



E -BULLETIN News

Friday 22 September 2023

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Term Dates 2023

Semester One 2023

TERM 1	Wednesday 1 February—Thursday, 6 April
BREAK	Friday 7, April—Sunday, 23 April
TERM 2	Monday, 24 April—School Development Day No school for students
	Wednesday, 26 April—Friday 30 June
BREAK	Saturday, 1 July—Sunday 16 July

Semester Two 2023

TERM 3	Monday, 17 July—School Development Day No school for students
	Tuesday, 18 July - Friday, 22 September
BREAK	Saturday, 23 September - Sunday, 8 October
TERM 4	Monday, 19 October & Friday 15 December— School Development Days No school for students
	Tuesday 10 October—Thursday 14 December

From The Principal Ms Jo Thompsom

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you all have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 4! This term has been a busy one for staff and students with many highlights that are included in this E-Bulletin. I am sure that you will find your child may need a few days of rest and recovery after such a busy and productive term !!

I have had the privilege of taking on the Principal's role from Margaret over the last few weeks whilst she is on leave. Apart from the additional administrative responsibilities that are required for running a school in the Principal role, I have still enjoyed the many opportunities of working with students, families and staff and being part of our student's educational experience and journey. Amanda Flood will be taking on the role of Principal for most of next term and I will return to my familiar territory of Associate Principal in Middle School.

Our last day of term is an exciting one with our students participating in the Tryathon along with RSHS students. A big thank you to all staff and students who have been enthusiastically raising money and organising for the big day! It is a fun and special way for our staff and students to finish off the term and celebrate our many successes as a community. I am really proud of how our students have taken on the challenges in raising money for Telethon to help other kids in need.

Warmest regards

Jo Thompsom
Principal

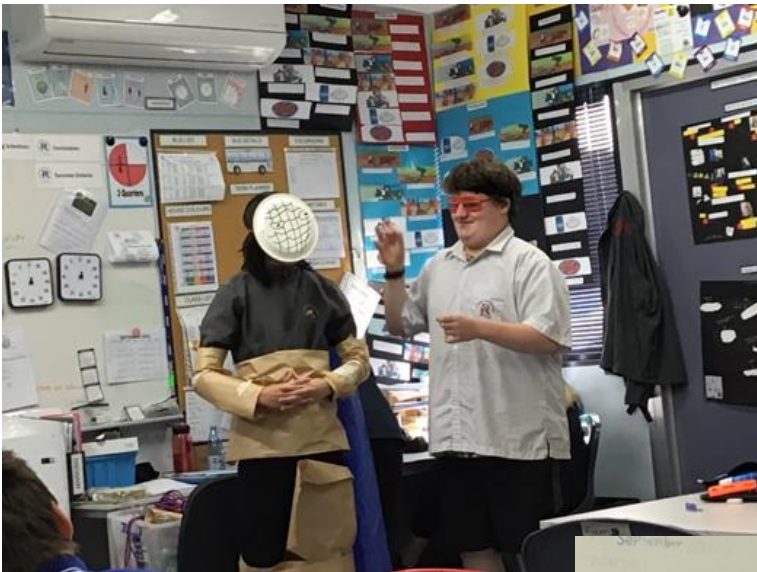


Year 9 Room 8

Room 8's year nine students have had a very productive term. As well as having a full academic program, they have been very busy in the garden establishing a hydroponic system, adopting, and pruning trees, planting vegetables, and clearing up the garden area. Their efforts have allowed them to collect money for Telethon by potted and selling mint, aloe vera and nasturtiums.



Our class was also lucky enough to participate in sessions offered by the team from the Stephen Michael Program, who came into the school to run a wellbeing and team building program. They had fun participating in physical outdoor activities as well as indoor sessions where they got to do team building activities and role play exercises. We have had a very busy and productive term and our students are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break.



Book Week

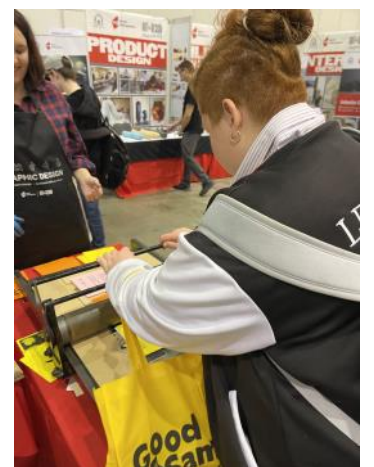
Students and staff celebrated Book Week with a fantastic disco at Malibu School this term. A great time was had by everyone.



