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INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE DEPUTIES DESK



Welcome back to school for 2021.

A special Bull Creek welcome to our new Principal, Sharon Marchenko, who commenced this week. I am sure that you will all make her feel very welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and cooperation in what was an unusual start to the school year. We currently have 410 students enrolled at Bull Creek including many new families to the school community. Over the past couple of weeks each of the teachers provided information to families in the form of class meetings. I am sure that you found these meetings to be informative and helpful. Please remember to contact your child's teacher should you have any concerns, as working together in partnership is incredibly important.

This year, Mrs Simon and Miss Di Fonzo have both reduced their work schedules and we again welcome Miss Tloczek who will be working in B5 and W2.

### Swimming

Although a relatively short term, only nine weeks long, it will be an extremely busy one with lots of swimming. The Swimming trials have already taken place, in preparation for the Swimming Carnival on Thursday 18 March. Thank you to Mrs McCarthy for her work in organising these events for the students. Interm Swimming Lessons then commence for all children PP- 6 on the 22 March. Notices about Interm Swimming have been sent home this week.

### On Entry Assessment

Pre Primary and Year One students will complete On Entry Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy between weeks 4-6. These assessments are mandated in Pre Primary across the state and provide the school with useful information about students' strengths and weaknesses to assist with teacher planning. At the conclusion of the assessments, individual parents will receive information about their child's results.

### School Assemblies

These recommenced on Friday 26 February with Wattle 3 being the first class to host the assembly. Congratulations W3 on your amazing item -- Once again we request that only the families of students in the presenting class and merit award winners attend.

### New Soft Fall

Over the holidays we were fortunate to have the soft fall in the under covered area replaced as part of the Education Department's stimulus package. The new soft fall looks brighter and is much nicer for the children to sit on.

### School Website

There may be a short period of time where the current school website is inactive whilst the new website is being developed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but please be reassured that the new site will be easier to navigate from a user prospective.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank you to the amazing staff, students and parents who have welcomed me into the lovely Bull Creek Primary School community. This week has been extremely busy as I settle in and develop relationships with the staff and students. I have met some parents at this kiss-n-drive and look forward to meeting more parents at the P&C AGM, School Board Meeting and at the Election Day Sausage Sizzle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter  
Sharon Marchenko  
Julie McCarthy  
Tracey Owen





## Prefects and Faction Captains

At Bull Creek Primary, the roles of Prefect and Faction Captain are highly sort after by the students. Those wishing to apply for the positions prepare a speech for their fellow peers and teachers as to why they should be chosen. The students and teachers then vote on which children they believe will do the job the best.



### Prefects:

Kaname  
Rissah  
Rosie  
Jasmin  
Charlie  
Jeremy  
Jay  
Noah

### Faction Captains:

#### Blue

Zachary  
Eliza

#### Gold

Flynn  
Esteanne

#### Green

Aditya  
Rishi

#### Red

Yanson  
Amelia



### Values Leaders

Layla  
Yaahini  
Hayley  
Tanya  
Mia  
Connor  
Damien  
Vidhi





## SCHOOL NEWS

### WATTLE 3

Students of Wattle Three have made an outstanding start to Year Two. We are now absolute superstars at our Literacy Warm Up and have been working hard to extend our vocabulary in writing sessions. We put our new writing skills to the test for World Wildlife Day by researching and producing a short piece about a unique and endangered animal.



We were lucky enough to be the very first junior class to perform at assembly and our theme reflected this week's value – Resilience. Students of Wattle Three have been working on their Growth Mindset by focusing on the things they are grateful for in each day. Below are some of the things we are grateful for...

