Dear Parent Community,

Thank you for the warm welcome back to school that I have received from the children, staff and parents. This is so very typical of the Coolbellup School Community. This strong sense of community is something I noticed strongly when I arrived at the school last year.

I can confidently leave the school to take my Long Service Leave in the knowledge that it is in good hands. I would like to thank Mrs Kirby, ably supported by Mrs Miller, who ran the school expertly in my absence. Well done and thank you to both of you.

It is often difficult to single out one teacher for praise at Coolbellup, because of the widespread dedication, quality and professionalism of our teaching staff. However, it would be remiss of me not to recognise and praise the work of our Phys Ed teacher Ms Mottram. In the two years she has been our Phys Ed teacher, Ms Mottram has taken the school to a new level in the participation and success of our children in this regard. I am not necessarily talking about just being first over the line, but the manner in which our children conduct themselves whilst at these events. The children’s behaviour; their positive attitudes and effort; their sportsmanship and the way in which they support each other is noticeable and has been commended by some of our parents, community members and the staff of other schools.

I would also like to congratulate Ms Mottram and the children for placing second at yesterday’s Cross Country event. I believe this result is testament to the way in which she has prepared the children with initiatives such as Fit Club.

It is good to go away, but it is always really good to come home.

Ray Knight
Principal

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been a huge week in sport for Coolbellup Community School. It all began Sunday when our AFL team headed to Domain Stadium to play the curtain raiser to the Western Derby. While West Coast were warming up to trounce Freo, our team was playing a series of games to earn the Docker’s Shield. Although not victorious, our students had the experience of a lifetime, not to mention their parents. Our thanks go to Mrs Luff for co-ordinating the day; Mr Justin Luff for coaching us before and during the game; Mr Dave Gunner for running many a mile; and myself for running the water.!! Furthermore, we need to thank all of the friends and family that escorted our students and cheered their Cooby best for our kids. It was an amazing opportunity, one that only three schools in the state were awarded.

Well done girls and boys from our AFL team.

Monday was the beginning of our school swimming lessons. It is fantastic to see how organised and committed our students are in improving their swimming skills. We are so lucky in Western Australia to have the Education Department provide such an opportunity for our kids. All reports to date have been positive. Congratulations students for the way in which you conduct yourselves out in the community.

Yesterday was the highlight so far. Mrs Miller and I took our team of runners to the interschool cross country event at Manning Park in Hamilton Hill. The day began with wind gusts and rain. However, with the positive energy from the Coolbellup community aimed at Mother Nature, the skies cleared and the sun shone just in time.

Our year 3 and 4 students ran a huge 1.5km around the lake, whilst the year 5 and 6 students completed 2.25km with a sense of déjà vu, running 1.5 times around the lake. I am proud to report that this year our students were awarded Runners Up in the CDSSA Division B Cross Country. This is an excellent result. Individual accolades were given to Cæd Luff, Myah Loo-Matthews and Aosia Kofan, all of whom finished in the Top 3 for their year level.

Furthermore, I am delighted to report that there were several adults that commented on the sportsmanship and behaviour of our school.

Congratulations go out to all of our competitors, teachers, parents and family members for their effort and support of this event.

Our attention now moves to the Faction Athletics Carnival towards the end of the term.

Ms Olivia Mottram
Physical Education Specialist Teacher
COMING EVENTS
Monday 24 August  In Term Swimming Lessons continue
Tuesday 25 August  School Council Meeting—9.30

Phoenix Park Little Athletics Club - Registration Day - Asquith St, Santich Park, Spearwood
Sat 5th September, 2015  10am-2pm
$200 per athlete (less for 3 or more athletes from same family) Summer season commencing October 2015 until March 2016 (incl. 3 week break over Xmas)
Payment on day by cash, chq or direct credit. Please bring along your child’s birth certificate or extract showing date of birth.
For more details please phone Louise (Club Registrar) on 0415 839 136 or Brad 0405 972 527.

Keen participation and support by Coolbellup Community students and staff at the CDSSA Interschool Cross Country