



# The Brief

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### This Week:

- 15/11 – Out of Uniform gold coin donation for School Spectacular performers.
- 16/11 – Helicopter Visit weather permitting.
- 16/11 – Selective High School application due.

### Week 7:

- 19/11 – Human Sexuality Year 6.
- 20/11 – Human Sexuality Year 6.
- 21/11 – Kindy Orientation 2013 BBQ.
- 22/11 – School Spectacular.
- 23/11 – School Spectacular.

### Week 8:

- 26/11 – Swim Scheme starts (all week).
- 27/11 – Leadership Development program for Year 5 students.

### Week 9:

- 3/12 - Swim Scheme continues (all week).
- 4/12 - 9.30am Leadership speeches for Year 5.
- 5/12 – Year 6 Fun Day

## REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- 15/11 – Human Sexuality \$21.
- 6/12 – Stage 2 Party Day \$18.
- Now – School Spectacular. Limited availability.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 6

Dear Parents,

### **HELICOPTER**

As you know our planned helicopter visit in Week 1 of this term was postponed due to the terrible weather at the time. The visit was rescheduled to

this Friday and we have our fingers crossed for great weather to enable this exciting event to take place.

We have spent a lot of time planning and liaising with the navy to ensure that strict safety procedures are in place for the visit and to ensure that all our students get the maximum benefit from the experience. The students will watch the landing and take-off from the walkways and balconies of the classroom block, or inside the classrooms if particularly sensitive to noise. Once the helicopter has landed and completely shut down the students will be able to approach to within a designated safe distance and will be given a talk by the navy personnel. The students will then return to their viewing areas for the departure of the helicopter.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the visit please do not hesitate to contact Mrs White or myself to discuss them.

## **ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

You will notice later in The Brief that applications for the 2013 Primary Enrichment classes will be available from next Monday. As part of our normal school review process we will be looking at the operation of these classes next year along with our whole school approach to gifted and talented education. There will be opportunities for parents to learn about GATS education and to have input into the review. I would encourage all interested parents to take the opportunity to do so.

## **FRONT CROSSING**

There have been several incidents recently of "near misses" at the pedestrian lights in front of the school. This has involved cars failing to stop on the red light while pedestrians are crossing and is a safety concern. Please be vigilant at the crossing



and ensure that all the vehicles have stopped at the red light before crossing the street. If you have been involved in a near miss recently at the crossing I would be interested to know about it (please let the office know) so I can pass on my concerns about pedestrian safety.

Thank you.

David Robson

Principal

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.

~Henry Ward Beecher

### **MATHLETICS CHAMPION: 4H**

**LEXILE LEGEND: Grace Kim**

**BANKING CHAMPIONS: 3/40**

### **OUT OF UNIFORM**

This Thursday students are encouraged to come to school dressed out of uniform. A gold coin donation on the day will help support our students who performing at the School Spectacular next week.

A reminder for the children to wear sensible, sun safe clothing and closed footwear please.

### **LEADERSHIP IN 2013**

As the year is very quickly drawing to a close, it is time to look ahead to 2013. On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November our Year 5 students will participate in a Leadership Development program designed to help the children know and understand more about school leadership roles.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December nominated Year 5 students will have the opportunity to deliver their speech to the whole school community. Immediately following the speeches the voting process will occur.

School Leaders will be announced at the Primary Presentation Day assembly on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **ENRICHMENT CLASS APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Primary enrichment classes will be available at the office from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. These forms will need to be returned no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **PRIMARY ASSEMBLY CHANGE IN TIME**

Please be aware that due to the helicopter visit this Friday the Primary Assembly will take place at 2.10pm.

### **STARSTRUCK 2013**

Congratulations to Aleksandr Coe, Joshua Redding, Alex Leman and Travis Richmond who auditioned for Starstruck 2013 as featured singers. It is a very difficult thing to sing solo in front of complete strangers, and I applaud them for their courage.

Travis has been invited through to the second round to audition as a junior backing singer. We wish him all the best!

Mr Faulkner.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

This week's Lexile Legend is Grace Kim. Grace is in Year 1 and has only been participating in the Lexile Reading Program since August. Yet, she has already earned over 90 points this is an amazing reading effort. Congratulations Grace you are truly a Lexile Legend.

Louise Southward

Teacher Librarian

### **FREE FAMILY CYCLE SKILLS WORKSHOP**

Dust off your bikes and join our fun workshop. Learn the skills your family need to cycle safely and gain the confidence to replace short car trips with pedal power.

The aim of the workshop is to develop the skills and confidence of bicycle riders of all ages so that they may ride for recreation, health and for commuting.

**When:** Sunday 18 November 10am - 12 noon

**Where:** Swansea Men's Shed, 74 Pacific Highway, Blacksmiths (corner Little Pelican St)

Participants need to be able to ride unassisted and without training wheels. Some children's bicycles and helmets will be available but adults must bring their own

Enjoy a BBQ following the workshop (gold coin donation to Swansea Men's Shed)

**RSVP** Thursday 15 November, bookings

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### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **Roster**

- **Thurs 15/11** – Renee Delahunty, Michelle Keen
- **Fri 16/11** – Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts
- **Mon 19/11** – Renaye Dobb, Belinda Richardson, Jodi Peachman
- **Tues 20/11** – Cassandra Jensen, Cathy Piper, Charlene Thompson
- **Wed 21/11** – Rachel New, Pam Finn, Kay Gibson, Megan Nicholson