



INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents and Carers,

Currently we are in the Noongar Season called Djeran - Autumn (April-May). This is when the cooler weather begins and is referred to as the season of adulthood.

It is nearly the end of Term 1 2022, and it is a perfect time to reflect on our purpose as a school. Even with the challenges of COVID-19, BCPS staff have kept focussed on our key objectives and are working hard to ensure we are developing our students to reach their full potential in partnerships with parents and the community.

Our Business Plan

The staff, and School Board, use the Business Plan and its targets to reflect on performance and plan for improvement. I highly recommend you all read our Business Plan and have a discussion with the Board members or staff about our school's focus and priorities.

The Business Plan will be available soon on the website: https://bullcreekps.wa.edu.au/ about-our-school/business-plan

Virtual Assemblies

Today we hosted our virtual ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony at 9am. This year we included the Nyungar Ode. A big thank you to Griffin for practising the pronunciation of the Nyungar language. I would like to thank Mr Marshall and the school leadership students for their great work on presenting these assemblies. Students, staff and the parent community have provided positive feedback regarding the virtual assemblies. The virtual assemblies will continue in Term 2.

Activities

We will resume some extracurricular activities next term depending on Health Guidelines.

Week 1

• PEAC classes onsite

Week 2

- CRE will be on Monday at 8.40 9.10am
- Kids Fit Club on Thursday at 8am

Week 5

• Reading Rangers 8.15 - 8.30am

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School Board

The School Board had its first meeting for the year on Wednesday 6 April 2022. Due to current gathering guidelines, the Board met online via Teams. We still were able to consider a full agenda of business. Significantly, the Board welcomed our new members Hari Kirupanther, Hana McDonald, Scott Payne and Natasha Francis for their first meeting. Paige Goodsell has also extended for another term on the Board.

An introduction to new members; Updates on how the school year has started, including COVID-19, Review of the draft Annual Report 2021; Approval of the annual review of the school's Anti-bullying Policy; Noting the financial statement for end of 2021 and the Budget for 2022; Discussing Focus 2022 and reviewing the new Business Plan for 2022 – 2024.

Hana McDonald



I am a Bull Creek Primary School parent with two daughters; one in Year 1 and the other (three-and-a-half-year-old) who splits her time between home and daycare. We're new to the area having moved here at the start of 2020.

I have over ten years' experience working for the State and Federal Governments; previous roles have included experience in policy, project management, grant programs, committee and board governance, communications, and stakeholder management.

I have a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Japanese from Curtin University. Through my involvement with the School Board I would hope to make a positive contribution to the school, as well as to get to know the community a little better.

Dr Hari Kirupananther

As a former alumnus of Bull Creek Primary School (Class of 1999) and a proud parent of a year 1 student, I am passionate about being one of the "so many hearts" that makes this school. As a community member of Bull Creek for over 30 years, I have seen this school grow from strength to strength.

I have worked as a doctor in WA for over a decade, specialising in radiation oncology. I serve on a number of boards related to helping people who have been diagnosed with cancer. And I teach & mentor students and junior doctors. I will bring my passions for mental and physical health, academic excellence and for having a compassionate mindset to the school board.



Staffing Changes

This year we have a few teachers taking Long Service Leave.

Term 2

- Mrs Hutchin- Miss Pratt (Monday) and Miss Lai (Tuesday to Friday)
- Mrs Austin-Replacement teacher to be confirmed

Term 3

• Mrs Austin (Weeks 1 &2) - Miss Lai

Term 4

• Mrs English—Miss Lai

Congratulations to our Special Needs Allied Professionals in winning positions for Term 2.

- Miss Genevieve Elisarow
- Mrs Karinda Lobb
- Mrs Genevieve Spencer

With great sadness we will see Mrs Sinclair leaving our school as she embarks on a new journey. Mrs Sinclair will finish in Term 2—Week 4 and Mr Brendan Bono will be taking up the position in Wattle 3 as of Term 2—Week 5.

Sarah Sinclair's Journey.....

Where I'll be living:

Most of my time will be spent living in a tent on stilts in a national park called Marakele in South Africa. In this national park animals such as elephants, lions, cheetahs, hyenas and leopards can be found. The rest of my time will be spent travelling in a Land Rover with a rooftop tent.



What I'll be doing:

I'll be doing a Field Guide course which will teach me all about African animals and more. It will include things like animal identification & behaviour, tracking, astronomy, conservation & habitat management, 4x4 driving skills, birding, wilderness photography and even snake handling.



Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this term in difficult circumstances, I am sure will all enjoy a well-deserved break.

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday. I hope you enjoy spending time with your families over the Easter break.