Year 12

Year 12 Excursion to the SkillsWest Careers and Employment Expo

In late July year 12 students attended the Skills West Expo in Perth. The Expo hosted over 80 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all. Students were able to talk with training organisations & employers, gain career advice and enjoy the interactive displays.



Year 10

Another busy term has now finished, and students have worked very hard achieving great results. This term we have introduced Preliminary Unit 1 in Maths and English where students have been building on their skills to complete tasks with greater independence. Some examples of student's tasks have been exploring the concept of community and looking at their place in it by reading maps, making practice emergency phone calls for an ambulance, examining workplace and community rules. Now they are moving onto creating their own newspaper articles amongst other activities.

In Community Access, students were out and about on public transport using their skills to travel safely, make practice emergency phone calls to the school, and follow their travel plans. Students attended a Transperth Network Tour where the Transperth Education Officer, Raj Patel, showed students a variety of ways to travel safely and where to seek help if needed. Our last excursion was to the Western Australian Art Gallery where students got their imagination going and worked together in the 'Exquisite Bodies' activity done as a warm-up by artists. In this activity students and staff took turns to make an artwork where one person drew the head, the next person drew the body, and the last person drew the legs without seeing what the other person drew before. At the end the artwork was very creative and funny.

In class we have continued our focus on life skills. In sewing, we view teaching our students to sew as a valuable skill that can foster creativity, confidence, and self-reliance. Students have been learning the basics of sewing, such as how to use a sewing machine, how to cut and pin fabric, and how to sew different types of stitches and seams. An example of students fantastic sewing are their awesome heat bags.

Also, cooking classes offer so many life benefits to our students. In class the focus has been on hygiene, healthy eating habits, safety, and teamwork in the kitchen. Students have faced some challenges, such as handling sharp knives, working with hot stoves and appliances, and correctly handling raw ingredients. Some delicious dishes have been created. It has been great to see students try new foods and some have been surprised as to how tasty their new meals have been.



Bush Rangers Term 3

WORM FARM AUSTRALIA INCURSION

The Year 7 Bush Rangers got to discover the significance of worms. These creatures not only enrich the soil with nutrients but also help in reducing food waste sustainably. To achieve this, they installed a 240L worm farm wheelie bin. Going forward, the Bush Rangers will utilize casting and worm tea to nourish our school gardens.



A WA EMBLEM

We have been learning about the Numbat, one of our state emblems. They have stripes down their back which are unique to each numbat, like a fingerprint. Perth Zoo is currently breeding this endangered species to ensure its survival for future generations.



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

The Year 8 Bush Rangers have been absolutely killing it, mastering the art of capturing stunning wildlife photographs with their Nikon digital cameras. You will not believe the incredible shots they have already taken! But that's not all - they are now diving into the exciting world of the rule of thirds, using their skills to highlight the impact humans have on our precious water catchments. Get ready to be blown away!

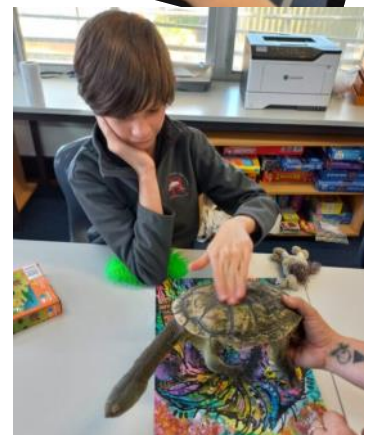


Year 7 & 8 Bush Rangers



WA WILDLIFE INCURSION

The Year 7 and Year 8 Bush Rangers were in for a treat when WA Wildlife paid a visit to our school. The team brought with them an array of stunning wildlife, including an injured tawny frogmouth that stole the show. The students were enthralled as they learned about how the animals were cared for at Bibra Lake and the various measures they could take to protect the local wildlife. It was an unforgettable experience that left everyone feeling inspired and motivated to do their part



