God of peace,  
You sent Jesus into the world  
To teach us to be friends  
And to create peace.  
Give us peace in our world,  
In our homes and in ourselves.  
May we always be understanding,  
Loving and considerate towards one another  
Lord hear our prayer

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Our whole school gathered in the hall on Wednesday morning for a very moving and respectful commemoration of Remembrance Day. This was a great example of our values of Compassion, Respect and Appreciation being expressed with Excellence. Every student was so reverent and responsive. Our prayer this week encourages a focus on much needed peace in our world.

Another impressive feature of the service was the outstanding leadership provided by Natasha Antonio, Sebastian Chandler, Ava Clark and Hugh Frost. Thanks also to Mr Torrese for preparing the ceremony and supporting the students, Mrs Horrocks for helping with the singing, and all our staff for encouraging the students to respond so positively.

We have so much to be thankful for in our country and community, and we need to appreciate the sacrifices made by so many so that we can live in peace and freedom.

AGM of School Board & P&F
Everyone should have received an SMS Wednesday indicating that we have moved the AGM from Tues 17th November to Tuesday 24th November commencing at 7.00pm. I encourage everyone to attend this meeting to support the work of our P&F and School Board. This is an opportunity to become informed on the achievements for 2015 and to learn of our goals for 2016. One of the reasons I have moved the meeting to a week later is to have some more accurate information to share on the progress of our building applications, plans and timeline. Please contact the office, or return the response form, if you are attending to help us to cater for the supper and refreshments.
School Board Nomination
We have two vacancies on the School Board and a vacancy for a P&F representative elected at the P&F meeting.

We are seeking someone with some financial expertise to assume the role of Treasurer. Our current Board Treasurer will work with this person during the handover process. Please contact the school if you would like any further information. If you are interested please contact the school for further information.

Second Semester Reports
The teachers are busy preparing the second semester reports which will be sent home by email on Friday 11th December. We have set aside some time for parent interviews during the week after the students finish when the teachers are at school working on transition and professional development. More specific information will follow in a subsequent newsletter.

Kindergarten Orientation Day – Thurs 26 Nov
We are expecting 55 students for Kindy in 2016. An Orientation Meeting is to be held on Thursday 26th November between 9.30am and 10.30am. I look forward to welcoming many new families to our vibrant and unique school community.

Orientation Days for Other Classes
The furniture has arrived for our new Year One class and we will be setting the room up in the near future. Thanks again to the P&F for their help with the purchase of the new furniture now utilised in all classrooms. I hear many positive comments from the families I show around the school about the bright, colourful and flexible learning spaces we have in our school. Our classrooms are welcoming and attractive with the excellent engagement of the students speaking volumes for our school. My thanks to our teachers and education assistants for all their work in presenting and maintaining this positive environment for our students.

We are planning for the students to spend some time in their 2016 classrooms at some time in week nine.

One to One iPad Meeting – Year 3 Parents
Parents of students moving into Year 4 in 2016 are invited to an information evening on Monday 30th November at 7.00pm in Yellow Room (Year 4 classroom). The iPad programme has become an integral part of the learning programme in our school. This will be an opportunity for parents to become more informed on the use of iPads as a learning tool in our school.

Future Enrolments
We are experiencing on-going demand from families seeking enrolment of their children in our school. This has resulted in our classes from year one to three for 2016 being full, with a waiting list for some grades. If any families are planning to enrol their children elsewhere for next year, please notify us so we do not have to turn away families seeking an education in our school.

School Fees
As a growing and developing school, we need school fees paid promptly so we can continue to provide the resources and facilities to promote learning for all students. The prompt payment of fees by families is much appreciated. Could any families with overdue fees please pay them as soon as possible to help us balance our budget for 2015.
If parents need help, please contact Sandra or Des for a confidential meeting to arrange a payment plan.

We are happy to welcome Haylee (PPB) and Cooper (Y2) Jordan, along with their parents, Shannon & Cameron to OLC.
WA Regional Achievement and Community Awards
Most people will be aware that Miss Prowse was nominated by members of our community for the Curtin University Teaching Excellence Award earlier this.

Miss Prowse was one of only four selected as a finalist. She represented our school at a dinner at Crown Entertainment Complex on Friday evening. Although not successful in winning the award, Monique did receive a certificate in recognition of the considerable achievement in being a finalist in this prestigious award. Congratulations Monique.

Everyone in our school and community should take great pride in this, as Monique is only one of the professional and committed staff in our school who work so hard to help all students. My sincere thanks to the community members who nominated Miss Prowse and provided testimonials.

Further Congratulations
Congratulations to Mrs Birch on the completion of her Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Studies through Edith Cowan University. This is a considerable achievement whilst teaching full time and another example of her strong commitment to the students and our school. It was heartening to hear glowing reports from the visiting teaching practice supervisor on the high quality education happening not only in PPB, but also in all classrooms observed.

