



#### **INITIATIVE**

*We are Thinkers*  
We see something –  
We do something



#### **CONSIDERATION**

*We are Carers*  
We look out for others



#### **EXCELLENCE**

*We strive for Excellence*  
We always try to be the  
best we can be

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## **NEWSLETTER ISSUE 4**

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# *From the Principal's Desk*

Welcome back to Term 2!

Don't your children look absolutely stunning in their new T-shirts! A huge thank you is extended to our P&C uniform rep, Mrs Kylie Whitaker, for making this happen and the support of our wonderful P&C. It has been joyous seeing your children so excited and proud to be wearing their new T-shirts. Thank you to you, our parents, for supporting this change in our uniforms.

I would like to confirm that when we have our school photos for this year (date and supplier to be confirmed) we will be wearing our new everyday T-shirt.

### **ANZAC Day**

Thank you to all parents and children who attended the Shire of West Arthur ANZAC service during the school holidays. Well done to Mrs King for her organisation of our children and teaching them such a beautiful song. I received many commendations for our children's performance and behaviour on the day.

Well done to our Student Leaders who led our school service last Tuesday. They did a wonderful and most respectful job, well done to them all. Thank you to our RSL members, Ray Harrington, Gerry Hartnett and Graeme Peirce for their attendance.

### **Harvard Fellowship**

I am very excited to share with you that I have been accepted into the Western Australian Public School Principals' Fellowship Program.

I will be joining 19 Principals from across the state to attend Harvard University in the July school holidays.

The program – which involves learning, mentoring and skills development assist me leading further change and improvement in our school as well as across our system.

The partnership with Harvard Graduate School of Education is a unique opportunity for Western Australian public school principals to work with educational leaders from across the world. We will join an innovative and collaborative community of exceptional faculty, students and alumni dedicated to improving lives and expanding opportunities through the comprehensive study and effective practice of education.

The fellowship program places Western Australian principals at the forefront of innovation by learning from and networking with some of the world's finest educational minds.

### **Whole School Planning**

On Monday 29 April, our teachers met and continued with developing our whole school plans.

### **English**

This year in our Reading program we are having a focus upon Fluency and Vocabulary.

Fluency is more than just reading fast: it is reading at an appropriately fast rate with good expression and phrasing that reflects an understanding of the passage. It is an important skill for your child to have to assist them in reading and making comprehension (understanding) of what they read.

To assist your child in developing fluency, home readers are kept for a longer period of time. This provides you with an opportunity to reread the same book, getting quicker and ensuring that when your child reads, it should sound like he/she is talking smoothly.

Vocabulary is a critical factor in the development of reading skills and is one of the best predictors of reading comprehension, reading performance in general, and school achievement. The more words a reader knows, the easier it will be to read and understand what is read. Vocabulary deficiencies are a primary cause of academic failure in Years 3 through 12. Explicit instruction of a set number of vocabulary words will improve academic success in all content areas.

**English cont.**

We will focus upon the explicit instruction of vocabulary at school, but we would appreciate if you can talk to your children about words and the meaning of words in your every day.

Our Master Folder program is an important tool to assist your child in developing all of these skills: basic fact knowledge and fluency. By completing Master Folder practice each night, you are greatly helping your child.

**Mathematics**

We spent time with our Numeracy leader, Mrs Medlen, reviewing our Mathematics Whole School Policy.

Here is some important information about basic facts and why we focus upon this at our school.

There are 390 basic facts which students at must recall automatically. These are comprised of:

- o 100 basic addition facts (0+0 to 9+9) by end of year 2
- o 100 subtraction facts
- o 100 multiplication facts up to 0x0 up to 9x9 (Aus. students need to learn 10x10)
- o 90 division facts

(Dr. P Swan, 2016)

At Darkan Primary School we define automatic recall as the retrieval of a basic fact from long term memory within 3 seconds (not constructing a fact in short term memory using a strategy). The following table outlines the basic facts to be explicitly taught and practised in particular year levels.

