

Principal's Post – 27 July 2017

Dear Parents and members of our school community,

At the beginning of this school year, I wrote to all families about the school's new policy around Homework. The link to the full article is below.

<http://www.stjeromes.wa.edu.au/homework-and-parent-information-night/>

We have now had one semester of students and families working at home under this new policy.

I have had discussions with parents who would prefer that we return to a standard worksheet based Homework approach whilst others are delighted to discover that freed from such constraints, their children have become very keen readers.

Still other families have commented that "I love and applaud the idea of no homework however I am also not opposed to revision and extra tasks at home, at any time, no matter the reason."

Teachers too have mentioned that as a part of reading especially in the early years, they are sending home practice words or simple spelling tasks for a short period of time. As was explained at the start of the year, teachers in Year 5 & 6 have agreed that there will often be times when work begun in class will be continued at home. However, this will be entirely different from some generic worksheet given to all students. For example, Year 5 & 6 students have had to prepare various talks and class presentations at home or research a specific topic.

It is time to hear from you on how you are managing your children's daily reading demands.

Inclusion of your name on this survey is completely optional. We are using Google Docs to collect your responses and I will be sharing the results with everyone.

Below is a link to the homework survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ly-FxTM2KU-zhIHaU-NeI9CznY8UMVFNkwZJ8kjL_3ZUM1VCMVpEMEKyNIFPOFYwMIE2R01EWVIFNS4u

Book Week Parade

**When: Week 5 August 16th
Wednesday at 9am**



Theme: *Escape to Everywhere*

Book Week is a great time to promote and celebrate books! Children can dress up or make something to represent the theme, their favourite character in a fiction book or a non-fiction interest. Children could use their imagination and make things out of boxes, paint or recycled materials for the parade. The emphasis is on the fun we can have with books. Reading is a wonderful **escape** for children – they can take them to amazing places, entertain and educate them.

Mrs Lorraine Smith
Librarian

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Phoenix Park Little Athletics Club



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Phoenix Park Little Athletics Club was established in 1976 and is the oldest club affiliated with the Cockburn Little Athletics Centre. We are seeking new members to take part in the upcoming summer athletics season commencing October 2017. Athlete ages range from under 6's through to under 17's.

Our ethos encourages the development of physical fitness in children of all abilities and capabilities through the provision of specialist coaching across multiple athletics disciplines. Children are encouraged to have fun, participate, and achieve their personal best in a family friendly, supportive, and interactive environment.

Phoenix Park LAC is located at Edwardes Park, Lincott Way Spearwood WA 6163. Training sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5.00 - 6.15pm. New members are welcome to visit and see what we can offer during no obligation trial sessions commencing 12 September 2017. Please contact Kylie 0415 839 136 or Tracey 0417 188 658 (Registrars) for more information or email phoenixparkregistrar@gmail.com

I will be away from school from tomorrow, Friday 28 July until Monday 7 August.

In a very sensible move to assist the far away Kimberly principals, Catholic Education and the Catholic Primary Principals' Association have organised the annual conference to be alongside the normal CEWA Principal Information Days.

In my absence, Mrs Hoare will be here as Acting Principal.

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