



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Welcome to all our new families starting at Gosnells Primary School this week, also to our returning families. I hope you have had a fantastic holiday period and return refreshed and revitalised for Term Three. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Dominique Paskos - Miss Paskos is joining our staff as a Physical Education Specialist to support Mr De Antoni who has reduced the number of days he will be working in the second half of 2018. I am sure everyone will make Miss Paskos feel very welcome and trust she will enjoy the time she shares with us!

It is hard to believe returning to school this week signals the commencement of Semester Two. On a personal note, it is even harder for me to comprehend that I have in fact been at the helm of Gosnells Primary School now for five years!

Traditionally Term Three is extremely busy and 2018 shapes up as being no different with plenty of additional learning activities planned to supplement the classroom teaching and learning programs in place. As I look at my calendar this morning I can see NAIDOC Day, Interschool Cross Country, Book Week, Open Night and Faction Athletics all planned for Term Three.

On Friday 27 July staff and students at Gosnells Primary School will be acknowledging **NAIDOC Day**, celebrating this year's theme '**Because of Her we Can**', highlighting the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make – to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. Children will be participating in a number of activities including a Rainbow Snake Mural, Classroom Door Displays, Making Felt Tucker Bags and listening to a Traditional Story Teller.

Children's Book Week runs from Monday 20 August to Friday 24 August. Mrs Lomas and her organising committee have planned a host of events across the week to celebrate the wonderful teaching and learning happening in our school during this time. Author Visits in the library on Tuesday 21 August and our Book Character Dress Up and Parade on Thursday 23 August are two of the big ticket events sure to excite our children.

Our annual **Open Night** for parents and family will be held on Tuesday 4 September and will once again provide parents with a fantastic insight into their children's teaching and learning programs as well as the wonderful displays created by staff and students.

The term wraps up with our annual **Faction Athletics Carnivals** on Monday 10 and Thursday 13 September. All students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be commencing training for these Carnivals during their Phys Ed classes with Mr De Antoni and Miss Paskos this week.

Keep an eye out for our fortnightly newsletter for further information on these and other activities planned for your children this term as they draw closer.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2019

Friday 20 July 2018 is an important date in your child's education.

You need to apply to enrol your children in a public school for 2019 if they are:

- Starting Kindergarten - 4 years old by 30 June 2019;
- Starting Pre-Primary (first year of compulsory school) - 5 years old by 30 June 2019;
- Starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school - contact your local high school); or
- Changing schools.

All children from Pre-Primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

Come and see us to enrol your children today (Kindergarten to Year 6). **Apply by Friday 20 July 2018.**

Coming Events

Thursday 19 July

P&C Meeting - 7:00pm
(at Dome Cafe, Gosnells)

Friday 20 July

Freaky Friday Dress Up
Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser
(gold coin donation)

Enrolments for
Kindergarten 2019 close

Friday 27 July

Assembly - Room 9
NAIDOC Recognition Day

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Tuesdays 8:15-9:00am
Thursdays 8:30-9:15am

SCHOOL BANKING

Mondays from 8:10am

BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesdays 7:45-8:15am
Student Services Room



Finally, **Chris Tallentire MLA, Member for Gosnells**, has kindly donated 2 x \$250 bike vouchers to our school in 2018. The first of these vouchers will be awarded at our final assembly for Term Three, to a student whose parents have paid their Voluntary School Contribution prior to Friday 14 September. A huge thank you to everyone who has paid already, you are automatically entered into the draw. For those yet to pay, you can do so at the front office anytime up to and including Friday 14 September to join the draw.

The second of Mr Tallentire's vouchers will be presented to a student who has maintained 90% or higher attendance across second semester. All students who reach this critical success indicator will be included in the raffle to be drawn at our Celebrating Gosnells Assembly on Thursday 13 December. Remember, Every Day Matters, and now there is an added incentive to make sure your child attends school regularly!

Regards

Craig

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Thank you to the lovely ladies from Amaroo Village who visited our school last term to kindly donate toys they had knitted for our students.



AWARDS - FINAL WEEK TERM 2

BRONZE AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Bronze Pride Award Certificate** on 29 June 2018:*

Jason, Naing Lay, Callum, Sophia and Myles.

SILVER AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Silver Pride Award Certificate** on 29 June 2018:*

Mark, James, Bwardo Yo, Ashritha, Jashan, Ayan, Charlie, Lilah and Rhys.

GOLD AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Gold Pride Award Certificate** on 29 June 2018:*

Jack, Layla, Kallayah, Yahya and Natasha.

Congratulations!

PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BY 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 TO GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A \$250 BIKE VOUCHER

KINDERGARTEN - \$60 per child

PRE-PRIMARY to YEAR 6 - \$50 per child



2 x \$250 Bike Vouchers kindly donated by **Chris Tallentire MLA, Member for Gosnells**

This voluntary contribution funding adds to the educational programs that we can provide at Gosnells Primary School for your child.



The Voluntary Contribution prize winner will be drawn at assembly on **Friday 21 September 2018.**



The second \$250 Bike Voucher will be presented to a student who maintains 90% or higher attendance across second semester.

The attendance prize winner will be drawn at our Celebrating Gosnells Assembly on **Thursday 13 December 2018.**



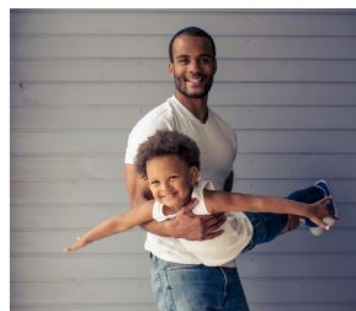
Tip 7 – Building up their confidence.

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.

- Teach children to do things for themselves and not to just rely on you.
- Avoid sarcasm - it can destroy confidence.
- Don't overuse praise - encouragement works better (kids need coaches, not fans).
- Discuss challenges as part of any journey and the key to learning.
- Encourage them that if they have tried their best they have done enough.
- Create a family celebration for all milestones and successes, e.g. a special meal, with speeches.
- Establish a "no put down" rule about all things.
- Encourage reasonable risk taking.

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



If you would like more information about The Fathering Project, you can contact me: David Walker at dwalker@parkerville.org.au or 9391 1900.

