



Important Dates

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY
MSP Photography

THURSDAY 2 MARCH
Assembly—Seniors

MONDAY 13 MARCH
First Family Cultural
incursion

TUESDAY 14 MARCH
Faction Carnival

MONDAY 20 MARCH
GRIP Leadership
Excursion : Year 5 & 6

MONDAY 20 MARCH
Constitution Centre
incursion
Salmon Gums Primary
School students visiting

From the Principal:

It's like we never left! The students have settled back into the routines of school life seamlessly.

Student Leaders

I would like to formally welcome our new Student Leaders for 2017; Dustin, Luca, Bevan, Mitch and Ollie. They are all very eager, organised and setting a good example for the younger students in the school. They are so organised that they have already completed a jobs timetable for the whole year!

New Strategic Plan

Last week you would have received a copy of our Scaddan Primary School Strategic Plan 2017-2019. This outlines the work the school will undertake over the next three years. Our identified priority areas are;

1. Successful Students
2. Effective Teaching and Leadership
3. ICT
4. Community Partnerships

Included within the plan are the targets we will measure our performance against. This plan was endorsed by the School Council in December 2016.

ORIGO Stepping Stones

ORIGO Stepping Stones is our new core program to deliver the Mathematics curriculum to our students. ORIGO is an interactive resource that engages students through interactive whiteboard tools, games and problem solving as well as delivering content required by the Western Australian Curriculum in an explicit manner. Teachers have had some professional learning on this program and will have the opportunity to learn more in Week 8 of this term.

Staff Professional Learning

While students were enjoying the last few days of their holidays, staff from Salmon Gums and Scaddan combined for some professional learning. Our time focussed on learning more about the English curriculum and how to use ORIGO Stepping Stones. Staff from both schools were then provided with time to share teaching and learning programs.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

January

Zain — 31st



MSP Photography

MSP Photography will be at our school to take our annual photos on Tuesday 21 February 2017. Students are asked to wear a white shirt as this is our formal school uniform with blue bottoms. As the photos will not be taken until after lunch, it is recommended that you send the white shirt in for your child to get changed into to ensure it is clean. Information is being sent home today about how to order.

P&C

The P&C AGM is booked for Tuesday 14 February at 3:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Mrs Lynne Norwood if you would like any information.

Faction Carnival

Dempster and Fleming will face off on Tuesday 14 March with Thursday 16 March our back-up day if the weather disrupts plans. Students will be practising hard from now to those dates under the guidance of our Faction Captains. A Parent Help Form will be sent home soon where you will be able to indicate how you would like to help on the day.

Senior Camp

In Week 8 of Term 2, the students from Year 4-6 will attend camp at Ern Halliday in Perth with students from Salmon Gums and Cascade. Information relating to activities, transport and cost will be provided in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact me in the office.

New Regional Executive Director

Milton Butcher is the new Regional Executive Director for the Goldfields Region. I met with Mr Butcher this morning and look forward to working with him in our region. Many thanks to Ken Perris for all the help and support he has provided our school while in the role.

Bushfire Plan

As it is the start of the year, it is important to review and communicate our emergency procedures in the event of a bushfire.

We are a Category 1 school on the Bushfire Zone Register. This means that;

- schools may be directed to invoke pre-emptive closure when advance warning of a Catastrophic FDR is announced.
- schools must maintain a 20 metre Asset Protection Zone (cleared of rubbish, long grass and flammable materials).
- schools must have a stand-alone Bushfire Plan.

Schools also need to prepare for a no notice fire event which may develop rapidly when the school is open. If this was to occur our school would activate our Bushfire Plan and seek instruction as to whether to move to our designated 'Safer Location'. Our designated 'Safer Location' is the Senior Room and Multi-Purpose building. This meets all the requirements set and is surrounded by the 20m Asset Protection Zone. For this reason, the Senior Room and Multi-Purpose building is the SAFEST place to be during a bushfire as advised by DFES. Parents would be advised to not collect their child/ren.

For your information, I have included a copy of our Bushfire Plan Poster that is on display in all areas of the school. This clearly outlines the responsibilities of all people at school during a no notice fire event. This was created in consultation with DFES and was endorsed by the School Council in 2016.

Have a good fortnight!

Kind regards,

Reece Smith | Principal

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