



MEDINA MATTERS

Thursday 6th
May 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Western Australian Symphony Orchestra - WASO - WASO started as a pilot program at Medina Primary School Term 4 2014. Now in its fifth full year, the Crescendo Program provides weekly music lessons to all students from Pre-primary to Year 5. The students begin with vocal lessons and progress to playing the violin in Year 4. Each year a new group of students join the program and by 2020 all Medina students will be participating in the Crescendo Program. As educators our primary goal is to help our young students flourish. Working in partnership with the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra our students have had the opportunity to grow in so many ways.

Maximus Musicus Joins the Choir - Excursion - On Friday 14th June all students from Pre-primary to Year 5 who have been involved in the Crescendo Music Program will attend an excursion at the Perth Concert Hall as part of the Crescendo Student Education week. The excursion is a musical performance entitled 'Maximus Musicus Joins the Choir'.

The students will leave school at 8:30am and travel by bus to the venue. Please make sure your child arrives at school by 8:20am on this day as the bus will not be able to wait for any latecomers. Morning Tea (a piece of fruit, a treat and a bottle of water) will be provided for the students after the performance and then the students will arrive back at school by 12:30pm. This will also allow sufficient time for the students who are involved in the Interschool Winter Sports programme to have lunch and be ready to take part in the Sport Programme during the afternoon. There is no cost for the students attending the performance but all students must wear full school uniform.

Please return your permission slips as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your permission slip spares are available at the office.

Due to the whole school excursion, our school canteen will not be open on Friday the 14th June. Please ensure your child has their lunch on this day.

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments - Evidence tells us that a person's life successes, health and emotional wellbeing have their roots in early childhood. Kindergarten provides children with the opportunity to grow in their social/emotional development, develop a love of learning, build on their self-awareness, lay the foundations for academic learning and expose the students to new ideas and concepts. This is achieved through a play based learning program.

We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. We would like to run two Kindergarten classes in 2020 but require 40 students to enrol. Enrolments for our 2020 kindergarten classes are now open and will run on a first in best dressed basis. Please see Mrs Cavanagh to collect your child's enrolment forms or for any questions you may have.

P and C Thank You - A sincere thank you to our wonderful P&C who manned the 'sausage sizzle' on the day of the election. The P&C made over \$700 in profit for our school and we are grateful to everyone who volunteered their time on the day. It was great to see our community come together for an event such as this.

NEWSLETTERS - As of Term 3 our school newsletter will go paperless. This has many benefits such as being more environmentally friendly and saving time and money. You will be able to access our school newsletter via our school website at

<http://medinaps.wa.edu.au/community/newsletters/>

This link will also be shared via the Medina Primary School Facebook page once each new instalment is ready for viewing. If you would like to receive our newsletter via email, please fill in and return the below form to Mrs Cavanagh in admin.

Karen Davey
PRINCIPAL



My details to receive our school newsletter by email are.....

Parent/Carer Name _____

Youngest Child's Name _____ **Room No:** _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE HAND IN TO MRS CAVANAGH IN ADMIN BY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

RESILIENCE

We hear a lot about resilience in the media and in education circles but what is it? Why is it important?

Resilience enables people to shift back along the mental health continuum towards good mental health as represented in the image below. Mental health is not fixed. It can change over time depending on our life experiences and circumstances.



Resilience is an important social and emotional skill and is an important protective factor for children's mental health and wellbeing. Children and young people who are more resilient are better able to stay on track as they move through early childhood into adolescence and into adulthood. Being resilient is very important for children. It is linked to better academic performance and school behaviour and, over the longer term, fewer mental health issues and greater life opportunities.

Children need resilience to manage life's ups and downs. This can include everyday challenges like conflict with friends or losing a game. They can be emotional experiences such as loss, rejection and disappointment. Resilience helps children to manage and cope with stressful situations. It's important for children to be exposed to manageable stress e.g. getting ready for school so they learn how to navigate stressors as it helps to support their mental health and wellbeing.

Parents and carers can help children to build resilience by helping them to:

- develop caring and supportive relationships with others e.g. adults and their peers
- develop their independence by encouraging them to take on responsibilities
- identify, express and manage their emotions
- take on personal challenges

The link below provides some simple tips on how parents and carers can help to build their child's resilience at home.

