing families and support services together!



- Autism West
- Therapy focus
- Life Skills for Kids
- Skill Builders
- SPELD
- KZ Speech
- ADHD Coach
- ...and many more!!!

Thursday  
September 13th  
6-8pm

Light refreshments available  
supplied by the P&C!

For more information call 9394 0955

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