Kind Regards and God bless,

Des Wilkie
Acting Principal

Happy Birthday!
Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Orlando Prestipino  Laura Jensen  Emerson Hughes
Eedi Hodgkin  Olivia McGinley  Nina Hutton
Rhy Clark  Donovan Boyes  Ruby De Marchi
Jasper Moyes

MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate

Ellie Richardson & Cooper Bidesi - Green Room (PPH)
Olivia McGinley & Hudson Morris - Green Room (PPB)
Banjo Jennings-Hopkins & Kobe Jennings - Orange Room
Rueben Duyvestein & Lucas Davies - Blue Room
Mia Martin & Ben Maslin - Red Room
Meg Higgins & Lachlan Mooney - Yellow Room
Eva Davies & Ardi Kartana - Purple Room
Lily Omodei & Ava Clark - Silver Room
Jeremy Rolfe - Sport

Lost
A Love Heart necklace has been lost at the school. If anyone finds it, please contact the office.
Canteen

Please check the Term 4 roster for the dates you have been allocated. If you are unable to make it on your allocated day, please swap with someone else.

Coconut oil is on sale at the Canteen $20 for a 1l tub

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News from the P&F

NEWS FROM THE FOOD GARDEN

Last Sunday we had perfect conditions for our busy bee. Heartfelt thanks to the following parents who generously gave up their Sunday morning to help out. Your support is so much appreciated and valued.

Neale Roberts
Nadia Murphy
Michelle Baker-Adams
Michelle Summers

Between the five of us we were able to clean up the garden and prepare the garden beds for rest during the summer period. Special thanks to Neale for installing our new retic timer.

A big thank you also to Trent and Kristen Wilson (Dunsborough Mitre 10) for donating the new retic timer and for their ongoing support.

Special thanks goes out to Jarvis Gibbons in Year 6 for watering the food garden whilst the retic system was broken. Thanks for all your help Jarvis! It is much appreciated.

Alisa Allison
Food Garden Co-Ordinator

RESERVED PARKING BAY

Following our Silent Auction we are pleased to announce that Eloise Jennings & Andrew Hopkins have bought the rights to the RESERVED PARKING BAY for the rest of 2015.
MOVIE NIGHT
We have only 30 tickets left for the Movie Night, so if you would like to purchase please contact your Class Rep or Leanne Verhoeff on tverhoef@bigpond.net.au. Tickets are $25 each with everyone receiving a small drink and popcorn.

SUNDAY 6th December at 6pm - Orana Cinema in Busselton

Calendars & T/towels & Aprons
A Huge thank you to Anna Sidebotham and Jodie Spencer for their amazing efforts organising this years’ Christmas Calendars/Cards and T-Towels/Apronrs. Not only do these 2 promotions provide much needed funds to the school but also gives us parents an opportunity to keep our kid’s artwork close to home (so to speak). Thanks ladies.

Boardies Day
Smiths Beach Surf Life Saving Club would like to personally thank everyone for participating in Boardies Day 2015, with your gold coin donation going directly to the Club. These funds will go towards the purchase of equipment that will assist in the running of the Junior Nipper activities. For more information on how to get involved in the Club, contact admin@sbslsc.com.au.

MATT JONES – Club President

P & F Committee
Raising Mighty Boys

Understanding what makes boys tick is the key to teaching and raising them. Here are twelve essentials in order to connect with our sons and help raise well-adjusted boys.

1. **You must like them**
   Approval is at the heart of raising boys. Most will walk over hot coals for you if they know you like them. In a sense, this need for approval holds many boys back in school, as they can shut down for a teacher who doesn’t like them. If you can feel comfortable with their boisterousness, live with their lack of organisational skills, and not be confronted by their in-your-face ways then the chances are that they’ll respond to you.

2. **Boys like to blend in**
   Boys are group-oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured groups. Boys don’t want to stand out from the crowd. Don’t put them down in front of their friends and understand that they make poor friendship choices rather than be in a group of one. They’ll generally prefer the wrong friends rather than no friends at all.

3. **They are hierarchical by nature**
   Boys need limits and boundaries as they make them feel safe and secure. They like to know someone is going to enforce those rules, so don’t be afraid to take the lead with them.

4. **Many boys hide behind a mask**
   Some boys wear a mask to protect them from being hurt. The mask can take many guises including ‘tough nut’, ‘cool dude’ and ‘class clown.’ Refuse to communicate with the mask. Make them feel uncomfortable, joke with them, even tickle them. Do whatever you can to get behind the mask.

5. **Boys are just as sensitive as girls**
   Despite the fact that research shows boys are more easily stressed and more fragile than girls parents will ask daughters how they feel more often than they ask sons. Also when daughters get hurt, parents tend to comfort them more than they comfort sons. Boys are sensitive you just need to use different language to get them to open up than you do with girls. For instance, a boy will more than likely tell you how he feels if you ask him how he thinks about something. Also, he generally needs more time to process his feelings so bedrooms can become their caves that they’ll retreat to when they need the space to work out what’s going in their hearts.

