

## CALENDAR

**Term 2 Tuesdays Years 5 and 6**

Dance Sport

**8 May**

NAPLAN Week

Years 3 and 5

**10 May**

Parliament House and Electoral  
Centre Excursion Year 6

**12 May**

Mother's Day Stall

**19 May**

Room 3 Assembly

Rm 16 Mother's Day Afternoon  
Tea

**29 and 30 May**

School Photos

**2 June**

Lapathon

## 2017 Term Dates

T 2: 24 April- 30 June

T 3: 17 July- 22 Sept

T 4: 9 Oct- 14 Dec

## School Development Days

- 3/6 November
- 15 December

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure meeting the children, parents and staff at North Beach Primary School. The school has a lovely feeling about it and it is clear that the closeness of the community is highly valued. I feel very welcome here and look forward to working with all of you to provide an excellent education for your children.

I would like to thank Mike Black for the great work he has done in leading the school for long periods over the last couple of years. Together, we will build on the excellent work that Mike, Penny and Steve have done in their tenures as Principal.

## Adventure Playground

We are very fortunate at North Beach Primary School to have such an active P & C and supportive parent community. Thanks to your hard work with fundraising, we have an amazing adventure playground for the children to play on! The adventure playground will provide opportunities for children to explore, experiment, create, investigate and develop problem solving skills.

I would like to especially thank Donelle Gillam (P & C President), Debbie Erasmus (P & C Vice-President), Mike Esseltine (playground creator) and staff members Mike Black, Lisa Perry and Gemma Cleghorn for providing the impetus for the project and their hard work in bringing it to fruition.

The adventure playground was funded with proceeds from the Lap-a-thon and some funds from 2015 fundraising. It is very exciting to think about the other projects planned at the school, like enclosing the undercover area which will provide protection in the winter months and the building of a stage which will enhance school assemblies.

The P & C are planning a bingo night in September as our major fundraising event this year. Look for more information from the P & C and save the date!



## Fremantle Literature Centre Incursion

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had a visit from the Fremantle Literature Centre's Sacha Burbridge. As a part of the English curriculum, literature strand, students in years P-3 have had the opportunity to attend a picture book exhibition.

The purpose of the session was to show the children some original artwork by Australian illustrator/author Nick Bland from his new picture book called "The Fabulous Friend Machine". The session included viewing the artwork, participating in discussions as well as an art and drama activity.

I encourage parents to read the book. We have purchased several copies at the school. It is very entertaining and a modern day cautionary tale – certainly relevant to me! The children LOVED the story and were very engaged and inspired.

Our children were the first in the state to view the original artwork and participate in the literature session. Thank you to teachers Paula Yost and Wendy Criddle for organising this valuable event.



## The Patch

Thank you to Room 3 for giving me a tour of The Patch. We are very fortunate to have this hands-on nature learning experience for our children. We appreciate the help and commitment from the families and staff at the school who teach the children about gardening and the science behind it.

## NAPLAN Testing

Next week, our year 3 and 5 children will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. NAPLAN testing helps the school to measure how our students are achieving and very importantly, how they are progressing. We use the NAPLAN information to reflect on our teaching programs and pedagogy. By carefully analysing the test information, we can identify areas of strength and areas where we need to adjust the teaching and learning program to improve student achievement.

Be assured that we recognise that the NAPLAN test does not capture a complete picture of student ability but does give us a starting point, a measure to use as comparison against other schools and states.

Thank you for your support and please see me if you have any questions.



**Laura O'Hara**  
Principal

## ANZAC Day Commemoration at North Beach PS



On the last day of Term 1, we conducted our annual ANZAC service. It was a moving occasion where our students and community remembered all those who have served their country. This year the special focus was on those men who left behind their families to serve their country in the far away fields of Bullecourt and Passchendaele in France as well as Beersheba in Africa. These very significant battles for Australia took place one hundred years ago.

A special thank you goes to the Year 6 students who under the guidance of Mrs Yost and Mrs Williams conducted a very memorable service. The students spoke beautifully and the choir performed a wonderful rendition of Once A Young Australian.



