



### Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Welcome back to Term Two at Gosnells Primary School, and an extra special welcome to the new families joining us for the first time this week.

We ended Term One with a very moving tribute to the ANZAC legacy and I would like to start this Term by publicly acknowledging Miss Johnson for the amazing job she did in preparing and presenting a recognition ceremony fitting of the occasion. To me, as an Australian, ANZAC Day is the most important day of the year and it gives me great pride and satisfaction that our school continues to do justice to the memory of our ANZACs, as well as acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of our present day armed forces personnel through this service. I trust everyone who was able to attend left feeling just as proud as I did.



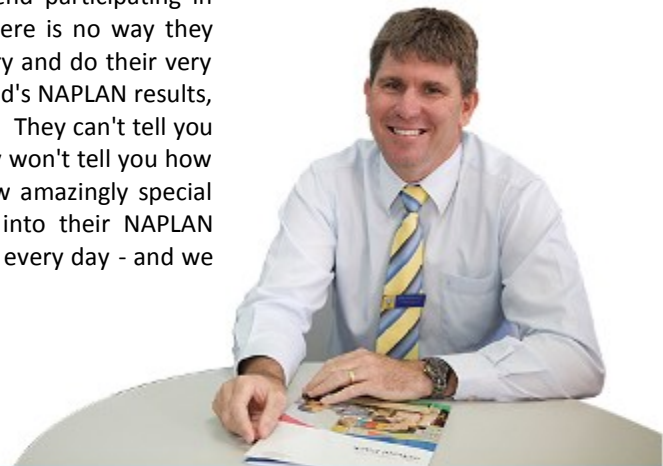
We have an extremely busy 9 weeks ahead, so strap yourself in and enjoy the ride. Starting this week with our Life Education Van Incursions and before we break for holidays again at the end of June, children will have had the opportunity to participate in:

- Fathering Project Breakfast @ Mary Carroll Park on **Friday 11 May**
- National Simultaneous Reading Time on **Wednesday 23 May**
- School Photos on **Monday 18** and **Thursday 21 June**
- Interschool Winter Carnival on **Thursday 21 June**
- Free Perth City Ballet Incursion on **Wednesday 27 June**

Be sure to keep your eye on our newsletters and Facebook page for further information on these and other events as they get closer.

In the coming weeks our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN tests online for the first time. While important, these tests do not assess all of what makes each of your children exceptional and unique. The computer that marks these tests does not have any way of knowing that your child may love to sing, or is good at drawing or are often called upon to teach others how to use a particular computer program or app. They have not had the opportunity to see the way your child is able to dance with grace or speak confidently to large audiences. They don't know that they are the one person all their friends count on to be there for them when they are sad. They don't know about the hours many Gosnells students spend participating in sports, helping mum and dad with younger brothers, sisters and cousins. There is no way they could possibly know that they are caring, thoughtful and that every day they try and do their very best. That is because these attributes cannot be tested. When you get your child's NAPLAN results, they will tell you how they did on that test, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you how much your child has improved on something they once found difficult, they won't tell you how your child brightens their teacher's day and they definitely won't tell you how amazingly special your child is. We are extremely **proud** of the effort all our students put into their NAPLAN assessments, as well as the attitude and behaviour they bring to class each and every day - and we are not afraid to tell the world!

Regards,  
*Craig*



### Coming Events

**LIFE EDUCATION INCURSION**  
30 April to 8 May

**ASSEMBLY**  
Friday, 11 May (Room 4)

**P&C MEETING**  
Monday, 14 May - 9:00am

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
18 and 21 June

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**  
Tuesdays 8:15am to 9:00am  
Thursdays 8:30am to 9:15am

**SCHOOL BANKING**  
Mondays from 8:10am (Muster Area)

**BREAKFAST READING CLUB**  
Tuesdays 7:45am to 8:15am  
Student Services Room

# P&C NEWS

**Show me the MONEY!!!** We need some help with school banking on Monday mornings. It only takes about one hour a week. Please contact the front office for more details.

Are you passionate about cooking your cultural food? We would love to eat it! The canteen will provide the ingredients, we need your expertise to put the ingredients together! Last year we had some lovely ladies share their Indian food with the school community. We have many cultures in our school and we would love to have more food experiences. Grab a friend and come talk to Monica or Sharon in the canteen about cooking a special lunch. Volunteers are always wanted and welcome, especially on Mondays and Fridays.

Mothers are special! Next week is our Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Prices between \$1 and \$10. Check out the school Facebook page for which day your child's class is scheduled to attend.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks very much to Sue Jones and Belinda Tillman for helping the children with the beautiful wreaths for our Anzac Ceremony, we couldn't have done it without you!

On that note - we need YOU! Your ideas, your help so we can continue to do great things for the children of this school. Please come to our next P&C general meeting on Mon May 14 at 9am in the Boardroom.



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**K Schokker**  
P&C Vice President

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



**Attention all fathers and father - figures of Gosnells Primary School**

**“Breakfast and walk to school morning”**

Please join us, with your children, at the public BBQ facilities at Mary Carroll Park, Corner of Verna Street and Eudoria Street for a BBQ breakfast.

**Then walk to school with your children.**

**When: Friday 11th May from 8.00am.**

**Please note that a school assembly hosted by Room 4 will commence from 8.30am.**

**Please Note: Father—figure can be a Grandfather, Step-Father, Uncle, Older Brother, Significant Other**  
David Walker, our Community Facilitator, will be there to share info about The Fathering Project.



If you would like more information about The Fathering Project, please contact our Community Facilitator – David Walker at [dwalker@parkerville.org.au](mailto:dwalker@parkerville.org.au) or 9391 1900.



**Tip 2 – Showing kids you love them**

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child's life.

More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

- Spending fun time with your kids is the simplest way to show them you love them.
  - Show love physically by appropriate hugs.
  - Go out of your way to do things with and for them, especially if you are busy (they notice).
  - Give them 3 A's – Attention, Affection and Affirmation. Love is the combination of attention and affection. Providing for our kids is not enough.
  - Be with them at crisis times, e.g. when they are sick – don't always leave it to their mother to take them to the doctor.
  - It is especially important to not withdraw, show appropriate physical affection when daughters go through adolescence.
  - Use technology to communicate whilst you are away i.e. book in facetime catch up, send daily texts.
- Please note: The above tips used with permission from "The Blue Book of Tips for Fathers and Father - Figures" by Prof. Bruce Robinson.

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father - figures to engage with their children.



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