



BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER #3 – 2023



Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This term has been very busy with many special events and excursions along with the reintroduction of the *Culture Club*. The first Culture Club was well attended by parents from Bull Creek Primary and the Fremantle Language Development Centre. Some great topics were discussed, and we look forward to many upcoming cultural activities.

The next Culture Club meeting is on Wednesday 31st May at 9am in the Sheoak wet area (next to PEAC). Please come along to share your journey, make friends and connect with the school community.

This term and next term we have several staff using up their long service leave as per Departmental requirements. This means there may be a change of teacher in your child's classroom.

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) journey is going well with the Year 3 classes. To date we have a 97% uptake rate which is fantastic. Currently the staff are trialling SeeSaw to explore how this can complement the BYOD Program.

The school won a grant for the Makers Empire program. The students are learning many new educational skills using the program and the new 3D printers. The program is being led and supported by Mrs Twist, and the students will be showcasing their talents at the state competition, 'Kids in Space' on 30th June at Scitech. Bull Creek Primary is one of 8 schools that have been selected from Western Australia.

Thank you to the P&C for funding the Constable Care Excursions for the Year 1 and Year 5 students. The students learnt life skills focusing on pedestrian and bike safety. The excursion comprised of hands-on experiences as well as information sessions.

On Friday 19th May, the students were able to transfer their pedestrian safety skills on the National Walk To School Day. This year we were fortunate to have magical weather and special guests to join us for the walk. Thank you to Mrs Hanson for organising Murdoch Police to join in with the walk. Murdoch Police let the students take a seat in their car and see the lights and siren in action. The students, parents and staff enjoyed chatting to the local Police and hearing about their job in the community.



The school hosted the annual WACSSO P&C DAY WA Thank You morning tea. This is a day to recognise and appreciate our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to Dr Jags for supporting this event again for our school community.

The school has found a new community representative to take up a position on the Board. Councillor Jennifer Spanbroek will join the Bull Creek Primary School Board this term. We look forward to building a positive relationship with Cr Spanbroek.

Unfortunately, this is a challenging time of the year with many viruses and illnesses. I would like to remind parents to keep students home if they are unwell as we are having a spike in Gastro, Covid and Influenza. Your support will help us to keep the students and staff healthy in order for the school to run the normal programs.

Ms Sharon Marchenko
Principal




Chaplain Chat



Wow where has the term gone?

We are halfway through already! It's been a very busy, fun and productive start.

This term we launched 

What is **Culture Club**?

We are a group of people from many cultures and backgrounds who connect a few times each term, to build relationships with one another, and explore opportunities to embrace the many cultures we are fortunate to have in the Bull Creek Primary School Community.

Our first meeting was very well attended where we had a fun morning getting to know one another, discussing what we are already doing well, and sharing some ideas that may help to increase the awareness of other cultures within our school community.

Our next meeting is in week 6, Wednesday 31st May at 9am in the Sheoak (Kwell) block. Anyone is welcome, new and current parents/caregivers. **You are invited to bring along a plate of food from your culture to share, or just turn up and enjoy.** Please RSVP by email to Rob (robert.hofmeester@education.wa.edu.au) or to Pauline (pauline.hough@education.wa.edu.au).

Autumn wellness tips to tick off as we head into the Winter months.

- 1) Start taking a Vitamin D supplement.** We get most of our Vitamin D from the sun, so if you find you are not getting outside much, a Vitamin D supplement can boost your mood and immune system!
- 2) Take some time to yourself.** Autumn and winter are the Earth's way of telling us to slow down.
- 3) Get your flu shot and yearly check-up.** Self-explanatory! No one likes sniffing and aching and sneezing and coughing getting in the way of life.
- 4) Boost your immune system.** You can do this by drinking plenty of water, washing your hands often to prevent sickness, and eating nutritious foods.
- 5) Make some plans for the cold months.** In the winter, we tend to hibernate if we don't have things to keep us busy.
- 6) Moisturize your skin.** Harsh temperatures can make your skin dry.
- 7) Buy in-season food.** Beets, broccoli, cabbage, eggplant, kale, pumpkin, broths, roasted squash, roots and sautéed dark leafy greens are all great choices.

