Happy Birthday

Baynton West Primary School
An Independent Public School

Important Dates:

Please join us for our Anzac Day Service
7 April
9am

Last day for students
Thursday 7 April
(staff work on the 8 April)

First day back for students
27 April
(staff return on 26 April)

Have a wonderful holiday!
We’ll see you all on WEDNESDAY
27 April

Good luck and lots of love to Miss Jones and Ms Gardiner for their Weddings in the holidays

Principal’s High Tea

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody for their contributions and ensuring that our school keeps on improving in every area of providing a sound and enjoyable educational experience for our students and their families. As always, the kindness and generosity of this community leaves me in awe. As many of you are aware, I recently suffered an accident that resulted in me requiring surgery and having a fortnight off school. During the recuperation phase, I reflected on what makes Baynton West Primary School so special, our children of course are the heart of what’s so great, but another aspect is the quality teaching and the time that people make for each other. That is the thing that made me get stronger and want to return to this wonderful school. Please enjoy your holidays, stay safe and relax and know that you are valued as part of the Baynton West Primary School community.

Goodbye and good luck

It is with great sadness I say goodbye to Mr Jones and his beautiful boys; Luca and Noah. Mr Jones along with his family have been at our school since the very beginning, prior to that he worked alongside me at Tom Price Primary School. I am very proud of the fact that he has won a place at a highly sought after new school in Perth, however, I personally will miss him greatly. He has enriched the students’ lives throughout his tenure at our school. The health and physical education program that he has provided is second to none. We wish him and Ritsuko and their beautiful sons a glorious time in Perth.

Goodbye also to Mrs Jacqui Williams, who is also relocating to Perth at the end of term. Mrs Williams has worked tirelessly in her role as education assistant in our primary. Mrs Powell values her input into the program and her the children will miss her greatly. We wish her the very best of luck with her relocation and we know she will be a great success at whatever school that is a lucky enough to grab her!

So long but not goodbye to Ms Melissa Gardiner. As you are probably aware, Ms Gardiner begins her parental leave next term, she is also getting married in the holidays and will be welcoming her twins in June. She is a very busy lady but assures me she will be back next year. Ms Gardiner has been a wonderful teacher which usually transfers into being a wonderful mother and we all wish her the best of luck, we will expect lots of visits and lots of cuddles with her beautiful babies.

Congratulations to Mr Jones. His work ethic and determination to provide the best possible educational experience for our students stands out as we see him preparing for his next career phase. In this time of change for the school, Mr Jones will be welcoming his twins in June. We are currently working very hard to find a replacement for him and will shortly announce the position of prep teacher.

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Thank You
A very big and special thank you to Mrs Camille Raudino, who stepped into the role of classroom teacher due to Mr Challinor’s ongoing ill-health. We have appointed the new teacher for room 17 and will make the announcement at the beginning of Term 2. However, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mrs Raudino to the class. She has accepted a part-time position at our school as a Maths Specialist Teacher and will assist throughout the five year 4/5 classrooms for the remainder of the year. Mr Challinor has taken on a new role and remains at Baynton West Primary School.

Thank you very much to Ms Lucas for doing such a great job as Acting Principal in my absence. It absolutely devastated me to miss my Principal’s High Tea but her and the children had an excellent time. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the success of our students and to take the time to serve them and hear from them about what they’re doing well at.

Welcome
A very big welcome to Mrs Simone Saffro, who will take over from Miss Gardiner while she is on leave. Mrs Saffro along with her children Elizabeth and Myles join us from Kingston Primary School in Bunbury and she informs me that they are settling in very well. Mrs Saffro is currently on long service leave and using that time to work shadow Mrs Ms Gardiner in order to get to know children. We think she’s pretty fabulous for doing that!

GATE English Excursion
On the 4th April 2016, a selection of students from Baynton West were given the fantastic opportunity to travel to the Karratha Leisureplex for a Writing Workshop, accompanied by Mrs Copson, our Deputy Principal and Mrs Blackwood. The workshop was run by Nicole Clarke of The Literature Centre, Fremantle and the students worked enthusiastically with two award-winning author and illustrators, Frane Lessac and Deb Fitzpatrick, in two sessions spread throughout the day.

Through the engaging and interactive activities offered, the children drafted, revised, wrote and illustrated their own pieces of writing along the theme of their favourite place in WA.

At the end of the day, the children were given an opportunity to share their work with the other participants and all work was collected ready to put on display for other schools in Western Australia to read.

The children really relished the opportunity to write for a purpose and were thrilled to be able to publish their own texts!

Crazy Colours Day
Well done to our student councillors for organising the Crazy Colours day. The proceeds will be used to support ‘Camp Canberra’ in July, our annual Year 6 camp. It’s great to see our students showing so much initiative and passion, and willing to put in the hard work and support their parents send them to camp. Well done.

New Initiatives Term 2 onwards
We are very excited to announce two new initiatives beginning next term. These initiatives relate to our senior students, that is those students in years 4 to 6.

The first initiatives is ‘Choose Maths’; this targets year 2 and year 4 and provides additional classroom support and professional learning from an outside facilitator with Maths expertise. We are also providing additional support across year 4/5 in maths with the appointment of a part-time maths teacher.

The second initiative involves our year 6 students and Mr Anderson, who is an experienced filmmaker. It will involve all Year 6 students for the remainder of the year, in small groups, engaging deeply with technology to produce films. These will be regularly showcased throughout our school community. I hope you are all as excited as I am by these new ideas.

Congratulations to Cooper Rhodes
Lara Graham
Winners of our Voluntary Contribution draw

Well done to the winner of our term 1 Positive Powers reward,
Hayley Mews.

Lost Property
Please remember to check the lost property before the end of term as anything left will be donated to charity.

Junior Hockey
* Thursdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm at the Bunbury Tennis Courts.
* Only $30 for 8 week season.
* Starts Term 2 (May 5)
* Register at first session on May 5!

Inquiries contact Steve Cook 9144 4423
Facebook Page: Nail Up Hockey Club

Positive Behaviours
Our positive behaviour focus for weeks 9 and 10 is:
Follow game rules

PLEASE NOTE:
We are a ‘sunsmart no hat no play’ school.
Keeping students safe from the sun is important to us at Baynton West PS.
Please support your child’s social development by ensuring they bring a sunsmart hat everyday.