



AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Issue 1

# NEWSLETTER

22nd February 2012

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2012 school year. A special welcome to all of our new families - I hope that you and your children will enjoy their stay at Adam Road.

I would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school for 2012:

- Mrs Sonia Jones - Kindergarten Teacher
- Ms Annie Rose - Kindergarten Teacher
- Ms Gwenda Evans - Teacher Assistant
- Mrs Noeleen Garic - Teacher Assistant



This year, our numbers have now increased to 526, compared to 457 at the beginning of last year. Some of this increase is due to our Kindergarten students now being onsite—this year, we have four Kindergarten classes, compared with two in previous years.

Whilst on the topic of the new Kindergarten, isn't it great for our students to be given learning opportunities in brand new facilities. Playground equipment for the Kindergarten should be installed and ready to use within 4 weeks. The re-roofing of our school (from tiles to tin) was completed last Friday and the new roofing adds to the appearance of our school.

It is terrific to see the high percentage of students at our school who are wearing full school uniform. Parent assistance is greatly appreciated in ensuring that their children continue to wear their full school uniform.

Regards  
Larry Gleeson  
Principal

### THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

Friday, 24th February 2012  
Assembly Area—2.10pm  
Class Item— Ms Hadley, Year 7

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY, 2012**  
Any parent who wishes to have an item listed for discussion, should provide written documentation to Mr Gleeson prior to the meeting.

### FORTNIGHTLY FACTION POINTS

**Green — 316**

**Gold — 190**

**Red — 184**

**Blue — 210**

### CONGRATULATIONS ADAM ROAD

The Hon. Adele Farina MLC would like to congratulate the staff, students and parents at Adam Road Primary School for the rise in its attendance rate last year. Whilst the State's average school attendance rate in 2011 dropped below the level in 2010, Adam Road's attendance went the other way and 'bucked the trend' of falling attendance rates. In 2010 our school's attendance rate was 92.7% and in 2011 it went up to 94%.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Wed February 22</b>	<b>Thurs February 23</b>	<b>Fri February 24</b> - Assembly - Ms Hadley (Yr 7)	<b>Mon February 27</b> - Krikke Boys Car Visit (Yr 1-7)	<b>Tues February 28</b> - School Board Meeting (5pm) - Uniform Shop Meeting (3:05pm)
<b>Wed February 29</b> - Yr 7 Immunisation - P & C Meeting (7pm)	<b>Thurs March 1</b>	<b>Fri March 2</b> - Constable Care Visit (PP-Yr 7)	<b>Mon March 5</b> <i><b>LABOUR DAY</b></i> <i><b>(Public Holiday)</b></i>	<b>Tues March 6</b>

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 1</b></p> <p>Rm 1            Macy &amp; Saxon</p> <p>Rm 2            Carrie &amp; Seth</p> <p>Rm 3            Rani &amp; Qwynton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 2</b></p> <p>Rm 4            Haylee &amp; Ace</p> <p>Rm 5            Erin &amp; Averil</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 3</b></p> <p>Rm 6            Orion &amp; Hoani</p> <p>Rm 7            Shaliah &amp; Sarem</p> <p>Rm 8            Octavia &amp; Blake</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 4</b></p> <p>Rm 15           Aiden</p> <p>Rm 16           Jacinta</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 5</b></p> <p>Rm 12           Melody</p> <p>Rm 15           Georgina</p> <p>Rm 16           Travis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 6</b></p> <p>Rm 12           Hiroko</p> <p>Rm 18           Charli &amp; Sheiskha</p> <p>Rm 20           Tia</p> <p>Rm 21           Mackenzie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 7</b></p> <p>Rm 19           Mark &amp; Rachel</p> <p>Rm 20           Coby</p> <p>Rm 21           Michael</p>
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## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Room 21 - Monika, Daisy, Kerrilie, Aaron, Aled, Lauren, Jakub, Simona, Tyra, Temeika, Jan, Stephanie and Cameron.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Adam Road Primary School operates a before and after school Care Program. The Program runs in the Old School Library between 7am and 8:30am in the morning, and between 3:05pm and 6:00pm in the evening. The Program is run by OSH Club, which has been developed to provide Outside School Hours Care services to primary school aged children. OSH Club believes that an After School Care Program of exceptional quality is one that provides a safe environment for children to learn, relax, thrive and have fun. For further information

regarding the Program (e.g. costs, learning programs), contact Gemma on 0421 705 749.

