The last few weeks have given our students the opportunity to celebrate and promote their achievements through a number of different events, both school and community based. Of course, in true Mullaloo Heights’ style, they have risen to each occasion. Yesterday, this was via the West Coast Song Fest. As many of you know, there was intense competition to gain tickets for this event and after attending, I can see why. The Arena in Joondalup was filled with gifted choirs from surrounding schools. They performed a number of sophisticated songs, incorporating harmony, actions and ‘rounds’. It was a true celebration of music. Our choir looked amazing- a very cohesive group with each member wearing their bespoke choir shirt with pride. They sang beautifully and were a real credit to our school. Konrad (Year 4) was the compere for Mullaloo Heights and carried out this prestigious role with aplomb. Clear, confident and articulate, he is perfectly suited to public speaking. The choir were fitting ambassadors for our school and their performance was testament to their commitment and hard work throughout the year. It is also important to remember that behind every great choir is a talented choirmaster. Thank you, Mrs Ameduri, for the extra hours you have put into choir. This Song Fest experience is a memory that will remain with them for years to come.

Last week’s Open Night was a fantastic showcase of the work our students have achieved over the year. It was great to see so many parents being led around school by their children; the pride in their work was clear as they explained each sample and learning experience. Thank you to the teachers for preparing rooms and displaying the students work attractively. Also, thank you students for being such great tour guides; your enthusiasm made the evening a very positive experience.

The quality of assemblies this year has been extremely high. What is impressive is the way in which teachers combine skills and content from a number of learning areas to present an item that shows student achievement. Mrs Vickers’ class were a perfect example of this, combining poetry, dance and drama to entertain us last week. Their enjoyable update of Snow White was great fun, but also the result of a sophisticated learning program. A unit of work on poetry, exploring figurative language and a variety of poetic forms, supported the skit. It is a talent of our teaching staff that they introduce challenging learning programs in a way that excites and motivates the students. Well done, Room 11, for a great assembly. The next assembly will be presented by our Pre-Primary students. The word is that it will be something quite special.
Don't forget, we have our Kindy and Pre-Primary Parent Meetings, next week. This is a great chance for you to meet your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of the routines and expectations of their new class. Meetings will be on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November respectively and will start at 9:30am in the Kindy Room.

I would like to end with a thank you everyone involved in the organisation and running of the Halloween Disco. The students had a great time and looked suitably scary in their costumes. A lot of hard work and preparation ensured the Undercover Area provided the right atmosphere and that the children were well entertained. Thank you once again.

Caroline Booth  
Principal

A reminder In-term Swimming commences on Monday, 9 November, and is a 2 week block. If you have not as yet paid, could you please forward the Swimming forms and permission slip along with monies to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible!! Students who have not returned These must be received prior to attending the lessons.

Thank you

Mullaloo Heights Primary School  
Early Beginnings Program

Commencing in 2016! Our Early Beginnings program will operate each Friday morning, from 9:30am to 11:30am, in the Kindy room for ages 2½ – 4 years* (*only for those children not attending a Kindy program in 2016).

Please email your expression of interest to Sharmian.Moult@education.wa.edu.au

**Further information to follow**
What to Teach Your Child about Stranger Danger

Children see strangers every day in shops, in the park and in their local area. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be. Parents can protect their children from danger by teaching them about strangers and suspicious behavior and by taking a few precautions of their own.

A stranger is someone that the family doesn’t know. Many children think bad strangers look like villains from cartoons. This is not true and it is risky for children to think this way as strangers who look pretty can be dangerous. Children need to understand that you cannot tell whether a stranger is nice just by looking at them. In addition, not all strangers are bad. There are times when it is okay to approach a stranger for help, for example, if they're lost, being followed by a stranger or being bullied. You can make this easier by showing which strangers are safe.

Who are Safe Strangers?

Children can ask safe strangers for help. Police Officers, firefighters, teachers, principals and librarians are recognizable, safe strangers. Pointing these adults out when you see them will help your child recognize safe strangers. Make sure you emphasize that children need to go to a public place to ask for help. Let them know that they can ask for help in local shops, restaurants and the home of family friends in the area.

Recognizing and Handling Dangerous Situations

It is important that parents and teachers protect children by teaching them to be wary of potentially dangerous situations. Help children recognize the warning signs of suspicious behavior, such as when an adult asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission, asks them to keep a secret, asks children for help or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way. Also, tell your children that an adult should never ask a child for help and, if one does ask for their help, teach them to find a trusted adult right away to tell what happened.

