

Connect

Child Side Update

Term 4– October 2013

“We create our world by what we choose to notice.”

Margaret Wheatley – “A Simpler Way

What's Up: We have all survived (and hopefully thrived) through another constructively busy term for our whole community. Our Little Day Out LDO was a huge success in terms of social, financial, physical progress and in educational terms of Big Pictures 6 As of learning, in particular providing children with authentic and active ways to express their learning.

Living Fund Raisers: We have only just broken even with this new fundraising initiative and due to Clair being away we have not logged who has returned either their \$ or their bags. So..... Please see Karron or Clair ASAP so they can wrap up before end of term. Every cent counts! We have a major expense (see below).

Reticulation: The funds raised throughout the year through our P and F initiatives (including this LDO and the ones in the future....) have been used to put in reticulation for our grounds. The bore was stage 1 and went in a few years back. Due to the work load on Karron and the need for her and other families to water over the Christmas break the Governing Council GC (formerly COM) made the decision to put in the reticulation in time for summer. (and before the quotes increased again!) This is extremely exciting for the foundation families of this school (as was the chook pen) as it has been 'on the cards' forever! Watching the workers with all the right skills and tools, has been so exciting for those of us who personally physically built and funded the school in its early years. The next step is to make the grounds level again and top dressing. We will need to keep the children off these areas for some time while the work is being completed.



Health Awareness: Summer is here and along with that comes the need to have a hat (rather than a cap) and water bottle EVERDAY. Please consider clothing that covers shoulders, especially for the girls. Snake alerts are still current.

The WA health department has put out an alert to all schools regarding a chronic fungal infection called *Sporotrichosis* (see fact sheet on parent white board).

'Volunteers' : Our Foundation Child Side students, Jaiden and Nicholas, have finished their school year at Manea and will be back here helping out. Please feel free to chat to them about their transition experiences between Child Side and Manea. Being teenage lads, they may need approaching as 'volunteering' information and interaction spontaneously is unlikely to be on their agendas. We also have Lindsey volunteering with us. She is a Science Teacher and is interested in matching the theory she studied at University with practice. She feels that the Child Side way is aligned to what she has been studying and would like to help out.

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Important Dates: Please check our website calendar and the whiteboard up on the middle building regularly. Please read your Whats Up Info for more detail.

Wednesday 4th December- 2pm at school, **Post Primary School Options.** Join us for a conversation about Year 7 and beyond in the middle room. Representatives from Manea will be joining us. Please bring afternoon tea for your child and some to share with the adults. Children will be supervised.

Friday 6th December:
Big Idea– Bunbury Icons Walking Tour. 8:50 drop off at Big Swamp, Prince Phillip Drive, Bunbury. **Manea Senior College Tour for parents– 9:30ish.** Join us for the rest of the day on our walking tour OR pick Up at Dolphin Discovery centre– Koombana Bay at 3:00.

Wednesday 11th December: Early Close followed by **Christmas Spiral 5pm** onwards. Please bring candles (in containers), matches, savoury and sweet plates to share, chairs, torches, singing voices, rosemary cuttings, Christmas spiral memories and symbolic objects from the animal, plant, mineral and human worlds to place on our spiral.

Friday 13th December: FLA and Lisa's Middle Childhood Cluster **Exhibitions of Learning** followed by lunch at the Bull and Bush restaurant in Boyanup. Lisa will need numbers and menu choices in the next week.

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