**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to school and the start of Term Three and a special welcome to our new students and families. We hope the transition to our school has been positive for you. The term has started well with school photos being completed very efficiently and with good results. It was lovely to see the pride students showed with their uniforms, hair and general appearance. There should be some excellent photos and we look forward to the class and family photos being delivered as a memento of 2016.

**ST JOHN FIRST AID**

This week all classes have and will take part in a St John First Aid session looking at basic treatments and procedures that could save a life. Today at the PBS Assembly, a special session on how to manage burns was presented to the whole school. To finish the week an ambulance will visit on Friday to give students the opportunity to become familiar with what being in an ambulance is like. Hopefully this will help prepare students should they ever need the services of an ambulance. The feedback from the presenter was glowing stating that the students were fantastic, had lots of questions and engaged really well. She also said our teachers were brilliant and prepared the children beautifully. Special thanks to Miss Clark, who herself is a St John Volunteer, for organising the incursion across the school. I’m sure the lessons will stay with our students for life and be valuable skills to build on.

**P&C MEETING AND SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Wirrabirra School Council (6pm) and P&C (7pm) will be held on **Monday 8 August** in the Staffroom. The P&C extends an invitation to all families to attend the meeting and be a part of your child’s school and contribute to improvements being undertaken.

This year we will be holding our Fete in November and are in the throes of planning. Each class will be looking for a few parents to assist with the planning of a stall or activity. If you have any great ideas for stalls, please see your class teacher and come and join us at the meeting. You may have plants you want to donate, be great on bouncy castles or simply want to help out with serving on a stall. It’s always nice on the night if there are lots of helpers and we share the time on a stall.

**LITTLE ATHLETICS**

The Gosnells Olympians Little Athletics have now moved to Wirrabirra and you may have seen their storage container behind D3 next to the oval. A number of our parents are involved with the Club, in particular Mr Louie Ragno who has been working with us and Mr Trenberth in preparations for the athletics season. We look forward to a very positive and productive working partnership with the Club which should provide a further sporting opportunity for our students and greatly assist in their athletic skills development and team skills.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Following the success of our end of term celebration activity with Lego we would like to build “Lego” into our lunch time activities to provide an alternative play activity for children and opportunities to work with others. Can you help us by donating any Lego your children no longer play with that we could put together with the limited amount we currently have? Our plan is to have a mobile pack that can be set up outside in a quiet area and be packed up each day. The activity would be rostered for different age groups and expectations put in place to make it successful.

**REMINDER:** SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY 2.30pm EVERY WEDNESDAY
**SCHOOL PARKING**
The Ranger has spoken with us this week and has been monitoring parking in Jenkinson Street and will now be issuing infringement notices for breaches to parking laws.
The main issues that have arisen are;
- Using the Disabled Parking Bay without ACROD approval. If you pull into the Disabled Parking Bay to pick up or drop off children you are in breach and will be fined.
- Parking behind other parked cars to pick up or drop off.
- Parking across the road on people’s verges. This is council land and saying the owner says you can will not avoid a fine.

There is a sign on the other side of the road indicating where you can park legally. The safety of all children is our main focus for this area and I seek your support to firstly model correct behaviour to your children and secondly take extreme care with children moving to and from cars in and out of the school.
The Staff Car Park is used by our after school providers and is strictly off limits to parents. There are children being loaded into buses and cars by these people and the safety of these children is critical. Please help us to keep your children safe by following the rules and being patient.

**COMING EVENTS**
This term has some terrific events scheduled for you to join with us to celebrate the great things our students do.
- Interschool Cross Country at Lumen Christi College, Thursday 11 August
- Mining Challenge at Southern River College for our Year Five students, Friday 19 August
- Schools Make Music performance at Crown Theatre, Friday 26 August
- Year Six Camp at Dare Adventure Dwellingup, Monday 5 to Friday 9 September
- Learning Journey, Wednesday 14 September

*Regards, Steve Richards, Principal*

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**ESC NEWS**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3! We trust everyone had a good break and have had a chance to refresh all ready for the up and coming busy term.

Thank you to everyone who wore their pyjamas to school yesterday. The students looked great and got a buzz out of wearing their pjs to school. Staff particularly enjoyed the laid back and relaxed easy going casual wear. Photos will be displayed in the admin foyer soon and keep an eye out on the website.

If your child’s teacher has not already contacted you, they will be very shortly to organise an IEP meeting. It is important you commit to your meeting time as the teachers have coordinated the times around their DOTT, days they have been allocated to have a relief teacher in their class and before and after school. Feel free to bring along your child’s report to discuss any questions you have.

We are in the final stages of the Independent Public School (IPS) development program. The School Council and both Steve Richards and myself have completed many tasks designed to help demonstrate our readiness to become an IPS. On Tuesday 2 August Karen Efferille and I will present our narrative to demonstrate we are IPS ready to our allocated panel. We will find out towards the end of the term as to whether we were successful or not.

Dates to remember for this term:
- Year 6 Camp, 5 – 9 September
- Learning Journey, afternoon Wednesday 14 September
- ESC Assembly, Thursday 15 September
- TLC Community Access – 28 July, 18 August, 1 and 22 September

Kind regards

*Julie Dawson*
*Principal*
*Wirrabirra Education Support Centre*

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**P&C NEWS**

Hi everyone

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday, 8 August 7.00 - 8.30pm. We will be discussing Moonlight Markets, welcoming new parents on board and planning. All are welcome, love to see as many as possible there.

Would like some ideas on Parent Information Sessions to be sponsored by P&C - a suggestion has been Social Media for Parents. Come along to the meeting and give us some idea of what you would like to find out about.

Canteen volunteers needed urgently—please contact Bek if you can help in any way

*Naomi Stannett, P&C President*

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**PBS EXPECTATION**

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**COMING HOME TODAY**

😊 Wirrabirra School Term 3 Planner