2nd March 2016

Principal

The Independent Public School (IPS) initiative has proven to be a very important topic this term with staff and parents.

I recently had the opportunity to speak to interested parents at the P&C AGM and at a morning tea after assembly. The overwhelming feedback is that the school community is keen to embrace IPS, given the opportunity that being more autonomous provides. It is important to note that our teachers remain employed under the same conditions if we were IPS but the school would have the opportunity to select staff suited to our context. The next stage is for the school’s formal interest to be ratified at School Council and the Council Chair formally signs a document to take the school into the development phase of applying for IPS. I will keep parents informed in the newsletter of our progress on IPS as year goes on.

The School Council is an important voice for parents in terms of the strategic direction of the school and future success in applying for IPS. I have received nominations from community members and parents, via the P&C nomination process, for 2016. Parents interested in nominating for School Council outside the P&C process have until Wednesday, 9th of March to nominate in writing outlining the skills and attributes you would bring to the Council. A vote will only be required if more people nominate than positions available.

A current issue at the moment is Facebook. It is important to note that the only Facebook page associated with Caralee is the Caralee P&C 2015 page (year needs updating). Any other page purporting to be associated with Caralee is not genuine and is generated by Facebook to create revenue and visitor traffic for that company.

On that note, it is important that parents respect the appropriate use of social media and not post images of children appearing on school site or during school functions on social media. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information.

It was fantastic to see the staffroom nearly full with parents attending the P&C AGM last week. The first event for 2016 looks fantastic with a Harmony Day dress up and Easter Raffle scheduled for the Wednesday, 23rd of March. In the morning we have our annual Harmony Big Breaky, so please come and enjoy breakfast with your kids to celebrate the wide range of cultures our backgrounds bring to Caralee.

Jason Shapcott
Principal

SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY this Friday

Our website: www.caraleecs.wa.edu.au
SMS Attendance: 0409 883 536
Our email address: Caralee.cs@education.wa.edu.au
Allergy friendly school: Please remember NO NUTS or nut products.

- Fri, 4th Mar School Clean Up Day
- Wed, 16 Mar Assembly (D4)
- Thu, 17 Mar Young Leaders Day
- Wed, 23rd Mar Harmony Day B/Fast
- Fri, 25th to Tue, 29th March Easter Break
- Wed, 30 Mar Students Return

Next P&C Meeting will be held in the Staffroom:
Tues, 15th March 2016, 7.00pm

See P.4 Community News for “Siobhan’s Ice Cream Bonanza”!
The students and families of Caralee Community School & the Fremantle Language Development Centre are invited to celebrate Harmony Week by coming to a Harmony Day Breakfast and Multi-cultural Parade.

Date: Wednesday 23rd March
Time: Breakfast 8am - Near CCS Art Room
Parade 8.50am – In Undercover Area
Who: PP—Yr 3 and Yr. 4-6 students in costume

Please dress up in the colours or traditional dress of another country, perhaps where your family has come from.
It will be great fun and we are looking forward to seeing you all!

News from the School Canteen
Thank you for all your ongoing support!
The canteen is a wonderful place to help the school community as well as meet and mix with other parents in a fun (and musical) environment.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help keep up with the growing demand (even an hour a week) so please pop in and register—no singing experience necessary.

Be sure to check out our terrific Summer Menu.
Music & Drama

Welcome back to an exciting new year at Caralee CS! My name is Miss Rhiannan Longley, and I am excited to be teaching Music & Drama at Caralee this year.

In Music, the junior students have been learning about dynamics, experimenting with using loud and soft sounds to add meaning and expression to their musical compositions. They have also been learning about the difference between beat and rhythm and using the rhythms ta and ti-ti to create their own songs.

The senior school students have been revising their rhythms through practice, composition and performance. They have particularly enjoyed participating in activities such as ‘Busted’ and our ‘Write the Room Scavenger Hunt’ to practice identifying, writing and playing rhythms.

In Drama, the students have been exploring their improvisation skills, interacting with each other within a scenario, using facial expressions and body movement to show emotion and meaning.

I’ve really enjoyed getting to know the classes at Caralee CS over the first few weeks of term and I look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Miss Rhiannan Longley, Music Specialist

Sport

Welcome back to another full and fun term of sports. This Term we have an All Girls Cricket Clinic running for Years 4 to 6. This is held Friday morning between 7:30am - 8:30am on the Caralee oval. If you see the girls wearing a pink T20 shirt make sure you say hello.

Girls Multi Sports will be held Thursday, 10th March 2016. This will be held at the Success Sporting Facility in Hammond Park, Success. We have three mixed teams of Years 4 to 6 participating in the T20 Cricket, Netball and AFL. Parents of the girls participating are invited to come down and watch your team try their best in all events. The girls have been practising their multisport talents every lunch time and during sport.

We also have the Summer Lightning Carnival in Week 9, Thursday, 31st March 2016. Students will be selected for teams during Friday sports. There will be basketball, touch rugby and cricket. Well done all students for always being organised with their hats and water during sports time.

Beep Test—Congratulations to Max Perryman who reached a level of 14.12 and Kaylen Caruana who reached a level of 14.1. I am extremely proud of all students who achieve a high level and tried their best.

Miss Aleisha Cotton, Sports Teacher

Art

Art Competitions — All students are entering the Robin Miller (Sugar Bird Lady) Art Competition. Everyone’s art competition must be handed to Ms Cotton no later than Tuesday, 8th March 2016. Years 1-3 are working on their art competition entries in the Art Room. As for the Years 4-6, they have now taken their work home to complete.

Clay—Parents: please cone and visit the Art Room to see your child’s clay roses and flowers. The detail that the students have achieved is simply breath taking! Miss Aleisha Cotton
Parent-Child Connection –
6.30-9.00pm, Wed 9 March 2016 x 4 weeks
$50 per person/$75 per couple
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For further information please call Tel: 6164 0200

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Siobhan’s Shout**
Thank you Willagee for your ongoing support in helping me be the No 1 Agent in Willagee. Come and join me and my team for a FREE Ice Cream.
Friday 11th March from 3.30 – 5.30pm
Caramoona Park (10 Archibald Street, Willagee)

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**Come and Try Kayaking!**
Sat 19th March 3-5pm
FREE
For children aged 8 years short 12 years
Children must be able to swim
Full refund if you persist

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