Welcome to the 2015 School Year
I would like to welcome you to the 2015 school year and trust that you had an enjoyable summer break with family and friends. For those of you who are new to our school - a very big welcome. It is always great to start the year with celebrations. We should all be particularly proud of our achievements in 2014 and aim to continue to make improvements in 2015. Celebrations and achievements for us included.

- Transition of Year 7 students to high school
- Achievement of Independent Public School status
- Achievement of ‘Excellent’ rating in School Governance Audit
- Provision of Out of Hours School Care Service
- Community partnerships built through the P&C, Chaplain, Office Staff and Teachers
- Launch new web page
- Implementation of Skoolbag, which has enhanced parent communication

All of this work will continue this year. The School Board will also be working hard as well. Tasks to be completed include the development of a Business Plan that will provide direction for further improvement at our school. It is a very exciting and positive time!

Smooth Start
I am pleased to report that we have had a very smooth start to the school year. All of the students are settling in well and are all down to work. It is also great to see their cheerful and enthusiastic attitude. Well done everyone. If you have anything you would like to talk about please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Teacher, Deputy Principal or the Principal. Included is a complete staff list for your information.
Uniforms
It was fantastic to see all of the students in their correct uniforms last week. It is most important that we keep up this high standard all year. Keep up the good work everyone. We will be commencing a 'Uniform Star' competition this term.

Sustainability News
Our first meeting for the year will be held next Thursday morning, February 19 at 8am. This will be a breakfast meeting for ‘ongoing’ sustainability students.

We are most fortunate that Chris Thomson, our Resident Scientist, has organised an Environmental Scientist to visit the school and address the Sustainability students as a guest speaker. Alexia Jankowski will speak to us on ‘Cleaner and Safer Oceans’. This is a sensational topic to begin the year, as most of our students have no doubt spent loads of time at the beach. Let’s hope ‘ongoing’ members will have some interesting questions for Alexia.

No doubt parents will soon see our sustainability students ‘out and about the school’ wearing their new vests. The vests are highly prized by the students and have been beautifully hand-made by Melissa Woollam. Melissa has crafted the vests in three different sizes - they fit all children. The vests have the school logo on the front and a big green leaf – which is our sustainability logo, on the back. The children love them. Thanks Liss!

Year 5 and 6 students from Rooms 10, 13 and 14 will be participating in the celebration of ‘Earth Day’ at the Canning River Eco Education Wetlands Centre on Friday March 27. The centre will be hosting a variety of schools and children on the day. It will be a tremendous experience for us all.

Our first market will not be held until Week 4. We are hoping parents will keep us in mind when replacing old story books, unwanted Christmas presents and things that can earn the garden a dollar on the market. Jams, produce and cakes are great selling items.

We encourage and thank parents for providing delicious ‘nude food’ lunches. It has been great walking past so many proud children this week, all keen to show what they have for lunch. Loads of yummy foods that mums have made that don’t require glad wrap or packaging. The children are terrific models for other students while keeping the environment clean at the same time. Thank You!

What we seek:- should parents be available to help or be considering purchasing a new one:-
- A large shed to house all the gardening resources we have collected over the past four years, large enough to store the market goods.
- Anyone willing to lend a hand to erect the pool fence donated by Mr and Mrs Dhu.
- Second hand tools, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.

With 32 children in some classes, we never have enough equipment to share around.

Looking forward to the year ahead!
Sandy Pascoe and Committee.

Reminders
Arriving at School
Students who arrive at School before 8.35am must go to the undercover area to be supervised. At 8.35am, doors will be open and students will be welcome into classes. The siren to commence school sounds at 8.48am. If you arrive after 8.48am, you are late! Please make every effort to be on time as this is extremely disruptive to class teachers. Late notes can be issued between 9.00am and 10.00am, from the Administration Office, however after 10.00am, an absentee note is required from parents and students must sign in the ‘sign in’ book in the front office.

Skoolbag
Newsletters will now be sent via ‘Skoolbag’ and will be posted on our Web page for your convenience. There is a facility for you to request newsletters and any messages from Skoolbag to be sent as an email. Just follow the links on the Website on the Skoolbag icon to organise.

Absentees can also be sent via the Skoolbag APP, just click on ‘Parent eForms’ to send an advice through. Spare newsletters are available from the Office.

Lost Property
Please ensure all school uniforms are clearly marked with your child’s name. Lost property is stored in the wardrobe in the undercover area.