## THANK YOU ADAM ROAD

The Bunbury Hospital Paediatric Ward would like to say a very big thank you to everyone involved in the production of Peter Pan last year. The performance raised \$1000 for the Children's Ward, which was presented as a cheque at the last school assembly in 2011. The money will be put towards buying TVs and DVDs for the children who are unfortunate enough to be admitted to hospital. This equipment will go along way to making their stay in hospital less traumatic.

## PUNCTUALITY

The school teaching program begins at 8.45am. Often very important concepts are introduced in this first session. It is also at the beginning of the day that important instructions are given. By missing out on these instructions, children are at a disadvantage when trying to join in class programs. Regularly arriving late can hamper a child's academic progress.

Please see that your child/ren arrive/s at school on time. Ideally they should arrive no later than 8.40am. This then gives them time to get organised for the school day.

We look for your cooperation on this matter.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

We love our library and all the library books that are available for borrowing. However, it is really important that good borrowing habits are learned. Can you please make time to go through the following points with your child/ren to help them become responsible library users.

### Caring for Books:

- Use a ***library bag***.
- Keep books out of the sun and damp places.
- No tearing, scribbling or spilling food onto your books.
- Always put books in a ***safe place*** where they can be found. *It is particularly important to make sure that books are out of reach of younger brothers and sisters.*
- Always have ***clean hands*** before you begin to read.

The library is a wonderful and very valuable resource in the school. It is only by looking after our books that we will be able to maintain our collection in a proper state.

## GREEN FRIDAYS



Because of time-table and programming constraints, this year we will be having ***Green Fridays*** instead of Wednesdays. Our Green Fridays will be held on the last Friday of each month. On Green Fridays children are encouraged to either walk or ride to school. Once they arrive at school, children who have walked or ridden are invited to have breakfast in the assembly area. Our first Green Friday for the year will be on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

## P & C NEWS

The P & C would like to welcome everyone back to what we hope will be another successful fundraising year. This year the P & C will be trialling some new fundraisers. Please let us know what you think of them or if you have any other fundraising suggestions please email us at [adamroad.ps.pc@hotmail.com](mailto:adamroad.ps.pc@hotmail.com).

The annual spring bulb fundraisers forms will go home this week which is a little bit earlier than normal as we are hoping to get the orders back prior to the end of term. Look out for the forms or pick one up from the office if you missed it.

All parents are invited to attend our Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staff room, please see the attached flyer for further information.

# **Adam Road Primary School P&C Committee – Notice of AGM**

The Annual General Meeting for the Adam Road Primary School P&C Committee will be held  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm** in the staff room.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

Welcome and opening of Meeting  
Minutes from the 2011 AGM will be presented and accepted  
Matters arising from the 2011 AGM Minutes  
President's Report  
Committee Reports (Including, Canteen & Uniform Shop)  
Principal's Report  
Election of Office Bearers for 2012  
Notification of Committee Positions from Canteen & Uniform Shop  
Bank Signatories  
General Business  
Close of Meeting

**Please Note: Depending on the number of people who attend on the night a General Meeting for Term 1 may follow immediately after the AGM.**

## **Want to suggest a new fundraising idea to the P & C Committee?**

The P & C Committee love to hear about new and exciting fundraising ideas. If you have heard about a successful fundraiser that you think would work well at our school then please let us know.

Email your suggestions to: [adamroad.ps.pc@hotmail.com.au](mailto:adamroad.ps.pc@hotmail.com.au)

## **How can you help your P & C Committee?**

We are constantly looking for people to offer a helping hand with photocopying or distributing form's for fundraising, selling raffle tickets etc and any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you cannot attend the AGM but would like to help out where possible please complete the section below and return it to the office:

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### **Adam Road Primary School - P & C Committee 2012**

I \_\_\_\_\_ am unable to attend the AGM but wish to make myself available to help during the 2012 school year.

I am happy for you to contact me when you need volunteers to assist in P & C related duties and my contact details are as follows:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the ladies who helped out on the open days in the lead up to the start of school. It's great to see the new school logo now on our students.



