



# ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

NEWSLETTER NO. 8

Friday 28 August 2020

Virtue of the Month for August—Excellence

Next Newsletter—25 September 2020

*Together we empower global citizens.*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our planning for next year has now commenced. If your child/ren will not be returning to our school in 2021, can you please let us know. Having accurate student numbers allows us to plan effectively.



**National School Opinion Survey**  
Sincere thanks to all families who completed the National School Opinion Survey. We were thrilled that 80% (244) of our families provided us with feedback. The School Board and staff will now analyse the results and comments received, and the information will inform our future planning and initiatives.

As we exceeded our target of 60% of families responding to the survey, we will be having a Pyjama Day on Friday 25 September to celebrate.

Students and staff are invited to come to school and wear their PJs all day!



**Learning Journey**

I am very pleased to advise that the Learning Journey will be held on Wednesday 23 September. Due to COVID-19 physical distancing

requirements for adults, it will look quite different this year. Please refer to the message later in this newsletter for more details.

**School Board Update**

The last School Board meeting was held on 10 August and the minutes of the meeting are available in the library on Connect. At the meeting, the Board endorsed the recently reviewed **'Assessment and Reporting Policy'** and discussed the Department of Education's **'Students Online in Public Schools Policy'** that comes into effect in January 2021. The Board also decided to extend the implementation of our school's **2018 to 2020 Business Plan** into 2021. Reasons for this included the impact of COVID-19 throughout this year. The 2022 to 2024 Business Plan will be developed throughout Semester 2 next year, ready for implementation at the beginning of 2022. The Board intends to hold another **'Our School, Our Say'** Forum mid next year. The information received from the forum and from the recent National School Opinion Surveys completed by students, parents and staff will inform the plan.

The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday 14 September at 7 pm in the library. This will be our Annual Public Meeting, so all parents/carers

are most welcome to attend. The agenda for the meeting includes the results of the recent surveys, the proposed 2021 Personal Items lists, and the proposed 2021 Contributions and Charges. The Board will also receive a school budget update.

**Staffing Update**

I would like to welcome Miss Olivia van Moorsel to our school. She will be relieving for Miss Wells in Room 19 on Mondays to Thursdays while Miss Wells is on leave for the remainder of this term. Mrs Sue Baldock will be teaching the Room 19 students on Fridays. I know our school community will make them both welcome.

*Rochelle Williamson*  
Principal

**Upcoming Events**

- \* 31 Aug. to 3 Sept.—Book Fair
- \* 3 Sept.—Room 23 Assembly
- \* 7 Sept.—P&C Meeting
- \* 14 Sept.—School Board Meeting
- \* 17 Sept.—Room 8 Assembly
- \* 18 Sept.—Faction Athletics Carnival
- \* 23 Sept.—Learning Journey
- \* 25 Sept.—PJ Day

### Our 2018 to 2020 Priority Areas

1. Excellence in Teaching
2. Successful Students
3. Health and Well-being
4. A Connected Community

## Our Code of Conduct

School community members will display behaviours that uphold our four school values—integrity, respect, courage and belonging.



Merit Certificates  
Congratulations to the following students who received  
Merit Certificates at last week's assembly. Keep up the great work!

Room 8 Joshua Matilda	Room 9 Abigail Stella	Room 10 Danielle Daniel
Room 13 Juliet Ashton	Room 14 Max Enzo	Room 15 Baylen Mikayla
Room 16 Thomas Adele	Room 17 Kayden Alvin	Room 18 Yifan Oakley
Room 19 Harry Yasna	Room 20 Meg Samuel	Room 21 Shaleigha Berenice
Room 22 Amity Christopher Lilly	Room 23 Jet Ruby	Room 24 Arad Ruth
Room 25 Oscar Shrika	Room 26 Ethan Amos	Languages (Chinese)



### Book Fair

Thank you to our wonderful band of Mums and to Mrs Proctor for setting up our Book Fair displays yesterday. Today, all of our students previewed the Book Fair and wrote a wish list which they may bring home with them. The Book Fair will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week in the Board Room and the Library. Parents are welcome to come in and purchase items between....

8.20 to 8.45 am—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
12.20 to 12.50 pm—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
2.40 to 3.30 pm—Monday  
3.00 to 3.45 pm—Tuesday and Wednesday

In order to comply with the requirements of being COVID safe, please take note of the following arrangements that are in the interests of everyone's safety.

- Parents are asked to follow the signs and take note of entry and exit points.
- Parents are to enter through the Board Room and then move into the Library via the courtyard.
- Parents are asked to use the hand sanitizer that will be available at the entrance to the Board Room.
- Parents are asked to maintain social distancing while waiting to enter the Board Room and the Library. Some patience may be needed as the Board Room can have a maximum of 9 adults at any time and the library has a maximum capacity of 19 adults.
- The Cashier will be located in the Library corridor. Parents are asked to queue on the dots.
- Parents should exit through the library door.