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/building-resilience>

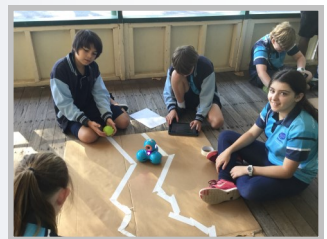
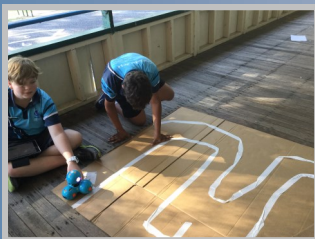
TECHNOLOGIES

CODING AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING

A large emphasis of the Digital Technologies curriculum is being able to code and create in collaborative projects. Studies show that grouping is highly effective for children learning STEM. Rather than feeling isolated when faced with a difficult challenge, working in a group helps promote understanding and creativity. Students work together towards a common goal and help each other learn concepts through peer-to-peer interaction. We also know that these are important skills required for a large proportion of the job market.

With this in mind, the senior students have been working in teams to design a coding project using one form of technology. Over a four week period the students have designed, collaborated, constructed and evaluated their projects. It has been pleasing to see the students successfully achieve the outcome and have some fun along the way.

After learning basic coding skills the junior students will also be given opportunities to work in collaborative groups starting next semester.

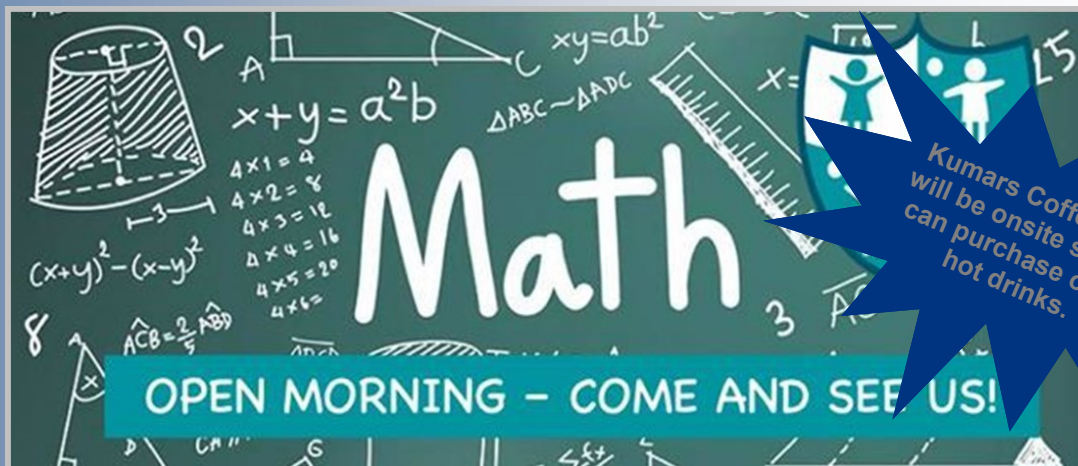


IT JOKE:

"I TRIED TO UPDATE MY COMPUTER THIS MORNING BUT IT WOULDN'T WORK. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, I HAD THAT SYNCING FEELING".

NUMERACY

MAD MATHS MORNING - WEEK 8 - TUESDAY 18TH



Kumars Coffee Van
will be onsite so you
can purchase other
hot drinks.

Please join us from 9:00 - 10:30 in the undercover area to help celebrate Maths across Medina Primary School. Families and carers of all students are encouraged to join us. There will be scones for students as well as biscuits and hot chocolates for any parents/carers that are involved. We look forward to seeing you there!

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Each Friday since Week 3 of the term, a group of almost 40 students have been competing in the inter school, winter sports carnival. Each Friday the soccer, hockey and two netball teams have walked down to Thomas Oval to compete against a number of schools from the wider Kwinana area.

Our hockey team has undoubtedly been our strongest performing team in winter sports. After draws against Orelia and Leda, their undefeated run continued with an 11 to 2 victory over St Vincent's.

We are lucky enough to have two netball teams at Medina PS. Both netball teams have been successful in winning multiple games, this feat is even more impressive since our netball squad is made up of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6's.

After opening with a win against Orelia, our soccer team has come up against much tougher opposition in Leda and St Vincent's. Unlike the other larger schools, Medina's soccer team consists of boys and girls Year 3's up to Year 6's. I have been extremely proud of how this team has carried themselves coming up against difficult opposition. The team has definitely learned to lose graciously.



Mr G with some students
from Room 17

ART NEWS!!!