Pauline Hough
Chaplain

School News

School and Office Hours

The school office is open from 08:30am to 3:30pm.

Classroom doors open at 08:40am and the bell to start the school day is at 08:50am. Children must not arrive before 8:30am unless they are doing a leadership role or Thursday Fit Club.

Parents can use the services of Camp Australia to arrange before and after school care to accommodate for working hours.

Sickness

The WA Health Department advises that, "it is necessary for children to remain at home in the early stages of illness and should remain absent until they are symptom free if they have a cough or cold; and for at least 24 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea." To minimize the spread of viruses and to keep our Bull Creek Primary School community healthy, we would appreciate all families diligence in ensuring your children do not come to school if they are unwell.

Medical Needs for Students

It is very important that families inform the school of any medical needs for students. This includes asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis and any other conditions that may affect the wellbeing and safety of a student during the school day. If your child has a current medical condition or develops one throughout the school year, please obtain the medical forms from the front office and return them with updated medication and a current ASCIA Action Plan from your doctor as required.

Mobile Phones Policy

Between the hours of 8:30am-3:05pm mobile phones will not be used by students for any communication purposes. Smart watches must be placed into 'aeroplane mode' and mobile phones are to be handed in to the office, for safe keeping, when students arrive at school and collected at the end of the day.

Parking

Some of the parking in front of the school is a pick up and drop off zone only (Kiss and Drive). For the safety of all of our children, please do not park and/or exit your vehicle in the marked out green parking area on Francisco Crescent. If you are early, please continue to move around the block in a clockwise direction until your child is ready at the Kiss and Drive collection point.

It is illegal and dangerous to double park anywhere along the school boundary roads.

When collecting from the classroom, please find a safe parking space around the school. Parking is also available on Darley Circle with laneway access onto the school grounds.

Parking is not permitted in the staff car parks at all times and for safety reasons, please do not walk through the staff car parks before, during or after school.

Bicycle / Scooter Use

All riders must wear protective helmets. Students and Parents are required to dismount and walk bikes/scooters when on the school grounds.

Absentees

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 6216 4400 or email bullcreek.ps@education.wa.edu.au as early as possible to advise of the reason for absence.

Late Arrival / Early Departures

Students arriving at school after 9am must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian before entering their classroom.

Students leaving school early, must be signed out at the office before the student is collected from class.

RAT Tests

The school still has a large supply of both oral and nasal RAT tests. Please come to the office and collect any amount you wish.

Languages

The students in Year Two are a bunch of “Superhelden” (superheroes).

They have started creating a booklet about colours and playing games like ***Ich sehe was, das du nicht siehst*** (I spy with my little eye)

Years Three to Six are currently very busy creating an ***Elfchen*** – an 11 word poem in German, for the annual Art & Poetry Competition. This year’s topic is ***Glück***. Students had to think about what makes them happy and where they feel safe. We had class discussions about the importance of support from family and friends, finding calm places to chill or hobbies, and sports or enjoying creative activities. Here is a little preview.



Between Weeks 7 & 8 all posters will be on display in the library and students can vote for their favourite piece.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Frau Tanja Colgan
German Teacher

Sheoak 4

How can it be Week Five, Term Two already!

We have all worked hard to build a cohesive, respectful and inclusive classroom. I am so proud of all of my students for showing resilience and respect throughout the semester. They have established wonderful school and homework routines that show the level of their mature and independent learning skills.

We had an amazing time at the Melville Civic Centre on the 23rd of May. As part of the HASS curriculum, we have been looking specifically at Civics and Citizenship. Part of this is exploring the purpose and services of local government and how this contributes to community life.