CHAPLAIN CHAT

Hello BCPS families,

My name is Pauline Hough, I am thrilled to be the new Chaplain at BCPS.

My 3 children attended Bull Creek many moons ago. I was involved with the P&C and managed the (old) canteen for 5 years. Needless to say, I have a strong emotional connection with the school.

I have felt very welcome coming in as the Chaplain and am slowly getting to know the students and staff and some parents with my buddy 'Cuddles' the bear, who is very popular!

As a Chaplain my role is to support the wellbeing of the school community holistically, this includes students, staff and parents. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please speak to their teacher and if needed they can organise for your child to meet with me a few times to support them throughout difficult seasons.

My days at BCPS are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pauline Hough Chaplain



SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN 2022

The Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests in Week 3 of Term 2. As part of the readiness activities, schools in Western Australia took part in the Nationally Coordinated Practice Test. Our students sat this test on 24 March 2022. Participation in the practice test provided students with another opportunity to become familiar with the question formats and platform functionality they will experience in NAPLAN Online 2022. Two practice tests were available: a writing test and an omnibus test. The omnibus test was given to our Year 3 students and was a combination of questions from conventions of language, reading and numeracy. The Year 5 students completed the writing test. Neither of these tests were scored.

By administering the test to both Year 3 and 5 students concurrently, it confirmed that the infrastructure of the school was capable of managing numerous devices being utilised at the same time.

	Location	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May	Monday 16 May
		Writing	Reading	Conventions of Language	Numeracy	Catch-up (if required)
Year 3	W1 & W2	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30
Year 5	S5 & S6	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30	9.00- 10.30

The timetable below indicates when the students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests.

SCHOOL NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students in Years 3 to 6 have been developing their ball control skills across a range of sports this term. Our students in Years 5 and 6 have been learning to play league tag, netball and soccer. The Year 3 and 4 students have had fun improving their dribbling skills playing minkey and basketball.

For the first time we have started lunchtime sports! The Faction Captains have been conducting the lunchtime sport lessons each Wednesday and it has been a great opportunity for our students to have fun, be active and work on their skills. A new sport or activity is introduced each fortnight.

Currently, we will be participating in the Winter Carnival next term on the 24th June. Students in Years 5 and 6 will be selected to be in our football or netball teams.

Mr Tisdale Sports Teacher—Seniors







On Monday the 21st of March, some of the Wattle students participated in a Football Clinic, run by the Football Commission. The football clinic also happened to coincide with Harmony Day.

Students learnt new skills, such as handballing and kicking, and had lots of fun playing a variety of modified games.

Miss DiFonzo Sports Teacher—Juniors



SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ALDRICH!

Congratulations to Aldrich Frederic on his record breaking achievements during the recent 2022 Hancock Prospecting WA Junior Long Course Championships at HBF Stadium from 25–27 March 2022.

"Over the course of the weekend, we had a total of seven records broken! On Friday night, **Aldrich Frederic** (11yrs) of South Lake Dolphins clocked 1:00.55 for the Boys 11yrs 100m freestyle. This remarkable time broke the 11yrs WA All Comers, WA All Time and WA Residential Record.

The WA All Comers record was previously 1:00.82 held by Ruijie Zhou, an international swimmer set back in December 2019, while the WA All Time and WA Residential records of 1:01.83 were previously held by Jackson Anderson of St Hilda's, set back in April 2009.

Frederic went on to claim two more records on Sunday, breaking the Boys 11yrs 200m freestyle WA All Time and WA Residential records, previously held by Jack Wilson in a time of 2:17.12 set in October, 2013.

In a lucky coincidence, Jack Wilson, now swimming for North Coast and one highly decorated swimmer, announced the medallists on Sunday and was the first to shake Aldrich's hand after he claimed his records!"

Swimming WA-28 March 2022.



SUSTAINABILITY

World of Worms Incursion

Wow, what a term it has been! And to top it off, each student got to make their very own mini worm farm to take home at our World of Worms incursion, which ran over weeks nine and ten.

With excellent feedback from both the staff and students at the school, it is safe to say the incursion was a roaring success. We are very grateful to the crew at The Worm Shed for the very engaging presentation they gave each class. The students had mixed reactions to handling the worms. Some dug straight in, others were a little nervous and hesitant, but by the end of the incursion there was lots of smiles and eyes sparkling with excitement.

In addition to making their own worm farms, students learnt some interesting facts about worms and their role in reducing food waste. We hope that this incursion will inspire our students (and their families) to identify small steps they can take to live a more sustainable lifestyle.