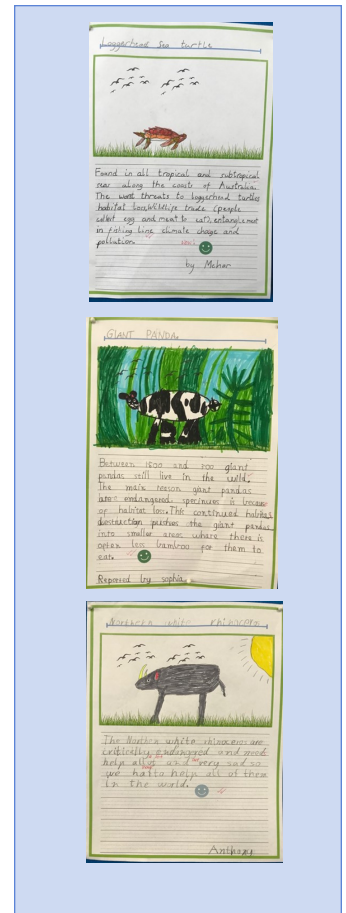
"I am grateful for my teacher, my sister and my mum." - Olivia

"I am grateful for my my house, my brother and my pet chickens." – Declan

"I am grateful for my existence." – Anton

"I am grateful to be teaching such a wonderful group of superstars!" Mrs Sinclair

Mrs Sinclair  
Wattle 3 Teacher



## WATTLE 7

Our year in Pre-Primary has just begun and already we are having so much fun! In our first week we couldn't wait to come inside and see our teachers Mrs Toner, Ms Pratt and Ms McGinty who all loved our big smiles. On our very first day we read a story called the "Pout Pout Fish Goes to School". It's a story about not being afraid to try new things. We talked about how special we all are and how we can do things if we just try them by "having a go". In our first few weeks we have learnt so much. In Maths we have been learning about number and length. During our Literacy sessions we have been learning our sounds and writing. In Science we have been learning about Living and Non-Living things. Just like the little fish in our favourite story we are learning and trying many new things and know that we can do it! We love our class it is a sea of wonders! In our Ice-Cream Parlour we have been writing lists of what flavour ice-creams we like and placing orders. Our Science corner is a place where we have been exploring shells and ocean animals. We also love writing and doing work with letters and sounds in our Phonics Centre. In our Maths centre we are finding numbers and making playdough objects to match the amounts shown on flowers. We also drew pictures of ourselves with chalk! A highlight so far was going to assembly for the first time and getting the award for the best class because we sat and listened beautifully for the entire assembly. We are so proud of ourselves and Mrs Toner and Mrs Cowin are extra proud of us too! We can't wait to see what we will learn next!

Mrs Toner  
Wattle 7 Teacher





## SCHOOL NEWS ART

Many of the classes have begun the year decorating art portfolios and journals with hand designed covers. This is a great way to explore a variety of different arts elements and to set us up for a way to journal working ideas and store finished pieces with pride.

Designs incorporating names or initials have been the dominant theme!

B4, B5 and B6 have also been learning about abstract artist Sonia Delaunay and have begun creating geometric designs inspired by her trademark of concentric circles. The children are exploring mixing colours and colour placement.

This year I am planning to have another *Sculpture Walk* at Bull Creek late in Term 3 or early Term 4. The school community will plan and create sculptures based on a theme (as families, small groups or individually) that will be displayed on the school grounds as a way of engaging the community in a fun and social way of learning more about art. There will be more information to follow but I thought it would be great to start thinking about it now.

Also, Sculpture by the Sea is on again from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Cottesloe Beach. I hope many of you are able to go and visit this family exhibition and possibly get some inspiration for your own sculptures for the Bull Creek Sculpture Walk!

Shana Perna  
Art Specialist



## SHEOAK 4

How is it Week Five already? Sheoak Four have settled into Term One very well. We are all getting to know one another and settling into a routine. We discussed our classroom expectations, not only of each other but of ourselves as well. We are all embracing the school values including respect, responsibility and courtesy.

We have been working on mathematics fluency through daily Mental Maths. We are exploring place value and expanded notation during our mathematics sessions.

The students in Sheoak Four have been looking at World Explorers for HASS. We have researched and discovered interesting facts about Christopher Columbus and Vasco da Gama and their voyages and discoveries.

It has been a busy term so far, but we are all learning together and supporting one another.

Ms Piani, Mrs Pinker and Sheoak Four





**SCHOOL NEWS**  
**SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE**  
**PRE PRIMARY**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

**Colour blindness**

A brochure on colour blindness has been distributed to all Pre Primary students. If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners, Eye specialists or Optometrists.

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

The Information brochure on colour blindness for all students can be found on your school website from this year.

