



Our Mission

To provide a Montessori environment in which the needs of the whole child are met in a nurturing, safe and caring school, by encouraging independence, mutual respect and self-discipline so that students are prepared to take their place in the global community.

Diary Dates

Thursday 14 June
Community Spirit Meeting 8:45am

Thursday 14 June
Parent Ed

Friday 15 June
Community Spirit Barn Dance

Monday 18 June
AP Exhibitions Commence

Wednesday 20 June
Open Day

Thursday 21 June
Jump Rope for Heart

Thursday 28 June
**Last day of Term
Whole School Meeting 2:15pm**

Walk to school day



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Primary Program Coordinator News

Celebrating Our Community

What a busy and productive term we are having, so let's take some time to reflect and celebrate our community and our successes.

Recently the school have held Group Transition Meetings for those parents with children preparing to transition. These meetings discussed the transition process for your child including their orientations visits, what their new class cycle involves and how to assist in their preparation. For some children transitioning can be a time of unease and we encourage you to discuss your concerns with the class teacher. You need to remember that your child is going from being the oldest in the class to the youngest and they may need to develop new friendships and adjust to their new environment. It is beneficial and highly encouraged that parents complete a short half hour observation in the class that their child is going into so you can get an understanding of the new class and offer support to their child. I would also encourage you to reach out to the class liaison and other parents who have gone through the transition process with any questions you may have. I want to thank those parents who were able to attend and truly hope that were of benefit to you.

I am pleased to let you know that Lower Primary and Upper Primary students will be attending a combined camp from Monday the 3rd to Wednesday the 5th of September. This year the camp is going to be a little different as both Lower and Upper Primary will be at the same camp school however students will have different sleeping quarters as we understand the requirements of different ages. The students will be able to socialise at meal times and some activities will be actively participated by all students.

WOW! The Book Fair was an amazing one day event with so many books being purchased and as a result the school also got to keep a selection of quality books. We appreciate your support in purchasing books and also supporting your child as a reader. At Rockingham Montessori School we promote a love of literacy, as reading can open up so many possibilities and increases a wealth of knowledge. Reading to and listening to your child is important at all stages of their reading development, whether they are beginning or fluent. So snuggle up on these cold nights with your family and read a book together not only for the enjoyment but also for the benefits it will provide. A huge thank you to Emma Izzard who not only volunteered her time to set up and manage the Book Fair but also spent the time planning this event. We would also like to thank those who volunteered and assisted on the day. Without your support this day would not have been possible. We look forward to the next one.

Teachers are busy working on your child's report and parent meetings will occur at the end of the term. Having a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress is very beneficial and it will give you an insight into how they are as a learner and how you can support them at home. We understand you may have a busy schedule and the teachers will try to accommodate your availability when booking a meeting.



Asti Jorgensen
Primary Program Co-ordinator

Walk to School Day

On the 18th of May we were blessed with a beautiful crisp morning, the sun was shining and we were ready to get moving for our Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event that encourages school children to walk safely to school. It promotes road safety and increases health awareness by understanding children need to have a minimum of 60 minutes of active exercise every day. We thank all those parents, care givers and children who left their homes that little bit earlier to meet at the end of Wanliss St to join us on our walk. At the end of our walk we were welcomed to school and were able to enjoy a healthy morning breakfast. It was a great morning to be part of our community.





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In-School Events

School Banking

School Banking day is Wednesday

Remember, Wednesday is School Banking day and students are invited to bring in their weekly deposit for banking in the undercover area.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Rockingham Montessori School. We would also like to thank the wonderful Emma who volunteers as our School Banking Co-ordinator and processes your banking every week.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office, see Emma on a Wednesday morning or simply visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart on 21st June, 2018. Jump Rope for Heart has been getting little Aussies active for 35 years while raising vital funds for the Heart Foundation who fund research, education, prevention, support and other activities to stop heart disease - Australia's biggest killer. Please register your child online to begin fundraising. To find out more visit our school's site at:

https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/2018/Rockingham_Montessori_School_-_ROCKINGHAM_WA_-_132710

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart



Montessori Morning Chat

Thank you to everyone for coming to Montessori Morning Chat on Wednesday the 30th of May 2018. The discussion centred on Maria Montessori's philosophy about imagination and fantasy.

