



**BEACONSFIELD**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# The Beacon

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 20 May -**  
Board meeting

**Friday 22 May -**  
Virtual Assembly

### Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

Hopefully you will have had the opportunity to read the letter on Connect yesterday about the arrangements for Week 4. Attendance at school will now be compulsory unless your child, or someone in your family, is vulnerable due to a medical condition. Thank you to those families who have been in contact with us, and I urge you to give me a call should you have any questions. Whilst we get closer to 'normal' some restrictions will remain within the school. These include:

- Drop off and pick up at the gates as parents and caregivers must not come onto site unless it is for a pre-arranged meeting
- Staggered pick up, recess and lunch breaks
- Gatherings of over 20 people are still not allowed, so assemblies will continue to be 'virtual'
- Interschool activities, such as sports and IMSS are postponed
- Regular onsite cleaning and sanitising procedures and additional classroom cleaning will continue
- Visitors to the school site will be limited to health and wellbeing workers, maintenance providers and other school services deemed to be essential, and will be subject to hygiene and social distancing requirements

I would like to again thank all members of our community for your understanding and flexibility as we have adapted to these new ways of operating. Your positive feedback and consideration for staff have made the last few weeks far less challenging.

Under the new arrangements, some restrictions have been lifted. This means:

- The library can reopen from Week 4 for borrowing
- Resumption of PEAC classes
- Meetings, such as the Board and P&C, can take place after school hours if there are no more than 20 people in attendance.

This is the last week of our online team, and we have appreciated the work they have undertaken to ensure our students at home remain connected with school. Next week we will be in touch with the families of our medically referred students to outline the support we can provide them as they transition to home learning under the SSEN: Medical team.

I am pleased to report that the refurbishment of our student bathrooms has finally been completed. They have been completely gutted and now boast new toilets, partitions, sinks, tiles, doors, paint and ceilings. We are just waiting for the new hand dryers to be fitted. They look amazing and I cannot remember a time when staff and students have been so excited about lavatories!

**Kirsten Dicker**  
Principal

## L`Angolo Italiano

*Ciao a tutti gli insegnanti, gli studenti e la comunità scolastica.*

*Hello to all teachers, students and school community.*

The Term 2 Italian Program is in full swing, jam packed with fun, games, competition and rewards.

Students between Year 2 and Year 6 have been invited to participate in the state-wide Fammi Un Poster Italiano competition, sponsored by WAATI (Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian). Its purpose is to engage students creatively in language learning and promote Italian to the wider community in an engaging and positive manner.

Each year group has been assigned to a theme, which adheres to the current Italian Curriculum. From this, students have to design an A3 poster reflecting the theme. Additional instructions will be provided on a weekly basis during Italian class time.

Themes are as follows:

Year 2 – My ideal birthday party

Year 3 – Spending time with family

Year 4 – Engaging in afterschool activities

Year 5 – Travelling around Italy

Year 6 – My summer vacation.

I encourage all students to participate and have some fun. A selection of monetary and book prizes plus gift packs will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Posters are due to Signora Harrison on Tuesday 23 June.

I look forward to receiving your childrens' posters full of creativity and pizzazz.

*Fino alla prossima volta, buon divertimento.*

*Until next time, have fun.*

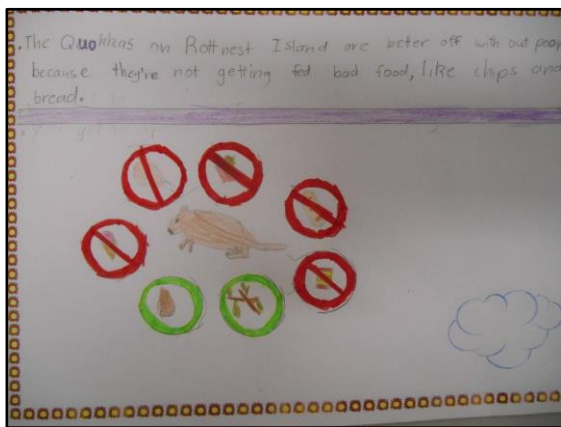
*Signora Harrison*



## Rottnest News - Week 3

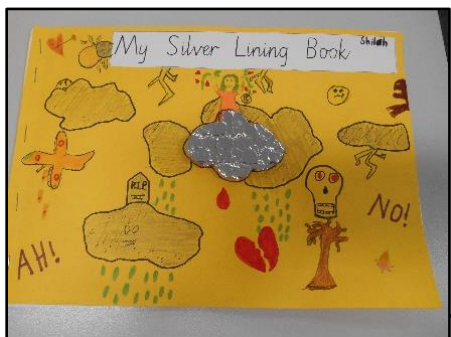
As we settle into the new normal this term, it has been useful to reflect on all the changes to which we have been adapting. Not everything has been bad; the children on the island have noticed some positive outcomes from the closure of the island to visitors.

The Year 5/6s are collecting daily observations to see if there has been an impact on the numbers of pest birds (ravens and seagulls) since the reduction of people on the island. They are also counting the numbers of Quokkas which are visible during the day from the school grounds.



The bird numbers will be entered on a WA bird data collection site. Their prediction is that the numbers of pest birds will be reduced due to the drop in the numbers of people on the island. They expect that as a result of reduced food availability, the numbers of Quokkas seen around the school will also drop.

They have learned to appreciate the meaning of the expression, 'every cloud has a silver lining', and have been entering their thoughts and feelings into a 'My Silver Lining Book'.



## Building on Strength In Uncertain Times: In This Together



This video is message has been produced by the Department of Education and we encourage all families to watch. It is narrated by the Department's Elders in Residence and senior Aboriginal staff.

These messages are relevant to all school communities and highlight the 2020 National Reconciliation Week theme **In This Together** which resonates at this time, as it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation, we are all "in this together".

*Building On Strength in Uncertain Times: In this together*, the video provides relatable and culturally responsive information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, parents and community members about these challenging times. You can view the video [here](#).

### Approved Specialist Programs 2021

FREMANTLE COLLEGE

#### APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE CHANGE to 19 June 2020



Current Year 6 students are invited to apply for the below Approved Specialist Programs operating at Fremantle College:

- Specialist Contemporary Music
- Specialist Marine Studies
- Specialist ICT
- Specialised Learning Program - Autism Spectrum Disorder

Apply online at <https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/applications-for-approved-specialist-programs/>

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