For more information please see the Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group on <http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton/>

**YEAR 6**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Health Information for Parents of Upper Primary School children and a Scoliosis Pamphlet has been distributed to Year 6 students.

**Scoliosis**

A brochure on Scoliosis has been distributed to all Year 6 students. Please read through the information provided and check your child for scoliosis as described in the leaflet. If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner.

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

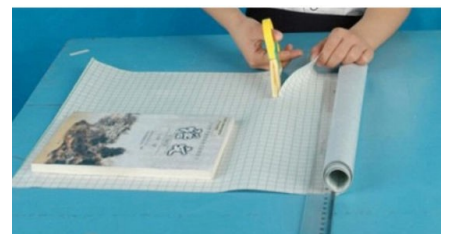
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**LIBRARY**

If any parents are interesting in helping to cover some library books can you please see Nola in the library on Tues, Wed or Fri.

Nola

Library Officer





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term 1 - Week 6

Monday, 8 March	Individual Parent meetings this week
Monday, 8 March	CRE/BRE starts this week
Friday, 12 March	B4 Assembly

### Term 1 - Week 7

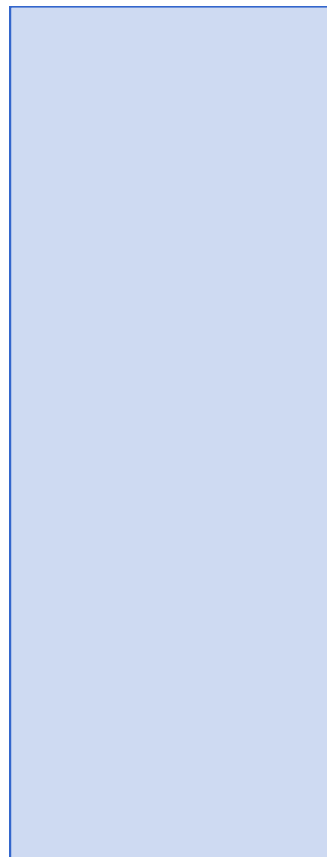
Tuesday, 16 March	P&C AGM—all welcome, 7pm in Library
Thursday, 18 March	Swimming Carnival 9am–12

### Term 1 - Week 8

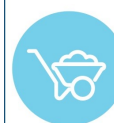
Monday, 22 March	Interm Swimming starts
Tuesday, 23 March	Interm Swimming
Wednesday, 24 March	Interm Swimming
Thursday, 25 March	Interm Swimming
Friday, 26 March	Interm Swimming

### Term 1 - Week 9

Monday, 29 March	Interm Swimming
Tuesday, 30 March	Interm Swimming
Tuesday, 30 March	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 31 March	Interm Swimming
Thursday, 1 April	Interm Swimming
Friday, 2 April	GOOD FRIDAY—NO SCHOOL TODAY & START OF SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS



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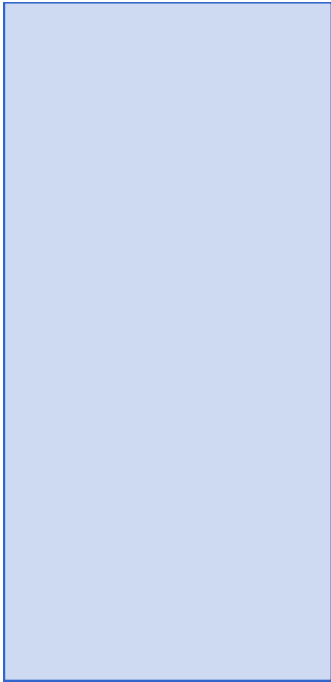
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# BCPS P&C NEWS

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## **NEXT P&C MEETING – AGM TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 7PM**

### **IMPORTANT**

#### **P&C AGM – 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

The annual P&C AGM will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm in the Library.

This is a chance for you to come meet other parents of the school who may or may not in your child's class. It is also an opportunity for you to find out how 2020 funds were and are planning to be spent and what projects are planned for the school in 2021.

This is also an opportunity for you to hear from the school Principal and Deputies with regards to what is happening within the school which may or may not affect your child directly.

