Founders Day
On Friday 10 June, the School celebrated our fifth Founders' Day and gave thanks for those farsighted individuals who had the vision and wisdom to commence the process to build an Anglican School in Wellard. In only four years the School has grown to 680 students and 60 staff. By any standards, the growth has been exceptional.

As well as recognising our founders, the 2011 Founders' Day celebrations included the opening of the Building Education Revolution (BER) Library and Science blocks funded by the Gillard Government and our Stage 3 buildings, overseen by our School Council and funded by the Anglican Schools Commission. The School was honoured to have the facilities opened by the Honourable Gary Gray AO, MHR for the seat of Brand, Special Minister of State for the Public Service and Integrity.

The service was followed with a morning tea organised for our guests by the Parents and Friends Association, assisted by student wait staff from the Foods courses conducted at the School.

Students of the Senior School participated in a fun sports afternoon – whilst Junior School students participated in the annual Lapathon.

Congratulations
Last week, I received an email from a member of the public complimenting students of our School for their behaviour whilst travelling to Perth by train. I was emotionally moved as I read the email and wanted to share the immense pride I experienced with our entire community.

“Good Morning,
I just wanted to write to you this morning to tell you I travelled on the Mandurah Line with about 50 students from your school. I wanted to let you know they were really well behaved. It can be daunting getting on a train full of kids but they were great and they were very respectful to the rest of us commuters.

One of the boys (he was about 11) started to talk to me and he told me that he had now been to 4 different schools. When I asked him why, he told me he had been bullied at previous schools and that he was used to it but that it hadn’t happened at Peter Carnley. As an aunt of a 14 year old that has been bullied for the last few years I wanted to let you know how my heart went out to this kid and that he now feels safe (but please be aware he still expects it to happen – such is his experience in the past) was a joy to me. I don’t know why your school has been such a good experience for him but whatever you are doing it is working for at least one kid – just wish my nephew in Port Hedland had more options.

Thank you
PS Nearly forgot – the boy also said that he would be sending his kids to your school! He must be 11 if he’s a day and this is how he feels about your school - love it!!

Congratulations to all of those students in Year 5 and 6 who travelled on that train, you did your School and yourselves proud.

Mr Peter W Martin
Principal
FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

A look at Homework

Homework reinforces what your child is learning in school. It also gives you a chance to become involved in the learning process.

Reading is the most important homework. Your child may always have a book from the classroom library in his or her bag - try to read the book together every night. You might be asked to fill in a 'reading record' about your child’s progress with reading.

The time your child spends on homework is less important than his or her understanding of it. But the following is a rough guide to the amount of time he or she should be spending on homework at primary school:

- Kindy – Year 2: 10 minutes a day
- Year 3: 15 minutes a day
- Year 4: 20 minutes a day
- Year 5: 30 minutes a day
- Year 6: 45 minutes a day

Junior school children are sometimes asked to talk to their families about what they learned in school on a particular day. This can be the most valuable homework of all, especially if you show interest and play an active role by asking your child questions about their day.

Tips for good homework habits

- Do find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area. It needs a flat surface, a good light source and the right equipment eg pens, pencils, ruler, scissors, glue.
- Do be aware of modern teaching methods, eg in long division.
- Do plan a homework timetable and agree on when your child will do their homework.
- Do allow your child to have something nutritional to eat before starting on homework.
- Do discuss any homework tasks with your child and how it connects with what they are studying at school.
- Do turn off the TV - but you could have music on if they find it helpful.
- Don't give your child the answer in order to get a task finished. Instead, explain how to look up information or find a word in a dictionary.
- Don't teach your child methods you used at school. It could confuse them.
- Don't let homework become a chore. Keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.

Mrs Maggie Dunnill
Head of Junior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Next Tuesday evening (28 June), will be subject selection night for our Year 10 and 11 students going into 2012. This will happen at 6.30pm in the Covered Area and all parents and students are encouraged to attend.

You will hear a presentation from the various faculties and have a chance to discuss options with subject teachers.

It is very important that parents and students have some idea what they want to do on leaving School. Some subjects are prerequisite for career pathways and students need to be aware of what these may be as they choose their subjects from the grid provided.

The School is endeavouring to offer a broad range of subjects catering for:

- Tertiary bound students
- Students who enjoy practical and sporting subjects
- Students who will enter the work force on completion of their Western Australian Certificate of Education.

Students and parents should also consider the strengths and weaknesses that have become evident as the child has progressed through School and they should choose subjects and career paths that are enjoyable and that will be more likely to lead to success with consistent and reasonable effort. I encourage students and parents to discuss this with each other and with their current teachers.