Thank you also to our special guests and to Mr Graham Edwards who made the ANZAC address, Mrs Vanalopulos for the striking artwork and Mrs Capewell (and helpers) who put together the beautiful wreaths.

I would also like to acknowledge our head girl and boy, Meg and Carlton who represented North Beach PS at the dawn service on ANZAC Day. They laid a wreath on behalf of the school community and Meg recited "In Flanders Fields". We have received a number of phone calls from the general public complimenting Meg on an outstanding job with the poem.

## Interschool Apology

Sincere apologies go to Jett Jaeger-Harvey who in the last newsletter was mistakenly announced as the runner-up in the interschool swimming championships. Jett was, in fact, the Year 6 Champion Boy at this event.

Congratulations Jett and apologies for the error. **Mike Black Deputy Principal**



## Staff Profile

### Pip Cawley – Library Officer

Welcome back to Term 2. We begin the term by introducing one of the kindest and most unassuming members of staff – our Library Officer, Pip Cawley.

Pip was born in Perth and went to school at Newman College in Churchlands. After she finished school Pip studied to become a teacher and towards the end of her studies she became engaged to John. In the old days (no offence, Pip), teachers who graduated from teacher's college were expected to take up a country posting, but Pip wanted to stay in Perth with her fiancé. After they married, John who was a policeman, was then transferred to Kondinin, a small wheat belt town east of Perth. By this time Pip was busy being a mother to three small boys before John was posted to beautiful Dunsborough. Pip continued raising her family and doing a few odd jobs around the town including cleaning the police station.

Pip's boys are now all grown up and she is the very proud grandmother to baby, Oliver. When Pip is not working tirelessly in our library promoting her love for reading, she is gallivanting around the globe visiting beautiful beachside resorts as both her and John share a passion for the beach. Pip obviously enjoys reading but is also as flexible as a piece of Indian rubber and practices yoga regularly (that's what gives her that calm aura).

*First car:* Red Ford Capri

*Favourite Movie:* Under the Tuscan Sun (She loves Italy).

*Favourite book:* Can you believe our library officer couldn't give this intrepid journalist an answer? There were too many titles for her to choose!

Only some staff members would know this about Pip, but she is also the magical dishwashing fairy who quietly enters the staffroom early on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and cleans up the dishes that teachers have left piled up in the sink.

Thank you, Pip, you are a genuine quiet achiever who just gets the job done.





## News from The Friendship Group

Works on our costume storeroom are nearly complete thanks to Tony Zimulus's handy work!! This means we are now taking costume donations to get it up and running. If you have any old dance costumes or fancy dress costumes at home which you could donate to our school, please send them to Room 1. Our costume room is going to be very useful for class drama activities, role plays etc and also to assist assembly items.

We thank you in advance. **Miss Polson and the Friendship Group.**



### MOTHERS DAY STALL – Friday 12 May

Remind the kids to get saving!  
Loads of gifts to choose from and the loved Raffle.

**All Gifts + 1 Raffle Ticket \$10.**

Additional Raffle Tickets can be bought for:  
\$1 each or 3 for \$2.

If you can help set-up or serve on the day please contact **Brooke** on **0410 401 986**.

Don't be SHY!

### SAVE THE DATE

### BINGO NIGHT RETURN

with a NEW twist and just as much fun and crazy as before!

**Saturday, 16 September**

Tickets on sale soon.

### 2018 Music Scholarships Carine Senior High School

Applications close 19 May

Application forms and information available at front Office or contact Carine Senior High School on 9243 9100



*Oops, sorry!*

### CORRECTION INTERSCHOOL WINTER SPORT DATES

**Fridays** 5 May, 12 May, 19 May, 26 May, 9 June,  
16 June, 23 June

and **Thursday** 29 June Lightning Carnival

### Carine Senior High School

### OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 17 May 9.00am to 11.30am**

Presentation by Principal and other key school personnel, view working classrooms during school tour and enjoy a morning tea with school leadership and student representatives in the library. All family members welcome to attend.

Please RSVP attendance to **Marcia Shaw** on 9243 9100 or [marcia.shaw@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:marcia.shaw@education.wa.edu.au) by **Friday 12 May**.



### Core Fit Kids

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