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# NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been incredibly busy with EduDance, excursions, incursions, Kindergarten orientation, high school transitions, graduation night, celebration night and today's family picnic.

The staff have been working hard teaching and assessing the curriculum. On Tuesday the Semester 2 reports were emailed out. Please take the time to discuss your child's report with them. I would like to congratulate the students on their achievements and the staff for their tireless dedication and professionalism.

On 19 November the Fathering Project had a camp out on the oval. This was attended by 50 families, both the Dads and the children had lots of fun and made new friends and connections within our community. Thank you to the P&C, Martin Lau and the champion Dads for supporting this event.

This term we have a few staff farewells. Next year we wish Mrs Simon happiness in her retirement, after her longstanding career. Mrs Simon has been a member of Bull Creek Primary School community for thirty years. Over the years Mrs Simon has taught many families and made a positive impact on the lives of her students. We will miss Mrs Simon's smiling face and sporting expertise. Ms Francis has been a staff member at Bull Creek for fifteen years and she has promoted excellence in her students. We wish Ms Francis success as she takes on her new Principal role at Muludja Remote Community School. Ms Di Fonzo has enjoyed her varying roles at Bull Creek over the years and we wish her all the best with her new pathway. Mr Bono will be taking up a placement at a new school in 2023. We wish all our outgoing staff members all the best with their futures.

Next year we welcome back Mr Steve Pascoe and our new Year 2 teacher Mrs Judith Rolfe.

I wish the Year 6 graduates every success as they transition to thirteen different high schools. I know you will embrace your new educational journey in 2023. Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank families who are leaving over the holiday period.

Lastly, I would like to thank the entire Bull Creek staff, students and families for being very supportive throughout COVID times. I have been impressed with your resilience, high expectations and kindness.





## SCHOOL NEWS

### CELEBRATION NIGHT

On Tuesday evening the students entertained us with their amazing dances. Thanks to Jo and Caris for preparing the children so well; polished performances by all. Thank you to our awesome P&C for organising the food and drinks and the volunteers from the Bull Creek Westminster Presbyterian Church for assisting them. Our staff have been instrumental in ensuring our students are engaged in the dance lessons and relish the experience. Congratulations to the recipients of the class Citizenship Awards. What a wonderful evening which was enjoyed by our school community!

#### **Citizenship Award 2022**

Wattle 10 - Siwan

Wattle 8 - Jayden

Wattle 7 - Daniel

Wattle 6 - Iris

Wattle 5 - Madeleine

Wattle 4 - Agastya

Wattle 3 - Amara

Wattle 2 - Joshua

Wattle 1 - Emma

Sheoak 4 - Ashlee

Sheoak 5 - Lachan

Sheoak 6 - Seth

Banksia 4 - Ruby

Banksia 5 - Olivia

Banksia 6 - Sharlein

FLDC - Annie





## CHAPLAIN CHAT



We are almost at the end of the school year and 2022, well done! You have made it through another challenging year.

Take some time to stop amongst this busy and blessed season and reflect on how the challenges you have faced have also given you the opportunity to grow.



I am so thankful for this year and for the wonderful experience I have had with the staff, students and parents at Bull Creek Primary School.



May you all have a blessed and safe Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2023.







## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCIENCE

Scientists are people who have inquisitive minds and search for answers to questions, building and extending knowledge about the world. Our young Bull Creek scientists have been provided with 'hands on' experiments and investigations to see, feel and discover. They have been biologists classifying plants, palaeontologists studying fossils, physicists, astronomers, and seismologists to name just a few.



Year 4  
Palaeontologists

Ben Tisdale  
Science Teacher



Year 5  
Astronomers: planets scaled down  
and compared to the sun.