Bush Rangers

LAKE RICHMOND MACROINVERTEBRATE SAMPLING

Our local patch, Lake Richmond is truly a haven for wildlife! The Year 9 Bush Rangers recently embarked on a series of exciting excursions to sample the lake's waters using dip nets. Through careful classification, they were able to identify a wide variety of macroinvertebrates - or, as they are more commonly known, water bugs! From water mites and diving beetles to soldier fly larvae and damsel fly larvae, these intrepid explorers found them all. What's more, they learned that these water bugs are incredibly sensitive to pollution - making them perfect indicators of Lake Richmond's water quality. And as if that were not enough, they even spotted a majestic black swan nesting near the boardwalk - a stunning up-close encounter with Western Australia's emblematic bird!



AUSTRALIA SEA LION INCURSION SERIES

Our conservation project for the Australian Sea Lion is underway in 2023. The Year 10 students had the opportunity to meet with Marine Scientist, Chandra Salgado Kent, to learn about the endangered species. They then participated in a masterclass with Steve Panozzo, The Cartoon Factory via Webex, where they honed their drawing skills and created beautiful drawings of the Australian Sea Lion. To finish off the term, the students met with DBCA Marine Ranger, Matt Lenane, who explained the role of a Marine Ranger and their contribution to protecting Western Australian marine life. Next term, we look forward to observing Australian Sea Lions in their natural habitat.



Year 10 Bush Rangers

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

Critter Close Up visited the Year 10 Bush Rangers to set up two different aquatic ecosystems in class. They meet sea creatures that live in an ocean environment and freshwater creatures who live in rivers, lakes, creeks and ponds.



BAT BOX INSTALLATION AT LAKE RICHMOND

We met Joe Tonga from Natsync and the team from Rockingham City Council at Lake Richmond to install the bat boxes we built last year. Joe reminded us of the conditions, microbats need to set up home in our boxes. He showed us how to install the boxes and discussed the importance of microbats in the ecosystem.



2023 Bushrangers Camp

WOODMAN POINT SENIOR BUSH RANGERS CAMP

An amazing three days filled with fun and adventure awaited the Senior Bush Rangers at Woodman Point Recreation Camp. After packing the bus with all their precious possessions, we headed off in our little school bus. On arrival we were greeted by our instructors who quickly encouraged us to participate in ice breaker games. Favourite games emerged. Salt, Pepper, Vinegar involved us not eating fish and chips but jumping to a series of voice commands in a knockout style competition. Rock Paper Scissors Evolution was hilarious as you need to evolve from one creature to another by winning a game to reach the ultimate contest against a mighty instructor. Our next activity involved bows and arrows. We all successfully hit a target with Mr Melling, Mr Cook and Bailey winning the final shoot out due to their superior accuracy.

The afternoon saw us set up in Jervoise dorm, unloading the trailer, making our beds, getting the kitchen and dining hall ready. Now the fun began as Sarah, Amber, Dylan and Joseph cooked hamburgers for dinner. It was a delicious meal, enjoyed by all. Clean up fell to Bailey, Elijah, Kurt and Ryley. With full tummies, we headed out into the night for mischief. We had to escape from quarantine by collecting items without being caught by the dopey guards. Lots of sneaking and hiding from the guards resulted in periods of silence followed by fits of laughter.