Being a Montessori school, we acknowledge her observations of the inner development of children at various times. The fertile imagination of the 6-12 child is fed directly by rich experiences and love for the real world. Fantasy, not based in reality and very addictive, is often an adult construct that if emphasised at the wrong time can derail a child's developing concentration, sense of order, self-discipline and will.

Fantasy is enjoyable and has its place once a child has a grasp on the reality of what surrounds them - the marvellous world we live in is the most magical of places!

We hope to see you at the next one, keep your eyes open for more information to come.

Some helpful resources:

- To Educate the Human Potential – Maria Montessori
- <http://www.mariamontessori.com/2010/12/13/keeping-it-real-part-i/>
- <http://www.mariamontessori.com/2011/01/09/keeping-it-real-part-ii/>

Podcasts:

- SMP Science, Montessori & Parenting with Dr Laura Flores Shaw from White Paper Press
- MSOE Montessori Seeds of Education
- Montessori Moments with Liz Monsen.

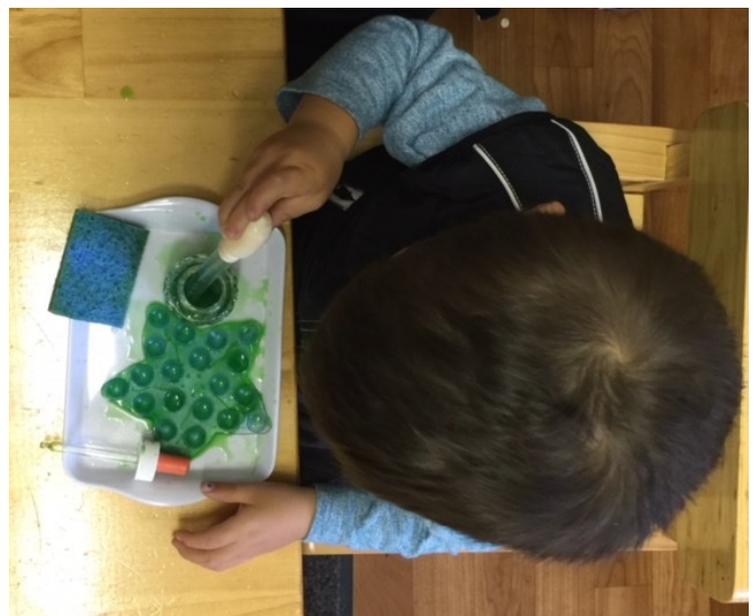
Deb Dwyer and Di Edmonds
Children's House and Lower Primary Teachers



Playgroup

Rain, rain go away.... (at least between 9:15AM - 11:15AM). We are missing going outside now that the rain and winds have arrived in force. Children need movement to learn, ideally free flowing between indoors and outdoors. We have some umbrellas and gumboots for your children to use during a rainy session (available only on those rainy days).

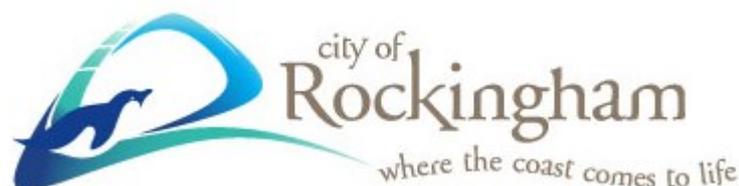
Indoors it is business as usual with many of our very youngest now choosing their work independently from the shelf. These very little ones are marvellous at replacing the work trays back on the shelf where they are left in full working order for their friends. The older children may require a small bit of encouragement to return work to its proper place. This is one example of when we start to use name tags on trays. The name tag lets others know that that work is out of bounds until it is returned to the shelf. It is also used to gently remind the child who took possession of the work tray that there is still some outstanding work to be followed up (e.g. washing up before returning to shelf). As the child gets older they will be reminded by their peers if they happen to forget to return work to it's proper location. These older children have a very keen sense of fairness and sort this kind of dispute out rapidly amongst themselves with minimal adult participation.



