



MEDINA MATTERS

At Medina PS we C.A.R.E.

Thursday 8th
August 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

We would like to welcome everyone back for the start of Term 3. We have had a great start to the term. Term 3 is looking like it will be another busy term. Please remember to check the Term Planner and our Facebook page in order to ensure you keep up to date with all that is happening at our school.

NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Mr Sean Holland to Medina Primary School. Mr Holland has joined our staff and will be teaching Science across the school for Semester 2.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education provides the foundation for a student's learning. Through play-based learning children are able to engage in real-life and imaginary play experiences that challenge thinking, promote communication, inspire creativity and nurture socio-emotional well-being. At Medina Primary School we offer an engaging Kindergarten and Pre-primary program for our young students. Our students are provided with the opportunity to play, laugh and learn. This allows students to practise skills, communicate with others, take on challenges and solve problems in fun and enjoyable ways.

We also provide opportunities too for younger students to engage with our school through our **Kindilink Program**. Kindilink is a play and learn initiative for three year old children in the year before they start Kindergarten. Children attend with a parent/carer for six hours a week. Kindilink offers high quality play-and-learn sessions for children and their parent/carer at the participating schools, at no cost to families. Families are supported by a teacher and assistant to be actively involved in the activities with their children. Where there is room in the program, younger members of the family may also attend with the three year old. We are currently opening our Kindilink Program up to **ALL** families. If you would like your child to attend Kindilink please come along to our sessions on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August from 8:45am – 11:45am in the Yaagin Building at Medina Primary School. **All families with 0 – 4 year old children are welcome.** Please contact the school on 6174 1100 for more information.

Don't forget we also run our Mini Maker's playgroup every Friday morning from 8:45am – 10:15am in the Multipurpose Room at the rear of the school. This Friday the children will be having fun with sensory play and making a bear. If you would like your child to attend, please bring a piece of fruit to share and a water bottle. We look forward to seeing our families there.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance directly impacts on a students' academic achievement. When a students' attendance falls below 90%, they are considered to be 'at risk' of not achieving to their full potential. To fall below 90% a student only needs to miss 5 days of schooling in a term. We encourage parents to take this into consideration and look to minimise the time their child is absent from school. We strongly encourage all students to attend every day. If your child is absent, please advise your child's teacher or the front office.

Our Vision

Our shared vision for the Medina Primary School community is to develop an understanding and commitment to the promotion of a "Strong and Smart" ethos, incorporating strength of mind, body and soul. We aim to establish an inclusive community that encourages acceptance, respect and compassion. We would like our students to be happy at school and in life.

If a student attends 80% of the time they will miss:

- 1 day a week
- 2 weeks a term
- 8 weeks a year
- 1 year by the end of Year 4
- 2 years by the end of Year 8
- 3 years by the end of Year 12
- 1 year between Year 8 and Year 11

It is also imperative that students arrive at school on time. Teaching commences at 8:30am every morning.

- Students who arrive late miss the introduction and consolidation of key learning concepts.
- The early morning learning activity is often reading or writing. Arriving late may mean your child loses so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- Arriving on time helps your child learn about routines and commitment.
- Arriving at school before 8:30am provides the opportunity for your child to greet their friends before class, prepare for the day ahead and reduces the possibility of disruption to the class. Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset the learning of other students.
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Parents and carers are invited to come along to visit their child's class and see their learning journey for 2019. All classrooms will be open from 3:00pm – 5:00pm on Tuesday 13th August. Our teachers have been working very hard with the students to provide an opportunity for parents to see and hear about their child's learning and ensuring classrooms look amazing. Parents will also have the opportunity to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. We hope to see as many families as possible visiting the school. Families who attend also have a chance to win a 'gift card'.

A free sausage sizzle is available for all that attend the Open Afternoon. Drinks will also be available to purchase for \$1.00. For catering purposes we ask that families return the **Sausage Sizzle Order Form** that was sent home earlier in the week to classroom teachers by Friday.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that interschool cross country is on this Friday and I look forward to seeing you there cheering on the students. A big thank you to Mr Holland for the work he has put into preparing our students for this event. We wish all students taking part in the Cross Country event good luck for Friday.

