

# A m a r o o N e w s l e t t e r

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## **No Child Left Behind**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is always good to get back into the term and this term is always set to be busy and very productive. Teachers are currently writing reports and the competition part of the athletic season has already started.

### **PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS**

This is a federal government initiative to provide selected schools with increased funding to improve Literacy and Numeracy results. We are one of the 71 schools who have been selected. We already do a good job of catering for the needs of our students and these extra funds will allow us to really push ahead with the improvements we would like to see. As a start, next year we are looking at having both a Literacy and Numeracy specialists to work side by side with staff to improve results. These specialist teachers would help us to build on staff expertise.

### **SCHOOL REVIEW**

Next Wednesday afternoon Neil Milligan, Director Schools, will be at our school to conduct part of the annual review process. We will be presenting data which shows we having been doing well as a school and are happy with our progress. Neil's report will then be presented to the School Council.

### **PARKING**

With the increased parking needs we all have to be very careful about where we park around the school. We are finding that a number of parents are using the Bus Bays around the school and this is a very dangerous thing to do. Please could we

keep the Bus Bays free so we can safely get students on and off the number of buses we have visiting the school each morning and afternoon.

### **LOOPING**

This is where a teacher stays with most of the students in their class for a following year. An example is what occurred with our current Year 7's. Mr Homer has taught these students for almost two years now and it has been a very positive experience. This will occur for next year also for some teachers and their students. Part of this process is matching our students to teachers for the best possible outcome. Once these plans are finalised I will inform the school community.

### **GRIFFIN FESTIVAL**

I would like to congratulate Mrs Sabrina Mitchell for the fantastic display which I saw at the Griffin Festival. This public showing is great for the school and a lot of time and effort goes into making these things work. I would also like to publicly thank all our staff who contributed class artwork for the display. We really did look good! Well done also for the students who participated in the Music and Dance section of the festival. It is wonderful to have our students perform after the hard work they have been putting in.

Enjoy the sunshine as it warms up and the exercise programs kick in for summer.

**Colin Chisholm**  
Principal



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## ASSEMBLY

Mrs Van Empel's Pre Primary 1 class will be hosting the assembly tomorrow commencing at 9:00am.

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along. ***Please remember to turn off your mobile phones and listen carefully at all times.***

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Assembly Pre Primary 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Amaroo Faction Carnival
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair all week
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Girls Immunisation
30 <sup>th</sup> October	2010 Kindy Students Open Morning



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## DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the break.

Good luck to everyone at this week's carnival. I am sure it is going to be a great day. Let's just hope this beautiful weather continues.

**Please ensure that your child/ren wear sunscreen and a hat on Friday and have plenty of water to reduce the risk of sunburn/sun stroke.**

### NO HAT, NO PLAY!

This week the No Hat, No Play rule commences. Hats must be the school black, wide brimmed hat. If students don't have a hat, they will not be allowed to play.

## YOU CAN DO IT

The Junior Primary students are continuing with Persistence.

Phrases they are learning are; - *It might be hard, but I can do it and giving effort!*

Here are some encouraging phrases you can use if you see your child/ren being persistent:

*"I like it when you try hard."*

*"You continued even when the going got tough."*

*"Making that effort will help you learn."*

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

October's Virtue is **COURAGE**. The following are questions to help guide your discussion with your child/ren;

Courage is a pertinent virtue for students to practise with this week's Faction Carnival.

Some questions to guide your discussion;

- When in your life have you needed the most courage?
- What helps you when you feel afraid?
- Name three people you know or from history who had great courage?
- What jobs require physical courage?
- What jobs require other kinds of courage?

### Quotable Quotes -

*"Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."*

Helen Keller

*"Look fear in the face and it will cease to trouble you."*

Sri Yukteswar

*"If you don't go out on a limb, you're never going to get the fruit."*

Anonymous

*"If you think you're too small to do a big thing, try doing small things in a big way."*

Anonymous



The fridge poster to accompany Courage is attached to this newsletter.

### **DAY FOR DANIEL MORCOMBE**

30<sup>th</sup> October is the day set aside to remember Daniel Morcombe, age 13, who went missing on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 whilst waiting for a bus.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in May 2005. It's motto is 'Protection, Safety and Opportunity for our Children.'