Orla Dinneen
Infant Toddler Program Leader

Protective Behaviours

Child Protection Workshop



Event Summary

Join us at this Protective Behaviours WA workshop to teach parents how to keep children safe. It will include strategies to cope with bullying, child abuse and domestic violence. Registrations are essential. Crèche available on registration.

For more information contact the City of 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au.

Details

Event date	Monday 18 June 2018
Event time	9.30am to 11.30am
Event location:	South Coastal Health and Community Services, 4 Civic Boulevard Rockingham
Event category	City Presented, City Supported
Suitable for	Early Years (0-6), Children (6-11), Adults
Price	Free

Please follow this [link](#) to the website for more information.

School Health & Safety News

Cyber Safety Monthly Blog

Is Fortnite: Battle Royale okay for my child?



It's been called Hunger Games meets Call of Duty. So it's little wonder that, upon its recent release as a free download, Fortnite: Battle Royale has blown away its competitors to become one of the most popular games on earth - praised and criticised in equal measure for its addictive qualities by both kids and adults.

But is it right for your child?

The Guardian describes Battle Royale this way:

It's a mass online brawl where 100 players leap out of a plane on to a small island and then fight each other until only one is left. Hidden around the island are weapons and items, including crossbows, rifles and grenade launchers, and players must arm themselves while exploring the landscape and buildings. It's also possible to collect resources that allow you to build structures where you can hide or defend yourself. As the match progresses, the playable area of land is continually reduced, so participants are forced closer and closer together. The last survivor is the winner.

Users can play by themselves or in a group of up to three other users. Live chat with teammates is a central part of the game on certain platforms (see below). Winners are rewarded with 'V-coins' that can be used to update weapon skins and other cosmetics. Users can also purchase the coins using real money.

Free and unverified

To create an account, all kids need is an email address. Because Battle Royale is a free game within the larger, pay-wall-protected Fortnite 'world', no payment is required - but players are prodded to make in-game purchases for extensions, bonuses and weapons.

Although there is no age-verification procedure, Fortnite: Battle Royale has been variously rated 12+ or 13+ (depending on the rating agency and country) on the basis of "mild violence." And the simulated killing is indeed relatively lo-fi: no blood, no gore, no screams of agony. When characters are blown away by gun violence, they simply disappear.

What about chat?

Online chat on Battle Royale means your child can be exposed to chatter from strangers of all ages. The mobile version wasn't designed for chat but if your child has an Xbox app, he will be able to access that risky function. There is a chat feature for the Xbox, Playstation, PC, and Mac versions, which make the game more problematic on those platforms.

The verdict?

So what do the experts recommend?

"Fortnite is an unequivocal NO for primary-school-aged children and should be played with care and a good dose of parental supervision for older teens," advises Family Zone Cyber Expert Susan McLean.

"Any game with a chat function is a worry and has the potential to link your child with random strangers. The potential for abuse and exploitation - not to mention exposure to offensive language - cannot be overstated."

In the words of another reviewer, "The game might be clean, but the gamers might not."

Still uncertain?

If you're unsure whether to allow your child to play Fortnite: Battle Royale, why not start with a conversation - and ask for a demonstration? Family Zone cyber experts agree: The very best way to protect your child is to be involved in his or her online world. *If you do decide to put controls in place, remember that Family Zone can help.*

The Family Zone Box can block apps and games like Fortnite: Battle Royale on any connected device in your home network - whether PC, mobile device, laptop or gaming console. And with Mobile Zone, your child's devices can be protected anywhere.

To learn more, or to start a free trial, visit us at familyzone.com.

