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“Choose Respect”

Dates to Remember:

**Tues 30th Nov: Whole School Reward Excursion
Perth Museum**

Wed 1st, Thurs 2nd Dec: Year 6 Transition Day
Pinjarra SHS

Thurs 2nd Dec: K / PP Assembly

Fri 3rd Dec: Kindy 2022 Transition

**Sat 4th Dec: Dwellingup Community Christmas
Tree**

Mon 6th – Fri 10th Dec: In-term Swimming Week

Tues 14th Dec: Presentation / Graduation Ceremony
9.30am

Wed 15th Dec: Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Wed 15th Dec: Reports home.

Thurs 16th Dec: Last day for students.

Fri 17th Dec: Blue Light Disco

Weekly Events at D.P.S.

Tuesday: Playgroup 9.00-11.00am (note change of day).

Educational Websites at DPS:

www.mathletics.com.au

www.studyladder.com.au

www.mylexile.com.a

Virtue: Flexibility

“I am flexible. I keep changing for the better. I look for new ways to do things. I accept that things do not always go to plan. I welcome surprises.”

You are demonstrating flexibility when you:

- Realise that things can't always go the way that you would like.
- Don't insist on always getting your own way.
- Can adjust when something unexpected happens.
- Go with the flow.
- Trust the unexpected.

Transition ~ Kindy 2022

On **Friday 3rd December** there will be a **Transition Day** held at the Early Childhood building for incoming **2022 kindy students**.

We are very excited about meeting our brand new 2022 kindy kids.



Playgroup News

Playgroup is held at the school on:
Thursday 9.00am



ALL WELCOME!

Swimming Lessons Week 9 Instructor Shortages

I have received notification from the **Department of Education's Swimming and Water Safety Branch** that a national shortage of swimming instructors is now impacting on local swimming programs. I have been advised that our upcoming in term swimming program may need to be adjusted.

Every effort is being made to secure the necessary staff and the school will be advised immediately of any changes.

Obviously we are hoping that swimming lessons will proceed as planned.

You will be advised immediately when we receive notification.

Year 6 Rottnest Camp

A highlight of primary school is the year 6 camp. Students enjoyed a fun and adventure filled camp at Rottnest last week. The supervisory team were delighted with the behaviour and high level of engagement in all activities shown by the students. The weather was perfect and we have no doubt that the camp will bring lasting positive memories.



Above: The 'happy campers' at the ferry terminal.



Above: Our first quokka sighting. Eve and friends named over 70 quokkas.



Left: Sliding down sand hills is loads of fun.



Above: All aboard the Rottnest Express.



Above: This large gun outside Kingstown Barracks provided more than enough seating for our ten students.



Above: About to depart...the water was extremely rough during the crossing.

Below: The quality of the meals was AMAZING!!





Above: Quiz night winners ~ Tyler, Hemi and Lincoln



Above: Firing the guns was a team effort. Women completed the complicated calculations necessary.



Above: All ready to set off to the Oliver Hill guns and tunnels.



Above: Students learned that during World War 2 military installations on Rottnest defended Fremantle Harbour. A shell from the huge gun can be seen in the centre of the picture.

Below: 'Ready, aim, fire'! Yosef at the controls.



Right: Tunnels were dug under the sand dunes to service the guns. We visited the engine room and the ammunition store.



Below: During mini golf students played in teams. The students pictured below scored a 'hole in one' ~ Evelyn, Kaiden, Yosef and Tyler. Mr Della also scored a 'hole in one.'





Above: Outright mini golf champion ~ Tyler.

Below: Relaxing after the game ~ Hemi and Kaiden

Below: Tyler reads from an information board. We learned that the lakes in this vicinity are pink due to algae containing carotene'



Above: The building with the green door behind the guide is a prison. We learned about the sad history of Aboriginal incarceration on the island.



Below: Men used to guide sailing ships through a channel into Fremantle Harbour in this pilot boat. We tried lifting the oars and they were unbelievably heavy! These men needed to row 23 hours straight and got punished if they swore or got drunk!



Above: Enjoying some 'down time' after an energetic day ~ Kaiden and Lincoln challenge each other to a game of chess.

On Wednesday the group split in half. One group, accompanied by **Mr Padley and Mr Della** completed the 22km ride around the island. The second group, accompanied by **Mrs Sing** did two 'scientific exploration rides'.

Below: In the early days, prior to the construction of lighthouses, many ships were wrecked on the reefs surrounding Rottnest.



