From the desk of the Principal ......

Dear Readers

Is it OK to say “no”?

Last week’s newsletter article Tough Love focussed on what one school was doing to promote resiliency and how this approach can have positive spin offs. Developing resiliency in children is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers, the school, community and the child. As parents/caregivers how can you promote resiliency in your child?

Every child needs to be provided with a protective and loving home life where they are encouraged to learn and develop throughout their life. But is this all that is required? An important part of a child’s learning is to encourage them to have a go at new or challenging situations. In some cases they will experience success and others they may fail. In all instances it is important to encourage the effort your child puts into things not just the outcome. Encouragement of problem solving or novel approaches to tricky situations can develop a sense of willingness to “have a go” and feel that its OK not to always get things totally right or solved. I am not advocating mediocrity or a “near enough is good enough” mentality. What I am suggesting is that realistic feedback about what has been attempted and learnt can help a child to feel that its OK to try and its OK not to get things perfect every time. This can promote resiliency.

Another part of resilient behaviour is dealing with life’s reality that there will be limits or times when the answer will be “no”. As parents it’s appropriate to set limits on behaviours or activities. There may be discussion and negotiation but ultimately there is a fact of nature along the lines “Me parent – you kid.” which to me means that reasonable (to you) boundaries or expectations are legitimate and required of you as part of bringing up your children. Knowing that there are limits and that consequences apply if they are followed (or not followed) is an essential skill for children to learn.

The school’s webpage has a number of articles about parenting which also provide information about bringing up children and promoting resiliency. Please go to http://www.shelleyps.wa.edu.au/parenting-ideas.html to see them.

Safety Houses at Shelley

I am delighted that Sue Herd-Bond has agreed to coordinate a Safety House initiative for our area. The idea behind the initiative is to have a number of safe houses identified where children can go to if they are feeling unsafe and need help. What is required is for members of our community to agree to become a Safe House (this involves a selection process.). The next steps are to let the community know about the houses and where children can go if they feel unsafe. Please see the attached flyer for more detail or else contact Sue on 9457 9942 for more details.

Crosswalk Attendant Update

Dan our regular Lollypop Man has a broken arm and will be absent from work for several weeks. He has been replaced by a relief person.

Regards,

Steve
SCHOOL BANKING DAY
TUESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL AT 8:30AM

MERIT CERTIFICATES RECIPIENTS
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Merit Certificates at our recent assembly.

- Rm 1  Vidya, Ciara, Ben
- Rm 3  Moya, Aarya, Benjamin
- Rm 4  James, Harry, William
- Rm 5  Aditiya, Elodie, Amelia
- Rm 6  Sarai, Angad, Taj
- Rm 7  Kelly, Jirin
- Rm 8  Monique, Chad, Sakina
- Rm 9  Matilda, Sarah
- Rm 10 Zed, Mallika
- Rm 11 Cameron, Rainier, Franz
- Rm 12 Bailey, Lisa
- Rm 13 Imogen, Emma
- Rm 17 Akshaya, Madelaine, Stephanie
- Rm 18 Anthea, Arista, Harmony

KINDERGARTEN & PRE PRIMARY 2014
APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 26 JULY, 2013
Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible for enrolment in Kindergarten in 2014. Enrolment forms for pre primary and kindergarten can be collected from the school office.

P & C NEWS

P&C ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FUNDRAISER
Thank you to parents for purchasing their Entertainment Books in support of Shelley Primary's P&C Fundraising. Thank you also for returning unwanted books in a promptly manner.

There are some outstanding Entertainment Books that either haven't been paid for or returned to the school office. You can make payment online or fill in the green order form that was delivered with each book and leave in the specially marked payment box in the school office. There is a box in the office for book returns also.

A sample of the book is available to be viewed at the school office. Parents, teachers and the community still have the opportunity to order books. There are order forms in the school office for parents and in the staffroom for school staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions please give me a call. Michelle 0410654078

COMMUNITY NEWS

The RSPCA WA July School Holiday Program
Winter is here, the days are cold and wet and the kids are under your feet – if only there was something entertaining AND educational with qualified teachers and great supervision that you could send your children! Well, RSPCA WA has the answer with fun, interactive and educational school holiday sessions. Children big and small can get up close and personal with some of our furry friends or explore their creative side in some of our more crafty sessions.

Here is a sneak peak of some of our fabulous sessions:
- Two, full day sessions - RSPCA WA Big Day Out and Friends, food and fundraising
- Join us for a sleepover In the Doghouse
- Radical Reptiles are back!
- Be A Vet for a day
- Meet some fabulous feathered friends in Bird's Eye View

Bookings open on June 24, 2013 and members June 17, 2013. Places fill quickly, so call 9209 9325 to secure your child's spot. Further information on sessions is available on the website: www.rspcawa.asn.au.

CANTEEN CORNER

The canteen has been experiencing trouble sourcing a supplier of cheese made with vegetarian rennet which is acceptable to the WA School Canteen Association rules (to which we must comply). As an amendment to our current menu, we would like to remove the 'V' symbol from the cheese items. If this causes any issues to those following a strict vegetarian diet, please come and speak to us at the canteen. All other vegetarian menu items remain unaffected.

On another note, we have been receiving a high number of late orders recently, including several at lunchtime. Students and parents are reminded that all orders should be received at the canteen by 8.45pm at the latest, to ensure smooth running of the canteen. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN DAYS
TERM 2 2013
8:15am – 9:00am
Friday 7 June
Friday 21 June
Friday 5 July

SCHOOL BANKING DAY
TUESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL AT 8:30AM
INTERESTED IN SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN IN SHELLEY?
IT COSTS NOTHING TO HELP, AND IT'S EASY TO DO.

Safety House is a community based "Good Neighbour" program of volunteer householders organised by a local Safety House Coordinator. It's easy to be a Safety House, it costs you absolutely nothing and you could be doing something important to help protect vulnerable young children. You can make a difference in your local community.

WHO CAN BE A SAFETY HOUSE?

A Safety Householder must be a caring adult who is usually in or around their home during school travel times and be ready and willing to assist any child who might seek help at their door.
This is to make sure that a child in need will find someone at home if they knock on the Safety House door for help.

Your house must have easy street access to the front door, no screening walls or trees and a Safety House sign easily visible from the street. If you have a dog it should be secured behind a fence at the rear of the building or be kept under control in the house.
This is to make sure that a young child will be able to find the Safety House door easily and will not be frightened away.

Before you can be a Safety House, everyone living in the house aged 10 and over must consent to having a continuously monitored police check which is fully paid for by Safety House. Someone from the school Safety House Committee will help you fill out a simple Safety House WA application form.
We need to make sure that anyone who might answer the door at a Safety House has been carefully checked out.

For more information please fill in the coupon below and leave it at Shelley Primary School Office or send it to Safety House WA Inc. You can contact Safety House by phone 9343 7511 or email on safety@safetyhousewa.org.au
For more info visit the Safety House website at www.safetyhousewa.org.au

Safety House WA Inc. Waddington Primary School, 15 Henniker Way, Koondoola 6064

☑ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAM

NAME: ________________________________ SCHOOL: ________________________________
CONTACT PHONE: ____________________________ EMAIL: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________