Our Outstanding Ambassadors
At Mullaloo Heights there are always plenty of reasons to smile, but last week there were more than usual. I was invited to spend some time with our Year 6 students who were on camp at Fairbridge Village. Now this is a picturesque spot and extremely tranquil, but this is not what made me smile. Rather, it was our students. Of course, as a teacher, it’s always pleasing to spend time with students on camp. It’s great to see them having fun and interacting with their friends in a more relaxed setting, away from the demands of the classroom. But with this group, it really was a delight. Their behaviour and manners were impeccable. Particularly impressive was the way in which they treated one another. The students were asked to do some pretty adventurous stuff over the three days—rock climbing, abseiling, giant rope swings, to give a few examples. As you can imagine, this required many to take a step out of their comfort zone. When they did, their class mates were supportive and encouraging, showing genuine pleasure in each individual’s achievement. All in all, they were perfect ambassadors for our school. It was really special to witness.

I also want to make a special mention of the teachers who organised this excursion. Mrs Moses and Ms Franchetto spent many hours preparing for this event and their hard work ensured the camp was fun and ran smoothly. Thank you! In addition, we would like to thank Mr Terry Smith and Mrs Bev Fruin, who gave up their own time to join students and teachers at the camp. You were great and we really appreciate your energy and enthusiasm. We’re already looking forward to camp next year.

Meeting the Prime Minister
Chris McCafferty, our P&C president, and I spent a very pleasant afternoon having tea with the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, a few weeks ago. To put this event in perspective, we were part of a larger group of 300 guests, all community leaders and invited as a result of this. We were representatives of Mullaloo Heights Primary School. As you can imagine, it was very interesting to mingle with these people and also hear the Prime Minister’s personal perspective on leadership. Even more compelling were the plans for further improvement of the infrastructure of our locality outlined by Mr Abbott and Ian Goodenough, local liberal member for Moore. It was certainly a fascinating way to spend a Saturday afternoon—a once in a lifetime experience, perhaps.

Thank You DULUX and our P&C
Well done to Abby Syers who has been in constant negotiation with DULUX over the past months. She has managed to secure a donation of 50 litres of paint to upgrade the doors in Gull Block. Thanks, Abby! Your hard work and determination is appreciated.

Have a great long weekend everyone. Maybe, even buy an Entertainment Book, our latest P&C fundraiser, from the Admin Area to make the most of it.
Musica Viva Incursion reminder
On Thursday, 11 June, we have a Musica Viva incursion “Akoustic Odyssey”. This is a whole school event, with the cost being $7.70 per student. Could parents please forward the permission slip and monies to their class teachers before this date.
Thank you

Faction Cross Country
Our school’s annual cross country is happening on Friday, 5 June, down on our school oval from 9:00am. Parents and family members are more than welcome to come down and watch and encourage the students on the run.
*For that early morning caffeine fix….. KJ Yellow Submarine Coffee van will be down on the oval for parents!!

Public Holiday
A reminder next Monday, 1 June, is WA Day public holiday; please do not send your children to school! Enjoy your long weekend.

We received this lovely email last week and as it was shared with us, we would like to share it with you …..

I thought it would be nice to share what happened in our store (Baker’s Delight – Mullaloo) last Monday 12th May.

I was working with Monique on this Monday around 8.25am one of your year one students along with his mum came in to the Bakery holding a zip lock bag with what appeared to be quite a bit of money. The young boy asked Monique if he could please give his bag of money to Nate Anderson to help pay for his new leg. Monique said to him “This is a lot of money are you sure you would like to give it to Nate?” He replied “Yes please”. His Mum explained to Monique that they had seen the article in the paper featuring Nate and that he was raising money to buy a Sporting Prosthetic leg so that he can run with the other kids instead of sitting on the sideline watching them. His Mum mentioned to me later that after he had read the story with her he went upstairs to his bedroom to get his piggy bank money box, they broke it open to find the money inside, which didn’t amount to much, so this young boy went back to his room to get his paper money also. His Mum said to him “This is a lot of money do you realise if you give this to Nate that you won’t have the money that you have been saving to buy something special?” He said “Yes, it doesn’t matter; I want Nate to have it to get his new leg.”

As you could imagine Monique was very touched and it was very hard for the tears welled in my eyes not to roll out. Could I just say this was such a beautiful moment that I thought it would be great to share with the school. I did ask the Mum’s permission to send this through to you. Just shows what amazing kids the school has.

Shelly Armbrust
Year 6 Camp
Fairbridge Village
Hi everyone,

Camp is over and I feel exhausted but happy. What a great bunch of children were at Fairbridge and such a fun place to go and the team work and new level of friendship made between the children was encouraging to see. Well done campers!

I remember when my children were younger and I would look on in awe at the parents of the older children at school and wonder how they coped with all the problems of life and bringing up children to be wonderful human beings. (Like those wonderful children that went on camp!)
Well I have some great news for you.

The Department for Communities have a wonderful web site and also a telephone service available for just those times when we start to doubt ourselves or the problems become too great. Here are the details:

**Parenting WA Line**
The Parenting WA Line is a telephone information and support service on parenting that is available **24 hours a day, seven days a week** on **(08) 6279 1200** or **1800 654 432**.

Who can call?
Anyone can call - parents, grandparents, a family member, friend, carer, or helping someone who is taking care of children pre-birth - 18 years.

How the Parenting WA Line can help
Trained parenting consultants can assist with questions, and provide information or guidance about any aspect of parenting including:

• how to manage the different challenges of parenting children from infancy and childhood through to the teenage years, such as toddler tantrums, teething, toilet training, sleep patterns, sibling rivalry, bullying, lying, puberty, drug and alcohol use.
• understanding the different stages of child development:
• by offering ideas on how to match parenting strategies to a child’s personality and temperament
• by suggesting ways to develop social networks in the community.
• changes in family situations, such as divorce, separation, step families, and grandparents becoming grandcarers.
• provide information on local community support, services, courses and workshops.

I truly hope this is helpful for you all.

Bev Fruin
School Chaplain
SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16.

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:
http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents

For more information please contact Kate Derry at 0411 811 212.

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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