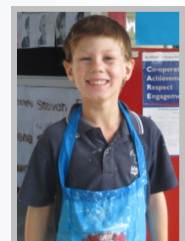
SORRY DAY

Thursday 26th of May was National Sorry Day. To commemorate this important day for our First Nations People the children of Room 16 used bubble writing to create the word "Sorry". They then decorated their work with the colours of the Aboriginal Flag. As you can see they did a wonderful job.



PAPER MACHE

Paper Mache is in full swing. Ms Corina does apologise for any students coming home with flour on their clothes. It is a very messy process, and although we use aprons, somehow the children manage to get it EVERYWHERE! Even behind their ears. Not long now and their creations will be finished. We hope you will be able to come and view them when Medina PS has its very first Art Show. Stay tuned for a note home outlining the date and time.





LITERACY

IS YOUR HOME LITERACY FRIENDLY?

You are your child's first teacher. Your home is where your child will get his or her first experiences with books and reading. Look around your home and think about what you do with your child. Here are 10 things that you can do and/or add to your home to assist in creating a literacy-rich environment.

- ◆ Magnetised alphabet letters to play with.
- ◆ A table or surface readily available for writing or drawing.
- ◆ Crayons and pencils readily available for writing and drawing.
- ◆ Paper readily available for writing and drawing.
- ◆ Read a picture book with your child at least four times a week.
- ◆ Have a detailed and informative conversation with your child nearly every day.
- ◆ Take your child to the library or a bookstore at least once every two months.
- ◆ Encourage your child to tell you what he or she wants using complete sentences.
- ◆ A large and varied selection of picture books.
- ◆ Purchase a new book from each issue of the school's Book Club to help build up your home library.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Be good to people
for no reason.*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My name is Michelle and I am the Chaplain here at Medina PS and welcome to what will be called the Chaplain's Corner of the newsletter. Here I will try to uplift and encourage as well as share some information and advice that will focus on the emotional and social well-being for all students and families at Medina PS.

As the Chaplain my goal is to support and this can be done through many roles within the school.

I provide pastoral care for all students and families, I link the local community and school with agencies and organisations that can help, I facilitate programs that help with anger, social issues and more as well as support in school events and class activities.

My passion is helping and supporting anyway that I can.

I am at Medina on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During these days I also help out at Breakfast Bowl in the mornings. If you have a concern, need support or just a listening ear please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. If you want me to see your child please contact me directly or let the admin office or class teacher know who will in turn let me know. My email address is Michelle.Grobbelaar@youthcare.org.au

Just a small quote to leave you: "Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself." — William Martin

Have a great week 6!



LIBRARY NEWS



Mrs Boyes is thrilled with her new look library. She invites everyone to come through for a look any time they wish during library days.

Please also remind students to return their library books each week and to bring their library bags.

**Library Days:
Thursdays & Fridays**



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

SENIOR CAMP

A friendly reminder that senior camp payments must be fully paid for by
WEEK 8 - Friday 21st June

(This date will not be extended and payments after this date cannot be accepted)

You can make payments by any of the options below

- Cash - Via school administration
- EFT - Via school administration
- Direct Deposit to

Medina Primary School

BSB: 066040

Acc: 19903565

(Please ensure you enter your child's name and the word 'Camp' as a reference)

Please start/continue making payments as soon as possible.

WASO EXCURSION

All students from Pre Primary to Year 5 will be going on an excursion to watch a musical called 'Maximus Musicus Joins the Choir'. This is a free event for all Medina Primary School students that are attending.

Please make sure you child has handed in their permission slip as soon as possible if they haven't already done so.

Date: Friday 14th June

Time: 8:20am (your child must be at school by this time)

Where: Perth Concert Hall

SWIMMING LESSONS

In-Term Swimming lessons will commence in Term 4 this year. At this stage prices will be the same as last year @ \$32 per student. Although we have not provided details regarding the school swimming lesson as yet, you are still welcome to start making payments for this if you would like to get ahead with your payments. Please feel free to contact Mrs Cavanagh in reception on 6174 1100 if you have any queries.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole School photos will take place on Monday 4th November.

Photo order forms will not arrive until some time during Term 3 but please be aware this is at a cost to families and is something you may like to prepare for.

MINI MAKERS PLAYGROUP

This week at Mini Makers Playgroup, we will be making (crafting) campfires to sit and tell stories around. We will also be going on a Bear Hunt, so please bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy.

