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As part of our 2019 academic focus on 'Writing', we invited famous children's author Phillip Gwynne to visit our school. Phillip has written and published a large number of children's books, for all ages. Perhaps your child has even read one! Phillip gave a very engaging talk to the whole school on his journey from a childhood home with no books, to becoming a successful author.

He then led our Year 4-6 students in a creative writing workshop. His passion for writing was clear and we suspect that perhaps he has inspired some of our students to take a renewed interest in writing too.

Car Wash Fundraiser- Postponed

Due to the forecast of storms for tomorrow morning, we have had to postpone the Car Wash Fundraiser. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We hope to hold this event in August- please keep an eye on the newsletter for confirmation of the date.

Pupil Free Days

Please add to your calendar our upcoming pupil free days- Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July are pupil-free days, as our staff members attend the TREE Conference at Kearnan College.

This conference includes the other Catholic schools in our region and is a great opportunity for our staff to network with staff from other schools, while learning more about the latest educational trends. I hope you are able to amuse your children on these days without too much difficulty.

Happy Holidays

I would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe school holiday period. I hope that over the next two weeks that you are able to take some opportunities to spend quality family time and I am sure our students will return to school on Wednesday 24th July refreshed and ready to tackle a busy Term 3!

God Bless,
Brett Wilkie



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Responsibility*

4 July 2019

AN INTERVIEW WITH FATHER EDWIN



This week, Samuel and Peter interviewed another new member of our school community, Father Edwin Ocho.

- 1) What encouraged you to become a priest?
Lots of things! One was my grandmother, who I was close with- she taught me prayers and all that. Also, I once got very sick and I offered prayers to God and I was cured, so that encouraged me to become a priest. Some other things as well, but those are the main ones.
- 2) How many parishes have you worked in and how long have you been a priest for?
I was first assigned to Busselton but have spent most of my priestly life in Bunbury, at the Cathedral. I was there for nine years. Before that, though, I did spend a few months in Manjimup and now here I am, back to Manjimup and Pemberton. So, I am turning 10 in terms of my priestly life and ministry.
- 3) What do you like about being a priest and what are some of the challenges?
I like to be with people. I love to say Mass of course and I enjoy helping people when they come for confession. I love to share sacraments with people.

I just love working with the people, because I see everyone as God's people. Challenges can sometimes involve people who are indifferent to religion. Once, I did a visitation in Bunbury, but I was told to disappear- I wasn't made to feel welcome, so that was a challenge.

- 4) Were you born outside of Australia? What was your childhood like growing up in another country?

I was born outside of Australia. In an island of Bohol in the central Philippines. I grew up there, but at an early age of about 5, I moved to the bigger city of Manila. I grew up around so many people- Manila is so crowded and kind of poor as well, but it was an enjoyable childhood, with lots of brothers and sisters.

- 5) What was the last book that you read and did you like it?

Am I allowed to say 'Game of Thrones'? I have been reading them, plus other books as well of course. In my spare time, I do read the bible and other books about religion and spirituality.

- 6) What is your favourite food and why?

I love to eat! My all-time favourite is a classic dish from the Philippines called adobo- there are lots of versions of it- it is sweet and sour but also spicy. I love spicy food. And cheese- I love to add cheese to food too. Although, I eat anything and everything!

- 7) When you have spare time, what are some of your main interests and hobbies?

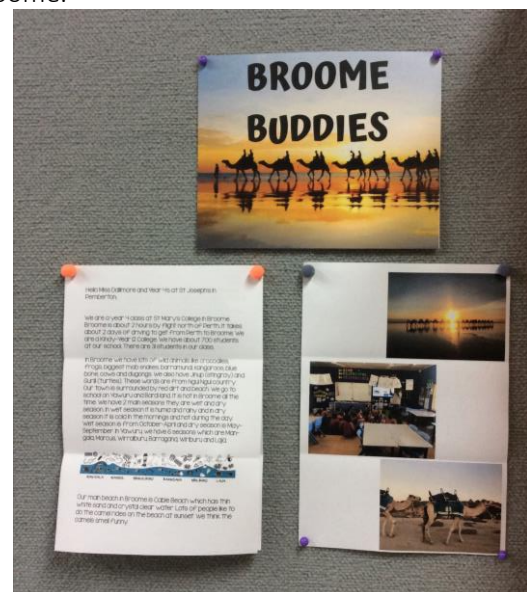
Of course, I pray! But apart from that, I love to exercise and play sport. I am still recovering from surgery at the moment, so I can't run right now. I am taking it easy and doing recovery exercises and I hope to go back to the gym soon. I like to listen to music as well- not just religious music, but all types of music. I can play some instruments too. I like gardening sometimes, too.

Classroom News...

Year 4

'What a busy term we have had in Year 4. There have been lots of different things happening. One exciting thing that happened was receiving a letter from a Year 4 class in Broome. We have a pen pal class at St Mary's in Broome that we have been exchanging letters with. It is interesting to see how different our lives are to theirs.

So far, we have learnt that they have different wild animals up there and it's very hot. We have also discovered that although we have very different lives, we all like the same sports and have to do similar work at school. We can't wait to get more letters from Broome.'



Year 2/3

This term our class has been learning how to write procedures. We have learnt that a procedure is made up of multiple steps, which must be easy to follow. In order to practise our procedure writing skills, we attempted to create simple and clear steps on how to make a pizza. During this process, we discovered that each step must be specific and filled with lots of detail so that other people can follow the steps with ease.

After learning how to write a procedure we challenged ourselves with the task of writing our own class book, 'How to Sneak Your Australian Animal into School'. We have all planned, drafted and published our own procedures about our chosen Australian animal. We believe each procedure is filled with creativity and humour. We would love for you to come and check out our amazing writing!