Below: We toured Bickley Battery and saw more military installations.



Below: Day 4 finally arrived. Everyone was terribly excited about the swim at The Basin. The weather was perfect and The Basin (as you can see) is absolutely stunning. We were all very grateful that Mr Padley could organise for his cousin who has a surf lifesaving qualification to come over; otherwise we would have been denied this amazing experience. Suitably qualified personnel are few and far between so we were indeed fortunate.



Students completed a tour of the settlement and learned about Rottnest Island's chequered history ~ a grim prison for Aboriginal inmates; a boys' reformatory; holiday destination for the governor; an internment camp during World War 2; provision of defence during the wars and now a holiday island.

Below: We were delighted with the high level of interest that our students demonstrated in the Wadjemup Museum. The volunteers in the museum commented about the high level of interest and excellent behaviour of our students. Each student was required to provide a fact about something of interest to them in the museum. The facts were very impressive!



Left: Karly told us that the lighthouse keeper needed to wear this heavy jacket to keep him warm in wintry storms.



Above: Kaiden informed us that the museum building was formerly a grain store. A grinding stone can be seen in the background.



Left: Farewell Kingstown Barracks!



Above: We all enjoyed a Simmo's ice-cream before going off to shop for souvenirs for our families.



Above: The trip back on the ferry was much smoother!

Our Favourite Activities ~

Basin Swim / snorkelling ~ Hemi, Kaiden, Evelynn, Jake, Lincoln,

Oliver Hill ~ Yosef

Sand dunes ~ Ruben

Movie ~ Karly

When the Table Fell ~ Eve

Dormitory Award ~

Hemi, Eve, Karly, Evelynn

Stand Out Camper Award ~

Tyler

(This was extremely difficult to select as we were delighted with everybody's conduct on the camp. We constantly saw people 'Choosing Respect'. Tyler received the award for his constant acts of kindness and thoughtfulness toward others.)

Planning the 2021 camp presented a range of challenges including a change of teacher in term 3, last minute illness of a staff member and half the class (year 4/5 students) remaining at school. We have 'scarce resources', being such a small school. Bearing in mind these complexities, the camp would not have been possible without D.P.S.'s **amazing team**. All staff willingly engaged in duties that far exceeded their job descriptions. Thank you to **Dawn Bosanac** for picking up many of my roles including completing 8 playground duties culminating in what must have been an extremely demanding week.

Thank you to **Mr Padley** for attending the camp and for all of his tireless and enthusiastic efforts. Whilst on camp, staff are 'on call' 24 hours a day and do not stop from 5.00am in the morning until the last students has gone to sleep. And then there are those who wake up...

Thank you to **Mr Della**, a university student studying P.E. and friend of Mr **Padley's**. We needed someone with DOE clearances, Working with Childrens' Check AND who was able to ride a bike ~ al the last minute. There has been a request by our students that when he graduates, he should apply for Pinjarra SHS.

Thank you also to **Mr Padley's cousin Kitty**, a surf life saver. Kitty was able to put aside other commitments and joined us at the 11th hour enabling our students to enjoy a swim. This proved to be the favourite activity of half the students and in the past, this has not been able to happen.

Thank you to the parents and students who have expressed thanks and gratitude for our efforts. This has been much appreciated and valued.

Vance the Assistance Dog



Attached to this newsletter is a letter from a family who joined us when we visited **Marrinup** last term. Karen gave us a very interesting talk about **Vance**, her son's therapy dog. Pictured is a little teddy guide dog who looks exactly like Vance that Karen kindly sent us.

We are thinking of an appropriate award. We thank Karen and her family for this kind gesture.

Wanted

Do you have any non-functioning electrical equipment? **Mr Warren** runs a program where students pull these items apart and recycle the various components in them. Please contact the front office if you have any items.

Environment 2022

We are seeking volunteers to assist with our Environmental program in 2022. There are a range of activities to be involved in including gardening and all aspects of recycling including arts and grounds projects. All volunteers require a Working with Children Check. Any support would be appreciated.

Community News

Dwellingup Community Christmas Tree

Saturday 4th December

Dwellingup Primary School

12.30pm Santa's drive around town in Mack Fire truck.

2.00pm Children arrive at school. Entertainment / craft.

3.30pm Santa arrives.

4.00pm Raffles drawn

***Donations for the raffle are gratefully accepted. Please drop these off at the school at any time.**



Before & After School Care

Please contract **Andrea** on 0421 786 187 if you interested in accessing this service for your children or if you require further information.