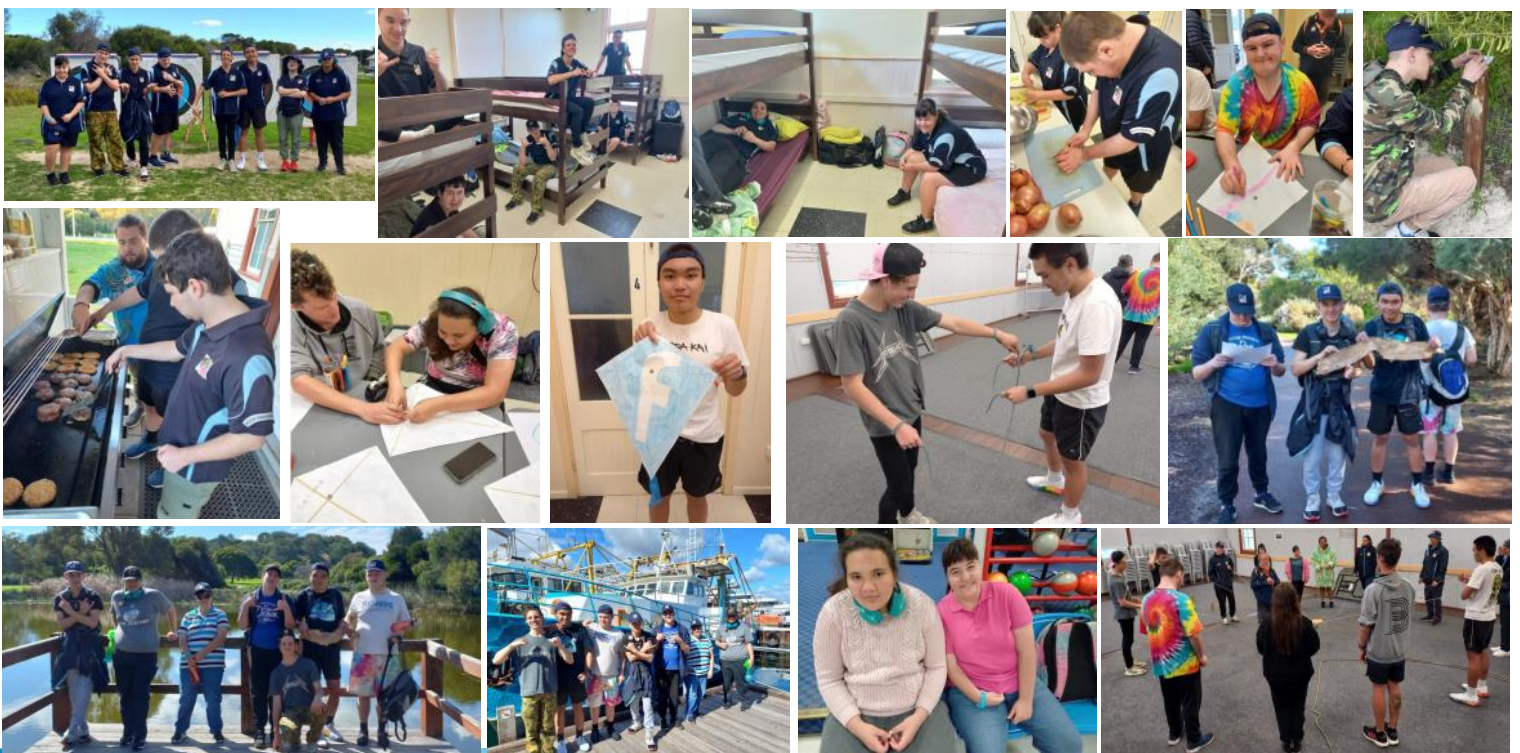
Day 2 brought new challenges, each student was responsible for getting their own breakfast, packing morning and afternoon tea and preparing their lunch. Once more we headed out to meet our amazing instructors. Starting the morning with orienteering. The Bush Rangers were broken into three groups to collect controls dotted around Woodman Point. With two teams successfully collecting the same number of controls. Our next activity involved us listening to music while making our very own kites. Let's go fly a kite, Let it go, I'm a Barbie - lets go party proving to be popular song selections. The kites were flown, with one Bush Rangers disappearing as she took off to fly her kite up to the highest height. The weather took a turn for the worst, and we end up in a spacious hall for team building. One team building game involved working together to stack blocks to form a tower by individuals pulling on strings connected to a central lifting point. With a full day almost complete, and with many hungry bellies, Bailey, Elijah, Kurt and Ryley prepared the evening sausage sizzle feast. Wow, it was yummy and taste so good. In the evening, we rushed out to ten pin bowling. With Elijah scoring the most strikes and Sarah picking up many spares. With exhaustion setting in, they all headed off to bed.

Our final day started with Ultimate Sports, a series of sporting challenges. It was lots of fun. We left Woodman Point and headed to Booyeebara Park. Once a limestone quarry, then a landfill site. The Bush Rangers explored the community led redevelopment to create a green space and wildlife habitat within the City of Fremantle. It is a beautiful park that can be enjoyed by all. Finally, we enjoyed fish and chips at Cicerello's overlooking Fremantle Boat Harbour before heading back to school.

