

Carramar Chit Chat

Respectful Responsible Learner Safe

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Kaya Carramar families

The long weekend, honouring Labour Day, provided a very timely mid-term break. I hope everyone enjoyed some precious family time in that glorious weather we were gifted. Along with many other people, I took the opportunity to visit **Sculpture by the Sea** at Cottesloe. 71 amazing creative pieces are on display. I was especially taken by those that used recycled materials.



I'm sure there was some interesting material found last Wednesday during **Clean up Carramar**. Thank you to Mr Greyling and Ms Chandler for coordinating this very important event, reminding us of the importance of caring for our environment. There was certainly a mountain of rubbish found on our school grounds. It was fantastic to see many members of the public out and about yesterday doing their part to **Keep Australia Beautiful** – thank you all for your efforts.

The next few weeks see some exciting things happening at our school.



1. **Student Leadership Day – Monday 13th March**

Our Student Leadership group are looking forward to this special day next week. Thank you to Mrs Block and Mr Malatios for coordinating this day, which includes team building challenges, guest speakers and working together to plan leadership projects for the year.

Our Student Ministers presented me with their fundraising plans for the year. They will be sharing these plans with Staff tomorrow. The focus for all their events will be raising funds for children's charities. The first event planned is a **Crazy Sock/Hat/ Hair Day** later in the term. Stay tuned for details.

2. **NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5: Wednesday 15th March – Thursday 24th March**

Planning is well underway and students are very well prepared. The testing schedule has been sent home and we know that all the children will do their best – it is all we ask. Thank you to Ms DelCaro for her coordination and all Year 3 and 5 staff and parents for the support they have and will provide the children.

3. **Year 6 Camp – Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd March:**

This annual experience for our Year 6 students is always a wonderful success. The students, and staff, step out side the comfort zones and push themselves to achieve success in challenges they have not previously encountered. It is pleasing to see the level of encouragement and the faces of the children, and staff, when goals are achieved. Sincere thanks to all Year 6 staff, and additional support staff for giving up their time after hours to support the children.



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As a large school, it is important that all staff and the children are familiar with our **Emergency Evacuation** procedures. Practicing and rehearsing emergencies, without any real threat, helps everyone know how to behave if a real threat or emergency should present. In coming weeks, we will be having an Evacuation Practice Drill.

Thank you for your support and for talking to your children about this. Our message for everyone is to stay calm and for students to follow the direction of their teachers.

Have a wonderful fortnight

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Maree James
PRINCIPAL

Sun Smart Tip



Sun exposure can lead to skin cancer and other forms of skin and eye damage later in life.

Remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

Merit Certificates

Year 1– Sian, Louie, Eden, Emily, Nova, Jaxon

Year 2– Archie, Hannah, Noah, Lexi, Jacob, Ruby, Jake, Zachary

Year 3– Talitha, Liam, Noah, McKensie, Edris, Alex

Year 4– Taylor, Zeke, Rubie, Lucas

Year 5– Maya, Simone, Mia, Zack, Chance, Nicholas, Owen. Zeke, Indi

Year 6– Zac, Ellie, Kaiden, Blaire, Makenzie, Jace, Archer, Freya



Literacy Cape Winners



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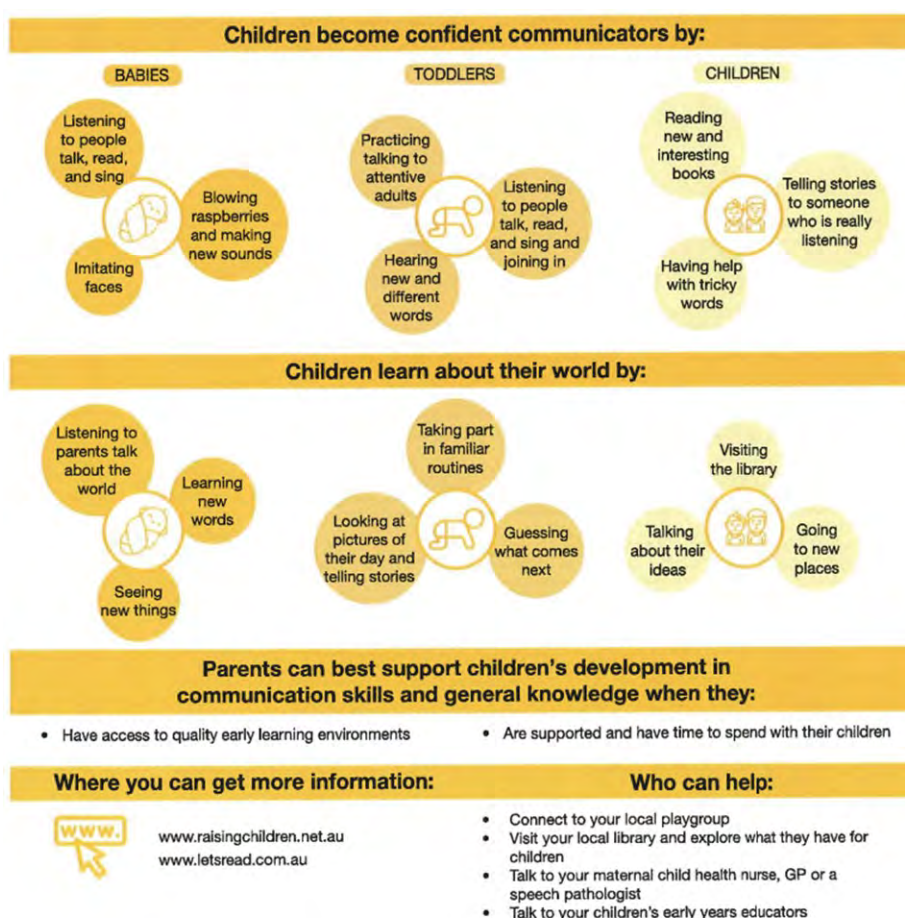
Early Childhood Chatter

Message from Deb Parker (Deputy Principal - Early Childhood)

Hello everyone,

The children have now really settled into their new classes. Rules and routines have been established and friendships are forming.

In this week's Early Childhood Chatter, I would like to present you with some information on supporting your child to develop their communication skills. The following information is provided by Australian Early development Census.



Here at school, we provide many opportunities for the children to use these skills. They learn to communicate effectively with a partner, in a group with their peers, and in front of an audience. They learn about formal and informal conversations, how to ask the right questions and how to be a good listener.

How can you support this at home?

Involve your child in family conversations. Encourage them to listen and not interrupt. See if they can ask you some questions. Play a family game – this always provides a fabulous opportunity for conversations. Provide opportunities for your child to interact with peers. Stand back and listen to how he or she talks to friends.



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Some of our Flute students playing for
Pre Primary Room 8.



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This term, the Year 6s have been conducting investigation related to the types of conditions that support plant growth. Here are some photos showing how some of the students set up their investigations.

Year 6s have also started to learn about moulds, fungi and bacteria. Each class had the opportunity to observe some bacteria that have been cultivated within petri dishes. Coming up soon, students will be planning, conducting and evaluating an investigation related to the growth of mould on bread. Students have learnt some interesting facts about mouldy bread. You might like to ask your child the following question:

Is it ok to eat the part of a loaf of bread that is not mouldy? They may use words like hyphae (invisible mould that grows like roots within the bread that is invisible to the naked eye) and sporangium (the lovely bluey grey fuzzy mould that we see on food).



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