

Lesmurdie Primary School Newsletter

Independent Public School



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Our Purpose: To provide the opportunity for all students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to achieve their full potential – academically, socially and emotionally. We seek to ensure that all students are able to develop the values and curriculum outcomes as articulated in the Curriculum Framework.

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1 February 2018

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Welcome back to Lesmurdie Primary for 2018. A warm welcome is extended to the many new families who have joined us and to new staff.

We have grown a little bit this year and we now have 13 classes from Kindy to Year 6. The staff have worked hard over the break to reorganised our resources and transform Room 3 from an Italian Room to a Year 2 Classroom. Mrs Gelmi has also worked hard with Department Contractors to top dress the Senior Oval and make the surface safer. It will remain fenced off for a short period to ensure there is sufficient grass to sustain student use.

As we begin our second year as an Independent Primary School, the hard work of our 2017 School Board and staff will be shared in the form of our Business Plan which sets out the goals we have set for the years ahead. Many aspects of our school, such as excellence in teaching and learning and a focus on student welfare, is unchanged as an IPS school but behind the scenes the more flexible options in the management of the school have assisted us in our ongoing quest to improve the academic achievement of all students and to ensure we cater for their social, emotional and physical development.

We welcome two new teachers in 2018, Miss Eileen White, who will teach Year 3/4 and Mrs Natalie Mainard, who will teach Year 2.

CLASSES 2018

Kindy	Mrs Falconer & Ms Gorfin	Year 3	Mrs Shorthouse
Pre-Primary	Mrs Mulligan & Mrs Miller	Year 3/4	Miss White
PP/Year 1	Mrs Twentyman & Mrs Miller	Year 4	Mr Bushby
Year 1	Mrs Radice	Year 4/5	Mrs Luzuk & Mrs Gray
Year 1	Ms McGuinness & Mrs Wallington	Year 5/6	Ms Major
Year 2	Mrs Borowiec	Year 6	Miss Madafferri
Year 2	Mrs Mainard		

Our specialist teachers this year will be

Music/Dance - Mrs T Clarke Italian - Mrs Barclay PE/Health – Mrs K Clarke.

Mr Donetta will continue to provide support with Maths and extension with STEM.

In the next two weeks, teachers will be distributing Class Policies and Term Overviews to ensure parents and teachers are working towards the same objectives.

Parent Interviews will again be held this year to strengthen this collaborative relationship. Tuesday February 27th, in Week 5, has been selected and parents are asked to start planning now so that you have the maximum flexibility on that afternoon and evening. School will close at 12.10pm on that day and teachers will conduct interviews through to 7 pm.

EARLY CLOSE

A reminder to parents that Lesmurdie Primary closes early every Tuesday at 2.30 pm. This facilitates ongoing professional learning and engagement by staff. Parents need to ensure they arrange for their child(ren) to be collected from school punctually at 2.30pm so that teachers can move quickly to the staff room to begin their after school program.

SCHOOL BOARD - NOMINATIONS

As an Independent Public School (IPS), the Lesmurdie Primary School Board operates to provide an oversight and governance role for the school. The Board meets twice a term and is made up of six parents, up to two Community Representatives, three staff and the Principal.

As we travel along our still very new IPS journey, there are 4 Parent Representative positions available this year, two for three years and two for two years.

Information about School Boards is available on the Education Department Website below or the Front Office or you can chat to the current School Board Chair, Mrs Pam Rushton, or the Principal. Nomination Forms are available from the Front Office and nominations close at 3 pm on Friday 9th February, 2018.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/our-schools/independent-public-schools/boards-of-independent-public-schools>

CAMBODIA VISIT

Lesmurdie Primary has a long term Sister School relationship with Amphet Phnom Primary School in Cambodia, with our School Councillors organising events each year so we can raise \$1000 to fund greatly appreciated resources and facilities. In January this year Mrs Mulligan travelled to Cambodia to visit our Sister School so as to learn at firsthand how our donations are benefitting the students.

In the weeks ahead Mrs Mulligan will share photos and information from her trip and I know her experience has been informative and moving.

As she prepared to depart, staff gave Mrs Mulligan some donations to spend on resources for the school. She purchased the items in this photo in the Capital, Phnom Penh, before travelling to the school. With a focus on Literacy,

Numeracy, Science and Physical Education, \$170 Australian Dollars buys a huge quantity of items and the children loved them, experiencing magnifying glasses for the first time. Awesome effort Mrs Mulligan.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY – EVERY DAY MATTERS

The strong link between regular attendance and punctuality is universally acknowledged and at this school we set high expectations in this important aspect of parental responsibility. In 2018, parents can expect staff to remain very focused on lateness and notification of student absences by parents.

Parents can help with punctuality by getting your child to school before the bell. Staff supervise the playground from 8.15 am which provides a wide window for parents to deliver students before the siren at 8.45. They will record students arriving after the bell in the Department Attendance System, which will alert the Admin Team. Parents can help with attendance by notifying the class teacher for each and every absence by note, Website facility, phone call or email. Staff will assist by sending reminder letters and/or phoning parents if absences are unexplained after 48 hours.

Parents requiring support in maintaining good punctuality or attendance by their child(ren) should contact the Principal.