Mrs Allier Banksia 4 Teacher

WATTLE 4

SCHOOL NEWS

BANKSIA 4



Minibeasts are vital to the smooth running of both the garden and the world.

In Wattle 4 we have seen similarities in ourselves to the many minibeasts we have studied this term and have worked hard both independently and collaboratively to ensure the smooth running of our classroom and the positive contributions to our school.

Through reading both fiction and non-fiction text we have explored many minibeasts including ants, spiders and worms just to name a few.

Ants are fascinating little creatures that can be found in every single continent except Antarctica. They are social just like us and live in colonies. The classic fable "The Ant and the Grasshopper" by Aesop taught us a valuable lesson about self-motivation. If you work hard today, you will be rewarded in the future. We also drew story maps from "Grant the Ant," wrote persuasive letters to the school boy in "Hey Little Ant "convincing him why he shouldn't squish the ant in the playground and in Maths completed cool symmetrical pictures of ants.

Mrs Austin read us one of her favourite books of all time, Charlotte's Web by E.B White. This is a beautiful story with the central theme of true friendship. This is what some of us had to say about the book:

My favourite part was when Wilbur met Charlotte because it was happy and they had a never-ending friendship. (Agastya)

The best part of the book was when Templeton went to the fair. He got so fat because he ate lots of junk food. (Tamim)

The saddest part of the story was when Charlotte died. At the fair Charlotte told Wilbur that she wasn't coming back to the barn with him. It was very sad because she was Wilbur's best friend. (Darian-Jay)

The happiest part is when Charlotte's babies hatched. There were 514 spiderlings but only three stayed to be Wilbur's friend. They were named Joy, Arenea and Nellie. (Asad)

Finally, we ended the term with an incursion to The Worm Farm. This hands-on experience was awesome. We learnt so much about worms and even held lots of wriggly Red Tiger Worms. The best part though was making our very own worm farms to take home.

Mrs Austin Wattle 4 Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS WATTLE 8 SUPERSTARS

As we come to the end of a fabulous Term1 in Wattle 8 we would like to share some of our favourite things we have learnt so far.

"I am learning at writing and dancing," Zakk.

"I have been learning to write words," Oscar.

"I can colour at school," Abyaan.

"I like writing and stuff," Luka.

"I love playing and I have got better at writing," Georgia.

Reflecting on the Term we have been very busy.

In Maths we have been looking at numbers, 2D shapes and patterns. Literacy has seen the children engaging in Sounds Write and phonological awareness lessons. We have read so many stories, but the story of The Gruffalo became our favourite. We used the character of the Gruffalo to create some amazing artwork too.



We had a special visitor on Tuesday. We were listening to a story and out of the corner of my eye I could see a fluffy white tail out in the playground. We went to investigate and found soooooo many Easter Eggs. Yes, it was the Easter Bunny who had hopped into our garden. We worked together and collected the eggs he had hidden. We then counted how many there were and shared them equally into our Easter baskets. It was so much fun!!

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday. Happy Easter!



Ms Abbott Pre-Primary/Kindy Teacher









	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Term 2 - Week 1		
Monday, 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday—NO SCHOOL TODAY	The second states of the secon
Tuesday, 26 April	School starts today	Please wear a face mask on school grounds
Term 2 - Week 3		
Tuesday, 10 May	NAPLAN—Writing	J J
Wednesday, 11 May	NAPLAN—Reading	
Thursday, 12 May	NAPLAN—Language Conventions	
Friday, 13 May	NAPLAN—Numeracy	Thank you for helping reduce the transmission of COVID-19.
Term 2 - Week 4		
Monday, 16 May	NAPLAN—Catch up	
Term 2 - Week 5 Thursday, 26 May	PJ Dress Up Day—Gold coin donation	Vaterwise School Mulch, mulch, mulch
	COVID-19 Students in Years 3 and	- Mulch is the sunscreen for the soft it roduces evaporation and makes your garden look great.
	above are required to wear a mask	
	Thank you for helping reduce the transmission of COVID-19.	

BCPS P&C NEWS

Email: bcpspandc@outlook.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BullCreekPrimarySchoolPC

NEXT P&C MEETING 6.30PM 10 May 2022 at the School Library & online via Teams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Annual General Meeting - Outcomes

The AGM was held on 14 March. Thank you to the 27 parents and staff that have volunteered to be part of the P&C Committee this year.

We are pleased that most of our experienced P&C Team have continued.

Thank you and congratulations to: President: Nicky Stott Vice President: Martin Lau Treasurer: Maria Masilang, assisted by Lydia U. Secretary: Janelle Osenton Uniform Shop Coordinator: Amanda Green P&C Fundraising Chair: Helen Britza Book Club Coordinator: Sameeba Olwan

Thanks also to each of the volunteers that make up our fundraising, uniform, canteen, playground, Fathering <u>Project</u> and Book Club committees.