Year 6  
Volcanologists



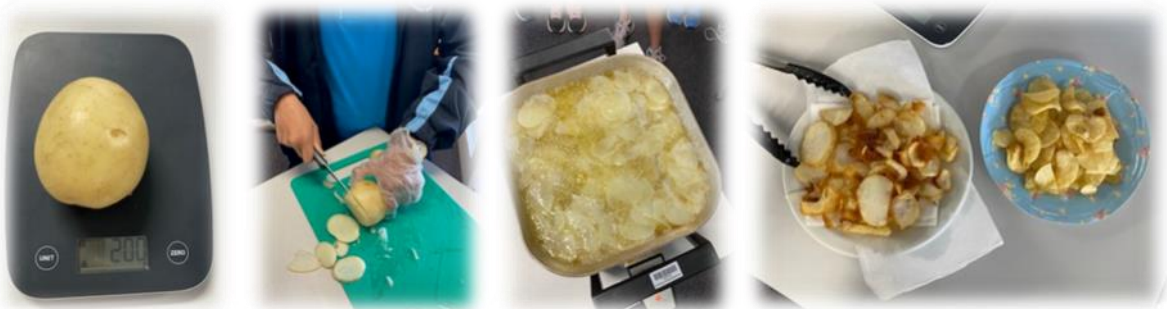
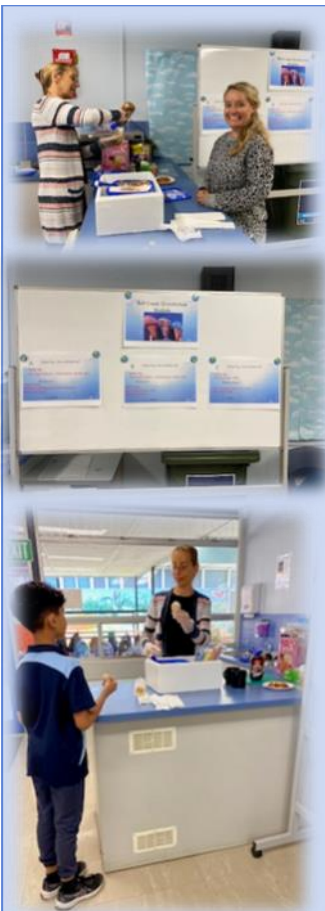
Year 1  
Rain in a cup!



Year 3  
Measuring time using sundials

## GERMAN

Year 5s have been learning about shops in their community. The most popular shop was the ice cream cafe. Students and teachers practised their German by ordering ice cream. Yum.



Year 6 students finished the year with a short sustainability project and explored plants that grow in our gardens. The most exciting part was making chips. Very yummy.

Frau Colgan  
German Teacher





## SCHOOL NEWS

### WATTLE 1

During Term 4 Wattle One learnt about recycling and took part in National Recycling Week.

National Recycling Week, established by Planet Ark in 1996, is held every year during the second week of November (7th to 13th of November 2022).

This year, National Recycling Week explored the idea that *Waste isn't Waste until it's Wasted*. Our class got involved by taking part in activities that covered topics like how to give resources a second life (our recycled art news activity), how to reduce the need for newly produced resources, and of course, recycling. This year, it was all about quality over quantity, it is not about recycling more, but recycling better. We looked at what items or objects go in each of the differing recycling bins and how our school is reusing, reducing and recycling our waste. Reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill, but it also benefits the environment.

Here is the display of our Recycling Posters we designed to help inform people about the importance of recycling.



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#### JANUARY 2023 JUMP-START PROGRAM

Tuition for all students Entering Year 7  
Including NAPLAN, Transition Skills & Subject  
Revision & Preparation

16 January to 21 January 2023  
Venues

- Christ Church Grammar School
- Hale School

The January Jump Start Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2023) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2022 syllabus that are vital for success in the new year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2023.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### WATTLE 6

It has been a busy, but exciting and speedy term in Wattle Six. Prior to starting our Christmas festivities and celebrations this term, we investigated, explored, and designed toys that push and pull!

We looked at the different toys we play with and how these can push, pull or even do both! We made predictions on spinning tops, slinkies, yo-yos, cars, lego and more. Then, we tested, played and explored these further to understand the different parts of toys and how they move. The W6 children chose their favourite toy, which led to designing a version of a toy that would be tested. We collected recycled materials and spent a whole day building and constructing these toys, it got sticky with Ms Foster on the glue gun and messy with Miss Lai cutting thick bits of cardboard, but as a team we completed our builds. The toys were tested, and a reflection was written, it was a success for most of us, however the most important lesson was understanding the significance of testing and reflecting to assist us on improving our ideas. Lots of helpful tips have been discovered, if we ever need to build a push-pull toy again. This is what some of us had to say about our push and pull toys:

“I like drawing the design of my spinning top” – Heidi

“I wanted to change the back and front wheels of my toy because they were crooked” – Alysa

