

# The Challis Community

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Term Two

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June 2017

In the four weeks since the last newsletter, there have been many events organised by the school for parents to get involved in and enjoy.

**National Families Week** brought families in to school for a picnic lunch. The **Ladies High Tea** provided time for Year 4-6 girls and their Mums to enjoy quality time together just after Mother's Day. The **PRIME maths workshops** for parents last Tuesday and Thursday were very well attended and provided a peek in to the new way that we teach Maths across the school. Thank you, as always, to our parents for supporting these events. We aim to provide many opportunities for parents and the school staff to come together to learn more about children, their progress and how we can better work together in partnership.

**Parent volunteers** This is a plea to parents that every teacher is looking for and wants parent volunteers in their classrooms, especially to assist with reading in the mornings. This is not just a request from the teachers in the junior years but a request right through to Year 6 teachers. It is very important that every child reads every day, understands what they have read and reads with fluency and expression. Practice, practice, practice is how reading improvements and we need a Army of parent volunteers to listen to children read every day.

**Staffing Changes** Last week Ms Greig, Deputy Principal (Years 1,2,3), informed me regrettably that she will not be continuing at Challis for personal reasons. This was effective immediately and we have spent some time reallocating Ms Greig's responsibilities between the formal leadership team.

As such, Mrs Egan will be responsible for Kindy-Year 2 and Mrs Musumeci will manage Year 3 issues. If you were communicating with Ms Greig about a situation with your child, it would be helpful if you made contact either with Mrs Egan (K-2) or Mrs Musumeci (Year 3) to make sure they are aware of the situation and can continue to work with you to resolve it.

For your information an organisational chart has been included in this newsletter. The chart will assist you to see the connections between each staff member within a year level team and identifies the Team Leader and Deputy in charge of that phase. For the time being, the third Deputy Principal position will remain vacant.

Mr Maguire is taking leave for all of Term 3 and his replacement is close to being confirmed. We have two new Pre Kindy classes starting at the commencement of Term 3, Ms Monique Capill is the new teacher.

Ms Velliou is returning to Challis and will take up a tandem PP class along with Mrs Jacob in J8. Ms Velliou will also be teaching on Mondays in W3 (starting Term 3).

**Reminder** the last day of school for this term for children is Thursday 29th June. The following day is a School Development day for staff to continue their learning.

Kind regards,  
Lee Musumeci  
Principal



## PARKING

Please be aware of parking restrictions at the front of the school on Braemore Street. This area is for Buses and Day Care Vehicles only. Rangers patrol this area regularly and will impose a \$70 fine if your vehicle is parked in this area.

The Kiss and Go area on Lowanna Way is for set down and pick up of students. Parent parking is available off Lowanna Way at the back of the school and also on Braemore Street in front of the oval.

## Retirement News

Our lovely Education Assistant Mrs Ann Gaiger has retired after many years working at Challis. Staff are holding an afternoon tea for Ann and inviting the community to help celebrate with them. If you would like to share your memories and wish Ann well, the event will be held in the Challis Staff room Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.



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## ZOO VISIT—Year One and Year Two

On June 1st and June 2nd Students from Challis Community Primary School visited the Perth Zoo. They attended the Education Centre at the Zoo to learn about Reptiles and to see them up close and to touch them. They then walked around the zoo to see the animals. A favourite place was the Reptile House.



## MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Lots of classes celebrated Mothers Day by holding pampering sessions in their classrooms, hand massages, nail painting, and cupcakes.



### High tea

A high Tea was held for girls in years 4,5,and 6 and they were invited to bring along their Mum/Grandma to celebrate. 70 students attended along with their special guest. There were lots of activities and prizes, lovely food donated by school staff and our very special guest speaker was Mrs O'Donovan





## 2018

### Enrolment for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary.

Enrolments are now open for children entering Kindergarten or Pre-Primary in 2018

Children born between 1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in 2018.

Children born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013 are eligible to enter Pre-Primary in 2018

Please submit your application as soon as possible to ensure a position is available and to enable Challis Community Primary School to have enrolment numbers to plan ahead.