Karen Davey
PRINCIPAL

OPEN DAY



Sausage Sizzle Order Form



**Tuesday 13th August
3:00pm to 5:00pm**

*Please circle whether or not you will be attending this event. If yes, please enter the amount of sausage sizzles you would like (one allowed per person) and how many cool drinks you would like to purchase on the day.

I will be attending the Medina Primary School Open Day event (please circle) **YES** or **NO**

Yes I would like a FREE sausage sizzle ☐ (FREE)

Yes I would like to purchase a soft drink or fruit box ☐ (\$1.00 ea - pay on the day)

Family name _____

Student's Room numbers _____, _____, _____, _____

Parents Signature _____

ART NEWS

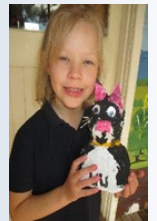
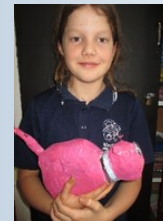
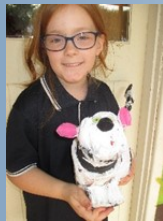
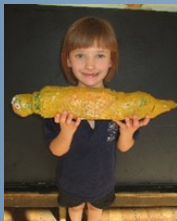
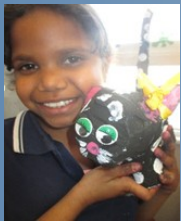
PRINTING WITH PAINTED MARBLES



To produce these art pieces the students of Medina Primary used marbles dipped in paint to transfer an image upon a surface from which a “transfer” using ink is possible. This resulted in the use of artistic processes inspired by the Japanese printmaking technique called Suminagashi (floating ink).

PROJECTS

These students have completed their paper mache sculptures and you can see how fabulous they turned out! Some children are still in the process of construction and will finish very soon.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS to our Artist of the Week winners for the last 3 weeks. Summah-Lee Maika Room 16-Walitj. Jamella Racasa Room 17-Maamang, and Deborah Hall Room 16-Walitj.

WHATZ AAAART

Art this term sees the students exploring different techniques and processes used in the production of Textiles and Printmaking to create pieces. Medina needs your support in gathering resources to create our projects. We need unwanted items such as old T-shirts, pillow cases, sheets, towels, jeans, shoes, scarves, tiles, and picture frames. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. As your Medina Primary Schools Art-Specialist it is my role to give your child as many opportunities as I can to help them express themselves creatively. And it is my goal to guide students into not only creating art, but to also have them sell it too. That's all for now. Have a fabulous few weeks, and remember...

ART HAS
THE ROLE IN EDUCATION
OF HELPING CHILDREN
BECOME LIKE THEMSELVES
INSTEAD OF MORE
LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
-SYDNEY GUREWITZ CLEMENS

LITERACY

LETTERS & SOUNDS: PARENTS GUIDE

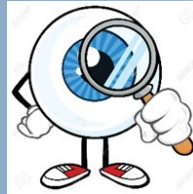
Here at Medina PS we run the Letters & Sounds phonics programme in all our Kindy – Year 2 classes. Letters & Sounds covers the teaching of phonics and high frequency words and is split into 5 phases. Please check with your child's classroom teacher as to what phase your child is working in. Below is some basic information what your child is learning in each phase along with some useful websites to try out at home.

Phase 1

This paves the way for systematic learning of phonics. Teacher's plan activities that will help children listen attentively to sounds around them, such as the sounds of their toys and to sounds in spoken language.

Things to try at home

- Play games like 'I spy'
- Sing songs and rhymes together
- Make a 'junk band' with pots & pans
- Share lots of books together



Phase 2

In Phase 2, students will also be taught the phonemes (sounds) for a number of letters (graphemes). Your child will be taught how to pronounce the sounds (phonemes) correctly to make blending easier. They should be able to orally blend (sound out) cvc words e.g. when you sound out c-a-t they can tell you the word is cat.

Phase 3

The purpose of this phase is to teach 25 graphemes (letters) most of them comprising of two letters (e.g. oa) so the children can represent each of the 42 phonemes (sounds). Your child will continue to blend and segment for reading and spelling (e.g. pool).

Phase 4

In Phase 4, children continue to practise previously learned graphemes and phonemes. During this phase, sounds with adjacent consonants or initial and final blends are taught e.g. bl, dr, sc, ft, sp.

