

SNIPPETS OCTOBER 2008

Dear Parents and Home Tutors,

Welcome back to the final term of 2008. I hope everyone enjoyed their break and are ready for all the happenings in term 4.

ABSENCES: Thankyou to those folk who have let teachers or Robyn know when they are not going to be on air or doing school work. This helps us with our mandatory reporting documents to the various authorities. We do appreciate that people often have urgent matters to attend to from time to time. We also know that many of our students take work with them to do with them when they are away.

MUSTER: The annual SOTA muster (**Mon 8th December – Tuesday 16th December**) is not far away and I am sending out early information with this newsletter, even though some of the activities need confirmation with respect to suitability for various age levels.

The school would appreciate you notifying it of your child's intended participation in the camp by the beginning of week 4 so that I can inform the organizing school (Meekatharra). Please let Robyn Landers know if your child will be attending. Please note that we would like a deposit of \$50 or full payment for Muster as soon as possible.

MUSTER COST: The cost of attending SOTA muster is \$230. This includes airfares, accommodation, meals, excursions and pocket money of \$30. Camp t-shirts and a camp video will be provided free of charge. We are still waiting on the final edit of last year's video. Mr Parsons assures me that this is not to far off!

MUSTER FLIGHTS: Most children will leave with teachers from Kalgoorlie Airport on Monday 8th December and all children attending our Christmas Graduation and Barbecue on Wednesday 17th December, commencing at 10:00am, will fly back to Kalgoorlie with teachers on Tuesday 16th December. Children will need to be met at the airport by parents or carers.

Arrangements can be made for students to fly from other locations on approved passenger aircraft. A teacher would meet these students at Perth airport. Robyn Landers will be arranging all flights.

MUSTER ELIGIBILITY: Students in years 4-7 who have been with the school for at least one semester, are eligible to attend.

MUSTER PHONES AND VALUABLES: Mobile phones and valuables are strongly discouraged at camp and the school will take no responsibility for losses if they are taken on camp. Children will be able to ring parents or carers on the schools' mobile phone to say hello from time to time. We do not encourage this on the first night away. Parents or carers will also be able to ring the school mobile number. The school will be carrying a number of digital video and still cameras for photographs.
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STAFF ATTENDING MUSTER: Mr Keegan, Mr Parsons, Miss Rigg, Mr Jackson-Haub, Mrs Lefroy and Mrs Robinson will be looking after the needs of children

attending. Both our parents will have working with children documents, as required by law. Parents act as camp “mums” and also look after laundry and attend many of our activities. Although they enjoy attending camp activities they are not always required to. We are very happy to have laundry and other day to day tasks done over the 9 days. We do like to have our parents with us when we go to Adventure World and shopping as that helps to make groups more manageable.

MUSTER CAMP VENUE: CYC Camp Cooloongup, 861 Mandurah Rd, Baldavis (owned by “Christian Youth Camps (WA) Inc”).

MUSTER ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE :

Mon: Travel day

Tues: Sport Development Day and Dining out (6/7) Games (4/5)

Wed: Shopping, Scitech, Evening Activities

Thurs: Forest Edge Out Door Activities (canoeing, climbing, flying fox etc), evening activities

Fri: Creative activities in Arts and Drama.

Sat: Sport Practice, Movies, Party/Disco

Sun: Time Zone, Sport Carnival, Camp concert

Mon: Adventure World, Video and pack

Tues: Fly home.

MUSTER FORMS: Please fill these out at your earliest convenience and return to school. Medical forms need to be filled out by everyone because they are different to our regular medical forms used for localised camps. Please fill in all forms and send or fax to school on **Fax 90933060**.

P&C: Please note, that hopefully with P&C approval, I have invited a WACCSO Training Officer, Winnie Dyson, to address the P&C on the 11 of November at a 12:30 meeting. There is also a P&C meeting listed for next Tuesday, 21/10/08.

JUNIOR CAMP: This will be on Sunday 14th to Tuesday 16th December. The idea of this camp is to explain the k-3 program for the next year. This year staff attending will be Miss Lewendon, Miss Pol, Miss May, Ms Veitch, Mrs Mcquie. With some good fortune all will be with us in the new educational year and all have a good deal of K-3 knowledge. More information to come out on this shortly. If you wish to stay at the camp school on Tuesday night, please contact the Camp School directly on : 9021 5200.

SCHOOL GRADUATION/CONCERT AND CHISTMAS BARBECUE: 10:00am - 2:00 pm onwards on the 17th December.

P&C RAFFLE TICKETS: These are in Robyn’s care at the moment and are in the process of being distributed. Please contact Robyn Landers or Brie Campbell for information.

Have a good term,
Gerry Keegan
Principal
17/10/08