#### Documents required are:

1. Completed Application for Enrolment Form (Available from the School Office)
2. Your child's Birth Certificate
3. Immunisation Records
4. Proof of residential address (Utility Bill e.g. Electricity, Gas)



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are very happy to take any uniforms (shirts and jackets) that you no longer require.

Our small supply has run out.

These are given to needy families when they start at the school.

Please leave your donations at the front office.

We are happy to mend hems or seams that have come undone.

For more information please speak to Mrs Rochfort.

A big thanks to people who have generously passed on uniforms they no longer need.

### WAAPA Winter School 2017

These July school holidays WAAPA is offering exciting programs for students in years 4 to 12. The Winter School

includes classes in acting, drama, dance, screen acting and music theatre. For information about the many courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Winter School Holiday Programs](http://WAAPA Winter School Holiday Programs) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au)



or 9370 6775.

## ELEVATE WORKSHOPS

### Challis 'Elevate' programmes



**We are born pre-programmed to securely attach to one very significant person.**

This is important because attachment influences:

- The success or failure of future intimate relationships
- the ability to maintain emotional balance
- being able to enjoy being with others and ourselves
- our resilience to disappointment, discouragement, and misfortune.

This brief workshop addresses how to give your child the best start in life, and how to mend insecure attachments.

Friday 9th June 9.00 a.m.

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## PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PARENT WORKSHOP

Protective behaviours education focuses on developing the skills of empowerment, communication, self-esteem, resilience, social skills and other life skills to prevent abuse, and reduce violence.

It encourages children to:

- ♥ assert their right to feel safe.
- ♥ listen to what their body tells them.
- ♥ follow up by taking action to either solve problems on their own or to seek assistance from other people.

**Friday June 16th 9.00 a.m. in the School Staffroom**

**Tea and Coffee provided.**



# TERM PLANNER TERM TWO 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Seven June	5 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	6	7	8	9
Week Eight June	12 Challis Angels	13	14 ASSEMBLY M6 & T5 BAKE STALL	15	16 WINTER CARNIVAL
Week Nine June	19 Challis Angels	20 Year Six Camp	21 Year Six Camp	22 Year Six Camp	23 Year Six Camp JUNIOR DALE FEST
Week Ten June	26 Challis Angels	27	28 ASSEMBLY Reading Assembly	29 Last day of term for students	30 PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF ONLY

**Term Three commences on Monday 17th July for both students and staff.**

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**WA Classic Sounds**  
Instruments • Repairs • Music School

Challis would like to thank our local music store, Classic Sounds for the wonderful service they have continued to provide to the school.

Music is an invaluable experience for children to immerse themselves in whether it be through playing an instrument, singing, dancing or just listening. Classic Sounds offers a full range of instruments, accessories, books and tuition as well as provide you with professional advice to cater to your individual need. Further, they service and repair instruments on site making them more than just a music store.

Next time you are looking for anything musical go down to your local Classic Sounds and tell them you are a Challis student to receive a great discount. Mr Blanchard is loving learning how to play the drums at Classic Sound.

Classic Sounds, 223 Railway Ave, Kelmscott. Store Phone. 94951986 Music School Phone 94952658

**We're making our service even better**

We provide a range of important free services to support families to raise happy, healthy children. We offer health and development assessments and screening, immunisation advice, and support to all families with young children.

**What's new?**  
From July 2017, there are some changes to when we see you and your child so we can meet the needs of all families better.

**The Purple Book health checks are now at:**

0-14 days	8 weeks	4 months	12 months	2 years	starting school
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It is important that the child health nurse sees your child at these key ages to check your child's health and development.

Our free community **Child Health Program** will still provide:

- one-to-one Purple Book appointments with a child health nurse
- group sessions with a nurse and other parents
- drop-in sessions

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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**Why have we made these changes?**

The new program meets your child's needs at important stages of growing and learning, from birth until they go to school.

- We reviewed the current program, and also looked at what works well across Australia and overseas, to make sure our Child Health Program is the best it can be.
- We talked to families and our nurses to make sure the new program will really help all Western Australian families.
- Research is clearly telling us that the first 5 years are very important for a child's development, and affects their health and wellbeing for the rest of their lives – way beyond childhood.

**Want more information?**  
Talk to your **child health nurse** or visit [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/childhealth](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/childhealth) to find out more about these changes and for general information about your family's health.