You should also talk to your children about how they should handle dangerous situations. One way is to teach them "No, Go, Yell, Tell." If in a dangerous situations, kids should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened right away. Make sure that your children know that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to yell to keep themselves safe, even if they are indoors. It’s good to practice this in different situations so that your children will feel confident in knowing what to do. Here are a few possible scenarios:

- A nice-looking stranger approaches your child in the park and asks for help finding the stranger’s lost dog.
- A woman who lives in your neighborhood but that the child has never spoken to invites your child into her house for a snack.
- A stranger asks if your child wants a ride home from school.
- Your child thinks he or she is being followed.
- An adult your child knows says or does something that makes him or her feel bad or uncomfortable.
- While your child is walking home from a friend’s house, a car pulls over and a stranger asks for directions.
School Banking is looking for volunteers in 2016 – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-coordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Wednesday.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this great program please come and see us on a Wednesday morning in the undercover area and speak to Abby or Sam or Astrid.

Here is a great site with helpful tips to keep our children safe:
ROAD SAFETY

It is a good time to remind everyone again about road safety. The speed limit on Charonia Road is 40kmph between the hours of 7.30-9.00am and 2.30-4.00pm.

Kiss ‘n’ Drive bays at the school

A Kiss ‘n’ Drive is located at the front of the school and clearly sign posted. Students may be picked up and dropped off at this point.

Please use these bays as they are intended – drop ‘n’ run. Two minutes tops is all it takes to safely allow the child/ren to alight and move on.

A reminder regarding use of Staff Car Park

In the interest of safety, parents and students are NOT permitted to access the school through the staff car park on Charonia Road before or after school. Our staff car park is out of bounds to all pedestrian and motor traffic other than staff themselves. There are two pedestrian paths/access points either side of the staff car park on Charonia Road to facilitate SAFE entry to our school. The staff car park in Charonia Road is our Emergency Access point also. This must be free to allow ambulance, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles entry at all times. Please do not block access to the bitumen area.

Parking issues at Mullaloo Heights Primary School

It has been brought to our attention again, some concerns that relate to parking issues at our school.

For the safety of all our students here at Mullaloo Heights PS, could all parents/ persons responsible for the drop off and pick up, please read and take note of the following information.

To further clarify, you can visit this link below:


Street Parking

The following information outlines several prohibited or restricted parking activities that may occur in the City of Joondalup. The Western Australian Road Traffic Code 2000, details many of these activities as offences, primarily for safety reasons, and should be read in conjunction with the City of Joondalup’s Parking Local Law 2013.
Common Street Parking

Parking Near Schools

School parking restrictions are enforced in certain street locations to enhance the safety and protection of children. A number of these parking restrictions only apply during the times that parking is at a premium, for example, while children are being dropped off or picked up, whereas other restrictions may apply at other times. This includes areas that may be used for dual purposes, such as parking for vehicles which later become bus zones in order to provide safe access for children travelling on school buses.

Please read the parking signs carefully to avoid being issued with an infringement, as school parking restrictions are strictly enforced.

Parking Facing Oncoming Traffic

For safety reasons, when parking a vehicle on a road the vehicle must be parked facing in the same direction as the traffic flow. Under the Parking Local Law 2013 and the Road Traffic Code 2000, it is an offence to park a vehicle against oncoming traffic.

Parking on Verges

Consent must be obtained from the owner or occupier of land (or property) before a person may drive, park, or stand a vehicle on the road verge adjacent to that land. If consent has not been provided by the owner or occupier, they may report details of the offending vehicle to Ranger Services (details should include make, model, colour and registration of the vehicle where possible).

Parking on Footpaths

Motorists may not always appreciate the difficulties and dangers which can be caused to pedestrians when vehicles are parked across footpaths. Footpaths are constructed within the road verge to provide a safe walking environment for pedestrians, away from passing vehicles. Some of the most vulnerable pedestrians may be young children, people with infants in prams, people in wheelchairs and/or the elderly.

When pedestrians are forced to enter onto the road in order to pass a vehicle parked across a footpath, the opportunity for an accident is significantly increased, therefore consideration for others safety should always be a priority.

Parking Near Intersections

Vehicle obstructions at intersections have proven to be a major contributor to vehicle and pedestrian accidents. It is important that both pedestrians and motorists can easily see and/or be seen by any oncoming traffic before they enter a street. Accidents caused by vehicle obstructions may be avoided provided that the accepted precautions of looking each way are taken by pedestrians and motorists alike, before entering or crossing an intersection.
Quiz Night!

Friday, 13 November
At the Rob Baddock Hall
Dampier Ave, Kallaroo
From 7.30pm - 11.00pm
Cost is $10 per head
Max - 10 per table
RSVP - Loana 0416 911 148

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4. Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).
If you need to talk to someone, visit Kids Helpline online or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.