MUSIC
Over the last week, I have been fortunate to attend a number of music events involving the talented students and teachers at Subiaco Primary School. Research shows that music stimulates areas of children's brains related to mathematics, reading and emotional development. Sharing music with children is a beautiful way to open doors to greater understanding of each other and our world.

On Sunday 11 August, the Subiaco Primary School String Ensemble performed at Churchlands Senior High School in the WA Schools' Orchestra Festival 2013. The String Ensemble was expertly conducted by Ms Gwyneth Vaughan and gave a splendid performance, thoroughly deserving the award of “excellent” from the adjudicators.

Many thanks to Ms Vaughan for her dedication, skill and knowledge which enabled our students to reach this level of performance.

On Wednesday evening 14 August – Our Subiaco Primary boys and girls choir performed in the WA Government School's Music Society (WAGSMS) concert at Burswood. It was a privilege to be in the audience and experience some of the excitement, application and talent of these wonderful students.

Huge congratulations and thanks to Miss Brooke Milianku, whose countless hours and skilled leadership culminated in a fantastic performance that did us proud. All the students have worked very hard. Special thanks to their supportive parents for encouraging them and getting them to early morning rehearsals.

STAFFING
Sharon McCleary has been employed to take extension maths classes from yr 2 – 7. Additional Education Assistant support time has also been employed across the school.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR STAFF
On Sunday 14th August - the teachers from Subiaco Primary School and some teachers from Rosalie Primary School attended an all-day session with international speaker in the education arena - Graham Watts. Graham leads professional development in the area of teaching skills to improve cognition. Graham Watts reported that he was most impressed with the staff’s enthusiasm, knowledge in this area and level of participation.

This planned professional learning aligns with the 2013 direction of the Critical and Creative Thinking focus in our Business Plan. This professional leaning will focus on tools to empower students with a range of analytical, critical and creative higher order thinking skills and the transfer to everyday life as a tool for lifelong learning.

PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY
A note will go home mid week and a Newsfeed will go out today but please continue to remind students that Friday is a Pupil Free Day. No online lunch orders
ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING
The first of our online school lunch orders arrived today and were a great success. We had 80 lunches ordered, all arrived safe and sound and were given out within 7 minutes thanks to a fabulous group of year sixes. Feedback has been they were delicious! A huge special thanks to Sukma Zain and her family for providing us with an industrial sized fridge to store the lunches after their morning delivery and a huge thanks also to dads Lee Martin, Jason Stepatschuk and James Carter for lugging it to the kitchen. Lunch orders are available for Fridays only and orders can be made up until 7.00pm on Thursday by visiting www.schoollunchonline.com.au
There will be no lunch order next Friday the 23 of August as it’s a pupil free day – so if you have already ordered in advance please remember to cancel your order.

REPORTING TO PARENTS
In line with reporting requirements for schools, our reporting schedule for Term 3 – Open Night 24th September – 6.00 – 7.30 pm.
Pre Primary Classes will have an Open Night earlier in the term due to shifting classes.

MATHEMATICS ICAS
Mathematics ICAS took place on Tuesday 13 August. Over 110 students from Years 2-7 took up the opportunity to complete the assessment. This was the first year the international competition has been offered to Year 2 students

BOOKFAIR
A huge thank and congratulations to all those involved in another successful book fair for 2013. Almost $12,000 was raised with more than 600 books purchased. Special mention to Jo Foster in the Library, Terri Reid the book fair coordinator and the fabulous Kindergarten parents who gave of their time and expertise so generously to organize this event.

POSITIVE PARENTING SERIES
Over the last 3 Tuesday evenings, Social psychologist and Subiaco Primary School parent, Dr. Helen Street, has presented a series of workshops featuring work from her latest book “Life Overload”.
I would like to thank Helen and the P&C for their collaboration on such a wonderful event. Helen not only gave generously of her time and expertise but ALL proceeds have been donated to the chaplaincy programs here at Subiaco to enable some wonderful programs to address the areas of emotional and social well-being.

IPS REVIEW - DRAFT FINDINGS
The IPS Draft Review Findings have been received. As they are draft at this stage they are not for circulation. Nominated stakeholders, including the Chair of The Board, have perused the Draft Findings for factual accuracy.

The Review findings are glowing – I have attached a summary of Findings for your perusal.

SCHOOL BOARD
The School Board has endorsed the Annual Report, Workforce Plan and a document articulating the context of Subiaco Primary. They also selected the 3 key messages of; A vibrant learning community, An engaged child and Creating opportunities.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
Report Attached

FINANCE COMPARATIVE REPORT
Comparative analysis outlined.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BLACKIES Development
The plans were presented the last Board Meeting. Concept Plan on display in foyer.

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<td>23 Sept – 18 Oct</td>
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<td>'Blackies’ Nature Playground Development (Stage 1) Bernard Kaiser from Natural Environment Concept plans for Stage1-3 Stage 1- Natural play area playground</td>
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PRE PRIMARY WORKS
Site works and the replacement of the pergola, paving, paths and fencing to increase the play areas and upgrade the outside facilities of the L10 and L11 Pre Primary centres will commence in Week 10. This work will continue over the school holidays and into Week 1 term 4. The L10 and L11 Pre Primary classes will be relocated to LP Hamersley Road Pre Primary and L4 classroom in the primary area while the construction is taking place. The before and after school care program which is offered by the SCC will operate from the upper hall at the school for the duration of the works. More detailed information will be provided to parents over the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Friday 23 August    Aligns with Boarders’ Weekend for Independent Schools  
Monday 14 October   Day 1 of Term 4

Melinda Harris  
PRINCIPAL  
19 August 2013