Community Spirit

RMS Community Spirit Event

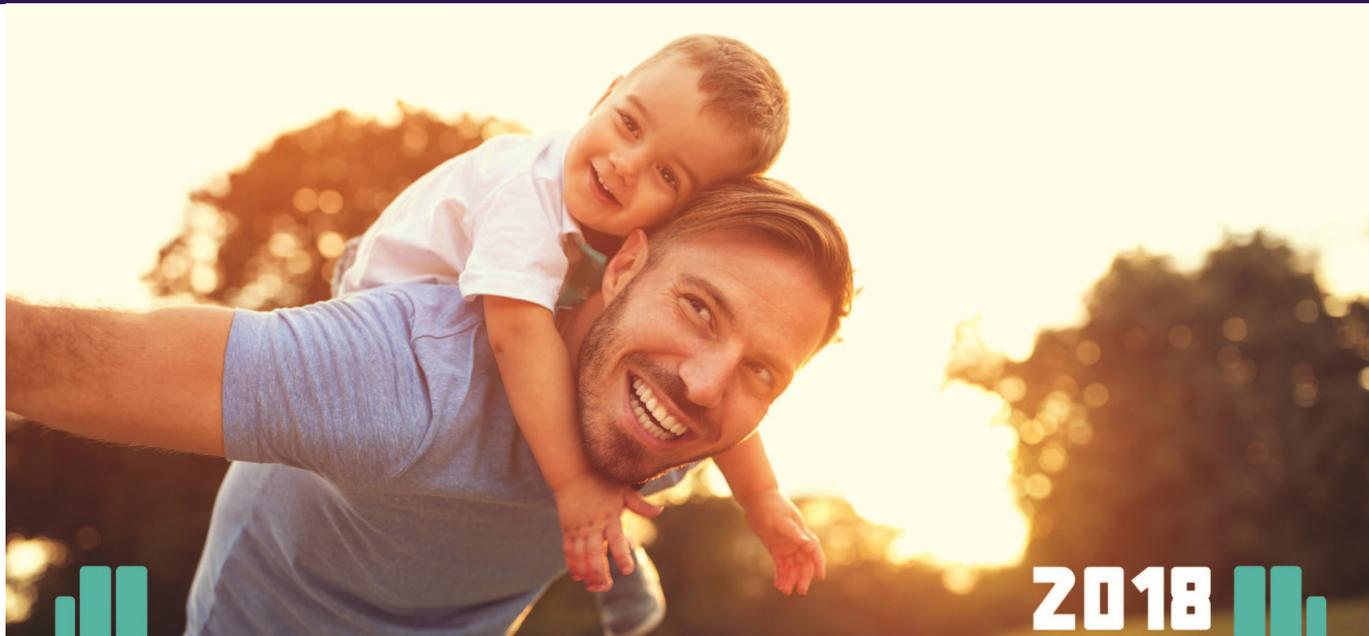
BARN DANCE



Friday 15th June
5pm-7pm
at the Primary
School site

The Adolescent Program are catering the event. Dinner pre-order forms have been sent home, or BYO picnic.

Community News



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MEN'S HEALTH WEEK EVENTS

Registrations are essential. Please call the City of Rockingham to book your spot on 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Tuesday 12 June

Dads' Workshop with facilitator Clark Wight

Rockingham Rams Football and Sporting Club, 7 Hefron Street Rockingham  6pm - 8pm

Education and Leadership Consultant Clark Wight will present The Manhood Project, a workshop suitable for all dads that explores what it means to be a man and how we can redefine manhood for the next generation.



Wednesday 13 June

Blokes' boot camp and BBQ

Aqua Jetty 87 Warnbro Sound  5pm - 7pm
Ave, Warnbro

Three boot camp sessions available:

- Teenfit
- Blokes' boot camp
- Living, Longer and Stronger (Seniors)
- ♥ Boot camp session from 5pm - 6pm followed by a BBQ.
- ♥ Enjoy a free massage, meet new people and speak with local health professionals.
- ♥ Free entry into the swimming pool and discounted memberships also available.



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Community News



Steps into **Volunteering** Information Session

Presented by the Rockingham Volunteer Centre



**Secret Harbour
Surf Life Saving Club**
Secret Harbour Blvd, Secret Harbour



**Thursday
14 June 2018**
6pm - 7pm

**Come along to a free, no obligation session to hear about
the opportunities available with volunteering.**

The session is of particular value to those who are interested in volunteering for the first time.

Find out about:

The benefits of
volunteering

Identifying the skills that
you have to contribute

How to find the right
volunteering position

Rights and responsibilities of volunteers and volunteering involving organisations

Registrations are essential. To register, contact the City on **9528 0333** or
customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au by Monday 11 June.



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