Thank you to each person that volunteered to be a class/parent contact.

BOOK CLUB

We hope that the final bookclub order will make it in time for the end of term. If not, we will get the books to you as early as possible in Term 1. On behalf of Scholastic Bookclub we apologise for any transport delays.

To purchase from Book Club register on LOOP, <u>www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</u>. If you need help please contact us, or Scholastic directly.

The 'Boomerang Bags' are handsewn by parents at school. We need them to Boomerang back to us, if you have any bags at home please return them to the office asap.





CANTEEN

Morning tea – please order via Quickclig or before school at the canteen so that we prepare enough food.

Thank you to all the regular canteen volunteers. We still need a few more people for regular shifts. Please consider helping. Contact Kylie in the canteen if you can assist.

The term 2/3 menu will be updated on <u>QuickClig</u> and circulated soon.

FATHERING PROJECT – BUSH WALK

The first Kalamunda walk was great fun for all who attended. Dads and kids please join us for the next one:

Kalamunda Walk - Part 2 When: Sunday 10th April Time: 8:45am meet for 9:00am start Meet: https://goo.gl/maps/BRiQ6zwStEn7Df1aA (the carpark across from Zig Zag Gallery)



P&C FUNDRAISING & EVENTS 2022

At this stage any events are on hold. We will continue with our 'passive fundraising' and grant applications.

We have partnerships with some businesses that provide funding to the school through us supporting local businesses.

Containers for Change – 10c drink containers Blue drink container recycling bins are located in around the school. Any 10c refundable containers placed in these bins contribute to the P&C.



Bring in containers from home and put them in the bike locker bins, or the bin located in the kindy/PP area. Only aluminium cans, <u>plastic</u> and glass drink containers with the 10c refund logo on them should be placed in the bin. Preferably rinsed with no straws or lids.

Gilberts -Southlands

Thank you to Gilberts for their recent donation of \$258 to the school.

Support local and buy your fruit and vegetables from Gilberts at Southlands. 1% of all sales goes to the P&C. To register ask when you make your next purchase at Gilberts.



Have you joined the Gilbert's SOS Program?







Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

Please participate in our "Just One Thing" campaign for 2022.

Our P&C uses volunteers to run the canteen and uniform shop providing a convenient and <u>low cost</u> service to the school. To continue to run these services we are very dependent on volunteers.

We also run a community building events throughout the year and support the teachers by volunteering in the classroom and at sporting/ cultural events (subject to Covid restrictions).

We have about 300 families attending our school, and we would be grateful if every family would nominate to do "just one thing", or more if possible, throughout the year.

We try to stay in touch with all parents via a 'P&C Class Rep' and hope to run a class social event each year for parents to get to know each other, particularly for those that are new to the school community.

This year we are raising funds for a suitable workspace for our Support Services staff (Psychologist, Chaplin etc) and IT equipment to support the new Technology Teacher. Both initiatives will benefit the whole school.

On the next page is a list of "activities" that we would appreciate your assistance with. Please tick just one box (or more if you wish) and place your contact details at the bottom of the page. Please return them to us via email, your classroom teacher or the front office so that we can collate the responses, and when the time comes someone from the school or P&C will be in contact with you regarding your participation.

Thank you for your support!

Yours Sincerely

Nicky Stott, President - Bull Creek Parents and Citizens Association

bcpspandc@outlook.com

Contact details

First & Last Name/s

Ph no: ____

Email*:

Child/rens name (& year group) _____

* Email addresses will only be used within the school community to organise events.



Bull Creek Primary School P&C Container Deposit Fundraiser



10c per container is paid to the P&C for every <u>eligible</u> plastic bottle, aluminium can or carton.

Drop containers to the blue bin located in the bike locker compound which is open during school drop off (8.30am – 9am) and pick up (2.50pm – 3.10pm) weekdays – excluding school holidays.

Funds raised will be used towards school resources and programs run by the P&C.



FAQ's

- Why Scouts WA?
 - Scouts WA Recycling receive additional funding from the container deposit scheme to collect and sort containers. They also provide employment to long term unemployed, people with disabilities and as part of their youth development program, which means the school is supporting a range of broader community initiatives.
- Do I need to take the lids off?
 - Please take lids off it ensures there is no liquid in the container, the containers can be baled and stored more easily by Scouts WA. Scouts WA can take lids <u>off</u> but this slows their sorting process. Please remove straws from juice boxes.
- · Can the containers be crushed?
 - Yes, but it is preferable if they are not. All containers should be recognisable with labels intact to confirm they are eligible containers.
- · Do the containers need to be clean?
 - Please ensure the containers are empty. It is preferable to rinse flavoured milk cartons due to the odour.

