



# WILLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**ICAS:** Lots of students engaged in the ICAS assessment program over the past 2 weeks. Thank you to Ms Simons for organising the program and to staff who turned up early to help supervise.

**White Slips:** Part of our behaviour management involves the issuing of “white slips” to students who do not abide by our school code of conduct (school rules).

The white slip is a reflection sheet that is aimed at encouraging the student to think about what they did, why they did it and what they might do differently in future.

Discussion is also undertaken as part of the process.

Usually white slips are issued for repeat offences, or offences that may have serious outcomes for student safety.

At present, we have a number of students who are not doing what is expected in regard to eating food in the allocated area which is the undercover area. Repeated class discussions, p.a announcements and assembly notices have been successful for most students.

To get the message home strongly to repeat offenders or students who do not respect the code of conduct, white slips will be issued and a formal record established to monitor behaviour. This may seem a bit “over the top” for something as simple as “eating areas”, however, Willetton Primary has a reputation as being an orderly school where high standards of behaviour are expected and usually achieved. It is attention to the little issues as well as the larger problems that has enabled this school to earn a positive reputation.

I ask that parents remind students that the little things are important and support the school in reinforcing behaviour standards.

**Safety House Art:** Congratulations Zeba Zia. Zeba won the 2011 competition and received her award at the presentation at SciTech. Zeba won a \$200 cash prize.

**Library Closed:** The move of the book collection and teacher resources is under way.

Mrs Cobban and Ms Simons have been assisted by Mrs Fry, Mrs Rutter and Mrs Leung in setting up the new centre. Until the new computer system is operational, the library will remain closed.

### **Year 6 & 7 Students**

**Specialised Programs:-** South Fremantle Senior High School have special programs for Year 8 Students for 2012 in Marine Studies, Music and Baseball. Information can be obtained from the office.

John Chapman  
PRINCIPAL

**Mathletics:** Mathletics conducted an upgrade which changed the minimum technical requirements for Adobe Flash. The Department cannot upgrade Adobe until testing has been conducted to ascertain the impact of such upgrade on the Department system. This will be done toward the end of Term 3. The impact of this on our students is that, until the upgrade is completed, students will not be able to access the Mathletics program at school. They will be able to access the program from home computers.

### **Honour Board**

Congratulations to the following people who were awarded Achievement Certificates at the assembly on **19 August:**

James Bianchini, Flynn Burns, Elisabeth Baron, Natalie Kravchenko, Michael Thomas, Brendan Slaughter, Sam Dias, Cinzia Montesi, Lisa Nguyen, Carys Roberts, Aedan Milford-Kendrick, Bhargav Chigati, Rhea Quadros, Elizabeth Condro, Ryan Seet, Harish Kumar, Esha Panchal, Senal Kellapatha, Hou Hong Li, Kristy Chau, Huw St Clair, Aryan Pishan, Teshan Gunathilaka, Sashini Liyange, Azonia Ralli, Navaneeth Nanda, Jessica Hood, Vegini Krishnamoorthy, Anton Soloshenko and Maria Dude.

**Say no to bullying – Don't join in**

## Assembly

The next assembly will be conducted by Area 12 on Friday 2 September.

**Music:** If anyone has any light scarves that they no longer require we would appreciate them for our music classes. Thanks.

Rosalie Gannaway - Music Specialist

## **Virtue of the Weeks 4 - 6**

### **Respect**

- ★ Treat others as you want to be treated.
- ★ Speak courteously to everyone.
- ★ Take special care of other people's belongings.
- ★ Are receptive to the wisdom of elders.
- ★ Honour the rules of your family, school and nation.
- ★ Expect respect for your body and your rights.

### *P&C News*

WA Health has produced a free resource to assist parents to share their values and educate their children about sexuality. To order or download a copy of *Talk Soon. Talk Often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex*, go to [www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1276/parentcaregiver.pm](http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1276/parentcaregiver.pm)

The **next P&C meeting** is being held in the new Library room at 7pm on Monday 5th September. The P&C welcomes all members of the school community to attend.

#### **Fun Run**

The annual fun run is on being held on Friday 2nd September from 1pm. Don't forget your jogging shoes on the day and parents don't feel left out you too can join the kids running, hopping, skipping or walking for a gold coin donation. Each child will receive an entry into the raffle draw for every \$10 they raise, the winning entry from each year group will win a Hoyts movie pack. The child who donates the most money will receive an MP3 player and movie pack.

#### **School Disco**

A big thank you to all parents who volunteered their time to make the school disco such a success. An extra big thank you to Kylie Cowell and Kirsty Pinder who did so much work making the disco a well organised, safe and fun event.

*Community News - The following organisations have asked us to pass on this information. While we do this as a community service when space is available, the school is not necessarily endorsing or promoting any of these individuals or organisations.*

**Willetton Little Athletics Club**-Little Athletics develops the basic motor skills of running, jumping and throwing.

It's all about being your best. Registration Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10am to 2pm Venue: Willetton Sports Club.

Any queries please ring Melita – 0413 311 162

## **A new program (RADAR) to reduce alcohol problems in the City of Canning**

Alcohol is seen by many as being part of the Australian way of life and is central to many social functions. However, there is much community concern about the harm alcohol can cause, especially to our youth.

### **ALCOHOL & YOUTH - What are the facts?**

- 24% of 12 to 17 year olds drink alcohol daily or weekly.
- Of those who drink weekly, 34% of males and 43% of females aged 16 to 17 years drink at risky levels.
- On average, young people start drinking regularly at 17 years but some are as young as 12 years.
- The earlier a person starts drinking the more likely they will develop alcohol related problems later in life.

### **ALCOHOL & YOUTH - What are the consequences?**

- Alcohol consumption accounts for 13% of all deaths among 14 to 17 year old Australians.
- Alcohol related problems result in one death and 60 hospitalisations on average each week for 14-17 year olds.
- Even modest alcohol consumption can negatively affect school achievement and mental health.

### **RADAR PROJECT - Overview**

Raising Awareness of Drug and Alcohol Risk (RADAR) is a community project developed by the Willetton & District Local Drug Action Group (WDL DAG) together with the Canning Times and Healthway.

The project aims to counter Australia's cultural acceptance of heavy drinking which normalises risky drinking behaviour. It plans to raise awareness of parents about their children's alcohol use, and what they can do.

Monthly articles will be published in the Canning Times on alcohol issues including the following topics:

- Parental influence on alcohol consumption
- Leavers & parties
- Alcohol & drowning
- Christmas & parties
- Drink driving

Links to further information will be available via the Local Drug Action Group Bulletin Board:

[www.localdrugaction.com.au](http://www.localdrugaction.com.au)

If you are interested in learning more about this project or WDL DAG please contact Mr Brian Davis, Convenor of WDL DAG at [geologica@upnaway.com](mailto:geologica@upnaway.com)

### **What do the experts say?**

Mr Brian Davis, Convenor of WDL DAG says, "we as parents have a responsibility to protect our children from risky drinking. We need to be aware that their drinking is influenced by our own drinking habits". Mr Davis suggests "we all can help by ensuring we are suitable role models when consuming alcohol in front of our children or in our homes".

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