Date: Friday's weekly

Time 8:45am to 10:15am

Where: Multipurpose Room (MPR)

We look forward to seeing you and Ted there :)

Strong and Smart

Dates to Remember

Friday 7th June
Winter Sports

Wednesday 12th June
Sing & Grow Workshop

Thursday 13th June
Room 16 Assembly

Friday 14th June
WASO Excursion
Winter Sports

Friday 21st June
Winter Sports
Final Payments Due for Senior Camp

Monday 24th June
School Board Meeting

P&C NEWS

Fundraising Updates

On Saturday 18th during the Federal Election we held a fundraising bbq at Medina PS. The bacon and egg burgers and sausage sizzle were a huge success and we raised a total **profit of \$728**.

We have received a total of 217 orders for our personalised brick pavers and have raised a **profit of \$3134**. These have all been proofed and are currently in production. They should take 3-4 weeks and will then be ready for dispatch. We are aiming to have these laid by the end of Term 3.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Medina Primary School P&C Association. It is greatly appreciated.

2020

Kindy Enrolments

Kindy enrolments for 2020 are now open.

Due to many late enrolments for the current schooling year we were unable to open up 2 kindergarten classes this year.

We urge all parents to please get your child's kindy enrolments in early this year so the same thing does not occur in 2020.

You may download an enrolment package via our school website at

<http://medinaps.wa.edu.au/join-us/enrolments/>

Alternatively you may call into our administration on Westcott Road and collect an enrolment pack yourself.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Keep an eye out for more details on special visitors coming to our school in Term 3



Sing&Grow

Music Tools Workshop - Medina
for Kwinana Early Years Professionals

Do you want to learn how to harness the power of music to enhance your work with children?

This 2-hour workshop provides practical strategies and tools for incorporating music into everyday activities with children to support learning, transitions, behaviour, creativity and fun.

Participants can gain new ideas and activities that can be immediately applied in their work.



"The facilitator is brilliant and super motivating. I found the workshop to be very engaging and I gained lots of ideas for my classroom. How to manage the transition from active to calm was very useful." Kindy Teacher Kwinana PS

Date: Wednesday 12 June 2019

Time: 2.45pm to 4.45pm

Venue: The Library, Medina Primary School
2 Westcott Rd, Medina WA 6167

Booking for the workshop is essential. Please email Medina.PS@education.wa.edu.au with 'Music Tools' as the email subject.

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At Medina Primary School we show **C.A.R.E.**

Co-operation Achievement Respect Engagement



Medina
PRIMARY SCHOOL

AT MEDINA PRIMARY SCHOOL WE C.A.R.E.

Behaviour Matrix

	Co-operation	Achievement	Respect	Engagement
In Class	<p>We co-operate with others on shared learning tasks.</p> <p>We are held accountable for doing our share of the work when completing group activities.</p> <p>We listen to and follow instructions from adults.</p> <p>We encourage and accept others' opinions.</p> <p>We fully participate in activities.</p> <p>We reflect on our actions.</p>	<p>We set personal goals and work towards them.</p> <p>We reflect on and celebrate success.</p> <p>We persevere.</p> <p>We display pride in all that we do.</p> <p>We work independently when required.</p>	<p>We wear the Medina PS uniform with pride.</p> <p>We show respect and good manners to peers and adults.</p> <p>We are responsible for our property, equipment and behaviour.</p> <p>We are honest.</p> <p>We respect others personal space and safety.</p> <p>We manage our feelings and emotions in a positive way.</p> <p>We treat all resources appropriately and only use them for the purpose intended.</p>	<p>We arrive at class on time.</p> <p>We help and encourage others by using positive gestures.</p> <p>We ask for help when help is needed.</p> <p>We are active learners.</p>
Out of Class	<p>We remain seated in our designated areas when eating.</p> <p>We co-operatively agree on and follow game rules before starting.</p> <p>We play safely.</p> <p>We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.</p> <p>We wear a Medina PS hat when outside.</p>	<p>We do our best and challenge ourselves.</p> <p>We stay within set areas.</p> <p>We support and encourage others to do their best.</p>	<p>We move around the school in a quiet and orderly manner.</p> <p>We wait outside classrooms quietly and responsibly.</p> <p>We are respectful of others and their games.</p> <p>We respect our environment by placing rubbish in bins, walking on paths and conserving resources.</p> <p>We only enter classrooms when a teacher is present.</p>	<p>We participate in all activities and 'have a go'.</p> <p>We are inclusive of others and provide opportunities for them to join in.</p>