I would like to thank Mr Cook, Mr Melling, Mrs Seckold-Kendall, Miss Mills and Mr Wilmot for their support, encouragement and dedication, who worked tirelessly to ensure the Senior Bush Rangers enjoyed a successful camp.

TO THE SENIOR BUSH RANGERS CLASS – CONGRATULATIONS – YOU ARE ALL SUPER STARS!

Miss Nixon



Student Interviewed by Seven News by Pixie Pearce

On 21 of May at Good Sammy Pt Kennedy, Lainey got interviewed by 7 news to promote Good Sammy's.

"I am happy to promote Good Sammy and the opportunity they provide for people with disabilities" Lainey said she felt a bit nervous before the interviewed because she never done an interviewed before.

Lainey parents, Narelle and Jason, joined her for the Interviewed a long with CEO of Good Sammy's, Kane Blackman. A camera man and reporter from seven news interviewed them.

It was exciting event for all the people and was even more exciting when they saw themselves on tv.



Woodman's Point Recreation Camp by Ryley Berglund

In August the Rockingham Senior High School ESC Senior Bush Rangers went on a 3-day camp to Woodman's Point. The camp was a reward for all of their hard work especially their sealion project.

The students slept in dorms. There were 8 students and 4 staff. While at camp, they played team building games, kite making bush walking and more. One of their favorite things was the game Escape Quarantine.

At the end of the 3 days, all the students and staff were exhausted but all agreed they would do it all again.



Hospitable Excursion By Connor Bender

On Thursday 29th June Hospitality students from Rockingham Senior High School ESC went to the Rockingham shops to see how the other café's run.

Students reported Miss Maud's made you feel like you were invited in. The menu outside and the cake display looked good. And the coffee smelt amazing. It was a large coffee shop and lots of customers sitting waiting for their orders. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

"Miss Maud's coffee shop was very impressive, and we compared it to Jamaica Blue. Miss Maud's won." Connor Bender reported.



Work Place Learning at Bunnings Warehouse is the Best

By Mitch Marsh (aka J Baughen)

On Tuesdays during term time, at Rockingham Bunnings, a Year 11 student called Joshua Baughen collects and pushes plant trolleys.

The aim of the game is to learn new skills and keep learning.

Joshua is supported by Mrs O'Connor, an education Assistant at Rockingham SHS ESC.

Mrs O'Connor said that "Josh, you have been working hard and showing up to Bunnings every day."



Awesome Animal Studies Trainees Achieve Great Results!

----- TAY M

"I really like looking after animals every Friday". -- Tay M

Every Friday, Taylah Minns and fellow students go on a train to go to South Metro TAFE. Students are learning how to look after pets.

Tasks include: walking, feeding, grooming, cleaning, looking after equipment, checking vital signs on dogs.

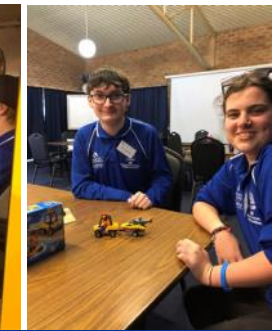
TAFE for Animal Studies is a great way to learn about pet care.

KIC iDiversity Project

Four lucky students were selected to attend the 2023 KIC iDiversity Project Program. Students were treated to guest speakers, team building activities, site visits to CSBP and Tiangi Lithium and a morning at the Construction Futures Centre in Belmont. Students participated in a beach clean-up at Kwinana Beach and were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch. The students have all said they really enjoyed the program and had a lot of fun! The smiles at the end of every day were wonderful to see.

Participants of the program were required to publicly speak about their experience at the graduation ceremony. Well done to Ashlea, Jordan, Tamsin and Trent for representing our school so beautifully while attending the program. We are very proud of you.