Choosing subjects is always a difficult process for students and the perfect mix is not always possible. The student needs to pick one subject from each of 6 lines and getting the perfect combination can be difficult. That said, the School will endeavour to provide the best possible options for our students and I would encourage you to discuss these concerns with me, or your Year Coordinator, so that those options can be considered.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Mr Adrian Scott
Deputy Principal.

CANBERRA TRIP MEETING

The next parent information evening is on

Monday 27 June at 6.30pm in the Covered Area

Please bring a pen and Medicare/private medical coverage details

Some of our Year 8 and 9 student are starting to get a bit excited. Next term they are off on an Eastern States trip to see not only what Canberra has to offer, showing our government system and terrific museums, but also to experience snow for the first time!

They come back via Sydney and will undoubtedly remember this great educational experience for years to come.

PLAY APPARATUS

The play apparatus and sand pits are not to be used by any children before 8.30am or after 3.15pm.

These areas may not be used at any time unless a teacher or teacher assistant from PCACS are on supervision duty.
WOOL FOR WARMTH!

The Duke of Edinburgh group is joining with Co Curricular and Service this term and next, in order to collect wool, knit squares and make blankets for the needy this winter.

In Term 3, there will be an activity run to allow students to sit and knit with the support of knowledgeable adults. If you are either a keen student or a ‘crafty’ parent, please let Miss Angel know!

I encourage ALL members of the School community to get involved. If you are enthusiastic to knit and add to our pile of squares, we are using size ‘4’ needles, 8 ply wool and knitting squares of 20 stitches.

If you have ANY spare wool you can donate it would be much appreciated. We’re aiming to make at least 2 lovely blankets to donate to Anglicare.

FRUIT & VEG FOR PREPRIMARY

In Pre Primary we have been learning all about farms and the things that are farmed.

We have looked closely at the fruit and vegetables grown on farms and cooked healthy vegetable soup as well as making delicious fruit kebabs.

We have also been learning about the life cycle of living things.

We focused on the chicken lifecycle with a visit from a hen and the plant lifecycle where we grew our own hairy egg heads.

Mrs Kyra Lloyd

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

This edition of In Focus is the last that will be sent out on paper. By now you should have received an emailed copy of last month’s edition. If not, please supply your email address to newsletter@pcacs.wa.edu.au with your child’s name. Please also ensure that ‘newsletter@pcacs.wa.edu.au’ is in your email filter ‘allow’ list.

For those families that do not have email access, paper copies can be collected from Reception in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of each term. Newsletters are also posted on our website.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Building Fund, please complete the form available on our website at


and return it to the front office with your donation before 30 June. All contributions, no matter how large or small, and from any source, will be gratefully accepted. It is about being involved, not about how much you give.

The Fund will issue receipts for all contributions to support your tax return. Families, individuals and organisations may choose to have their contributions acknowledged in the School newsletter.

Your generous financial support will go towards future initiatives and assist the School in maintaining an impressive standard of facilities for today’s students and future generations.

Mr Andrew McKenzie-Fraser
Business Manager

TERM 3 MUSIC FEES

Term 3 Music Tuition Fees are due on Thursday 28 July.

IPSHA PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Over the past term, students from 6L and 6G have been working on a musical performance for the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival. It went for three days and had 23 other performing schools. Our school was performing on the first day, Wednesday 15 June 2011.

On Wednesday morning, all of the Year 6 students had to be at the Wellard Train Station before 8.20am but due to Mr Griffin and Miss Scarlet’s lateness we were running a little bit behind time.

When we finally got on the train we were told to be quiet as there were other people using public transport but because we were all so excited it was very difficult to do this!

At 9.30am we arrived at the Perth Convention Centre and were ready to perform at the matinee. When we got on stage we had our two speakers Lachie and Hollie to explain the purpose of our performance.

Our performance was to express the rhythm of life through the thumping beat of cups, the exciting sound of sticks and chairs, the funky tune of body percussion and finally ending with an exciting song “The Rhythm of Life”.

When we had finished our performance we all walked backstage and talked about how good and exciting it was. When the whole matinee finished we all walked to the train station to go back to school for the end of the day... just so we could go home and do it all over again!

After we refreshed ourselves at home, our parents drove us to the Perth Convention Centre so we could perform again.

It had been a long day so I’m positive that mostly everyone went straight to sleep when they got home because I know that I did! And yes, the rhythm of life is a powerful beat!

By Chelsea Searle (Year 6G)
As there have been increasing questions submitted to class teachers and administration about ‘Activities’ at PCACS, I thought it time to write about some of the areas I organise so parents and students can identify who they need to speak to when they have queries.

As Activities Coordinator, I oversee: Co Curricular, Duke of Edinburgh, Service and Leadership.