If bringing containers in a plastic bag, box, crate etc —take that container home with you, please do not leave it in the bike locker area.



Questions regarding the Bull Creek Primary School P&C container collection contact Janelle (parent) <u>ibooth@hotmail.com</u>. For general enquiries about the Container Deposit Scheme contact Containers for Change WA <u>www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/</u> or 13 42 42



Thank you for your support

COMMUNITY NEWS

Applications Close Friday 20 May

We offer challenging and stimulating specialist programs.

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Japanese Specialist

www.leeming.wa.edu.au

Academic Extension Program

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS



BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

The Better Health Program is a free, 10-week program for you and your child. Topics include physical activity, nutrition and forming positive habits.

The program comes in two formats

Online – where you do fun, online sessions with your child and have weekly calls with a health coach.

Face to face – where you attend 2-hour group sessions, once a week. These include family learning sessions and physical activity for your child.

On both programs, you receive a bunch of great freebies, and a reward at the end!

@ <u>@betterhealthprogram</u>

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Sign up today!

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www.betterhealthprogram.org
 1300 822 953

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COMMUNITY NEWS







Foster care

It's not just the child's life that changes

There are a range of reasons children and young people come into care, but whatever the reason, what they all need is a stable and nurturing environment in which to live.

We don't just want our children and young people to survive their childhood, we want them to thrive into their adult lives – and our foster carers play a key role in achieving this.

The Department of Communities is always looking for people who can open their homes and open their hearts to children in need.

http://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/foster-care-recruitment



Willetton Stadium



Morning sessions consist of basketball skills, games and competitions, whilst the afternoon format involves a variety of indoor modified sports i.e. Tee-ball, Indoor cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis and more. The camp is for children of all levels. The Camp Coaching Staff consists of Jeff Anderson (Stadium Manager) and various Willetton Tigers coaches.

- A daily mid-morning snack (biscuits and fruit) is provided.
- Campers will go to a movie at Hoyts Cinemas (Southlands Shopping Centre) on the final day
 of the camp each child will get free drink & popcorn at Hoyts.
- · Lunches can be ordered from our Tigers Café.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF AND COLLECTED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. AFTER A ROLL CALL ON COURT. PLEASE ADVISE THE STADIUM OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE TRAVELLING BY OTHER MEANS (EG PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

REGISTRATIONS FOR CAMPERS ARE ONLINE

Please visit www.willettontigers.com.au and go to the Junior Holiday Camps tab under which you will find the link to book your child into the holiday camp. Concerns? Queries? Need help? Ring Jeff or Maria on 9310 3388

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mental Health during the Transition from Primary to Secondary School

Is your child currently in Year 6? If yes, would you be interested in helping us with our research?

The transition from primary to secondary school can be stressful for students, particularly if they face additional challenges (such as reading difficulties). This transition also coincides with a time of increased risk for mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.

Aim of the study: We hope to recruit current Year 6 students and their parents and survey them once a year (for up to three years) to better understand risk and protective factors for mental health during the transition to high school. While the main aim of the research is to understand how children with dyslexia navigate the transition from primary to secondary school, recruiting children without a dyslexia diagnosis to act as a comparison group is important. Additionally, this provides a valuable opportunity for a broader understanding of risk and protective factors associated with child mental health during the transition to secondary school.

Who are we? We are a team of researchers from Curtin University who are motivated to use our research experience to facilitate positive mental health for children with and without language and literacydifficulties.

What's involved? Children will complete a 45 to 60-minute online survey about their social and



emotional wellbeing as well as a short reading assessment. A member of the research team will sit with your child to assist them with the survey.

Whilst your child is completing their survey, you (the parent) will complete a 45minute online survey about parental mental health, child social and emotional health, and academic experiences.

As a thank you, each child will receive a gift voucher after each yearly assessment.

Interested? Scan the QR code below to register your interest and a member of the team will be in touch shortly. You can also find us on Facebook at facebook.com/ChildMentalHealthResearch

If you have any questions, please contact Project Lead, Associate Professor Mark Boyes (details below).

Thank you! Associate Professor Mark Boyes (p) 08 9266 7025 (e) mark.boyes@curtin.edu.au



Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HREC number HRE2020-0168). While permission was given for schools to advertise the research, please note this research has not been endorsed by the school or the Department of Education. If you are interested in participating in this research you must deal directly with the researcher. Before deciding to participate in this research you should inform yourself of its appropriateness and suitability for you and your child.