Welcome back to our School Chaplain
It has been wonderful to see our school chaplain, Bev Fruin, going about her work at school once again. She is an essential element of the safe and supportive environment we provide for the students at Mullaloo Heights and they are certainly thrilled to have her back. Recently, there has been some confusion as to the nature of the work the chaplain performs in W.A schools. Indeed, the job title seems to suggest a religious role. However, in public schools the chaplain purely focuses on pastoral care and enhancing the Values Program. Bev Fruin is particularly skilled at this and has implemented a range of programs that support our students in developing emotional resilience, learning to cooperate and building effective relationships. She is also available to counsel individual students with worries or concerns. In the past, she has worked with individuals to find solutions to issues around friendship, feeling excluded or worried about school work, just to give a few examples. Those of you who have met Bev will know she is a good listener and extremely patient and approachable; as such, she is perfect for this role. You may also be interested to know that she is also available to work with parents who feel the need for a chat or extra support. Just give her a call. Remember, she is in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Gull Block Makeover
If you haven't had a chance yet, I urge you to have a walk over to Gull Block and view the new mural. It is now complete and looking pretty spectacular. Well done to Gull Block students who worked together to construct this masterpiece. We’d also like to thank the many parents who volunteered their time to help. You are all very much appreciated. This Undercover area is now a truly inviting place for our students to work and socialise. We need to finish this project by adding a bright lick of paint to the classroom doors. The P&C have already negotiated a donation of paint from Dulux so we are now looking for a professional painter. If you can help with this, please let us know and support the completion of this Gull Block makeover.

Thank You P&C
Thank you to the P&C who are always incredibly proactive when it comes to fundraising. We all enjoyed shopping at the Mother’s Day stall last week. There were some beautiful gifts and I’m sure many Mullaloo Heights mums felt very spoilt when they received one on Sunday.
**Cutie and the Beast**

Personally, I think the only thing better than listening to a story is seeing one performed. Room 9 treated us to exactly that in their assembly last week. Their production, ‘Cutie and the Beast,’ creatively borrowed ideas from a range of stories, some old and some new, to teach us the lesson that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Most impressive was their team work. Every member of the class played a part in the presentation of this modern day fairy tale. Some took charge of sound effects or props, while others narrated. There was also some pretty outstanding acting. It was a rather special assembly and certainly worth the effort applied by these students; a little bird told me they filmed one of their rehearsals and then analysed each part to pinpoint how to improve their performance. It is great to see our young students critically reflecting upon their own work. Well done, Room 9.

Caroline Booth  
Principal

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**Beldon Dental Clinic**

Have you moved in the last 18 months?  
Have you changed your telephone number?  
Then please will you let the Dental Clinic at Beldon know – please telephone 9307 1425.  
We are not connected to the school so any information given to the school is not passed on to us. All appointments are sent out to the home addresses and we are currently experiencing a lot of missed appointments which we would like to rectify!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Many thanks

Rosemary & Kas  
Beldon Dental Clinic

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**Dogs on school grounds - Reminder**

It is a great way to add your dog’s exercise into the walk to and from school, but we must insist that parents **DO NOT** bring dogs onto school grounds. Not only are some children allergic to dog hair, but the situation that is created by having dogs of all nature, breeds and ages mixed with children who have a range (or lack thereof) of personal knowledge of how to act appropriately around animals is encouraging a situation that may have a grievous outcome.

We thank you for your support with this issue of student safety.
Parking issues at Mullaloo Heights Primary School

It has been brought to our attention 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.

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.
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.
Chaplain’s Chat

Hi everyone,

Oh my goodness, can you believe that I am back. I keep telling myself it’s true. I am so happy to be back here with you all. I loved walking into the classrooms, on my first morning back, and surprising the children. Now I am busy unpacking all the things I packed up at the end of last term, and getting back to full speed at school.

I have been thinking about the holidays, yes those ones just gone that now seem like a dream! It often brings out problems in relationships with our children. So just to get you back thinking in a positive way about your parenting skills, I would like to share with you a website I found that has some wonderful clues to parenting.

This is a SHORTENED version of 15 tips for good behaviour. Please go to this site and discover more about each of these tips. I’m sure you will be enlightened. http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging_good_behaviour.html/context/732

1. Children do as you do. Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You’re her role model, so use your own behaviour to guide her.

2. Show your child how you feel. Tell him honestly how his behaviour affects you. This will help him see his/ her own feelings in yours, like a mirror.

3. Catch her being ‘good’. This simply means that when your child is behaving in a way you like, you can give her some positive feedback. For example, ‘Wow, you are playing so nicely. I really like the way you are keeping all the blocks on the table’.

4. Get down to your child’s level. Kneeling or squatting down next to children is a very powerful tool for communicating positively with them.

5. ‘I hear you.’ Active listening is another tool for helping young children cope with their emotions. They tend to get frustrated a lot, especially if they can’t express themselves well enough verbally.

6. Keep promises. Stick to agreements. When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you.

7. Reduce temptation. Reduce the chance for innocent but costly exploration by keeping that stuff out of sight.

8. Choose your battles. Before you get involved in anything your child is doing – especially to say ‘no’ or ‘stop’ – ask yourself if it really matters.

9. Whining: be strong. Kids don’t want to be annoying. By giving in when they’re whinging for something, we train them to do it more – even if we don’t mean to.

10. Keep it simple and positive. If you can give clear instructions in simple terms, your child will know what is expected of him.

11. Responsibility and consequences. As children get older, you can give them more responsibility for their own behaviour. You can also give them the chance to experience the natural consequences of that behaviour.

12. Say it once and move on. It is surprising how much your child is listening even though he might not have the social maturity to tell you

13. Make your child feel important.


15. Maintain a sense of humour.

Bev Fruin
School Chaplain
To all School Banking Stars

To encourage our banking stars, every Wednesday of the second term, we will be doing a lucky draw. The winner will receive a prize that they are to collect at banking the following week.

Good luck and happy banking!

Astrid, Abby and Sam

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The Entertainment Book is here!

If you have pre-ordered a copy, it is now available to be picked up from the office.

Your Chance to WIN!

On Wednesday we will be selling raffle tickets for you to win a copy of the Entertainment Book – tickets will be available next to the School Banking table for $1 each or 4 for $3! You can also buy them on the morning of the assembly. The winner will be announced at the assembly on 21 May. Come and have a look at the display copy to see the great offers available!
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Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Kings, Queens and Castles: Enter the Kingdom of Books! – surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: 27th, 28th, 29th May
Shopping Hours: 8:00-8:40 AM and 2:40 – 3:30 PM
Special Events: Geronimo Stilton welcomes kids at the book fair in after school hours

Sincerely,

Caroline Booth
Principal