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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID -19 Update

Our continued thanks goes out to the school community for your ongoing support during these challenging and uncertain COVID times. In the last month, we have registered 118 positive COVID cases up until 3pm yesterday.

We appreciate your understanding as we respond to cases. We have been striving to keep the school community well informed of the latest COVID updates. Our main forms of communication include sending out template letters, SMS or Class Dojo messages as well as adding information on CONNECT. The communication method often depends on the time we are notified of a positive case.

Thank you for keeping us updated, we really appreciate the timely phone calls and emails to notify us of positive cases and close contact

details. This allows us to make decisions and notify families as soon as possible to limit COVID spread across the school. We appreciate how proactive families have been to get children tested and accept the isolation periods. We request that if your child is unwell prior to coming to school that you do not send them to school. If a child displays COVID like symptoms while at school, parents will be called to collect the student. Our goal is to reduce the spread of COVID and keep our students and staff safe.

All the best to our staff and students currently working from home and to those who have returned to school.

NAPLAN 2022

Yesterday our Year 3 and 5 students participated in the NAPLAN Co-ordinated Practice Test with all schools across the state to test the technology and for students to be exposed to the online testing platform.

NAPLAN testing will be held between Tuesday 10 May and Friday 20 May, weeks 4 and 5 of next term. All of the Year 5 assessments will be online. Year 3 Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy will be online, Writing will be a paper test.

If you are considering exempting or withdrawing your child from the testing please contact Deputy Principal Lisa Salleo on 6296 8240 or lisa.salleo@education.wa.edu.au.



By now, you should have all received information in regards to setting up a parent Connect account. As this will be one of our main forms of communication, it is imperative you set this up as soon as possible. If you are having any issues at all, please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office or Lisa Salleo for assistance.

Dates to Remember

Friday 8 April
ANZAC Service

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (cont.). . .

ANZAC Service

We will be holding our school ANZAC service on Friday 8 April, the last Friday of term. Due to Covid restrictions, students will remain in their class and the service will be streamed to classrooms. Students will stand outside their classroom for singing of the National anthem and the song, Peace, which has been taught specifically for ANZAC day.



Harmony Week

Today marks the end of Harmony Week. It has been pleasing to see so many wearing orange to acknowledge the day. Orange is worn as it symbolises social communication and meaningful conversations.

Harmony Week is all about celebrating Australia's cultural diversity, fostering inclusiveness, respect and encouraging a sense of belonging and showing respect to everyone.

Harmony Week Fun facts:

- Harmony Week was originally an Australian celebration but is now celebrated all over the world
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia



School Crossing and Parent Parking

Can we please ask parents/carers to encourage children to utilise the Children's Crossing (crosswalk). We have found that a lot of children are crossing elsewhere which can be very dangerous.

Also, a gentle reminder for parents to please park in a safe and responsible manner.

School Board – call for nominations: Three positions for Parent Representatives

The School Board is calling for nominations from parents to become parent representatives on the School Board. The role of the School Board is to help set directions for the school and oversee the school's budget. The Board meets once or twice a term. Please contact me at penny.reynolds@education.wa.edu.au if you would like to nominate. Membership of the School Board is an opportunity to learn of new insights into how the school is run.



World Maths Day

The Year 3's celebrated World Maths Day the other day with some fun maths activities. Thank you to Ms Swaine for organising.

Kind Regards,
Penny Reynolds
Principal

Information for parents—Attendance Matters

It is important for children to attend school all day, every day.

When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that prevents your child from getting to school.

This could include:

- your child is unable to attend because they are sick
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone

The Principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has an appointment such as haircuts and minor check ups

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let the school know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

Why is going to school so important?

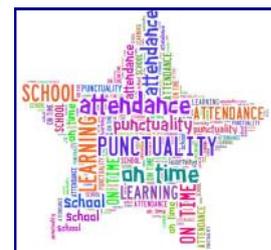
- At school, many concepts such as literacy and numeracy are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend regularly, generally do better at school and in life.

Please see the attached document titled 'Information for parents attendance' for further information.

Kind Regards

Anthony Collopy

Deputy Principal



MERIT CERTIFICATES. . .

The following students have received Merit Certificates

Chol T	Swaka A	Lily R						
Shyliah M	Japjot B	Riley Y						
Isabel P	Jaii G	Maddison B						
William A	Kye C	Chris N						
Isla M	Chloe P	Melodie L						
Misha S	Noah Z	Owen G				Sean M	Khloe M	Nyayaka C
Mason W	Kirsty N	Ameley H				Sophie H	Annabelle C	Sophia H
Priyanka M	Regan D	Rosalie W				Logan T	Jonah R	Jason O

CORPORATE CORNER

Voluntary Contributions and Cashless School

A gentle reminder that we are now taking payment of Voluntary Contributions. The payment of contributions is very important as they are used to supplement the cost of materials used by students in their education program. While the contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program is maximised when each family makes its contribution. From the beginning of Term 2 2021 Malvern Springs Primary School became a cashless school. This means voluntary contributions, excursions, incursions, and camps and other student activity requiring payment will be on-line through direct deposit or Qkr, or at the Front Office via credit/EFTPOS, and **we no longer accept cash as payment**. Please see attached images with information on payment via QKR.

https://qkr-mss.qkrschool.com/qkr_mss/app/storeFront

The school bank details are below;

Account Name—Malvern Springs Primary
School

BSB—066 040

Account Number—1990 3602

Information will be sent home as events occur.