Everyone is welcome with no obligations to join the P&C Committee's.



#### **ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

The P&C will be holding an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall which will be our first fund raising

event of the year, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 8am to 2pm.

We are asking for cake donations and/or some of your time to assist with the BBQ or Cake sales on the day of the election.

Cake donations can be made to the old Canteen area in the assembly area on the Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30am or at school pick from 2.45pm to 3.30pm. In addition, cake donations can be made on the morning of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March directly to the cake stall location.

Voting booths are usually situated in the new canteen area.

#### **Volunteer Form 'Just One Thing'.**

Thanks to those that submitted the volunteer form so far. We really appreciate input from as many parents as possible, so if you haven't returned yours please could you return them asap.

#### **UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

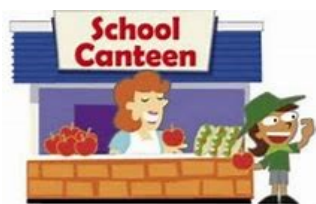
##### **TERM 1**

- ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL
- EASTER COLOURING IN COMPETITION – WATCH THIS SPACE!



## P & C NEWS

### A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE P&C WITH REGARDS TO SERVICES THAT WE FACILITATE:



#### CANTEEN

A Big thank you to all the volunteers that have helped so far this term. Without volunteers our canteen would struggle and at times may closed which would be a real let down to all the students who love it and support it. Therefore, we have a constant requirement for new faces and additional help in the canteen. Our canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and therefore would only require two hours of your time a couple of times a term.

Any enquiries should you have the time to help can be made to Kylie Aitkin our Canteen Manager.



#### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.30am to 9.15am in the new canteen area. We encourage you to use [quickcliq.com.au](http://quickcliq.com.au) to complete your online ordering which can be picked up from the uniform shop on a Monday morning or it will be delivered to your child on a Monday. Alternatively, you are still welcome to come in person to order where we accept card or cash payments.



#### REMINDER: P&C SUGGESTION BOX

Just a reminder that we have a suggestion box situated on the shed out the Sheoak cluster and welcome any new suggestions or ideas that you would like to see at the school or any new fundraising initiatives that the P&C could look into for next year.



P & C NEWS

# Book Club rewards your school!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



School earns Scholastic Rewards.



School redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources.

## Book Club Rewards Our School

**Congratulations to Wattle 5 for winning a 50\$ voucher to spend on books and classroom resources. Wattle 5 was the class with the best book order for issue 1 this year.**

Our school has been participating in Scholastic Book Club for years. Book Club is run by parent volunteers.

Up to twice a term, during the school year, your children will be sent home with the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

**With every book purchased, the school gets rewards** which will be used during the year for FREE books and educational items to build classroom and library resources for the benefit of the entire school community. Rewards are also used as classroom vouchers and individual book vouchers throughout the year to reward our students.

Placing an order with Book Club is very easy. Just choose your books from the catalogue then pop online at [www.scholastic.com.au/loop](http://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) to place your order.



P & C NEWS

Bull Creek Primary School P & C

# Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall

8AM – 2PM

- Cake Stall
- Sausage Sizzle \$3
- Bacon & Egg Rolls (until 11am) \$4
- Cold drinks \$2
- Guess the number of Jellybeans \$1



**Come & visit us at Bull Creek Primary School this  
Election Day!**

We appreciate the support of the Bull Creek community!  
All funds raised go towards projects that make our school  
a better place to learn and grow.



P & C NEWS

# P&C AGM

Tuesday 16th March 2021

7pm – 8.30pm Library



## What happens at the Parents & Citizens Annual General Meeting?

- Come and provide input into (or listen to) the P&C's budget and activity plans for the upcoming 12 months.
- Find out how your voluntary P&C contribution was spent last year.
- Hear the Principal's report for the past year
- And participate in the election of Executive committee members.

Some of our experienced P&C Executive are stepping down. Cecilia Kevan (Chair - 4 yrs), Laura Jacobs (Secretary - 2yrs), Nicky Stott & Michelle Cronin (Vice Chairs -2 yrs) have taken on multiple roles and numerous additional volunteer hours (such as uniform shop, Canteen duties, staffing stalls etc) which is no longer sustainable given their additional commitments. Our Treasurer Martin Lau is prepared to do one more term but would appreciate working along side someone to handover to late in the year.