DOGS A reminder to parents that the Department of Education has a blanket policy that does not permit dogs on school grounds. This includes out of hours and at drop off and pick up times for students. While walking to and from school is fantastic, please leave the dog at home or tie them up some distance from the school grounds.



This week, class teachers will go through the School Bushfire Drill with students and next week we will carry out a whole school Bushfire Evacuation Drill as part of our ongoing commitment to student safety in the Summer Bush Fire Season. The State Government is currently running their 'Are you bushfire ready?' program for families in Bushfire Prone areas and I urge all Lesmurdie Families to visit the site below to ensure you have prepared yourselves and your property.

<http://areyouready.wa.gov.au>

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Our Newsletter is distributed each fortnight on a Thursday and emailed to parents, posted to our website and also posted to our new **Connect** service. **Connect** also provides parents with a notification service and access to your child's reports. We are currently working on other options that will make it easier for busy parents to stay informed about your child's education. If you are not using **Connect**, email Mrs Pasini on Beverley.Pasini@education.wa.edu.au to get your personal access Number and Code.

Richie Griffiths
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS

To enable the school to continue to best meet the medical needs of children at Lesmurdie PS, parents are asked to ensure medical information is kept up to date. If your child has a specific medical requirement, such as asthma, anaphylaxis or requires medication, parents are required to consult their medical practitioner who can complete and sign off the plan. This is an annual requirement of the Department of Education to ensure our records and procedures are current and accurate. Completed forms and medications are to be returned to the front office. Please take note of the expiry date of medications provided to the school.

Kind regards,
Kevin Donetta

GENERAL NEWS

BOOK SWAP SHOP

The Book Swap Shop will recommence on every Tuesday morning starting 13th February, in the Library at 8.15am.

P&C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP

Last year the Uniform Committee made the decision to change the Supplier of our Standard Polo and Zip Windbreaker (microfibre) Jacket due to quality issues. This change will result in increased prices for both items as follows:

Standard Polo – current price \$25 / new price \$27

Zip Windbreaker (microfibre) Jacket – current price \$40 / new price \$48

Existing stock will be sold at the current price until sold out while the new stock will be sold at the adjusted price to cover increased production costs.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who are continuing to help this Term. Should you wish to volunteer at the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings (8.30-9am) then please contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator either in person or via email at lesmurdieprimaryuniformshop@gmail.com.

P&C NEWS

The role of the P&C at Lesmurdie Primary is to develop parent participation and involvement in the school, to act as a forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community, and to promote and support communication and cooperation within the school community.

The **P&C AGM for 2018 is at 7.30pm on MONDAY 12th February**. If you are interested in attending, have any questions, or would like to get involved but are unable to come to our first meeting, please email Felicity Brodie at lesmurdieprimarypc@gmail.com.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are available at school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

Monday/Wednesday - Walliston Deli Menu.

Friday - King & Spoon Cafe (Sanderson Rd Shops) Menu.

An e-copy of both lunch menus is attached to this week's newsletter. Our lunch menus follow the Lesmurdie Primary School Healthy Food & Drink Policy – based on the Traffic Light System.

Lunch orders are to be written on the supplied paper bags with full money enclosed, and placed in the **green mail box**, on the bench outside the P&C Room 4, by 9am on lunch order days.

Lunch orders are to be collected from P&C Room 4 at 1.10pm (lunch bell) by students.



GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

We are excited to continue to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball (Term 1)
- Secret Scratch Pad (Term 1)
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Wednesday . Each week you need to bring your bank book to the P&C room from 8.15am.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking .

Our first School Banking day for 2018 will be **Wednesday 7th February**. Looking forward to seeing you all there, from 8.15am in the P&C Room.

Thank you

School Banking Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATECHISM CLASSES

Registration for classes for Catholic students in grade 2 and up, who wish to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation, is on Monday 12th February 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, 207 Lesmurdie Rd Lesmurdie . Any questions please call the Parish office on 92916282.

THE ZIG ZAG EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS

SCREENS & THE EARLY YEARS

RAISING CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL AGE
 Come and learn about the impact of screen time on children's physical and cognitive development

PRESENTED BY:

PROFESSOR LEON STRAKER
Curtin University

PROFESSOR DONNA CROSS
Telethon Kids Institute

Tuesday 20 February 2018, Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre
 Doors open at 6:30pm, 7pm start. Tickets \$5 - includes refreshments.
 Don't miss out - reserve your tickets online!
 Visit the City of Kalamunda website or Eventbrite.com

Want more information?
 Call - 9257 9968
 Email - youthekalamunda.wa.gov.au
 Facebook - eZZEYP

Supported by

LESMURDIE LITTLE TACKAS 3 YEAR OLD KINDY

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

Little Tackas Kindy offers a child centred, play based pre-kindy program for 3 year olds. Rated exceeding National Quality Standards in

- ▶ Relationships with children
- ▶ Staffing arrangements
- ▶ Educational Program and Practice

9:15am - 12noon
 Tuesday & Thursday during school term
 Enrol for one or both days

Contact 9291 9866 or lbc@iinet.net.au

Lesmurdie
BAPTIST CHURCH

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Payments can be made to the school using the Pay Anyone option through your online banking account. The account details are as follows:

Lesmurdie Primary School
 BSB: 066 112
 Account: 00900617

Clearly state the student's full name and reason for payment in the description (e.g. Smith J - Swimming)