

Week 3, Term 3

We're halfway through the swimming fortnight, which is a logistical achievement in any school!

Before we get into the newsletter, we need to start with an important date change. Please be aware that our **School Development Day** that was lost due to COVID has been scheduled for the last day of this term, **September 25**. Thank you to our school board for endorsing that change.

In Term Swimming 2020

The feedback from our students is that they are really enjoying the opportunity to visit the pool every day for In-Term Swimming lessons. That certainly seems to be the case judging by the smiles on their faces when they hop off the bus back at school.

We had some logistical challenges at the beginning of the fortnight but we seem to have found the best solution by hiring a second bus for classes who attend the last swimming session. While they get back right on the siren to end the day, that is the best we can do given the lesson times and the distance we need to travel to the pool.

Our changing arrangements seem to be working very well, and it might even be limiting the amount of swimming-related lost property we have. We are looking forward to the second week and then settling back into our normal routine.

Road Safety

As you will no doubt appreciate, children are inexperienced and therefore inconsistent road users. This effects every way they go about using the road, as pedestrians, cyclists or on their scooters.

The roads immediately around our school and our car parks are designed to maximize the safest traffic flow possible, along with the safest crossing points we can have for our children. However, they do not guarantee child safety. When we took occupancy of our school we

arranged to have extra line and sign marking in our carparks and these have now been completed.

In the southern carpark, off Nyilla Approach, we have marked staff, dental therapy and visitor parking in two sections.

In the western car park, off Pedicel Avenue, we have added visual cues for our students to help guide them to the safest crossing points and then help them negotiate these crossings (pictured). There are 'ripple strips' already in place as another sensory cue for children. Once we have completed our swimming commitments, we will focus on these areas for our students.

Soon, the unmarked bay behind our basketball courts on the northern boundary of our school will be marked as a bus bay and we will ask that this area is left for that purpose.

Parking is not an issue at our school presently, but as we grow parking space will no doubt become more of a premium, particularly as the land immediately around our school is developed. We are preparing for those issues now so that we have the best possible chance of minimizing any confusion when that day comes.

Thank you for observing the speed limits and safety designs around our school. We really do appreciate it!



Children's Crossing Update

The City of Rockingham is in the final stages of submitting the design of the approved crossing across Baldivis Road for our school community. Once that is submitted to Main Roads it can be accepted and then construction can begin.

There have been a few design issues around services on the western side of our crossing, and that has posed a few challenges for the City that they have been able to work through. We could see it completed before the start of Term 4.

Year 6 News

Parents of our Year 6 students will soon have details about our camp and transition to secondary school. Please keep your eyes on Connect for both in the very near future.

P&C News



Our next P&C General Meeting is next Thursday August 13. It will be held in Room 16 after school. If you are interested, please come along! We'd love to have you join us.

Our P&C is gearing for our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Baldivis on September 12. There will be an opportunity for you to help out on that day, and details will be available soon. If you can't help out on the day – please come along and buy a sausage and a drink!

Assembly

Thank you to our super Pre-Primary students from ECE4 who hosted our last assembly. Ms Scarfe and her class had a theme of 100 days of school and sung two fantastic songs for us.

We look forward to next Friday's assembly when Miss Hooper's Room 7 host the event. We can't wait to see our awesome Year 1 and 2 students at the front of the assembly.

We continue to stream our assemblies on Facebook every fortnight, so parents who cannot make it to our school on the day or extended family members can watch along too.

Sheoak Grove Podcast



Kiara and Noah from Room 12 (pictured below) have been busy preparing our next podcast that will be available on our website early next week.

This week they will talk to our students about swimming lessons and interview Frau Gillman, our German teacher, about her program and the things that are happening in her classroom. Mrs Fear will have an audio version of our newsletter too. We hope you can give it a listen! Our podcasts can be found at <https://sheoakgroveps.wa.edu.au/parents/latest-audio>.



Our lost property will be available to view each fortnight on assembly days. It seems to be growing, so please have a look through it if you are looking for anything.

We hope to see you at our school soon, but in the meantime please check Connect, our website and social media for school updates.

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