Students are also welcome to purchase items during lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. All orders and money need to be in a clearly marked envelope. A percentage of the sales from the Book Fair will allow the school to buy some wonderful books and resources for our library. If there is anyone who would like to assist, the roster is at the front office.



On behalf of the staff and our students, I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Book Fair. This year has had some additional challenges but we are thrilled to be able to proceed with this event and promote reading. Mrs Ashby



# Our Book Week Dress Up Parade

Thanks to everyone who dressed up and attended our 2020 Book Week parade. It was so much fun!







### Telethon Recording Studio Visit via the Massed Choir Festival

Although the original Massed Choir Festival (MCF) concerts were cancelled this year due to COVID-19, the MCF Committee have gone above and beyond to create opportunities for schools that had registered for the event – including this Telethon Recording Studio Visit.

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 31 selected Senior Choir members made their way to Crank Recording Studio in Northbridge to record the backing vocals of the Foo Fighters' song 'Times Like These'. This song was chosen by Telethon for a joint schools' project with the Massed Choir Festival. The students have given up their Friday lunch times



since the beginning of the term to learn the song and this definitely showed at the recording session. Not once did they forget their words or get mixed up with different parts of the song. For a full hour, the students sang in the recording studio and perfected every single word, rhythm and note they sang. They represented the school beautifully and I was very proud of them.

Out of the 90 MCF schools, only 10 schools were invited to be part of this recording studio experience. I believe our success at last year's Children's Sing Festival in Term 2 contributed to us being selected. Later in the term, all 52 members of the Senior Choir will have the opportunity to film the choreography of the song at Shelley Foreshore. We look forward to sharing the result with you all! Miss Natalie Tran



### Noongar Seasons Garden

Our River Rangers have been busy organising and constructing a Noongar Seasons Garden for all of us to enjoy. The garden is designed to enhance the natural environment and allow our students to learn about bush tucker, native plants and the Noongar culture. This project addresses the Australian Cross-curriculum priority areas of sustainability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture. We were very lucky to have SERCUL provide us with some of the native plants as part of the Phosphorus



Awareness Project grant they receive from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and attractions (DBCS). Next, we plan to add signs and mulch, but the garden is already at a stage where it can utilised and can benefit us. Ms Thomas



### Our 2020 Learning Journey

While many schools are cancelling events due to COVID-19, we are very mindful that the opportunities for parents/carers to see their child/ren's classrooms and school work have been very limited this year, so we will be holding our Learning Journey on Wednesday 23 September. However, your support to ensure we abide by the COVID-19 requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of one person per two square metres will be required. To ensure the required physical distancing occurs, families have been allocated a timeslot to attend their child/ren's classroom/s. While I appreciate that having a designated time slot may cause some inconvenience, parents/carers will need to abide by the times in the table below. Times have been allocated based on the first letter of your children's surname. Please respect that teachers will not be able to allow you access to the classroom at a time you have not been allocated. Everyone who attends the Learning Journey will be required to apply hand sanitizer before entering the classroom. Please note that no catering will be provided on the night and our specialist classrooms and our library will not be open. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and cooperation. It will be so lovely to have parents/carers in our classrooms again!

	Pre-primary to Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and 6
5.00 to 5.30 pm	Children whose surname starts with A-H.	Children whose surname starts with I-Q	Children whose surname starts with R-Z.
5.35 to 6.05 pm	Children whose surname starts with R-Z.	Children whose surname starts with A-H.	Families whose surname starts with I-Q.
6.10 to 6.40 pm	Children whose surname starts with I-Q	Children whose surname start with R-Z.	Families whose surname starts with A-H.

## What's Been Happening in Sport?

Morning Running Club: Morning Running Club has started again on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8:15 to 8:30 am. We have had lots of students attending this term and it's been great to see some new students trying to become fit and healthy. Everyone who participates receives a raffle ticket to go in the draw to receive brand new sports equipment. Keep up the good work everyone!

Faction Cross Country: On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August we held our Faction Cross Country. Everyone put in an amazing effort and helped to gain faction points from time bonuses. The results were as follows:

- \* 1st Place Gold, 269 points
- \* 2nd Place Blue, 255 points
- \* 3rd Place Red, 254 points
- \* 4th Place Green, 229 points



The age group winners were:

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
Year 3 Girls	Abigail	Laura	Jaelyn	Chantelle
Year 3 Boys	Josh	Daniel	Jedd	Ezekiel
Year 4 Girls	Zoe	Emily	Bethany	Meg
Year 4 Boys	Nate	Aidan	Abdullah	Michael
Year 5 Girls	Azia	Maya	Rachel	Zoe
Year 5 Boys	Finlay	Cameron	Raj	Keaton
Year 6 Girls	Kayla	Fatima	Maylee	Celeste
Year 6 Boys	Ethan	Jayden	Harper	Kai Jun



Interschool Cross Country: On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> August our school competed in the SCISA Interschool Cross Country Carnival. We finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Meritorious Shield. A special mention to our students who received trophies:

- \* Zoe—2nd Place, Year 4 Girls
- \* Nate—1st Place, Year 4 Boys
- \* Azia—1st Place, Year 5 Girls
- \* Maya—2nd Place, Year 5 Girls



Faction Athletics Carnival: Our Faction Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This is a massive school event that requires lots of parent help to ensure it's successful. If you are available to assist, please contact Mr Bycroft. We still need a lot of helpers!