If you are keen to help in ANY of these areas, please do not hesitate to contact me on kangel@pcacs.wa.edu.au or cocurricular@pcacs.wa.edu.au

My classroom is in the new Middle School building, on the opposite side of the basketball court to the Junior School. We have brightly painted Italian windows so please come for a visit!

Co Curricular

Each term, I prepare the timetable for both Senior and Junior Co Curricular. These are available for parents and students towards the end of term. When notes are returned, choices are collated and class lists are arranged for teachers.

As there are now a large number of students at PCACS, it is not always possible for students to be placed in all the activities of their choice.

This process is completed based on a ‘first in, best dressed’ policy, encouraging students to return their notes early. It is important to note that once the deadline for returning notes has passed (usually the last week of term), students will not be permitted to join activities.

An issue this term has been large numbers of absences in these activities. Please note that if you enrol your child in a co curricular activity, they are expected to attend each class, unless sick. If students cannot attending the activity, an email should be sent to Miss Angel on the day or before.

Through our AASC (Active After School Communities) funding, all junior school sporting activities are provided with afternoon tea in their activity time.

If you are a parent/friend keen to volunteer with our afterschool sport programme, please contact Miss Angel.

Any queries involving Junior School Co Curricular can be directed to Miss Angel or Miss Janes (Year 5 classroom teacher).

Duke of Edinburgh

This Award Scheme is provided as an option for students over the age of 14. Through PCACS, this program costs $100 in 2011, which includes enrolment, insurance and 2 camps. It comprises 4 areas in which students must challenge themselves: Physical Recreation, Skills, Volunteering, Adventure Out

It is important to note that completion of the Bronze level contributes valuable credit to the WACE certificate. Notes have been given out to all students Year 9-12, as well as information packs. If parents have any queries, please contact Miss Angel.

http://www.dukeofed.com.au

Service

At PCACS, we encourage our students to get involved with the community and give service to others. In the past, this has meant being involved in the Activ City to Surf, Anglicare Appeals, World Vision 40 hr famine, Canteen Bandana Day, Casual for a Cause days and supporting our World Vision Child.

This year we are focusing on supporting our World Vision Child and charities close to home. We will be launching our ‘Winter Appeal – Wool for Warmth’ which will involve knitting squares to create blankets for the needy. Not only is this a fantastic event to be involved in, but also increases your skills at knitting.

Later in the year we hope to be involved in the ASC fun run, raising money for the Parkerville Children’s home (16 October, 2011).

As a new development in 2011, senior students have begun volunteering their time in Co Curricular activities to give Service to others. At present, we have over 30 students giving their time after school to assist Junior sports and activities.

Leadership

Through service and Duke of Edinburgh, students have participated in many leadership activities over the years. In 2011, we are introducing a new programme through the Australian Defence Force. Selected students will attend day training in Perth to work on the ‘ADF Youth Challenge’.

Students will need to create a presentation relating to the question ‘Is the ADF a good role model?’ To create our presentation, we’re calling on any parents or friends of the School who are/were involved in the Australian Defence Force, who are interested in being interviewed so the students can outline the links between citizenship, responsibility and the Forces.


Miss Kim Angel
Activities Coordinator
LIAM ACHIEVES HIS GREY WOLF AWARD
AT CUB SCOUTS

If you have ever been a Cub or Scout you will recognise the enormous amount of work that went into Liam Hunt’s (Year 6) Grey Wolf Award which he received a few weeks ago.

The required activities include excellent camping skills, planning and leading a bush walk of 2 hours duration, being awarded a minimum of 4 Achievement badges in Arts & Literature; Nature, Science and Technology; Sports and Recreation and Our World as well as completing a special interest badge and presenting a resource, which is quite something for an 11 year old.

Many Venture Scouts go on to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award and we are sure that Liam will be well prepared by the time he gets to Year 10 when he will be able to participate in the PCACS Duke of Edinburgh programme.

Liam and his brother Connor (a Joey Scout) are members of 1st Mandurah Group. Congratulations Liam!

LANGUAGE PERFECT SCORES BY YEAR GROUPS - JUNE 2011

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LANGUAGE PERFECT INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS AT JUNE 2011

Silver Level (10,000 points) - Tuyen Le

Blue Level (5,000 points) - Danka Pekic, Hien Le

Green Level (4,000 points) - Mary Carson-Holmes

Orange Level (2000 points) - Charlotte Wrench, Iryna Sakhatovsky, Yoong Le

Red Level (1000 points) - Jacqueline Watson, Yoong Le, Rebecca Carson-Holmes, Rebecca Turbett, Hollie Zaragosa, Zoie Fishwick, Alice Whittingham, Yoopa Sangharaju, Riley Miller, Sara Guest, Iryna Sakhatovsky, Hayley Winter, Toni Weaver.

Keep going and we can do even better than last year!