Early Close
Every Wednesday is early close, school finishes at 2.30pm.

Messages to Students
Messages to students will only be passed onto students in cases of emergencies. Please do not phone the office for this unless it is an emergency.

Teachers have been instructed to leave messages on phones when contacting parents, Please check for a message prior to phoning the school.

Uniform Shop
Opens every Thursday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Order forms are available on line at http://bibralakeps.wa.edu.au/

Tel: 9417 3303, Fax: 9417 7420. Canteen: 9417 5536
South Lake Dental Clinic: 9417 3242
Email: bibralake.ps@education.wa.edu.au  Web Page: http://bibralakeps.wa.edu.au/
Canteen
Our Canteen is open every day for recess and lunch. Menus are available on our web site. http://bibralakeps.wa.edu.au

School Chaplain
Our Chaplain Tanya will be working Monday and Wednesday this year.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club will be held in Block 2 every Monday and Wednesday morning.

Holidays
Letters to the Principal are required advising of students absence from school at least 2 weeks prior to departure date.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>What's Happening at Bibra Lake P.S.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>17th Feb P&amp;C Meeting 7.00pm A.G.M.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19th Feb Sustainability Meeting, 8.00am Science Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24th Feb School Board Meeting 6.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25th Feb Community BBQ 5.30pm - 7.30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27th Feb Newsletter</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Uniform Shop Open
Every Thursday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

School Banking
Every Friday, Block 2, 8.30am

Kids Matter News
Free Community Sausage Sizzle
Bibra Lake Primary School welcomes all families and community members to share a casual night at the school on Wednesday, February 25, from 5.30pm-7.30pm. The school is fortunate to have the support of the Bibra Lake Resident’s Association. Both the school and the Residents Association are keen to make connections and form positive links with one another. We are grateful to the members of the Resident’s Association, who will generously fund the night. Not only have members paid all expenses but will cook our food on the night. How great is that!

The desire to host this special evening arose from a collective feeling from parents and staff members who are a part of the school’s ‘KidsMatter’ committee. The group wanted an opportunity to welcome our community to the school and to form closer bonds with parents of the children we teach. New families to Bibra Lake, will have the opportunity to meet other parents and children and to meet and greet their children’s teachers in an informal setting.

The P&C association will sell cans of soft drink for the occasion. We thank all members for their kind contribution.

The barbecue is a beginning; we can build greater things from here.

Please come along and join in!

Sandy Pascoe
‘KidsMatter’ Co-ordinator

Community News
Message from your Community School Health Nurse:
Welcome to the new school year. My name is Kristen Cousins, and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me via the School Office. I have attached some healthy Lunchbox Tips below:

Back to school…what to make for lunch today?
Are you constantly asking yourself this question as you busily get ready for the day ahead? Children need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and help them concentrate and learn in the afternoon, so we asked our Health Promotion Team here at CACH for their top tips.

Lunchbox tips:
· Use a variety of breads to make sandwiches more fun
· Use biscuit cutters to cut sandwiches and fruit into different shapes
· Pack your own snacks in a snap lock bag or brown paper bag decorated with stickers. A cheaper and healthier alternative to pre-packaged snacks.
· Use a frozen ice brick or drink and an insulated lunchbox to keep the food cold
· Include a non-food surprise e.g. a joke, sticker or note
· Encourage your children to be involved in the preparation of their lunch. When children are involved in food preparation they are more likely to experiment with different types of foods.
· Think outside the box: try frittata, boiled egg, popcorn and rice paper rolls to keep lunches interesting!

According to the Australian Dietary Guidelines children aged 4-8 years should aim daily for 1½ serves of fruit; 4½ serves of vegies; 1½-2 serves of dairy; 4 serves of bread, cereals and grains; and 1½ serves of meat. For more information on what is considered a ‘serve’ and for other healthy lunch ideas visit HealthyWA or the Raising Children Network.

Family Open Day, Murdoch Police Station
Sunday 15th February 2015 11.00am-3.00pm Murdoch Police Station, 120 Murdoch Drive, Murdoch.

Free sausage, sizzle, Crime prevention advice, tour of the Police Station, sit in a Police Car, examine our equipment, Don the riot gear, Get locked in a cell! FREE anti-theft screws fitted to your car number plates. Police Mounted Horses and WA Police Pipe Band too.