“I liked that my friend Tegan helped me colour my yo-yo pink and purple- Shiloh

“Next time I build a yo-yo I would shorten the string”- Caleb



As the Christmas festivities appeared, our Elf “Jingles” arrived in the post, he came with a suitcase filled with outfits and energy ready to get into mischief, he climbs up high, leaves messy notes and loves listening to our conversations. We got to thinking “What would I do if I was an elf” we wrote our cheeky ideas down alongside a guided drawing of an elf to display. Here are some of ideas “If I was an elf”

“I would get Miss Lai’s coffee and tip it all over the floor” – Zoey

“I would use tinsel to go sky diving” – Blaize

“I am going to relax” – Armaan

“I would write a message on the whiteboard that says “I am a cheeky elf” – Bowen

“I will take all of the baubles off the tree and hide them all over the classroom.” - Evelyn



Jingles must have seen our brilliant writing, he left post it notes and stickers praising our fantastic writing. We also created a guided drawing of our very own ELF! Check them out. The countdown to the end of year has been fantastic, we have read a Disney themed Christmas book from the “advent-book, calendar” each day to get into the festive spirit. The students have even volunteered to take turns reading these books to the class. This has made us as teachers emotional as we can see they are more than ready for Year 2! What a wonderful term it has been! Happy Holidays everyone!!





## SCHOOL NEWS

### FREMANTLE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December we hosted our FLDC Leavers Celebration. This was an opportunity to celebrate the success of our students and say farewell to the friends who will be leaving us to return to their mainstream primary school next year. The children displayed confidence and courage to sing two beautiful songs, *Ancient Sands* and *Bibbulumun Bonar Noongar Six Seasons*. The Year 3s hosted the event and did a wonderful job speaking in the microphone.

The students leaving us this year are **Banksia 3**:



Kane Snell, Anna S, Kyler Humes, Annie Lu, Ishaan Avurapalli, Elyena Ahmad and Cooper Stanton.

We wish all these students and their families the very best for the future.



In week four this term, we had an amazing incursion with WestOz animals. The team came to us, and we got to meet a koala, dingo, two snakes and a blue tongue lizard!



Also, in week four we had our assembly and presented our item *Bibbulumun Bonar Noongar Six Seasons*. The students did a great job getting up in front of an audience as this was only the second time assemblies had been 'live' at Bull Creek for 2022.





## SCHOOL NEWS

### BE YOU ACTION TEAM

Hello! My name is Pauline Hough, and I am the Chaplain at Bull Creek Primary School, a school very close to my heart, where my three (now adult) children attended. I was an active P&C parent over many years and managed the 'Snack Shack' for 5 years.

My role is all about mental health and wellbeing, so being part of the Be You Committee is an exciting opportunity for me. I am married to Carl who is a Chaplain at Leeming Senior High School and we both love our jobs.



I love family time that includes our beautiful granddaughter, I enjoy spending time in my garden, and I always look forward to a coffee catch up with a friend.



**Pauline Hough**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### BE YOU ACTION TEAM

Participating Learning Community



## Transitions in learning communities

**The transition to a new learning environment is a major event in a child or young person's life.**

For some students, adapting to new learning environments and change is stressful. This could mean starting or leaving primary school, moving schools, or even re-joining school after an absence.

While these transitions can bring exciting opportunities, some children and young people, and their families, can find these changes difficult and can lead to worry and stress or even disengagement. Learning communities often spend a lot of time preparing and thinking about these transitions.

Transitions are a period where children and families must adapt to new circumstances, expectations, people, environments and routines. Transitions are an important time to consider continuity between environments, expectations and relationships.

The transition to a new learning environment usually brings changes to a child or young person's relationships, physical and social environments and daily routines. Transitions also bring challenges and opportunities for social and emotional learning. This is also a time where educators, schools and early learning services adapt to their new entrants, and respond to their needs.

Transitions in education require children and young people to adapt to new circumstances. The experience is different for everyone, and some children and young people, and their families, need extra support.

There are many ways that educators and families can support children and young people make positive transitions to early learning services and schools, including by identifying when support is required, and how to access and offer support.

### Types of transitions

These are some common types of transitions in learning communities:

- [The transition to early learning settings: ages 3–5.](#)
- [The transition from early learning settings to primary school.](#)
- [The transition from primary to secondary school.](#)
- [The transition from secondary school.](#)

Children and young people also experience transitions throughout their day, with children in early learning settings experiencing room transitions, transitions during care routines, supported self-care and end-of-day to home transitions.