As part of our Protective Behaviours Program that our Chaplain, Robyn Gillies teaches to all students from Years 1-7, we intend to show our support on 30<sup>th</sup> October by wearing something red and there will be 'red' activities in classrooms on that day.

Your child/ren can learn more about personal safety through the interactive cartoon, [BeingSafetySmart.com.au](http://BeingSafetySmart.com.au) for ages 6+.

For more information about Day for Daniel visit; [DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au) or [DayForDaniel.com.au](http://DayForDaniel.com.au)

### **WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY**

As a school, we will be supporting Walk to School Wednesday on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

On this day we are encouraging everyone to walk or ride to school and if this is not possible to walk from the end of their drive to the bus stop or park away from the school and walk the remainder of the way. Please help us support this worthy cause. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL SORES / IMPETIGO**

There has been a resurgence of cases of school sores -in several cases these sores are appearing on student's heads. **If your child has sores on his/her head, or other parts of their body, please comply with**

**the following WA Department of Health guidelines.**

Students with suspected school sores will be sent home. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

**Impetigo is usually itchy. A sore can be infectious as long as it is weeping. A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo.**

Try to prevent scratching the sore as much as possible, e.g. cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut the child's fingernails.

Keep the child home from school, kindergarten or day care until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

**Information supplied by WA Department of Health.**

### **LEARNING FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Smith Family have limited Learning for Life Scholarships available to assist Collie primary school students. The eligibility criteria are Health Care or Pension Concession card and a commitment to your child's education. Scholarships can assist with the cost of Uniforms, Education, Fees and Excursions. For further information please contact Sarah Dunbar-Stuart at the school or call The Smith Family Collie Office on 97344260.

Wishing you all a very pleasant week.

**Sarah Dunbar-Stuart  
Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care)**



## BOOK FAIR

Bookfair will be held in the library from Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October through to Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October.



Timetable:-

- Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October students view books.
- Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October parents can view books between 8:30am to 8:50am and 3:10pm to 4:00pm.
- Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October parents can view books between 8:30am to 8:50am 1:10pm to 1:25pm and 3:10pm to 4:00pm.
- Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October parents can view books between 8:30am to 8:50am and 3:10pm to 4:00pm.

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Term 4**

**Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.**

Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Sonia Marshall
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Debbie Hoggarth Sonia Marshall Heather Escott
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Lorraine Bentley
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ruth Anderson
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kylie Helgesen
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sonia Marshall
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Lyndall Saunders
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Lorraine Bentley
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Nicole Kostezky

### UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform Shop will operate on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:45am to 9:30am.

## GLAD & CHUX P&C FUNDRAISER

The P&C are undertaking a Glad and Chux Fundraiser, orders are to be returned with money in an envelope/bag to the canteen by 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The P&C thank you for your participation.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PREMIER COAL - CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF MINING

Premier Coal will be holding a Community day on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at the mine site from 11am-4pm in celebration of 60 years of mining. Premier Coal would like to invite the children of Collie to participate by way of a competition. The theme is 'Why I Love Living in Collie'. The competition can be in any medium, even videos and photo's can be submitted. Entries can be posted or e-mailed to Premier Coal before 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The competition will have two age groups, Pre Primary - Grade 3, Grades 4-7. The prize will be a ride on working machinery in the Premier Coal Mine site for the winner of each group. Entries will be displayed at the Community Day. Contact Pauline Baker, Event Coordinator on 9780 2287 or 0419 615 306, or via e-mail [Pauline.baker@premiercoal.com.au](mailto:Pauline.baker@premiercoal.com.au)



## INDOOR SOCCER

A 6 week indoor soccer competition has been organised for 12-14 year olds at Roche Park, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> week of term 4. Any enquires phone Maureen 9734 3840. Cost is \$3 per game, no registration fees involved. Games will start at 5:45pm, game day to be confirmed.



## COLLIE LAWN TENNIS REGISTRATION DAY

The Collie Lawn Tennis Club will be holding a Registration Day this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00am to 11:00am, at their club rooms in Roberts Street.