Phase 5

The purpose of this phase is for children to broaden their knowledge of graphemes and phonemes for use in reading and spelling. They will learn new graphemes and alternative pronunciations e.g. the phoneme 'a' can have alternative phonemes hat/ a/corn/was. There are many alternatives that children will investigate during this time.

Useful websites

www.educationcity.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/
www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeindex
www.letters-and-sounds.com
www.ictgames.com/literacy.html



TECHNOLOGIES

Coding Club Update

Our wonderful coding club students are hard at work at the moment preparing for the upcoming Lego League challenge held in Term 4. FIRST® LEGO® League is a multi-part competition judged on three important elements: robotics, a project that focuses on a global issue and team work. The students work together as a team to construct, code, research and problem-solve. For the remainder of the term our "coders" will practise and hone their skills and begin to develop a project that they can present at the competition. Our goal is to improve from last year whilst also having lots of fun along the way! This would only be possible with the support of the Smith Family and our wonderful volunteers who turn up week in, week out! Thanks for supporting our students.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This semester, as part of the Health and Wellbeing Initiative, students from PP - Yr 6 will be taking part in weekly 'Friendly Schools' lessons. Mrs Foletta will be working in classrooms with staff to deliver the program.

Friendly Schools Plus is an anti-bullying initiative for schools which has been developed through extensive research with Australian children and adolescents. It is recognised nationally and internationally as a comprehensive, evidence-based approach that can reduce bullying behaviour. The Friendly Schools initiative has been designed to align with both the [Australian Curriculum](#) and the [National Safe Schools Framework](#).

The Friendly Schools program enables schools to assess the social and emotional wellbeing of students, examine existing strategies for bullying prevention, identify areas in need of improvement and then address these gaps.

The initiative also addresses research suggesting that the development of qualities such as; resilience, positive self-esteem, empathy, social skills, self-management skills, decision-making skills and conflict resolution can help to protect students from the harmful effects of bullying.

We are looking forward to working with students to further develop their social and emotional skills and supporting their mental health and wellbeing.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3 for 2019, I hope the school break was restful as we go into this term motivated and positive for what's to come. You might be feeling that positivity is the last thing you want hear right now, your life might be full of hurdles, overwhelming or really stressful at the moment with no room for "positive thinking". As much as it is easier to become down or negative the truth is that your thoughts become your actions and perception creates reality.

Only seeing the negative or constantly using negative language changes your emotion and outlook on a situation, negative thinking could include saying: "Why is this always happening to me?", "I will not be able to get through this" and "I can't go on any further" and these thoughts leave no room for problem solving and is so powerful you later have no ability to see anything positive anymore.

Developing a habit of noticing positives in a day will have a profound effect not only for you but your children as well. As parents you model the behaviour and attitude your child will have, encourage them not only with words but your actions. Tell them to not give up even when it is really difficult and to work through the struggle so that they can know what it feels like to persevere. Having a positive outlook even when things are difficult teaches a life lesson they will benefit from their entire life.

Life has flows, sometimes it is good and sometimes it is really bad, what you feel and do about it is the only control you will have. Your child looks to you for guidance, teach them there is good even when it doesn't feel like it.

Just a quote for you to think over: "A positive attitude gives you power over your circumstances, instead of your circumstances having power over you." – Joyce Meyer.



Strong and Smart

Dates to Remember

Friday 9th August
Interschool Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday 13th August
Open Afternoon 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday 16th August
Rick the Rock visit 8:45am

Monday 19th August
School Board Meeting

Wednesday 21st August
BOOK WEEK - Story Telling

Friday 23rd August
BOOK WEEK - Dress Up Parade

Wednesday 28th August
Eagles Footy Clinic 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Footy Colours Day

2020

Kindy Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2020. If your child turns 4 before 30 June 2019 they are eligible to join our Kindy program for next year.

Enrolment packages and other required forms can be collected from the school's administration.

Interested parents are invited to contact the school and speak with Mrs Cavanagh to organise a tour and to discuss any queries they may have.

Phone: 6174 1100



Kolbe Catholic College Year 7, 2021 Aboriginal Scholarships

The College would like to invite any Aboriginal students who are entering Year 7 in 2021 to apply for a Scholarship at the College.