*Thank  
you!*

A HUGE Thank You to all our existing committee members for their hard work.

We will be electing the following P&C Executive Positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Committee Members x 3

A handover will be provided to incoming position holders. For position descriptions please see the following page.

In addition, we will be recruiting members and a Chair for each sub-committee:

- Playground committee
- Fundraising committee
- Canteen committee
- Uniform committee
- Bookclub

The sub-committees meet as required, in addition to the monthly general meetings. For more information on each sub-committee please see overleaf.



## P & C NEWS

We will be recruiting members for the following **sub-committees**:

- **Playground committee** - have input into upgrades to the Kindy/PP playground area, and repair/replacement or renewal of the 'spider-web' in the main school playground.  
*Meetings conducted monthly for 1-1.5hrs, plus some email correspondence in between.*
- **Fundraising committee** – determine preferred options to raise funds for school equipment and resources. Assist in organising events and fundraisers.  
*Meetings conducted monthly for 1-1.5hrs, plus some email correspondence in between. Time contribution can increase significantly for committee members involved with organising particular events in the lead up to the event eg movie night, disco etc may take 15-30 hours in the lead up to the event.*
- **Canteen committee** – includes the Canteen Manager and some P&C members to have input into the menu, pricing and other operational decisions related to the canteen and assist with canteen volunteer recruitment/ coordination/training.  
*Meetings conducted infrequently, as required. Volunteering at the canteen regularly would be very helpful.*
- **Uniform committee** – includes the Uniform Shop Coordinator and some P&C members to assist with staffing the uniform shop on a weekly basis and have input into decisions relating to uniform, stock levels etc  
*Meetings conducted infrequently, as required. Volunteering at the uniform shop regularly would be very helpful.*
- **Bookclub committee** – includes the Bookclub Coordinator and P&C members to assist with checking and compiling orders, distributing the Bookclub flyers and promoting Bookclub.  
*Meet 4 times per term during school hours to compile Bookclub orders and distribute flyers.*

We will also be electing the following **P&C Executive Positions**:

Position	Role	Time commitment
President	Chair meetings (wk 3 & 7 of term) Prepare monthly President's report Liaise with school Principal and Executive. Co-sign for funds expended Represent the P&C at events Sign off correspondence on behalf of the P&C Liaising with committee members Other duties	Approx 20 hrs/ month
Vice-Presidents	Act in for President for duties listed above if required.	As required
Treasurer	Regularly pay any invoices (min monthly) Produce a monthly report for P&C meetings Produce an annual report & budget for the AGM Keep a record of all accounts and invoices. Monitor & advise re: budget decisions at committee meetings Prepare documents for annual financial audit*	Approx 15 hrs/month
Secretary	Prepare monthly meeting agendas (monthly) Take minutes at monthly meetings (monthly) Check P&C mailbox and distribute mail (weekly) Check and respond to P&C emails (daily) Maintain P&C records	Approx 15 hrs/ month
Committee Members	Attend special committee meetings if required.	As required

\*Note: the P&C generally undertake an independent financial audit of the P&C's records. If you are a CPA Accredited Accountant that is prepared to volunteer your time to conduct a financial audit, please let us know.

The P&C is a member of WA Council of State School Organisations and adheres to their guidelines  
<https://www.wacso.wa.edu.au/>



In honour of Sue Martin, and to raise money for  
the Leukaemia Foundation,  
Bull Creek Primary School is holding a



# HAIR DAY!

Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>

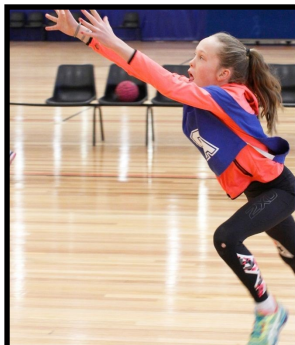
Children may come to school with 'crazy hair'. School uniform is still required.

Donations of any monetary value will be collected by the year 6 students with all proceeds going to the Leukaemia Foundation.





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