Book Award Assembly
In response to numerous parent requests, we have bought the Book Award Assembly forward to begin at 6:30pm, as opposed to the original time of 7:00pm. This evening will consist of a dance presentation from each class and a book presentation to selected students. This will take place on Tuesday 15th December in the Undercover Area. We hope to see you there on this final get together for the school year.

Changes to Student Leadership Program in 2016
Next year there will be some changes to our student leadership program. Traditionally, during Term 4, Year 5 students prepare speeches and are democratically elected by the peers to become student councillors for the following year. The successful candidates are then announced at the Book Award Assembly. This year, the School Captains for 2016 will be announced at the final Book Award assembly and not the councillors. This is because the councillor elections will take place early in Term 1 of next year, thereby allowing new students to have access to this opportunity. Four councillors will be appointed and, as in previous years, they will be voted into office by their peers and teachers. These councillors will be in office for Semester 1. At the end of this semester, we will appoint 4 new councillors, again after a democratic vote. They will be in office for Semester 2. Please note that councillors will no longer be aligned to factions. Faction Captains will be appointed separately and will have duties aligned to sporting events. In this way, we will broaden the leadership opportunities for our students. Additional opportunities will be made available by the appointment of Library and Environmental Garden Monitors later in the year. We have discussed the new system with the Year 4 & 5 students and explained the reasons behind it. I am also happy to talk to parents if further clarification is required.

Graduation
A final farewell to our graduating Year 6 students will take place on Thursday 10th December at 9:00am in the Undercover Area.

Fire Evacuation and ‘Lock Down’ Procedures
In the last fortnight, students practised a fire evacuation and lock down procedure. Such practices will take place regularly in future in order to ensure students safety in an emergency.
**Chicken Coop**
Yes! It is finally finished. After months of preparation and hard work, our chickens finally have their new home and I have to say it is pretty amazing. Apart from being beautifully designed and finished, it is practical. It gives the chooks space to potter around, provides sun and shade and a protected nesting area complete with ramp and bedding shelves. We would like to thank Hamish Grace (HG’s Builders) for designing and single handily constructing the coop. He committed many working days to complete this project and worked within our tight budget constrictions. You will also note the weather vane perched on top of the coop. This was generously donated by Hamish. Next year, we plan to get the students to design and paint a mural on the outside walls of the nesting box. If the mural in Gull Block is anything to go by, it will be an attractive addition. We hope you get a chance to pop down to the Environmental garden and view the new chicken coop.

Caroline Booth  
Principal

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**Mullaloo Heights PS students for 2016…**

Our school is actively planning the classes for the 2016 school year and we need to establish the number of students attending next year. If your children are not attending our school next year, please let us know as soon as possible. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

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**Don’t FORGET!**

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**Kidsafe**

Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia  
Western Australia

We have had a few issues of late with crossing of roads and bike safety.  

For parent information, please see the attached Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety fact sheets.

February – March 2016

For enquiries and bookings, please phone Ann on 9263 2121 or email education@anglicarewa.org.au
Bookings are essential

Step Families
Share experiences and add to your skills to make your stepfamily even stronger. Stepmfamilies face unique challenges which are not always recognized and different strategies are often needed to meet family needs. Topics include: influences from the past; living with someone else’s children; the discipline challenge; new roles and strengthening the couple relationship.

Mon 15th, 22nd, 29th February 6.15 – 8.30pm
 Runs over 3 sessions
Sanori House
126 Grand Boulevard, JOONDALUP
$100 / $65.00 per couple
Text book $15.00

Raising Emotionally Resilient Children
Would you like your children to be resilient and know how to manage difficulties in life? This two hour seminar can show you how to improve your child’s emotional intelligence to increase their resilience, concentration, friendships and even help them through difficult times such as divorce or grief and loss.

Wed 17th February 1.00 – 3.00pm **FREE**
Wed 17th February 6.15 – 8.30pm
St Nicholas Centre
14 Council Avenue, ROCKINGHAM
Wed 24th February 6.15 – 8.30pm
St Edmunds Church
52 Pangbourne St, WEMBLEY
Mon 14th March 6.15 – 8.30pm
Sanori House
126 Grand Boulevard, JOONDALUP

Cyber Sense and Sensibility
As technology advances, parents may need some guidance to help their children consider the potential consequences of their online choices. Children are often more tech-savvy than their parents, but do not necessarily have the emotional maturity to realise the far reaching implications of their actions. Join other parents to explore some ways to communicate ethical online behaviours and decision making.

Tues 8th March 5.30 – 7.30pm
Community Lottery House
Cnr Dorothy St / Albany Hwy, GOSNELLS
** Free Community Workshop**

Life can be Tough – Bend Don’t Break
Lifetime wellbeing for individuals, families and communities has been linked to developing resilient behaviours. But what does resilience look like? It is definitely not a matter of being tough in every circumstance no matter what life throws at you; and it is not a fixed trait which a lucky few inherit. This seminar will give you the opportunity to explore how resilience contributes to your health and wellbeing as well as some practical ways to enhance your resilience throughout your life.

Wed 9th March 6.15 – 8.30pm
St Edmunds Church
52 Pangbourne St, WEMBLEY
Wed 30th March 6.15 – 8.30pm
St Nicholas Centre
14 Council Avenue, ROCKINGHAM
I didn’t know my library did that!

The things you can do with your City of Joondalup library membership – all for free – may surprise you. You can stream movies, download current and past issues of your favourite magazines, get help with your maths homework, use the internet and WiFi, get one-on-one help with technology, and catch up with your friends over a board game.

Become a member at a City of Joondalup library to enjoy those benefits, and many more. It won’t cost you a cent!

As an added bonus, fill in your details below and hand this entry form in at any City of Joondalup library to go into the draw to win one of two book stacks, worth $200.00 each.

Name: .................................................................
Phone Number: ......................................................
Email Address: ........................................................
Suburb: .................................................................

Find out more, and view the terms and conditions at joondalup.wa.gov.au

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Belridge Secondary College Elite Music Program

Love listening to and playing music?

Apply for Belridge’s Elite Music Program and take your skills and enjoyment to the next level.

Our comprehensive course leads students through a range of authentic musical experiences including composition, song analysis and group/solo performance.

Instrumental tuition for a variety of instruments is available at the school through SIM (School of Instrumental Music). We strongly encourage students to take up this wonderful opportunity.

Students with all levels of experience are welcome.

For further details visit http://www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au/ Or contact Zachary Offszanka at Zachary.Offszanka@education.wa.edu.au

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We need fresh water thinkers this summer

Discover waterwise holiday tips at watercorporation.com.au/discover

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OCEAN REEF EDUCATION NETWORK [OREN]

Mullaloo Heights Primary School is a member of the Ocean Reef Education Network [Est. 2011] who, with our Network of schools, is working toward agreed Network outcomes focusing on the depth and breadth of strategic and operational initiatives and programs for the benefit of our students and enhancing our Network community.