	Pre-Primary	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Addition		0+0 to 5+5	0+0 to 9+9	Fluent	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
Subtraction		0-0 to 5-5	0-0 to 9-9	Fluent	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
Multiplication				2, 3, 5 and 10 x	Up to 10 x 10	Maintain	Maintain
Division					Related Division	Maintain	Maintain

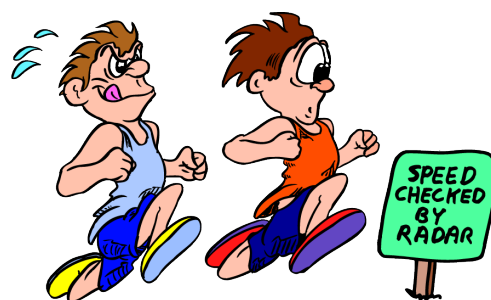
**Running Club**

I will be training your children for our upcoming Cross Country events this term.

Year Groups: Year 1 – 6  
 Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays  
 Time: from 8.30am  
 Location: School oval or rail trail

Parents are more than welcome to join us.

Thanks in advance.

**School Board**

Our next school board meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact a school board member if you have any ideas or agenda items that need to be discussed by the end of this week.

**Purple People Show**

Thank you to the Shire of West Arthur for providing our Pre-Primary to Year 4 children with the wonderful workshop yesterday. As you will be able to see from the photos all children had a wonderful time.

**NAPLAN 2019**

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure your child's progress.

Parents of children in Year 3 & 5 were provided with information regarding the test last term, if you did not receive this please see the Front Office.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that your children are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that your child is familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

2019 will be the first year our school will be participating in NAPLAN online.

Further support for your children can be found at the following sites:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/resources-for-parents>

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

**NAPLAN test schedule**

Week 3					
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 1 9.15 – 10.00am	No tests	<b>Day 1 Testing</b> Year 3 Writing Paper Year 5 Writing Online	<b>Day 2 Testing</b> Year 3 Reading	<b>Day 3 Testing</b> Year 3 Conventions of Language	<b>Day 4 Testing</b> Year 3 Numeracy
Session 2 11.10am – 12.30pm		Year 5 Reading	Year 5 Conventions of Language <b>Year 3 Writing Catch up</b>	Year 5 Numeracy <b>Year 3 Writing Catch up</b>	<b>Catch up Testing Year 3 Writing Catch up</b>
Week 4					
	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 1 9.15 – 10.00am	<b>Day 5 Testing Catch up Testing</b>	<b>Day 6 Testing Catch up Testing</b>	<b>Day 7 Testing Catch up Testing</b>	<b>Day 8 Testing Catch up Testing</b>	<b>Day 9 Testing Catch up Testing</b>

**Mother's Day**

We would like to celebrate and acknowledge all the hard work our mums do by holding a Mother's Day afternoon tea.

Date            Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Time            2.30pm  
Location       School Undercover Area

Please join us for a cup of tea and a cupcake.



**From The Leadership team**

On the last weekend of the school holidays the leaders have been helping with some fundraising for the P&C at the Darkan Sports Complex. Thanks to all of those people who helped out and thank you to Emily for helping out the year 6s in the kitchen with cleaning up.

The year 6s and our school Chaplin, Julie Ann, have been organising a fundraiser for Women and children who walk for water. However they walk for dirty water and dirty water only. We will be doing walk for them on our school oval, we are going to be walking for 6kms, but these kids are usually doing it for 12k and nonstop. If you would like to come and join us in this walk, you can meet us at the school oval on Thursday 30th May at 2pm. It will be a gold coin donation for this event. The money we raise will be given to World Vision to help these kids get clean water.

***Please join us in making these kids happy.***

**Performance Assemblies**

The next performance assembly will be held on **Friday 31st May.**

The Room 2 students will be presenting a wonderful performance. We are all looking forward to it.