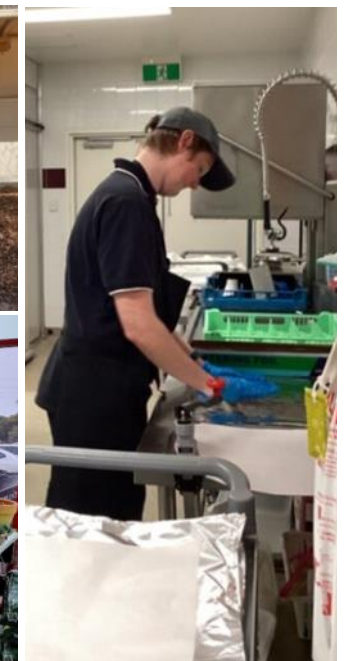
A very big Thank You to Mrs Fyles and Mrs Seckold for transporting and supporting our students while attending the program.



Workplace Learning

Our year 12 students are completing their final week of work placement. The tremendous effort they have put in over the last 3 terms has been impressive! Well done to all our hard-working year 11's and 12's.

Thank you to our wonderful local businesses who have been supporting our students this year.



Rockingham Youth Centre

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Thursday 28 September

SINGLETON
**Skate Park
Competition**

12pm – 5pm | All ages

Whether you're a pro
or just starting out,
come and show off your
skills at our Singleton
Skate Park Competition.

**Free sausage sizzle | Fun community
activities | Prizes and giveaways**

Registrations through Freestyle Now's
event page or on the day.



Singleton Skate Park



Friday 29 September

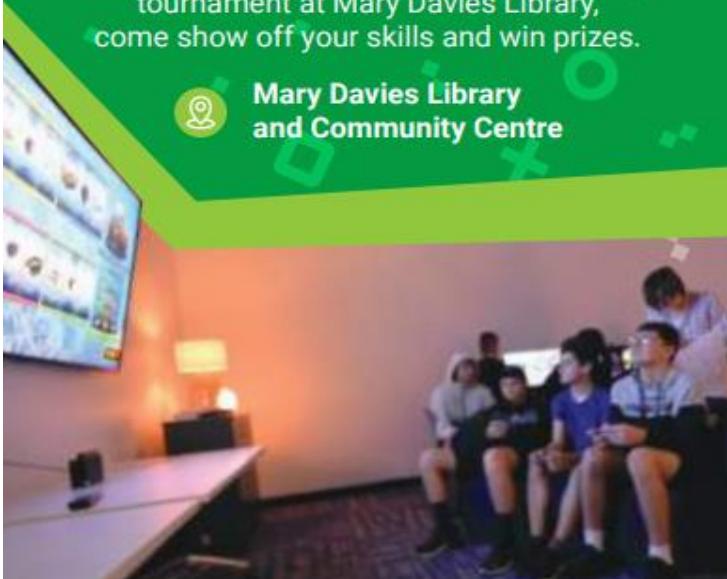
Gaming Tournament

1pm – 3pm

Attention all Baldivis Smash Bros.
and Mario Kart pros. RYC is hosting a local
tournament at Mary Davies Library,
come show off your skills and win prizes.



**Mary Davies Library
and Community Centre**



Registrations are essential.

**Unless otherwise stated, all activities will be
held at Rockingham Youth Centre.**

To learn more about our
programs, please contact the
Rockingham Youth Centre on **9591 0836**,
email youthcentre@rockingham.wa.gov.au

or drop in to speak to us at
20 Mackinnon St, Rockingham.

We are open 10am – 5.30pm Monday - Friday.

More information on all our events
can be found online.



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Bushfire Zone Register

The Department of Education (the Department) is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff. Rockingham SHS Education Support Centre has been added to the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to close the school on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the City of Rockingham. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

What does this mean for our school?

When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the closure of Rockingham SHS Education Support Centre. If the school receives such a directive, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the period between the announcement of the closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements.

Parents will be advised of the confirmation of closure, or its reversal, by a note sent home with your child on the day before the planned closure. Again, parents of students absent on this day will be contacted by telephone.

How will I know when the school is reopening?

It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time, however this will depend on the weather. You will receive an SMS to advise you whether the school will reopen the day after the planned closure, or whether it will remain closed. The school website will contain a notice to advise you of the current status of the school closure and when it is expected to reopen.

I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) or www.dfes.wa.gov.au and Emergency WA. Alternatively, you can call the school on 9523 7600 or the South Metro Regional Education Office on 9336 9563.

Questions?

Please contact the school on 9523 7600 if you have any questions about planned closures during the bushfire season.

Mrs Margaret Keen
Principal