### Winter items are now on order.

There are Jumpers and Jackets in selected sizes available now.

*DID YOU KNOW???*

Did you know we can arrange to embroider your Wet Weather Jackets with your child's name?

Don't let your child's jacket go missing, come and see us

### School Banking

School banking is a great way for children to learn to save. With each deposit you receive a token. Collect ten tokens and you can receive some exciting products i.e. lunch boxes, drink bottles, money boxes, the list goes on!!!

Come and pick up an application form from the office or the uniform shop.

Are you free Friday mornings for an hour? Want to volunteer at school but don't know where to go? Want to join a fantastic group of people who have lunch and coffee meetings? Come and join our committee. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb at 3.05pm in the staff room.

## KIDSPORT TO GET MORE CHILDREN JOINING CLUBS

Thirty thousand (30,000) financially disadvantaged Western Australian children will have their fees to join sport and recreation clubs paid by the state government under a new initiative launched today.

Premier Colin Barnett said the \$10million KidSport initiative would provide registration fee relief for children who may have been prevented from joining sport and recreation clubs because of their financial circumstances. "Under the scheme, eligible children aged between five and 18 years will receive membership fee subsidies of up to \$200 annually, with no restrictions on the number of children assisted in the same family," Mr Barnett said.

For more information visit <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport-to-get-more-children-joining-clubs>.

## WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S WEIGHT?

Many parents care about their child being overweight but don't always know what to do about it, or if they should do anything about it. Children who are overweight are likely to be overweight as adults and have a higher risk of diseases such as heart disease and diabetes.

Your local community health service is offering a program which can help you. It's free and is for parents of children 5 to 10 years who are overweight or obese. This course is run over 17 weeks and will provide information and strategies to promote healthy eating and encourage physical activity in your family. Free crèche may be available if requested.

To register: Phone **Adele Morris on 9795 2823** or email [adele.morris@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:adele.morris@health.wa.gov.au)

## HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

- Gain a new family member
- Make a life long link to a family in another country
- Learn about another language and culture
- Share the beauty and culture of Australia
- Contribute to international goodwill

By offering to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity, you will provide an international student with the opportunity to study and experience life here in Australia.

With new students arriving in June-July 2012 from over 20 countries, why not give the students in your local area the opportunity to learn about other cultures and make international friends!

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. Note: opportunities exist for families to host on a long term basis (5 or 10 months) basis as well on a temporary and short term basis (2 or 3 months).

**To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call 1300 135 331 or visit our website: [www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Marist Junior Football Club Registration:**

**When:** Wed 22 Feb & Sat 25th Feb between 3-5pm

**Where:** Marist Football Pavilion, Bunbury Catholic College

**Fees:** Single child \$95, add \$40 for each additional child

**Enquiries:** Adrian Searle - 04399992602

### **Astronomical Society of the South West**

Beginner Astronomical classes will be conducted at the Society's Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury for six consecutive Thursdays commencing on Thursday the 16th of February 2012 at 6:00pm. \*Bookings are essential\*. Phone Cameron: 9795 8204

### **Hay Park United Junior Soccer Registration:**

**When:** Tues 6th March & Thurs 8th March between 5pm- 6:30pm & Sat 10th March between 9:30am and 12 noon

**Where:** Exies Clubrooms at Hay Park

**Enquiries:** Danny Tamayo - 0429 925 391

### **Jazz Attack Dance Studio - Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop**

**When:** Tuesday afternoons, commencing 28th Feb  
3:45 - 4:30pm—3-5 yrs Jazz/Ballet/Singing  
4:30 - 5:15pm—5-7 yrs Jazz  
5:15 - 6:00pm—8-10 yrs JFH  
6:00 - 7:00pm—11-13 yrs JFH  
7:00 - 8:00pm—14 yrs +

**Where:** Dalyellup Community Hall

**Enquiries:** Vicki - 0402 155 524

### **Bunbury Dance Studio**

Line, progressive & ballroom dances

**When:** Thursday 4:30-5:30pm

**Where:** Bunbury Dance Studio - 1 Arthur Street, Bunbury

**Enquiries:** 9791 8900 or

[info@bunburydancestudio.com](mailto:info@bunburydancestudio.com)