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6 Boys are tactile by nature
Ever noticed how little boys are more likely than little girls to pop new objects in their mouths. That's because taste and touch are two important ways that they take in the world. That tactile nature of boys needs to be nurtured, not ignored. One way is to hug them -lots! Boys need to be touched two to three times as much as girls to release the same amount of oxytocin (a feel-good chemical in the brain) that is released during a hug.

7 Boys learn from experience
Many parents know the extreme frustration that comes from imparting their wisdom on to their sons, only to see it completely ignored. If you have boys in your life then you need to get used to the fact that boys like to learn many of their life lessons for themselves. Experience, for better or worse, is a teacher that many boys can relate to.

8 Loyalty is a high driver
Understand that a boy's loyalty to his friends and family is a key driver and you'll unlock the key to the male psyche. They are incredibly influenced by their peers, which can hold them back, stopping many from getting too far ahead of the pack. Loyalty also gets many boys into strife with authority.

9 Call a boy's sister or friend an insulting name and you're asking for trouble!

10 Many boys' mouths don't work unless they are moving
If you want to have a serious or personal conversation with a boy then you are better off joining him on a walk. Face-to-face conversation can make them feel awkward, whereas shoulder-to-shoulder chats or conversations that happen during a game or activity seem to flow more naturally.

11 Boys need social scripts
Most boys need some didactic teaching about how to act and what to say to others at some stage in their life. Don't be afraid to tell boys of any age exactly what to say in new social situations as they can often struggle to find the words and the way to get their messages across.

12 A boy's brain mature differently than a girl's brain
The maturation rate and sequence is different for boys than girls. For instance, the brain developments in the first five years of life prepares girls for the rigours of school better than it does for boys. A girl's brain in that period is busy developing fine motor skills, verbal acuity and social skills, which are highly valued by parents and teachers. A boy's brain, on the other hand, is busy developing gross motor, spatial and visual skills, which are essential hunting skills. Unfortunately, there isn't a great need for these traits in primary schools these days!

There's no doubt that raising boys tends to be more of a challenge for parents than raising girls. Understanding and appreciating the differences is a great start. However I think parents who really connect well with boys somehow develop the wisdom to step as well as speak up at the right time, and the smarts to know when to stand back and allow their sons to work things out for themselves.

Michael Grose
Surfers Helping Surfers South West WA
The Disabled Surfers Association is a not-for-profit organisation and its sole aim is to give people with varying disabilities the opportunity to have a safe, happy & dignified surfing experience – come & experience it for yourself… We need helpers for jobs both in & out of the surf…. The more, the merrier!

Come to our “Let’s Go Surfing Days”
Saturday 5th December 2015 @ 9.00am
Saturday 16th January 2016 @ 9.00am
Saturday 13th February 2016 @ 9.00am
Sunday 13th March 2016 @ 9.00am
Bunker Bay

New Volunteers Welcomed with Open Arms!! – No surfing experience needed.

Participants must be accompanied by a carer if necessary. All surfing gear supplied on the day for participants. Free barbeque and awards following event @ 1pm or thereabouts. For more information call Ant 9755 4037 sw.prez@disabled surfers.org.

Yallingup Surf School’s Surf Groms
Term and holiday programs start this weekend.
It’s a perfect way to keep your kids active, healthy and social while learning life long surf and ocean awareness skills.
Groms from 5 to 12 years old can participate in our 7 lesson program.
We provide wetsuits and surfboards for all ages and sizes.
www.surfgroms.com has all the info. Or call 0429881221

VACSWIM Holiday Swimming Programmes
Enrolments for December/January programmes are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programmes are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

When any OLC Family or Staff Member makes a new booking the Team at helloworld Dunsborough will donate 1% of the booking value to the OLC P & F.
Our local **Naturaliste Family Playgroup** (Gibney St) is holding its annual fundraiser and raffling some wonderful prizes including first prize of $2K CASH or a brand new Thermomix. It's a great opportunity for playgroup to get help from our wonderful community! It's also a great way in helping keep playgroup running, as it has been for the last few years. So please help contribute to keep our beautiful centre running. Tickets can be purchased from the school reception. Alternatively if you believe you can help sell a book then you can contact Nicky Taylor direct 0405 404 085. Thanks again for your support :-(

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**IRONKIDS Busselton**

**Saturay 5 December 2015**

Calling all families, boys and girls aged 7 - 13 years to compete in the kids only version of the SunSmart IRONKIDS Western Australia, Busselton.

All you need is a pair of goggles, a bike and helmet, a pair of sneakers and you’re ready to go!

Entry is $35 per individual or $45 for a family team.

Every finisher receives a medal, t-shirt and random prize draw entry.

Represent your school, help them win the School Champions Trophy and $1000.

**Enter online [www.ironmanwesternaustralia.com](http://www.ironmanwesternaustralia.com)**

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