Provided in this week's newsletter are fact sheets which provide information on how educators can support children, young people and families at these times, including those experiencing difficulties.

Warm regards,

Sue Bolton and the Be You Action Committee



## SCHOOL NEWS

### BE YOU ACTION TEAM



## The transition from early learning settings to primary school

Starting school is a major milestone in a child's life and strong family-school partnerships help make a smoother transition.

### The importance of a successful transition

A successful transition from early childhood learning settings to school is important for all children and has long-lasting benefits. Children who experience a positive transition into their new environment are likely to be happy at school and continue to improve their social and academic skills.

For an introduction to transitions, see [Transitions in learning communities](#).

### Understanding behavior

#### Common feelings and concerns

Starting school is a major milestone in a child's life.

Common feelings children and young people have during transition can include:

- excitement
- sadness

- anger
- anticipation
- fear or anxiety.

### Trusting and supportive relationships

**Strong relationships between children, their families and educators help child wellbeing.**

Trusting and supportive relationships are the foundation of successful transitions. They provide children with a safe and secure base at home, in early learning settings and at school. When a child feels emotionally safe, they can learn and thrive at school – socially and academically.

Strong family-school partnerships improve children's transition experiences and support their future academic and social progress.

It is important for schools to build positive relationships with families before school starts and





## SCHOOL NEWS

### BE YOU ACTION TEAM



## Eat a RAINBOW of vegetables everyday!

Different coloured vegetables provide different nutrients for growing bodies. Supplying kids with lots of different coloured vegies and fruits each day is the best kick-start we can give them for health, growth, and concentration in the classroom.

### RED

Cherry tomato, radish, red capsicum, red apple, cherries, strawberries

### ORANGE & YELLOW

Corn, yellow capsicum, apricots, mandarin, carrots, rockmelon

### WHITE & BROWN

Cauliflower, nashi pears, mushrooms, white nectarine, banana

### GREEN

Sugar snap peas, green apple, pear, cucumber, broccoli, grapes, frozen peas

### PURPLE

Purple grapes, purple carrots, blueberries, plums, blackberries

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term 1 - Week 1

Monday, 30 January	PD Day—NO SCHOOL TODAY
Tuesday, 31 January	PD Day—NO SCHOOL TODAY
Wednesday, 01 February	School starts today

### Term 1 - Week 3

Tuesday, 14 February	P&C Meeting
Friday, 17 February	P&C Welcome Picnic

### Term 1 - Week 4

Wednesday, 22 February	Kindy Orientation
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### Term 1 - Week 5

Tuesday, 28 February	Paul Litherland Incursion
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## P & C NEWS

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#### NEXT P&C MEETING

**6.30PM 14th February 2023 at the School Library & online via Teams**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas! Wishing all our school families a safe and happy festive period.

Congratulations to the deserving 2022 Citizenship Award recipients, the P&C were very proud to provide these prizes.



Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported our efforts in 2022, we look forward to continued support and seeing some new faces in 2023!

#### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will continue to be open next year on Monday mornings 8.30am to 9am. This is a volunteer-run shop, so please be kind with your expectations! Due to ongoing price rises from our suppliers, we have had to increase uniform prices in 2023, which will be the first price rise in over 3 years.

For the start of school rush, the shop will be open Monday January 30th between 3-4pm. You can order on [www.spriggyschools.com.au](http://www.spriggyschools.com.au) over the school holidays and collect on Monday January 30th (don't worry about accuracy of your children's class at that stage if you are going to collect from the uniform shop). All orders remaining uncollected will be left in the front office for your convenience.

#### QUICKCLIQ IS GOING

At the end of this school year, Quickcliq is being replaced with Spriggy Schools online ordering platform, which will make ordering more convenient and less expensive for families. A message via Connect has been sent home about this.

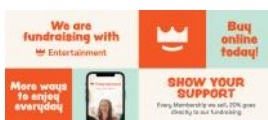
In 2023, to order food from the canteen and uniforms from the uniform shop, you will need to set up an account on Spriggy Schools. Go to [www.spriggyschools.com.au](http://www.spriggyschools.com.au) to register and download the app. Add a profile for each of your children, make sure you select Bull Creek Primary School and their class.

You can request a credit from Quickcliq if you have any remaining balance - go to your 'Profile' on their webpage and select the 'Account Balance Refund and Close Account' option.