Mr Bycroft





## Chappy's Chat

It's more than halfway through Term Three already! Time is an interesting phenomenon isn't it? Tolstoy wrote, 'the two most powerful warriors are patience and time', and yet, we spend much time being impatient with the little time that we have. This is known as 'time anxiety', but could we really be anxious about whether we are spending our time meaningfully? How often do we get through a busy week or term, long to reach the holidays or a destination, and then find we **feel unfulfilled on the other side because we didn't seem to do what was meaningful for us?**

If you also suffer from time anxiety, I'd encourage you to stop and ask yourself if you aren't really **more anxious about what your life means...about what you're doing with it...and if it turns out you're worried that what you're doing isn't meaningful enough, then figure out what is meaningful enough and start doing that.**



### TIME TIPS

- Try doubling your time – estimate how long a task will take and double it to give yourself more time for the activity or task. You will find this an excellent buffer for not rushing from place to place.
- Write down what you have achieved in your day rather than what you want to get done. This gives a sense of fulfilment **and might help you to see that what we have done matters the most to us, not what we think we 'should' be doing.**
- Try and have set times for checking emails and social media – short spaces at the start and end of the day. Rather than letting it control your time, be in control of it.

And remember, if you feel like time is against you and you are often feeling overwhelmed, be sure to seek support and talk to someone.

Chappy Renee

[Renee.shapcott@youthcare.org.au](mailto:Renee.shapcott@youthcare.org.au)



### R U OK? Day—10 September

R U OK? Day is our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the **day to ask, 'Are you OK?'** if someone in your world is **struggling with life's ups and downs.**

### Simple steps to an R U OK? conversation

**Getting ready to ask**

- Be ready**
- Be prepared**
- Pick your moment**

**Having the conversation**

- 1. Ask R U OK?**
- 2. Listen**
- 3. Encourage Action**
- 4. Check In**

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## Parents and Citizens' Association



Please note that due to the Book Fair being held in the Board Room, there will be no school banking on next Wednesday 2 September.

Also due to the Book Fair, the Second Hand Uniform Shop will not be opening on Monday morning. However, should you urgently need to make a purchase, you can contact Jess on 0406 665 526.

School banking and the Uniform Shop will recommence in the week beginning Monday 7 September.



The P&C are organising SubWay lunch orders for our Faction Athletics Carnival on Friday 18 September!!!

More information will be distributed next week.  
Orders will close on Tuesday 15th September.

All proceeds will support P&C initiatives and projects, including our school's YouthCARE Chaplaincy Service.



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**MONDAY-THURSDAY**

3.30pm - 4.15pm (7-11yrs)  
4.15pm - 5.00pm (7-11yrs)  
5.00pm - 5.45pm (12-15yrs)

\$17.50 per session

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OUR START SAILING HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ARE MANAGED BY EXPERIENCED COACHES, IS A POPULAR WAY TO GET YOUR CHILD INVOLVED IN SAILING & DEVELOP A PASSION FOR BEING OUT ON THE WATER

**TACKERS 1**  
"HAVING FUN"

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER TILL FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER  
8:30AM - 1:30PM

KIDS SAIL IN PAIRS IN SMALL BOATS. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND KIDS HAVE THE CHANCE TO SAIL WITH OTHERS IN THEIR GROUP

**TACKERS 2**  
"TRICKS & TECHNIQUES"

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER TILL FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

IF KIDS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN SAIL A BOAT ON THEIR OWN WITH LOTS OF SUPPORT, SUPERVISION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE INSTRUCTOR & ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS

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FEES:  
MEMBER - \$242  
NON MEMBER - \$273

AGE RANGE:  
7 - 12 YEARS OLD

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Relationship Education

**Love Languages and Teenagers**  
based on the book by Gary Chapman

**An Online Event (via Zoom)**

Adolescence is not always the smooth ride we would like it to be for teens... or parents. Communication is key to maintaining connection and developing an evolving relationship as young people transition into adulthood.

This seminar introduces the five love languages and explores how to 'speak' the primary way your teens 'hear' they are valued.

**Date:** Wednesday, 2 September 2020  
**Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:30pm  
**Cost:** \$20 per person

Register now  
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