All information is available by:
Accessing our website at

www.kolbe.wa.edu.au

Or following this direct link

<https://www.kolbe.wa.edu.au/join#ENROLMENT>

or

Collection or requesting postage of an application directly from the College

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact

Mrs Lisa Dann the College's Aboriginal Liaison Officer
on 08 9592 1500.



KindiLink



Come along to KindiLink to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day!

We will be making damper, creating boomerang designs and snake crafts. There will be storytelling and songs under the KindiLink tree.

All families with children 0-4 years are welcome.

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th August 2019
8:45am-11:45am
Yaagin Place
Medina Primary School
2 Westcott Road, Medina

We look forward to seeing you all there!

BOOK WEEK PARADE

(Reading is my secret power)

**Dress up as your favourite
SUPER HERO**

Friday 23rd August



With thanks to our sponsors:

City of Kwinana, Hon Roger Cook MLA, Alcoa, Kwinana Medical Centre, The Smith Family, Bunnings, The Wirrpanda Foundation, KOYA Organisation, WASO, Kwinana RSL, Lions Club of Kwinana

BOOST

Literacy Workshop for Parents

Do you want to help your child learn to read and spell?

The BOOST program provides information to parents of children (Kindergarten to Year 1) about how to support their child's early literacy through games and exciting activities.

All parents participating in the two sessions will receive a 'Literacy Pack' (over \$90 in value!) to support what is covered in the workshop.

Attendance for **both** workshops is essential.



Crèche can be booked for a small fee through Toddler Town Crèche, located at the ground floor of Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre.

Date: Tuesdays, 13 August 2019 and 20 August 2019

Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm

Venue: Ken Jackman Hall North,
Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre

To secure your place in both workshops,
Please email: calista@ngala.com.au or phone 9367 0960.

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Comet Bay College

True excellence is a constant quest for improvement

The West Australian Football Commission has labelled the Comet Bay College Australian Football Specialist Program the "Benchmark" of school specialist programs in Western Australia. We are proud to extend this invitation to aspiring young Footballers to register for our highly acclaimed 2020 Australian Football Specialist Program Trials. Applications for entry into this program are not limited by the college's local intake area.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING TRIAL REGISTRATIONS FOR:

- Year 6 students applying for Year 7 in 2020
- Year 7 students applying for Year 8 in 2020
- Year 8 students applying for Year 9 in 2020
- Year 9 students applying for Year 10 in 2020
- Year 10 students applying for Year 11 in 2020

**REGISTER ONLINE BY
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER,
2019 VIA OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au**

TRIAL DETAILS

Date: Thursday 19th September, 2019

Venue: Comet Bay College Oval,
2 Allatoona Avenue Secret Harbour

Bring: A photocopy of your child's most recent school report (no originals), football boots, shorts, socks and running shoes. Football guernseys will be provided for use on the day.

This Program is proudly supported by:



SPORTING SCHOOLS

WHAT IS SPORTING SCHOOLS?

- Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based sports participation program, designed to help foster a lifelong interest in sport.
- The program connects schools and local sports clubs to get more children active in their communities.
- Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families, and allows schools to also purchase equipment and resources.

SPORTING SCHOOLS BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

- Utilise resources from the popular Aussie Hoops program.
- Use a nationally endorsed curriculum that develops fundamental movement skills and meets F-10 outcomes.
- Have strong links to community basketball clubs and associations.
- Feature affordable prices for sessions and equipment.
- Provide a fun, inclusive and engaging basketball experience for all abilities and genders.

AUSSIE HOOPS

- Basketball Australia's official junior introductory program for 5 – 10 year olds.
- Aussie Hoops introduces children to basketball with a nationally accredited coaching curriculum consisting of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by accredited coaches.

HOW DOES MY SCHOOL REGISTER?

- Visit www.sportingschools.gov.au to register your school, and book a basketball program.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- For more information on Sporting Schools visit www.sportingschools.gov.au
- To find your local Aussie Hoops provider visit www.aussiehoops.com.au



WHERE CAN MY SCHOOL BUY EQUIPMENT FROM?

Visit www.aussiehoops.com.au
and click 'Shop'