From Rose's desk...

Year 2/3 photos

Office Hours:

The office will be attended Friday this week. The office will be closed during the holidays and reopen on Tues 23 July.



Celebrating their birthday

Monday 8 July

Liana Ellis

Tuesday 23 July

Amelie Windberg



We hope you have a great day

P & F News.....

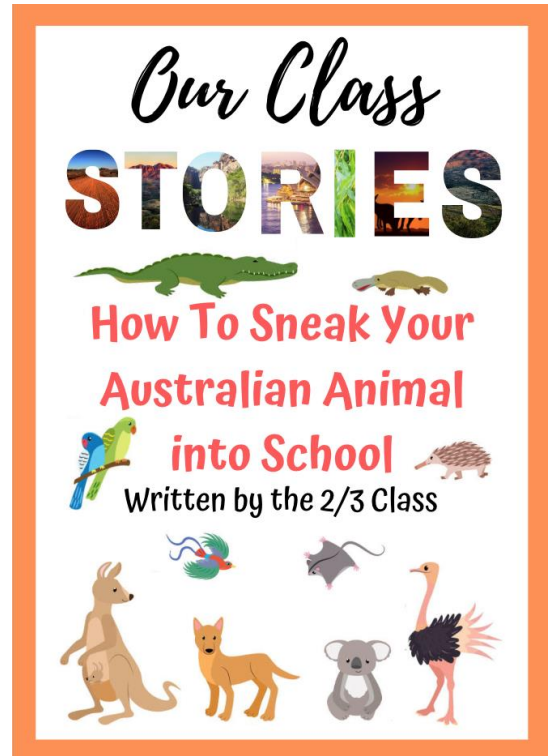
Canteen Roster:

Tuesday 30 July Helen Ng

Tuesday 6 August Kerry Marshall &
Amanda Keough



We appreciate your time and service volunteering in our canteen. If you are unable to do your rostered day, please contact another parent and arrange a replacement. Thanking you again for your assistance.

**Options is Returning**

We are very excited to have our Options Program running once again next term.

This program aims to provide the students with new skills and knowledge through engaging in a variety of interesting, creative, energetic and, of course, fun extra-curricular activities.

This week your child brought home a preference sheet with attached instructions. Please assist them to complete this and return to school by the end of this week.

If you have Monday afternoons free and would like to assist a group, please give Brett or Pip a call. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Philippa Ellis

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 5 Last day of term 2 for staff and students

Mon 22 & Tues 23 Pupil Free Days

Wed 24 Term three commences for students

Community News

Bunbury Regional YouthCARE Council presents

MAGGIE DENT

Real Kids in an Unreal World
(10 Resilience Building Blocks)

JULY 31, 2019 - 6-8PM
Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre

Are you worried, confused or concerned about parenting in today's chaotic world? Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life - the good, the bad and the ugly. Maggie has developed a common sense, practical model of 10 building blocks that will measure parents and educators that what we have always known to be important in the early years of a child's life is still important. This seminar will offer you practical, common sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or school, which will make a big difference to children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Tickets: \$30
Tickets on sale at
www.bunburyentertainment.com
From 10pm Open
Register yourself at
www.facebook.com/YouthCAREBunbury
This event is a fundraiser to support the vital commitment of YouthCARE to schools in the South West.




Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre at:

Opposite the Pemberton Hotel, Brockman Street

PEMBERTON

Friday, 19 July 2019

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Staff can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice

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SUSTAINABLE SCARECROW COMPETITION

It is with great pleasure we invite your school to compete at the 2019 Perth Royal Show in the Sustainable Scarecrow Competition.

The aim of the Sustainable Scarecrow Competition is to involve children in aspects of sustainability and to encourage their interest in the concept of growing their own edible plants and keeping those plants safe from predatory birds.

We would like to create an interest in the next generation about where their food comes from and how to keep it safe while growing.

PRIZE & JUDGING

The competition will be judged, and certificates and rosettes will be awarded to First, Second and Third places. Up to two Highly Commended awards may also be awarded.

All classes that enter, will receive one family pass for the teacher, and individual passes for the entire class to attend the Perth Royal Show.



Judging will take place on Saturday 28 September 2019. The Judges' decision is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into. The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia will be choosing his favourite on judging day Saturday 28 September with the possibility for display at the Government House gardens. Results will be announced and awards distributed after the conclusion of the Show.

In the event of a tie, the school getting the highest number of First places will be judged the winner. Should a tie still exist, the school getting the highest number of Second places will be judged the winner. If a tie still exists an equal award may be made.

THE COMPETITION IS

- Open to Primary and Secondary Schools within Western Australia.
- Free to enter

COMPETITION RULES

1. Each school can provide up to 2 scarecrows - 1 from Primary and 1 from Secondary (if applicable).
2. Scarecrows and any props must be made from sustainable and recycled materials.
3. Scarecrows must be freestanding with a size not exceeding 1.5m in height or 1m in width.
4. Scarecrows must be delivered on Thursday 28 September 2019 between 8am and 5pm. Delivery location to be advised.
5. Exhibits must be collected on Monday 7 October 2019 between 9am and 1pm, unless pre-arranged with the Competition and Event Coordinator. Uncollected exhibits will be disposed of.
6. Entrance close Friday 16 August 2019 - visit <http://entriles.parthroyalshow.com.au>

The scarecrow will be displayed for the duration of the Show and has the potential to be viewed by 400,000 Show patrons.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Competition and Event Coordinator on 2663 3131 or via email at schoolscompetitions@raawa.org.au. We look forward to the participation of your school.



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