FROM THE PRINCIPAL

An Announcement from Mrs Halleen

Dear Parents

Thank you all for your understanding about my need to take leave this term to care for my husband with his critical medical condition. A miracle came our way recently and he was the recipient of a kidney transplant which has given us renewed hope for the future.

However, there is a long road ahead and unfortunately there have been complications. Therefore, after forty two years with the Department of Education I have made the decision to retire effective from the end of this year.

I have negotiated with the Regional Director, Jim Webb, for Michael Black to accept the role of principal until a substantive appointment is made next year. As North Beach is an Independent Public School, the chair of the School Board, Kelly Riddle, will represent the school in the selection process.

Meanwhile, I would like to thank you for your support in the short time I have been at North Beach Primary.

I am confident under the guidance of Michael and the staff, the school will continue to be a school renowned for the way "it cares".

Best wishes to you and your family for an enjoyable holiday break.

Penny Halleen

Other News

I'm sure the North Beach community, staff and students will join me in wishing Mrs Halleen the very best for her retirement. Mrs Halleen’s passion and energy for education has led to an amazing career that has lasted forty two years and North Beach has been very fortunate to have had her experience, leadership and guidance for the past 12 months.

Following on from this news, my next sad task is to announce the departure of Mr Barrett for 2017. Lincoln has been with us since 2012 and very quickly became a highly respected staff member amongst his colleagues, students and the community. Mr Barrett has won a two year secondment to the Department’s Teacher Advocate programme where he will be mentoring graduate teachers. This is a great professional opportunity for Lincoln and while his shoes will be very hard to fill, we wish him every success in this new position.

Thank you to all those parents who completed the school survey. The survey has provided us with valuable insights into how the community sees the school.

We are well underway with the analysis of all the data which will be published in the school’s Annual Report and a future newsletter.
As a school, we are very proud of our Global Citizenship initiatives and in the past few weeks there have been quite a few examples of the work we are doing. At the beginning of the month we had the Shoe Box appeal run by Miss Polson and the Year 4s. They put together some 70 boxes for disadvantaged children in south east Asia. Last week the Year 5 and 6s assembled Care Bags for the children in Hoiker Village school in Laos, which were delivered this week by the charity Global Hand. Yesterday, our Year 6 student carried out the plan that they presented to the United Nations Australia Association at their Leadership conference. They completed their proposal to clean up the Star Swamp nature reserve. (Look out for the reports in this newsletter). Finally, we are continuing our Christmas hamper drive for the Salvation Army. We are collecting non-perishable food items for families in need this Christmas. All these initiatives are only possible through the amazing generosity of our school community. So on behalf of all these organisations/charities, I thank you very much.

As a trial, next week North Beach Primary School will be making a small adjustment to our school timetable. We have found that our most productive time of the day is prior to lunch, so in order to maximise this time, we will push lunchtime back to 1.00pm. Many schools have implemented this move but we want to see how the children cope before we make any commitment. Parents can help by ensuring that children have a substantial morning tea packed so they are not feeling hungry before the later lunch. If we feel the trial has been a success we will take a proposal to the School Board to discuss making it permanent next year. Parent feedback is welcome.

Michael Black. A/Principal  Michael.Black1@education.wa.edu.au

**Aussies Of The Month**

Congratulations to Tully, Eliska and Jennifer who were announced as our Aussies of the Month.

Well done!

**Honour Certificates**

**Pre-primary**: Eddy • Sam  
**Year 1**: Jay • Jayden • Syesha • Brooke • Sebastian • Amber  
**Year 2**: Acacialee • Tyson • Daniel • Ava  
**Year 3**: Cleo • Talia  
**Year 4**: Taj • Oscar • Ellie • Aland  
**Year 5**: Steven T • Levi • Tilen • Steven C • Luka  
**Year 6**: Devlin • Alisha • Reece

**Christmas Clarinet Performers**

Our talented clarinet players Nina, Coco, Mikaela, Alani and Harper with their teacher, Mr Gillam, spread Christmas joy and cheer during the week by playing Christmas carols throughout the school. Thank you, clarinetists - it was a beautiful rendition of carols enjoyed by many.
Christmas Hampers

The Friendship Leadership Group is asking students to bring in non-perishable food items for our Christmas hampers. This year we are supporting the Salvation Army who do an incredible job caring for the homeless and disadvantaged people in our society. Items such as breakfast cereals, canned foods, tea, coffee, Milo, rice and pasta will be most welcomed. Hampers will be presented to the Salvation Army at our last student assembly of the term and will help brighten Christmas for many families. Collection boxes are now in classrooms so please continue to bring in your food items.

Clean Up Of Star Swamp

We had perfect weather conditions yesterday for our “clean up” of Star Swamp. As part of our role as a United Nations school, Year 6 students organised a morning with Kindy Gold to walk around our lovely bushland and collect any rubbish. We had the support of the Friends of Star Swamp lead by Mrs Christine Curry OAM who was very surprised with the amount of rubbish that we picked up. It was very disappointing to see how some people treat our local environment. Littering bushland and waterways effects plants and animals that live and grow in these habitats.

After our clean-up we were invited back to the Henderson Centre where we had a look around at the different plant and animal species living in Star Swamp and had a well-deserved drink of water. Thank you to Kindy Gold parents who came along to help. Thanks also to Will, Mikaela, Coco and Kai for organising the morning. This is a project that we will definitely look forward to continuing next year.

End of Year Disco

To celebrate the end of the school year, what better way than coming together for our last disco for 2016?
The Friendship Leadership Group are inviting all students to get dressed up as “someone famous.”

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Date: Wednesday December 7

Junior Disco (Kindy – Year 2): 5pm – 6.15pm. Admission entry $7
Senior Disco (Year 3 – 6): 6.30pm – 8.15pm Admission entry $9

Chips and lollies on sale for $1
Soft drinks $2
Instruments For Sale

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