***MOTHERS DAY  
STALL***

Our P&C will be hosting a Mother's Day stall for your children on the following dates:

**Kindergarten  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Pre-Primary – Year 6  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

All children will visit the stall in class groups on each afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Kylie Whitaker for organising this for us.

**Dates to Remember...**

Tuesday 7th May	Newsletter 4 P & C meeting 7pm
Thursday 9th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 10th May	Mother's Day Stall
<b>Sunday 12th May</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>
Friday 17th May	Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 20th May	P&C WACCSO Training 4-6pm
Thursday 30th May	6K Walk 4 Water 2pm
Friday 31 May	Room 2 Performance Assembly
Monday 3rd June	WA Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 6th June	School Cross Country
Friday 7th June	Possum Magic PP - Yr 4 BREC

Walk Safely to School Day will be held on **Friday 17th May.**

Please keep an eye out for more details closer to the date.





## Room 2 - Years 3 and 4

This term we have been very busy settling into Term 2. Yesterday we saw the Purple People Show! We got to experience having a go at: A unicycle, balancing on our hands with our feet off the ground, juggling, balancing on a roller and played with some colourful ribbons and hula hoops. We had a lot of fun!!

In Science this term, we have been learning about the lifecycle of a plant. Today we planted beans in clear plastic cups and throughout the term we will be measuring our beans growing.

Year 3's have been very busy preparing for NAPLAN which is next week. While they have been doing that, Year 4's have been learning about Fractions and Decimals. We had a problem solving lesson yesterday where we had to use the strategy of Guess and Check. Then we got to play Ken Ken which is a Paul Swan Numeracy Problem Solving game. We love this game!

In Indonesian we have been trying to have a conversation with our puppets by speaking Indonesian to one another.

What a busy few weeks we have had!

From the children of Room 2



## P & C Meeting TONIGHT Tues 7th May, 7pm

All welcome to attend the p & c meeting in the school staffroom at 7pm.

Some of the items up for discussion include:

- Walk Safely to School
- Colour run – work with leadership team
- Vacation swimming – look at which program we run with
- Under cover area carpet funding
- Camp donation 2019
- Cultural Gala Day
- Camp out Term 3 - School
- Xmas tree
- School photo options – other companies
- Water fountain at pool.  
Cooler and with a water bottle outlet.

## P & C TRAINING

We are fortunate to have some P & C training opportunities right here in Darkan! The training is recommended for current committee members and anyone who is thinking about becoming involved in the P & C in the next few years.

Kym Gibbs has shared the link to register on the P & C Facebook page or you can search via the WACCSO website under training and select the Darkan session. The website is:  
[www.wacssso.wa.edu.au/training-events/pc-training/book-training/](http://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au/training-events/pc-training/book-training/)

When: Monday 27th May 2019  
Time: 6.30pm—9pm  
Where: School staffroom  
Cost: FREE

We hope to see lots of our school community parents attend this great event!!

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Date	Name	Name
Friday 10th May	Gill Ricetti	Melissa Wilkie
Monday 13th May	Amy White	Sarah Kenning
Friday 17th May	Karina Smith	Sam Boyle
Monday 20th May	Donna Milburn	Ata Elliot
Friday 24th May	Karlene Goss	Tina Abbott
Monday 27th May	Kym Gibbs	Stacey Putland
Friday 31st May	Melanie Horley	Marnie Gallegos

### DARKAN PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOLE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



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## Why 6K?

6 Kilometers is the average distance people in the developing world walk for water - water that is often contaminated with life-threatening diseases. Thousands of people from around the world will walk or run the 6K to bring life-changing clean water to communities in need. So when you participate in the Global 6K fundraising challenge, you take that distance away from people in need.

We will be holding a fundraising event of our own here at school to help.

Details are: Thursday 30th May @ 2pm

24 laps of the oval

Gold coin donation

Julie-Ann Evans has created a Facebook funding page for the above cause. This was posted on the P&C's Facebook yesterday, Monday 6th May, please visit this page. Please support Julie-Ann's efforts in helping World Vision help others in need.

