

## Child Side Update Term 3 Sept

**Active Literacy:** Our Early Childhood Cluster's Book Party has been delayed to next term due to printer delays with the children's books and waiting for Kate Milne (our teaching student) to begin her 5 week practicum in Term 4. We have all been reading and writing for authentic purposes and practising in preparation for our invitations to the Book Party. We have been using Pie Corbett's Talk to Text strategies (Google him) to actively engage each and every child in the talking, listening, reading, writing process on a daily basis.

Please encourage **all** children to read and **ACT** upon the signs around the school eg: F.U.R. (Find, Use, Return)- especially the older children with our sports equipment before and after school hours, balls in particular; keeping all gates closed (a legal safety obligation) and the symbols on the 'All Welcome' sign:

Please keep reminding them to store their personal gear, especially hats and shoes, helmets and mountain bikes where they can find them (Term 4 mountain bike programme returns week 1 for MCC (Lisa). Please note hats, water bottles, shoes for fitness are essential DAILY work tools for everyone at school!

**Quick Kids Skating Sessions:** This Australian Sports Commission endorsed programme will end this term as the mountain bike skills and endurance programme will return term 4 at school for the MCC (year 3-7). The focus of both these programmes is based on skill development and individual improvement with the emphasis on personal effort and resilience, determination, active listening, applied learning and commitment. The phrase 'Practice makes progress' is clearly evident with each and every child having made clear and consistent progress in their confidence and competence. This coming Tuesday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> September our **Quick Kids Skate Skill Demonstration Exhibition** will be held from 5:30-6:30pm. Please arrive by 5pm and be **ready** to go on the floor by 5:30 promptly as the Rink has other classes on both before and after our session. The Demonstration of Skills will include:

- Warm up laps and a briefing
- Group demonstration of physical skills under 'pressure'/performance conditions eg: games, races, personal effort required.
- Demonstration of race and game etiquette and safety considerations
- Demonstration of personal resilience and effort, ability to focus and apply skills under 'duress'.
- Handing out of certificates (Skate Australia Quick Kids certification).
- A number of informal 'races' will occur as this motivates individuals to add personal effort and creates a context to apply skills under 'pressure'. Racing elicits a very complex set of skills –physical, temporal, emotional maturity (resilience), body and spatial awareness, concentration, reaction times, application of technique and control.

## Important Dates

*Please check website and whiteboard outside the middle building.*

**Exhibition of Skate Skills for Quick Kids** : Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept from 5-6:30pm at The Rink, Bunbury. All welcome to come and watch a fun, energetic demonstration of skills and group awareness with physical 'risk-taking' in a controlled environment  
**PLEASE NOTE:** The final Quick Kids session will still be held on the Thursday morning 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 8:50am.

**Fire, Food and Family Festival combined with Family Enterprise Stalls** : - Last Friday evening of this term 26<sup>th</sup> Sept from 5pm-7:30ish. The oldest children will share their 'rite of passage' through a choreographed symbolic fire twirling sequence which is their exhibition of learning of the Arts curriculum. All families encouraged to make and sell food, busk etc before the performance. SAFETY will be paramount during the performance. Please gather your children and leave **directly** after the performance for safety reasons. Accidents and upsets occur with over stimulated children in the dark.