MR GOULDSMITH’S CLASS OUT AND ABOUT

Sticks and Stones and Animal Bones - Mr Gouldsmith’s Year 4s travelled to Perth by train to the WA Museum a few weeks ago. Students were able to visit various galleries with their parent leaders but the main aim of the trip was to participate in a presentation about Aboriginal lifestyle. Their traditional weapons and tools were presented by an Aboriginal Heritage Officer from CALM who also helped them to paint traditional indigenous markings on their faces.

Fauna Relocation - Last week the class participated in a Fauna Relocation Event in the Village at Wellard. Our students joined with Calista Primary School students to help relocate mainly skinks and geckos to the nearby Leda Nature Reserve.

They enjoyed turning over logs and stripping bark off trees looking for spiders and centipedes that could also be relocated. It was an excellent opportunity for students to get active and involved with their local surroundings and environment.

The five adult fauna experts played an important part in the expedition but thank you to our generous parents, without whom neither of the excursions could have happened.

Mr Ian Gouldsmith
JUNIOR SCHOOL INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The Junior School (Years 3 to 6) ran the Interhouse Cross Country on Thursday of Week 4. The students showed great energy and courage in running the long race. They came dressed in their house colours and displayed wonderful sportsmanship and house spirit and enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning.

Students had to run through mulch, sand, grass, paving and bitumen, running up and down hills. Our students were magnificent and ran their hearts out, all earning points for their House.

It was also great to see so many parents and friends come along and help and support the students. An Interschool squad which will compete next term on 12 August will be announced soon.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Year 3 Boys 1st Place – Alexander Riseley
- Year 3 Boys 2nd Place – Tyson Knibbs
- Year 3 Girls 1st Place – Eliza Griffin
- Year 3 Girls 2nd Place – Annabelle Bune
- Year 4 Boys 1st Place – Mason Craigie
- Year 4 Boys 2nd Place – Jarra Hamner
- Year 4 Girls 1st Place – Julia Celeberti
- Year 4 Girls 2nd Place – Chloe Downbia
- Year 5 Boys 1st Place – Bradley Oldfield
- Year 5 Boys 2nd Place – Nicholas Anfuso
- Year 5 Girls 1st Place – Aleisha Turley
- Year 5 Girls 2nd Place – Lucy Mulligan
- Year 6 Boys 1st Place – Adam Anfuso
- Year 6 Boys 2nd Place – Kyle Donaldson
- Year 6 Girls 1st Place – Leila Desai
- Year 6 Girls 2nd Place – Madeleine Bune

APOLOGY

Last newsletter I left out an important member of our Junior School Swim Team who won a medal at the recent KSSA Interschool Swim Carnival, so congratulations to Chloe Downbia of Year 4 on your fantastic achievement.

SENIOR HOCKEY TEAM

On Monday of Week 4 our inaugural Senior Mixed Hockey Team played in a tournament held by the Rockingham Hockey Club. We played a series of 30 minute games against a few schools from the Rockingham area.

Our team was well led by Christopher McHugh (Year 10) and remained undefeated after the final round of fixtures. Students got to play on the Astro Turf as well as the grass fields and played extremely well considering this was the first time some of the players had played a game of hockey.

We got through to the Grand Final against Maranatha College and at the end of full time the scores were locked in at 1 – 1. The game then went into extra time, and still 1-1. Another extra time was called and the scores hadn't changed.

The game then went into penalty one on one with the goalkeeper. Five players were chosen from each team to try and get around the goalkeeper and score. Rymond Kohnke, our Goalkeeper, did a great job, however, in the end Maranatha won the game and took home the trophy.

The team was happy with how they played and had a fantastic day. Some budding hockey players were found and I’m looking forward to next year’s team to perhaps go one better.

Mr Roh Weddikkara

COMMUNITY COACH TRAINING SESSIONS

If you would like to become accredited as a Community Coach for Active After-School Communities, please ring

Rich Williams on 0437 700 443

or email rich.williams@ausport.gov.au for details.

Next training days are on 25 July, 2 August and 14 August, 8.30am - 4.00pm at various venues.

ACC CROSS COUNTRY

On 2 June a squad of 50 Year 7 to 12 students competed in the ACC Cross Country Carnival at Perry Lakes.

With tough competition of over 1,000 students from 30 schools around Perth and cold, windy weather, the students tried their hardest to finish their race.

Congratulations to all students who competed, in particular our two captains Molly Wrench and Sharni Winter for coming to the Carnival during exam week. Special mention must also go to Hayley Winter (Year 9) for her top 10 finish.

2L ICE CREAM CONTAINERS WANTED

Mrs Whitcombe would appreciate receiving any clean 2L ice cream containers with lids if you can save them for her.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED

Please note the Uniform shop will be closed on Friday 1 July for stocktaking. We apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.