Interschool Athletics Carnival
Welcome back to the final term of the 2018 school year. It promises once again to be fun and exciting with high expectations for all of our children. We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break.

Staffing Changes
As was advised at the end of last term we have welcomed new staff members to our school for term 4. Mrs McGhee has replaced Ms Bray as Year 4 teacher. Ms Bray has taken on the role as Deputy Principal for this term in the absence of Mrs Toms who has departed our school to be Acting Principal of Lancelin PS. Mrs Summers will take long service leave on Friday's and will be replaced Mrs Donna Clark. We are currently undertaken a selection process for a replacement teacher for Mrs Burns who departs shortly for maternity leave. We welcome our new staff members to our school and congratulate Ms Bray on her appointment to her new role.

Protective Behaviours
The Department of Education mandates that all schools deliver to students the Protective Behaviours Curriculum. We are committed to being a child safe school through the prevention, identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Protective behaviours is a personal safety program designed to equip children with the knowledge, skills and strategies to help prevent and reduce child abuse and violence in the community. We have been fortunate to have our Chaplin, Doug McGhee assist the school in delivering this important safety program in some of our classes. These lessons may spark some questions and discussions from children to their parents. If parents have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher.

Mental Health
Did you know between the ages of 4-17 that 1 in 7 children have had a mental health issue in the past year? 1 in 6 of these children currently receives help. Whilst literacy and numeracy will always be a priority for learning at our school, the social and emotional development of our children is of equal priority. Learning how to manage feelings and get on with others is an important part of children’s development. It helps them become better learners and feel good about themselves. We deliver the PATHS program at Bindoon that teachers the emotional skills and tools for children to cope with emotions, solving problems and learning more effectively. We have also a focus this term on all members of our school community looking out for others and asking a simple question if they feel someone needs a friend, are you ok? If parents have any concerns about the mental well-being of their child we urge you to discuss this firstly with your child’s teacher where appropriate decisions and plans can be discussed. Our School Psychologist can also be involved in follow up support if required through our Student Services Manager Ms Bray. It can make a significant difference when children and families are able to access mental health intervention early.

The Importance of Reading
We have certainly prioritised the importance of children reading. Our home reading night strategy is one initiative we have designed to encourage children to read regularly not only to progress their reading skills but to develop the love and enjoyment for reading. We want to share what Fletcher from year 4 wrote about reading.

“Books will take you to another land. They will change from you sitting on a comfy armchair to walking around a mountain range walking through a portal to take you to a land with a disappearing cat and mad man with a top hat. You might be walking in the famous streets of London begging for money and food at rusty doorsteps or trying to run away from beadles.”

Have an awesome term everyone!
Glen Bewick
PRINCIPAL

What's On:
- Junior Landcare Expo Fri 12th Oct
- Coder Dojo starts Wed 17th Oct
- Assembly Drama Club Fri 28th Oct
- T20 Cricket Gingin Fri 9th Nov
- Kindy Orientation Fri 9th Nov
**P&C News**

Welcome back to term 4. Not that long ago it only seemed like we started this year! With only a couple of months to go, the P&C will be busy with a few activities and events on and we are always looking for help and volunteers!

**Bindoon Rodeo Fundraiser**

The P&C will be holding a fundraising BBQ at this year’s Bindoon Rodeo. If you can spare an hour to either help cook the BBQ or serve on the evening that would be great. Come along for a fun filled night and meet other parents! Camping is also available and parents will be on hand to help look out for kids! – Please contact Lenni on 0439 290 465 if you are interested in helping!

I also want to thank the following people for their kind donations and support towards the Rodeo fundraiser;

Sam and Cindy Sangalli at the Bindoon IGA  
Steve at Dunnings – Chittering Road House  
Leanne and Anne Marie - Bindoon Bakehaus  
Jason - Bindoon Meats

Please support these local businesses that support our school and P&C!!

**Fundraising**

Coming up we will be looking for people to help out at the following events;
- Walk-a-thon – date to be advised
- Basketball canteen – dates to be advised
- Mango Festival 2019 – We will need volunteers for the committee and are hoping to fill the following positions; Canteen Crew, Marketing & Social Media, Coordinator of Stall Holders, Coordinator of Entertainment and Coordinator of localised and event signage. If you are interested please contact Amy McAuliffe on 0400 298 884, or through P&C Facebook page.

**Next Meeting**

The P and C will be meeting next Wednesday 17th October at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the Mediterranean Cafe, Binda Place, Bindoon. The plan is to have pizza’s and everyone is welcome, including kids. Hope to see you there!

Lenni Duffield P&C President  
0439 290 465

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**Bookclub**

With Christmas approaching I often get requests for books from Bookclub to be held at the school and not sent home with the students as they are gifts. If you would like to take advantage of this please either see Dawn or Susan in the office or send me an email at belynda.coles@education.wa.edu.au. Don’t forget to include your phone number so I can phone you when the books arrive to arrange for collection.

The current catalogue has been sent home with students this week and is due back on Monday 22nd October. There will be one more catalogue before Christmas.

This is a great way to give the gift of reading while supporting the school at the same time.

Belynda Coles  
Librarian

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**Coder Dojo By Ayla Newson**

This year Coder Dojo has been a blast! Every Wednesday, a bunch of us who joined, go down to the computer room or the year 2 room after school and we have a fun after school coding club. We don’t look at computer screens all the time either! Last term we learnt how to code with cards. Some of the coding experiences have been: Scratch - a fun app that lets you make dances or games: Floors - an app that lets you make levels using symbols: Bee bots - robots that you program to move and Potato Pirates - a fun coding card game.

Coda Dojo commences 17th October for term 4 after school in the computer room.
Community Lunch

Wednesday October 31st

11:30 to 2:30 pm

Chinkabee Complex

Open to all residents

Please bring a plate to share for lunch

If you are new to the district, or living on your own and would like to get out and meet others please come along.

If you are a card player, bring a pack of cards and meet other like minded card players.

If you play scrabble, bring a set along and have a game.

Or

If you just want a cuppa, chat, and a catch up then we look forward to seeing you.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

We provide swimming lessons for children through our Interm and VacSwim swimming programs.

VacSwim swimming lessons are in the October and December/January school holidays. Lessons are open to children over five years and under 18 years. Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim with lessons conducted at pools and open water venues across the State. Lessons are for beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Interm Swimming lessons are run through schools at all metropolitan aquatic leisure centres and most swimming pools. Lessons are also available at select beaches. Interm Swimming lessons operate at approximately 100 country locations throughout the State. The majority of programs are conducted in swimming pools with some at beach or open water venues, where possible.

Voluntary Contributions, Student Diary and Prime Maths Workbook

We will be sending home statements for 2018 voluntary contributions and charges over the next week.

All children were provided with Prime Maths Workbooks and Diaries at the beginning of the school year paid for by the school. We would appreciate payment of outstanding amounts on your statement.

Thanking you in advance.