The image displays two screenshots of the Qkr! app. The top screenshot shows the 'Getting started is easy - try it yourself today' section with four steps: 1. Download Qkr! (on Android or iPhone), 2. Register (select country and follow steps), 3. Find our school (search for Malvern Springs Primary School), and 4. Register your children (add child details). The bottom screenshot shows the 'Add your children's details in Student Profiles' section, 'Purchase school items' section (select items and pay), and 'Making payments' section (select card to pay with).

Cheryl Toland
Manager Corporate Services



Free Bread

Most days, we are fortunate enough to receive baskets of free bread from some of our community partners. In the afternoons, it is placed on the back verandah of the Front Office. Please feel free to take some and save it from our neighbourhood ravens!

BULLYING NO WAY. . .

Friday March 18 was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Australia's key bullying prevention initiative celebrates 12 years of action, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for 2022 was Kindness Culture. By building Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia.



MOOMBAKI PROGRAM. . .

Malvern Springs Primary School was one of three schools chosen by the cultural learnings program from Curtin University, 'Moombaki'. The project is in its' second year of research and is now working with students from Malvern Springs Primary school in developing an app that students can access in the Moombaki Program.



Students from years 3 and 4 with Curtin Researchers

VARIETY'S HAIR FOR HEART. . .

One of our amazing students chopped her beautiful long hair off a couple of weeks ago to donate to charity. Daisy H's hair was donated to Variety's Hair for Heart and will be used to make wigs for children who have undergone chemotherapy and other treatments for cancer that have caused hair loss.

Daisy is super proud of herself (as are we!) and can't wait to grow her hair and do it all over again. Well done Daisy!



COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East)



Parenting Your Child with ADHD

For parents and carers who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater.

This 4 session program is designed for parents of children with ADHD. Facilitated by Susan Hughes ADHD Parent Coach and Educator.

Learn more about:

- Up to date information on ADHD and how ADHD impacts on your child's ability to carry out daily tasks and why it can be challenging
- What does being a 'Good Parent' mean today?
- Parenting strategies and tools which are known to work with ADHD
- Managing defiant behaviours and setting boundaries
- Understanding how your emotions impact how you parent
- Methods to manage your emotions and the benefits of looking after yourself



Where:	Child and Parent Centre Arbor Grove, Brookmount Drive, Ellenbrook (across from Sparrow Early Learning Ellenbrook)
When:	Mondays 9, 16, 23 & 30 May, 2022 <i>*Participants must be able to attend all sessions</i>
Time:	10am – 12noon
Cost:	FREE – registration is essential
Crèche:	Limited places available. Please call the venue to book – 08 9263 2845

For more information and to register, please contact:

Name: Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)
Telephone: (08) 9290 6827
Email: parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au



The Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East) is provided by Midvale Hub (Shire of Mundaring) and funded by the State Government through the Department of Communities.



School Holiday Activities



Online Family Kitchen

For families with children 4 to 8 years old

We're making scones! This easy recipe is not only lots of fun to make with your children but will quickly become a family favourite. This will be a live, interactive session, from our kitchen to yours. Register to receive the recipe and link to join.

Date: Monday 11 April
Time: 10.00am to 11.30am



Community Treasure Hunt

For families with children 4 to 8 years old

There are hidden treasures to be found in parks and playgrounds around Ellenbrook, can you find one of them? If you are up for the challenge, you will receive three clues, but you will need to be quick, as it is a race to see who can find the treasures first! Register for the treasure hunt to be sent the clues on the day.

Date: Thursday 14 April
Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au | 08 9263 2845 | cpcarbrogrovedmin@anglicarewa.org.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES (cont.)...



AVELEY AVENGERS

REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE WWW.AVELEYJFC.COM.AU

WHO : PREPRIMARY , YEAR 1 & YEAR 2'S
 WHEN : SATURDAYS
 TIME : 9AM - 10.30AM
 WHERE : TURKICH PARADE OVAL, AVELEY

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT
 REGISTRAR@AVELEYFOOTBALLCLUB.COM.AU







ELLENBROOK DOCKERS



STAR KICK

ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALLERS

Starkick is an All Abilities football program for boys and girls aged between 5 and 17 years of age. Starkick caters for children who by circumstance or choice are unable to join into an existing Football structure or team. Children who may need extra support or time to achieve their goals are supported by a team of volunteers. Starkick aims to cater for all disabilities and runs by a simple mantra –

"If you want to play we will find a way"

Autumn School Holiday Workshops with LEGO® Bricks



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www.Bricks4Kidz.com.au/Perth-Midland

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? WE NEED COACHES, ASSISTANTS AND OF COURSE PLAYERS!





If you or anybody you know may be interested in getting involved with EDJFC Starkick please reach out to the club!

EMAIL US FOR INFO
[@starkick@ellenbrookdockers.com](mailto:starkick@ellenbrookdockers.com)

PMI PLUS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Instrumental Music Lessons On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- PMI PLUS offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit our website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via the PMI PLUS website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons outside school hours
- Only \$19.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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