



## WCSS Community Memo

26/07/2018

*Most birds head for shelter to avoid the rain. The eagle flies above the cloud.*

Dear Everyone 😊

May our individual and collective energies continue to be guided by our vision and in love and good spirit may we continue to grow in awareness of the life-giving opportunities that arise each day.

I am very grateful for your support dedicated to the well-being of the children, their families and staff.

The fine tuning of our building and playground work can now begin. Thank you again to all involved in the installation and upgrade of each respectively.

Our well received, wonderful Soup Days continue until August 15.

### **Behaviour Management**

All Staff have participated in a workshop on Behaviour Management this week. This included addressing the process, consistent with our Policy and related to Individual Education Behaviour Plans. The process includes involvement of the child, the parent(s) and the teacher. Please feel welcome to discuss the updated process with the Class Teacher. Please also feel welcome to request a copy of it or view it on the school website.

### **Child Safe Update**

As a Child Safe Organisation we teach the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum in our classes. For more information on what is taught and why visit the school website and attend our Parent Information Evening on August 7.

**NB!** The Child Protection Curriculum Parent Information evening has been re-scheduled for **August 7: 7pm**  
I am sorry for any inconvenience for this change of date.

### **Circle of Security**

Circle of Security was successfully presented at West Coast Steiner School last year. The 8 week series focuses on early intervention models to increase attachment and security, supporting and strengthening parent-child relationships, and teaches new ways to understand and respond to your children's behaviour. We are planning to host this program in Term Four. To express your interest E: [marketing@wcss.wa.edu.au](mailto:marketing@wcss.wa.edu.au).

### **College News**

We are excited about the appointment of our Learning Support-Library Educator, Elizabeth Separovich. Liz is very well recommended with qualifications, great expertise and experience related to Special Needs, child learning development and pastoral care. Every class has allocated times for Liz to work with children according to the needs of the child as defined by the teacher. Over the term break Liz has worked with administration and maintenance staff to complete the conversion of the old Playgroup into a purpose fitted library-learning support space. *Donna Shaw, College Chair.*

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **Week 1**

Thursday July 26: Class 3 Parent Gathering 7pm in Class 3.

#### **Week 2**

Wednesday August 1: Soup Day (Class 2). School Tour 9.15am.

#### **Week 3**

Tuesday August 7: Parent Information Evening: Child Protection Curriculum 7pm Performance Room.

Wednesday August 8: Soup Day (Class 1).

Thursday August 9: Class 2 Play 1.30pm. K5/6 Parent Gathering 7pm Performance Room.

#### **Week 4**

Wednesday August 15: Soup Day (Sunflower and Gungurra).

Thursday August 16 to Sunday 19: Anthroposophical Society in Australia 2018 Annual Conference.

#### **Week 5**

Tuesday August 21: School Renewal Visit.

Wednesday August 22 – September 19: Life Mapping with Dale Irving.

All Staff will gather again for professional development on the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD), to be presented by AISWA on August 2. Please see the School Website under the Administration/Policies tab for more information about the NCCD.

Thank you,  
Gerard

#### ***The Two Travellers***

*There was once a traveller who was walking from a village in the mountains to a village in the valley. As he walked along, he saw a monk working in a field, so he stopped and said to the monk, "I'm on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?" The monk looked up from his labour and asked the man where he had come from.*

*The man responded, "I have come from the village in the mountains."*

*"What was that like?" the monk asked.*

*"Terrible!" the man exclaimed, "no-one spoke my language, I had to sleep on a dirt floor in one of their houses, they fed me some sort of stew that had yak or dog or both in it and the weather was atrocious."*

*"Then I think that you will find that the village in the valley is much the same," the monk noted.*

*A few hours later another traveller passed by and he said to the monk,*

*"I am on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell what it's like?"*

*"Where have you come from?" enquired the monk.*

*"I have come from the village in the mountains."*

*"And what was that like?"*

*"It was awesome!" the man replied, "No-one spoke my language, so we had to communicate using our hands and facial expressions. I had to sleep on the dirt floor which was really cool as I've never done that before. They fed me some sort of weird stew and I have no idea what was in it but just to experience how the locals lived was great and the weather was freezing cold, which meant that I really got a taste of the local conditions. It was one of the best experiences of my life."*

*"Then I think that you'll find that the village in the valley is much the same," responded the monk.*

