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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 2, 2017

Hello All,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their warm welcome. When I arrived I was blown away with the beauty of the town and especially the school with its beautiful grounds and exceptional infrastructure. I am very excited for myself and my wife Christina and son AJ to live in such a gorgeous town. I have been working as a School Administrator for the past seven years and look forward to working with the staff to improve the schools performance for all stakeholders.

I would like to invite all parents, P&C members and School Council members to come and see me to discuss the school's context and give me information that will help us guide the school in 2017 and beyond.

Once again a big thank you and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Trent Lockyer
Principal

WELCOME

Bremer Bay Primary would like to welcome Trent Lockyer, the new Principal and his family to our school.

Two new students also joined us at Bremer Bay Primary at the beginning of this term. Welcome to the Lawson family, Jonte to the junior class and Judson to the senior class.

We hope that they all enjoy their time here as part of our school community



NAPLAN

Next week, the Year Three and Five students will sit their NAPLAN tests. Please encourage these students to have enough rest, eat well and have a positive outlook leading into Week Three and these tests.



GAIRDNER LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Gairdner Primary School has once again invited the students in Years Three to Six to join them for the Gairdner Lightning Carnival. The carnival will be held on Thursday, 8 June.



Attached to this newsletter is the lunch order form. If you would like to order your lunch please complete the form and return to school with payment by Monday, 22 May.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Issue 3 order form has been sent home today. Parents are able to place an order online or return the order form with payment to school by 9.00am Tuesday, May 9.



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

School contributions are now due and payment would be appreciated. Please make payment at your earliest convenience.

The amount payable is \$40.00 per first and second child in a family. \$30.00 for each additional child.

Payments can be sent into the school office or paid by direct deposit to;
BSB 066 500
Account Number 00904281
and use your surname, V Cont. as the reference.

Dates for your diary....

School Photos	Friday, 26 May
Visiting Schools At Jerramungup DHS.....	Friday, 2 June
Gairdner Lightning Carnival.....	Thursday, 8 June
Visiting Schools at Jerramungup DHS.....	Friday, 9 June
Visiting Schools at Jerramungup DHS.....	Friday, 16 June
Visiting Schools at Jerramungup DHS.....	Friday, 23 June
NIADOC Celebration at Jerramungup DHS.....	Friday, 30 June
Last Day of Term 2	Friday, 30 June



Dear Bremer Bay Community,

I have lived in Bremer Bay since 2010, but have been coming here every year of my life since I was born. My Nan used to be the nurse here a very long time ago and my Dad's side of the family had a shack on Margaret St (which they sold and is now a fancy 2 story house). My Mum's side of the family came here for holidays from the late 50's. My Grandparents also owned a caravan in the caravan park, so every Christmas we would stay here and enjoy the beaches. My Grandparents ended up retiring here about 20 years ago, which is great as I get to spend lots of time with my Grandad.

I was born in Katanning and then moved to Albany. My mum was an EA and my Dad worked for Telstra. His job took us up north to Mt Magnet when I was in year 4 and we moved back to Albany when I was in year 9. I finished my schooling at St Joseph's College in Albany.

After high school I moved to Perth to go to university. I actually studied Psychology and Genetics as my first degree, looking towards becoming a Genetic Counsellor for those with hereditary diseases. During my studies I became interested in developmental psychology and helping children who had difficulties. This led me to doing my Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education, eventually wanting to become a School Psychologist. However, I enjoyed my time in the classroom so much that I put my psychologist aspirations on the back burner and jumped straight into teaching.

My first posting was at Hopetoun teaching PP, I was there for a year and a half but unfortunately due to the mine closing we lost a lot of children and I moved on. My next posting was at Munglinup, about an hour out of Esperance, it was a very small town with a school of about 30 children. This was my first introduction to multi-age classes and it was certainly an eye opener!

