



## Diary Dates

**Thursday 27th June**  
School Assembly  
2.25pm  
Alison McLeans Class

**Wednesday 3rd July**  
Finance Advisory  
Committee 6.30pm

**Thursday 4th July**  
**All Outstanding  
accounts to be paid:**  
M&S Fees  
CPC Fees  
SAKG Fees

**Friday 5th July**  
Last Day of Term2  
Early Dismissal  
2.15pm

**Monday 22nd July**  
First Day of Term 3  
8.45am

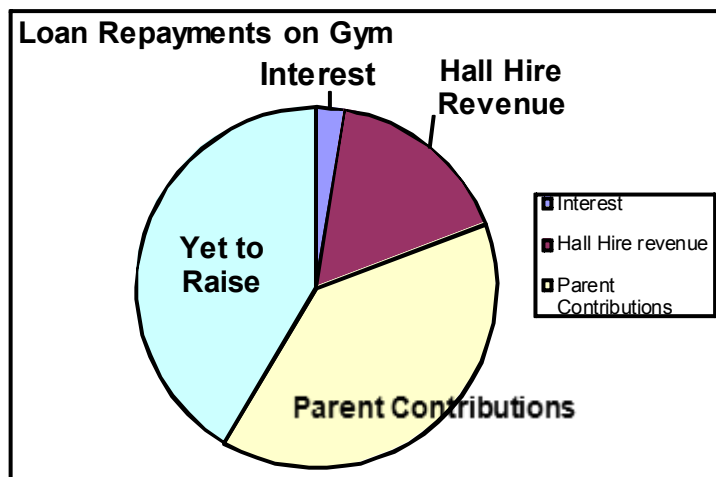
**Wednesday 31st July**  
Finance Advisory  
Committee 6.30pm

**Monday 5th August**  
Governing Council  
Meeting 7pm

## Our Fabulous Gym

This newsletter includes two articles which feature our gym. The first is about **the strength of our specialist PE program** led by Liz Murphy, and the second is a picture story on the **Music is Fun Band**, an interactive and educational music performance by talented musicians, which involved our children in performing with them. Both events such as the Music is Fun Band, and the ongoing PE program are made possible by the outstanding gym facility; the result of the vision and hard work of our parent community and parents contributing on an annual basis to pay for our \$26,500 annual repayments for the gym.

### Gym Repayments 2013, how are we going?



**Reminder!**  
**Voluntary Building  
Levy contributions  
now due!**

Take advantage of your donation as a tax deduction in this financial year.  
**We would encourage all school families to make their payment by June 30.**

## A strong and vibrant PE Program

Did you know, recently 6 of our students were selected for the SAPSASA Barker Girls Hockey Team, and 6 more for the Barker Girls Soccer Team. This means almost half of both teams are made up of our students.

Recently I saw Katelyn Scroby with a hockey stick, I congratulated her and asked her about her previous experience with hockey. Did she play for a hockey club? Had she participated in the recent Active After school program in hockey? The answer to both questions was "No". Where did she learn to play, so that she would be selected for a representational team? The answer, "From the skills Mrs Murphy taught us in the gym". Of the other girls selected, only one plays hockey for a club. This is a fine tribute to our PE program, and to Mrs Murphy who leads it!

Congratulations to Sophie Norris, Zara McCauley, Jarrah Taylor, Madison Cribb, Katelyn Scroby and Carla Gore for making the Hockey team, and Tash Munn, Clodagh Riley, Kira Ladhams, Georgina Calderwood, Isabella Pollifrone and Olivia Stone for making the Soccer Team. Some of these girls have also never played soccer before, but have been selected on the basis of skills learnt in our PE program.





# Music is Fun Band





## The Strength of Our PE Program Cont..

**Congratulations** also to Lachlan Warhurst for making the district boys soccer team.

Last newsletter we also congratulated Ella Lawson and Zoe Marshall on making the SAPSASA Barker District netball team and Jesse Amos, Liam Lucas, Joel Parker-Boers and Cooper Hough on making the SAPSASA District football team.

Sebastian Bald has made the SAPSASA **State Basketball team.**

Earlier in the year, Jarrah Taylor played with the SAPSASA Barker Softball Team.

*Note our other achievements so far this year:*

**Courier Cup Swimming Carnival: 2nd**

Our team came second overall and won the adjusted total (for smaller schools).

**District Athletics Team: 3rd**

Our team came 2nd in the adjusted trophy and 3rd overall out of 11 other competing schools.

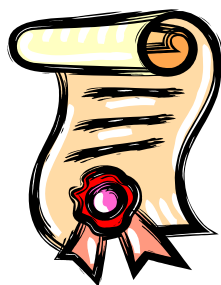
*Our Students, and their fabulous attitude:*

Mrs Murphy informs me that our students have a great attitude in PE. They are willing to challenge themselves, participate in all activities and put in their best. They will have a go at new and challenging skills.

**Cross Country:** Currently 50 students are training for the SAPSASA Cross Country which will be held on Tuesday 2nd July. Mrs Murphy reported that 48 of these students were out training after school on Tuesday, and there were many parent helpers. With such a fabulous attitude, how can we not succeed?

Another major event that happens every second year in PE is our extended gymnastics program. This program would not be possible if we didn't have our gym, and it is an experience that all children enjoy.

