

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

26th February - Book Fair starts

1st March - Breakfast Club & Rhyme Time 10.15am

4th March—Public holiday

5th March - Early close 2.30pm

8th March - Surf Carnival

SWIMMING LESSONS

It is always an exhausting week, and we are all happy when it is comp<mark>leted. I was thankful that there were several warm days during the week for the students and most days, the water was crystal clear.</mark>







QUALITY TEACHING STRATEGY

Katrina, Carly, Hayley and I were in Perth for the QTS Lead School's Forum on Thursday and Friday. Each of the 24 schools nominated for this program were asked to provide a display of what 'quality teaching' looks like. It was a privilege to share how it is done at Cervantes Primary School and discover more from the other schools. We were awarded a certificate by the Director General to recognise the work we have done in this program.

Providing quality teaching is an ongoing learning journey that we work hard to maintain. When we talk about 'teaching for impact' we consider the physical and emotional learning environment, how to create safe and supportive classrooms, ways to work with parents and the community, differentiating the learning to meet needs of students, provide well-structured and sequenced learning as well as how to work as a team to provide a whole school approach.

It is no small feat for a Level 3 regional school to be held in the same esteem as the high performing metropolitan Senior High Schools. I am always humbled by our position as a Lead School in the Quality Teaching Strategy.

STUDENT'S HEALTH



There have been several unwell students over the past few weeks. Please keep your child home if they are sick and phone, email, text or message the class teacher via See Saw to let us know.

For any gastro sicknesses we ask the child remains home for at least 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.

The Department of Education follow WA Health's recommendation that COVID-19 cases should:

- stay home for at least 5 days and until your symptoms have resolved to prevent spreading the illness to others,
- avoid close contact with people at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19,
- avoid visiting high risk settings such as hospitals (unless you require urgent medical care or treatment), residential disability and aged care
 facilities, and other healthcare settings for at least 7 days after testing positive for COVID-19.

BOOK FAIR



Book Fair has arrived at Cervantes Primary School today! Access to the books will be in place from Monday the 26th of February to Monday the 11th of March. Miss Birch will be available to process any sales between 8:45 – 9:00am and 3:00 – 3:30pm.





FACTION CAPTAINS

The Year 5 and 6 students were encouraged to 'put their hat in the ring' for the Faction Captain election process today. After listening to their heartfelt spiels, their fellow team members voted and I am happy to announce the leaders for 2024:

Blue Mannas: Captains - Amelia Radford & Jessie Pini Vice Captain - Emilee Davis

Red Roos: Captains - Lilly Roberts and Lucas Wyatt Vice Captain - Jes Gonzales

Their first task will to be to choreograph and teach the Warm-Up Routine for the Surf Carnival!

SURF CARNIVAL

Our Surf Carnival for Pre-primary to Year 6 students will take place on Friday the 8th of March at the beach in front of Catalonia Park. Students need to be at school by 9am and walk down with staff. Events usually conclude by 12pm and students will return to school for a sausage sizzle lunch.

We need several helpers who are willing to get a little wet as well as judges, so please indicate on the permission form that will be sent out this week if you or a family member are willing to help us on that morning.

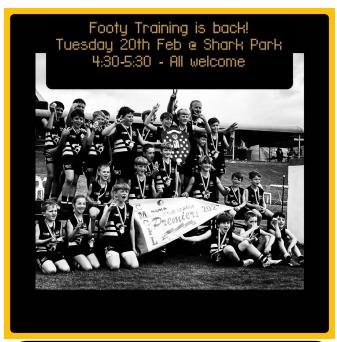
SCHOOL BOARD

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We are just about to embark on writing a new 3 year Strategic Plan. This is the perfect time to join the board if you are interested in having a say about the direction that our school will go as we strive towards reaching the pinnacle of learning and growing together for all students.

If you are interested in finding out more about the workings of the School Board you are welcome to come along to our meeting this Wednesday the 28th of February at 5:15pm.







Contact Roxanne if your child is interested in participating in dance classes in Lancelin or Moora.



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JUNIOR CLASS

So far in Art this term, the Junior Class students have been working on drawing a self-portrait. They had to clearly look in a mirror to identify their features, before drawing them. This made the students realise that no two people look the same and we are all different and special. Their portraits are amazing and look wonderful displayed in our classroom.













MIDDLE CLASS

At Cervantes Primary school we are making it a focus to teach the students about sustainability. The Middle Class students take turns to assist in the school garden each Wednesday. Last week, Alie came to discuss in more detail what happens to their 'Crunch 'n Sip' scraps that go into the compost, and how it is used in the garden to help the new produce grow.











SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class were channelling their inner Ash Barty and Lleyton Hewitt skills last week, while completing their 2nd tennis lesson with our own tennis coach, Zane. The children have been working on their forehand and backhand swings and which to use when returning the ball in different situations. We will welcome Zane back for two more lessons this term, where the children will have the opportunity to work on their volleys and serves.







Natalie Dennis
Principal