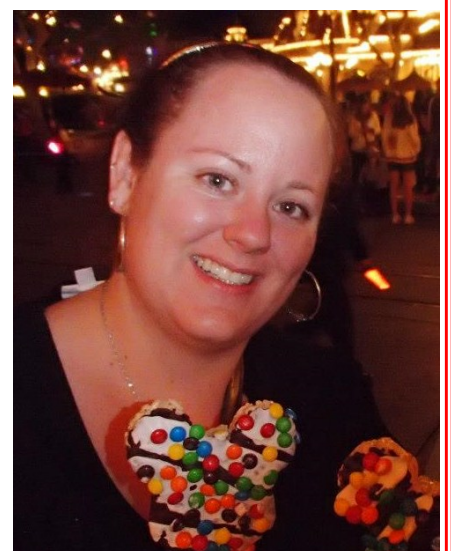
After Munglinup I had the opportunity to gain a permanent position here, and as it was my favourite place in the world I couldn't refuse. Teaching in a multi-age class is very challenging but also incredibly rewarding as you get to see the children you taught in Kindy graduate as year 6's.

A big part of teaching so many grades at once is having different expectations for each child, based on the curriculum. For example we may all read the same book together but then the Kindy children may paint a picture of their favourite part and orally tell us their answer. The pre-primary children may draw their favourite part and then have a go at doing some writing. The year 1 children are challenged to answer comprehension questions about the book and higher expectations are set on the standard of writing that they do.

I recently went to a PD in Kojonup about a writing program called 'Talk4writing'. I was really inspired by the program, both its strategies and its results. Its main premise is that children need to have experienced, and memorised, other stories to be able to create their own. It enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version. I am looking forward to implementing this in the classroom in the coming terms.

I hope you all enjoyed reading about me and my teaching 😊

Miss Jasmine Porteous



School Entry Health Assessment

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten and is provided by the local Community Health Nurse. The program is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

At Bremer Bay School, the Kindy assessments occur on Thursday, June 1st.

The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which can be addressed, if picked up and treated early.

The tests include:

- vision and hearing checks (if not already under the care of an eye or ear health professional)
- developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form
- teacher and nurse observations
- any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the Community Health Nurse will ring you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

This year weight and height measurements will not be completed routinely, however if you have any concerns regarding your child's growth, please indicate your concern on the form and the Community Health Nurse will contact you to discuss.

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

School Entry Health Assessment forms are currently being distributed for parents to complete. **Please complete and sign the front page of the form before you return it. Please return the form to the school office or class teacher, as soon as possible.**

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please phone if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessment.

Paula Stretton, Community Health Nurse
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Join us for a **FREE** Breakfast to help "Thank a Volunteer"

Tuesday the 9th May
7am– 8.30am
Pelican Op Shop



Music from Tanya Buckenara
Coffee and hot chocolate from Orca Coffee Company

ALL WELCOME



**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
8-14 MAY 2017

This National Volunteer Week we celebrate and acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. Research shows volunteers live happier and healthier lives. So, enjoy your volunteering and all the benefits that come with it!

Thank you volunteers
for helping make Australia the happiest place on earth!

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COOL DRINK BOTTLES



Ms. Outram would like to create another amazing piece of artwork in her art classes and would like donations of cool drink bottles to use for the project. If you have any clean, empty cool drink bottles please bring them into school. They will be very appreciated.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

From time to time on Fridays our office may be unattended. If you need to contact the school and there is no answer in the office please call the school mobile number 0429 374 010.



TRAVELLING ON THE SCHOOL BUS

Parents are reminded to contact the school bus and the school if you need to change the travel arrangements for your children. If you would like your child to visit someone who uses the bus or for them to be dropped off somewhere other than the usual destination, please contact the school on 98374010 and also leave a message on the bus mobile 0429 088 028.



Gairdner Lightning Carnival
8 June 2017

The Gairdner P & C would again like to offer a Tuckshop style lunch for the Gairdner Lightning and welcome your order.

Should you wish to order please complete the form below and return it to your school with the correct money by **Monday 22 May 2017**.

Strictly no late orders.

Name:

School:

Qty	Product	Price	Total
	Ham & Salad Roll (ham, lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese)	\$5.00	
	Chicken & Salad Roll (lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese)	\$5.00	
	Hot Dog	\$3.50	
	Sausage Roll	\$3.50	
	Pie	\$4.00	
	Sauce	\$0.50	
	Chicken, Cheese & Mayo toastie	\$4.00	
	Chicko Roll	\$3.00	
	Corn Jack	\$3.00	
	Apple Juice	\$2.50	
	Orange Juice	\$2.50	
	Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.50	
	Water	\$2.00	
	TOTAL		

Note : _____

Family members are welcome to order by adding items to a child's order.

Thank you

The Gairdner P&C will have tea, coffee, morning tea and a produce stall available for purchase throughout the day.