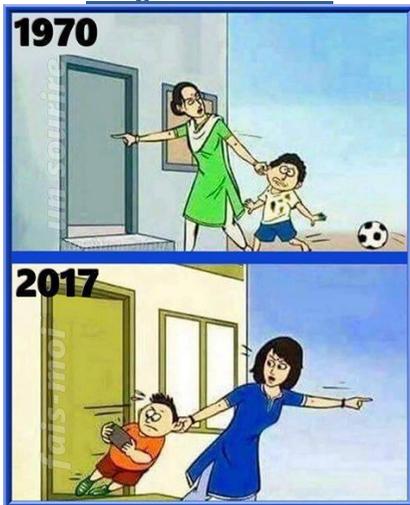


# Child Side Update Term 2 May

**Welcome back everyone to Term 3-** Welcome to Arlia and her family down in the ECC and welcome back to Kade/Janine/Bruce and shortly to Georgie/Toni/Paul from their overseas travels.

**Educator Planning Days:** Please check whiteboards around the school to keep track of who (staff) is in each cluster each day (this also includes for staff sickness, professional learning and meetings).

**A sign of the times:**



Diann Bates- Lost Perth Facebook

**ABC act, belong, commit:** Investment of parent time, interest and energy committing to supporting children to actively engage pays off down the track in adolescence and adulthood. There are enormous benefits for everyone when families are active in community classes and courses such as Stirling Street Art courses, Soccer, Little Athletics, Speed Skating, In-door volleyball, AusKick, Scouts, Dancing, Bush Rangers etc... with the recommended time of a term's commitment to develop relationships, build skills and gain competency which equals confidence and willingness to return and stay engaged. It is easier to motivate children to commit, especially during winter, when they are members of a club or team or have a group environment to participate. MCC is the ideal age to start developing longer term interests and passions to sustain and engage fitness, mentoring, creativity, purposeful socialising, setting goals, getting out of the house.... (hopefully not as depicted in the cartoon above!!!!)

**Seasonal adjustments:** Please remember that a set a of spare clothes for all is very handy after working and participating outdoors which we all do across the whole school on a daily basis. Water bottles still required daily. Please help children across ALL clusters to wear warm clothes rather than rely on indoor heating and to TAKE HOME shoes, clothes etc

**Children's voice and choice:** To honour children's interests, ideas and enthusiasm we support any initiative generated by children. Our next Voice and Choice initiative is this Friday for the ECC who have voiced a need for their outdoor learning environment to have some attention. A group of children have started working on Penguin Island and have requested more succulents. The boat needs a hole drilled in the bottom to drain water and they would like a 'moat' around the boat- and lighthouse, jetty etc. They have also requested an upgrade to their mine site which we would like to landscape with rocks etc to keep the sand in the zone. Any donations of outdoor paint (left overs), bush poles, succulents, smooth river rocks/pebbles, large ceramic, plastic, wooden tubs, wooden pallets, tyres... welcomed (any not used will go to the MCC Big Ideas Outdoor Pit). During their outdoor day (weather dependent) they also plan to plant out the veggie garden and bush kitchen and have a sports clinic. Enterprise day will also take place that afternoon. Thanks to all who participate in these small family businesses and who join in the market place as traders, buyers, buskers, the social village helping us all raise children well.... Set up and clean up help is sincerely appreciated!

**Leaving School to Learn and Living Books:** This term YACs will be attending Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food at ECU over 7 weeks. TAFE students will be working at school across the 3 clusters for this term and early term 4, implementing fitness circuits. Thank you to Liam Morrissey, who participated in the MCC week as part of his Year 10 work experience requirement from Grace Christian School. His feedback was how engaged all the children were and how much they all willingly participated in everything. Hong-Mei from China will be with us every Monday as part of the Languages/Culture exchange for this term, however she has had to return to China in the short term on family business.

**Performing Arts:** YACs will continue the FLA tradition of Fire-Twirling as a symbolic rite of passage transitioning from childhood to adolescence from one cluster to the next. This transition is filled with new and challenging experiences, calculated risk taking, pushing boundaries and stretching out of comfort zones whilst working within a supportive community. The end of term fire-twirling experience planning and practice is already underway. Family support for afterhours practice is greatly appreciated.

## Important Dates

*Please check outdoor whiteboards.*

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July ECC Outdoor Work Day-** Children's Voice and Choice

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July- Family Enterprise Stalls 3pm+:** Homemade, home grown, delicious, useful and interesting products/fresh produce on sale.

**YACs attend Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food at ECU: Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> August until end of term**

**Governing Council meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August for board members**

**School Development days 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August** (no children, staff only)



**Car Park:** Please continue to be vigilant in and around the car park at both *arrival and departure times*. Children should be with a parent at all times when in the car park. It is impossible to see small children when reversing. Even older, taller children should either be in their car or in the yard rather than chatting or playing in car park. Please do NOT open gates for any children even if they ask you or you can see their parent. Often parents like to chat and may not be aware that their children are out of the gate.

**Absentee notes, texts, phone calls:** Any absence from school needs to be recorded with Karron.