We had a spectacular turn out for the fathering project camp out in November, with 150 attendees and 46 tents. The kids and dads/ carers had a fabulous time! Bona Pizza dished up some delicious dinner and the coffee was strong from Our Ruby Girl on Sunday morning.

We are planning to make this an annual event. Don't worry, if you don't camp, come down for some fun on the oval in the afternoon and stay for dinner!



<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/860z42>



## P & C NEWS

### CANTEEN



The canteen will remain open 5 days a week in 2023. Thank you to all the regular canteen volunteers. If you have any capacity to do so, please consider helping in 2023. Contact Kylie or Liv in the canteen if you can assist.

### P&C FUNDRAISING

Another fantastic year from our fundraising committee! We held many successful events, contributing thousands of dollars to our school community and have many more exciting activities planned for next year.

The colour explosion fun run will be returning, along with a disco, movie night and potentially a quiz night.

We are super excited for our first event in the year. Please come down to the Welcome Picnic on February 17th!



### GILBERTS - SOUTHLANDS

Thank you to Gilberts for their ongoing support of our school.

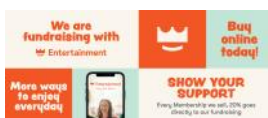
Support local and buy your fruit and vegetables from Gilberts at Southlands. 1% of all sales goes to the P&C. To register, ask when you make your next purchase at Gilberts.



### PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The implementation of the Ship Shape project has been delayed, and a revised project scope is being proposed. Details related to the project are in the P&C minutes on the school website. If you want to know more, please attend our P&C meetings in the new year.

The P&C always welcomes new members! We are a diverse bunch of parents, who all want the best for our children at this wonderful school. If you can spare any time to attend the next meeting, please do. It's amazing what you might find out!





## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Holiday Camps

**Keep your kids entertained during the school holidays with our fun and active camps throughout the year.**

Willetton Basketball runs fun and active camps during the January, April, July, September, and December school holidays each year. Our camps are open to all school-aged kids from six and over. Not only are our holiday camps a great way to keep your kids entertained during the holidays, but they are an active, enjoyable and social environment for your child while they are off school.

### Dates & Pricing

#### DECEMBER CAMP

##### 4 day camp (7 – 12 years)

- Monday 19th December – Thursday 22nd December
- Camp fee is \$210
- Registrations close 14 December, unless sold out prior.

#### JANUARY HOLIDAY CAMP

##### Week One – 5 day camp (6-9 years)

- Monday 16th January – Friday 20th January
- Camp fee is \$250
- Registrations close 11 January, unless sold out prior.

##### Week Two -4 day camp (9 years and over)

- Monday 23rd January – Friday 27th January (*Excludes the 26th Public Holiday*)
- Camp fee is \$210
- Registrations close 18 January, unless sold out prior.



For further information and registrations, please visit

[www.willettonbasketball.com.au/programs/holiday-camps/](http://www.willettonbasketball.com.au/programs/holiday-camps/)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ADVANCED HITTING

*This Summer sees the return of the Advanced Hitting programme designed for 14+ yr olds. This course consists of advanced technique coaching for 14+ yr olds looking to get to the next level with their batting.*



*This programme runs from 1-4pm over 2 days and costs \$120.*

Course 1a: 12th December	Course 1b: 16th December
Course 2a: 19th December	Course 2b: 23rd December
Course 3a: 9th January	Course 3b: 13th January
Course 4a: 16th January	Course 4b: 20th January
Course 5a: 23rd January	Course 5b: 27th January

Following the popularity of the Advanced Hitting Course, places will go fast, so call Callum on 9310 2670 or email [enquiries@southerncricket.net](mailto:enquiries@southerncricket.net) to avoid disappointment.

### Southern Cricket Summer Festival

This Summer sees the return of the Southern Cricket Summer Festival. Over 3 Days you will have the chance to develop your technical skills with our coaches and put them to the test in a series of games and challenges. Courses run from 10am to 4pm.

Week 1: 13th December - 15th December  
Week 2: 20th December - 22nd December  
Week 3: 3rd January - 5th January  
Week 4: 10th January - 12th January  
Week 5: 17th January - 19th January  
Week 6: 24th January, 25th January & 27th January



The Summer Cricket Festival costs \$180 for 3 days. Single day bookings are \$80 each.

Following the popularity of the Summer Festival places will go fast, so call Callum on 9310 2670 or email [enquiries@southerncricket.net](mailto:enquiries@southerncricket.net) to avoid disappointment!





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