## Principals Awards



At our Week 6 Assembly the following students received Principals Awards. Well done to all students:

**Positive Attitude:** James Fielding, Allegra Scamoni, Austin Watts, Brook Linke, Corey Johns, Bella Denton, Isaac Blatchford, Kai Banks, Lilee Nykamp, Caitlin Bushby and Samuel Bakker

**Being Trustworthy:** Zoe Marshall, Mitchell Streng, Brayden Little, Cheyenne Campbell, Lachlan Warhurst, Freya Blacher-Rasheed, Noah Dunn, Thomas Willmott, Abbey Hutchinson and Oscar Hong

**Including Others:** Alexander Vivian and Caitlin Anderson-Nulty

**Respect:** Carmen Bubner and Karly Taylor

**Valuing Others:** Annie Krop and Liam Lucas

**Kindness:** Madison Cribb

## Parking and safety issues

Thank you to parents who have let us know their concerns about pedestrian safety around the school. We are working hard to investigate solutions to the following issues:

- Cars are 'banking up' in the Kiss and Drop zones on William and Baker streets, causing frustration for local residents and parents needing to get through
- Parents are stopping on the road or on the other side of the street ( in the 'no stopping' zone) and calling out for their children to get in the car, stopping traffic and sometimes putting children in danger
- Children are having difficulty crossing the road on Baker Street and Darnley Street at the recommended crossing points due to heavy traffic, the confusion caused by cars coming from different directions, poor visibility around parked cars and drivers not slowing down to 25 km/hr.

We met with traffic officers from Mount Barker Council this week and they advised us that cars must not to stop in the road waiting for the Kiss and Drop to clear, and that cars waiting in the Kiss and Drop zone before 3:15 pm for more than 2 minutes waiting for the bell is also contributing to the problem. Officers will be present in the coming weeks to move traffic along and explain the traffic rules to families. They will also be monitoring cars parking on verges, etc.

If you can wait a few minutes before arriving at the Kiss and Drop, that would help as well, since the biggest problem time is from about 3.05-3.20pm.

**We have included a brochure from the Council to explain traffic rules around schools.**

\*\*\*Please note that we have been advised by Council that cars are meant to STOP for pedestrians crossing at the indicated crossing points at an intersection, in our case the intersection of Baker and Darnley Streets. Most cars are not presently doing this. If you are driving near the school, please keep your eyes out for students wanting to cross, and if safe stop and allow them to cross. Parents and Caregivers of students crossing, please teach your children how to cross safely at these intersections. In particular practise waiting to see if a car is actually stopping (ie not to just walk out and hope this will happen), and also checking carefully that traffic coming from the other direction is actually stopping as well. \*\*\*

We are also investigating a "koala" or "emu" crossing to go in front of the school, which many schools find very helpful in assisting students to cross safely.

The viability of this is dependent on the number of people we actually have crossing Baker Street on an average day. We are now looking to collect some data on this. If you would be willing to count and record pedestrians crossing Baker Street before or after school one day a week, that would be a great help. Please leave your name and number with Debbie at the front office and we will get back to you.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!



## The Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done!

Tiah Hough, Brooke Linke, Jordan Hunter, Georgia Grant, Cameron Fuss, Niamh Hill, Grace Adler, Wyatt Peterson, Allegra Scamoni, Abbey Gray, Rhiley Kain, Finn Raven, Finn Roach, Imogen Metcalfe, Beau Riddle, Benny Day, Aleisha Holmes, James Fielding, Hannah Squillace, Aleesha Proeve, Kate Worthley, Jackson Heinicke, Tyler Usher, Jayden Nykamp, Abbey Hutchinson, Noah Dunn, Arielle Marks, Cooper Bowry, Jack Bills, Remy Salter, Brayden Little, Tash Munn and Kira Ladhams

We now have 139 students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. If your child has not completed the Premier's Reading Challenge, perhaps ask them why. If they are having difficulty reading at the correct level, please contact their teacher or myself, and we can assist with the selection of books at the appropriate level. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Library.

## Thank you to all

Thank you to Parents and students for the supporting the Fundraising Forums Crazy Day last Friday.

We raised \$407.20 to go towards our World Vision Sponsor Child Mekara in Cambodia

## Walk Safely to School

Thank you to everyone who entered the **Walk Safely to School Day** colouring competition.

There were a lot of very good entries. The Forum leaders from the Celebrations group, had a difficult task, but have chosen some entries that showed really great presentation and effort.

Congratulations to:

Jade Marshall, Keira Gerrard, Asher Gaff, Jasper Szilassy, Lucy McAvaney, Imogen Carter, Tyler Baugh, Kai Zinchiri and Kate Worthley

## Parents & Friends Fundraiser

The Parents & Friends Group are running a fundraiser from a company called Intalex which sells microwavable bedwarmers. There are a couple of samples displayed in the front office.

You should have received a product catalogue and an order form along with this newsletter. If you have not received one and would like one please come to the front office to get a copy of the catalogue and order form.

Closing date for orders and payments (correct money please) are Monday 1st July (Week 10). Orders will come in the first week back of school in Term 3.

Thank you for your support in our final fundraiser for Term 2

## Parents & Friends Group