We had many different speakers address the students, including the Mayor, George Gear, from the Melville City Council. The children were able to obtain a more in-depth look at the inner workings of the council and the vital roles that each area plays in the everyday running of our community. From recycling and waste recovery to ranger services and finally a mock council meeting that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

I am so proud of all of my students in Sheoak Four and their fantastic achievements this term. I can't wait to see what 2023 brings for us all.

Ms Nicole O'Neil
Sheoak 4 Teacher



Banksia 4 Prepares for a premiere of epic proportions...

The Year 5's of Banksia 4 have been hard at work on an extensive Digital Technology project. They have been tasked with producing an informative video about their many hobbies, interests and curiosities.

This project started with a crash course in basic filming and editing techniques – videoing and editing short clips in order to develop their media skills. The videos turned out great, with a few screenshots shown in this newsletter.

Now, B4 videographers turn their attention to the main event – a 5–10-minute video about their chosen topics using the research, writing, planning and media skills they have picked up along the way. It is a big project, but B4 students have proven they're up to the challenge!

We can't wait to see the finished products. Keep working hard, Year 5's!



Mr Steve Pascoe
Banksia 4 Teacher

Banksia 6 Changes the Rules!

Firstly, the whole class was tasked with coming up with a bill. Next the people that wanted to come up and present their bill to the class did so.

Our class voted to decide which bill should be passed to B5 who voted on the bill, and it was passed. The bill meant that we could eat after recess in class time, the bill is now a law in the class, so we eat after recess. (Jayden M)

The proposed bill was initially requested to extend our break time by about an hour or so. The main purpose of the bill was so students could have more time to play during break times, while still having enough time to finish their food. There was just one problem. Where would we get the extra time from? We discussed it as a class and came up with an alternative. Instead of getting extra playtime by taking class time and adding it to our break time, we thought we could just eat before or after break time. This way, we would still get more play time but at the same time be able to finish our food properly. We tested this theory and it worked for us, so we have been incorporating it into our daily routine ever since. (Stephanie. L).



Mrs Amanda Allier
Banksia 6 Teacher

Wattle 2

Wattle Two has been working incredibly hard on their learning journey in year three. Some of our students have shared some of the things they like about school, and what they have learnt so far this semester! We have all worked very hard to embrace our new iPad program, rise to the working expectations of year three and made sure that we have shared fun, laughter and friendships along the way!

George Cao-

This year I have learned about split, jump and bridging strategies in maths.
I have also enjoyed playing with my friends at lunch and recess playing soccer.



Sloan and Sorcha-

We have learnt new techniques for maths like split techniques and jump techniques.
In German I have learnt how to get better at my writing poetry in German.

Helena-

I love school because I learn so much in English, sport and technology. I love doing things on my iPad, learning how to write persuasive, narrative and procedures. In sport, we have learned rugby, dodge ball, soccer, basketball and netball.



Asad-

I like how we learned the addition mental strategies.
I like how we are learning about our iPads in digital technology.
I enjoy how Mr. T let's us do fun things in science.

Miss Sarah Tloczek
Wattle 2 Teacher

Wattle Five News

Wattle Five has been learning about the importance of our community and being safe on the roads. We had a wonderful excursion to Constable Care in Maylands and learnt about being a safe passenger and pedestrian. We also learnt about our bikes and how to be safe cycling at home and in our community.

Our class had great fun performing 'The Jolly Postman and other People's Letters' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The assembly focussed on the value of excellence in our school community. At Bull Creek Primary School we value the excellent way our community helps, supports and looks after each other. We learnt that a neighbourhood is a place that we belong to and it is part of our community.

Ms Sue Bolton
Wattle 5 Teacher



Be You Action Team



'Be You' believes that partnerships are a key factor in supporting positive mental health outcomes for children and young people.

At Bull Creek Primary School we strive to pull together and strengthen our partnerships with families and our local community. We aim to involve and engage positive key stakeholders who can assist to improve the mental health and well-being at our school.

On Wednesday 24th May we hosted the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea and invited guests from our local shopping centres, our local electoral office, churches, our School Board and the P&C. All the staff at Bull Creek Primary School were actively involved. It takes a village to raise our children and the support of the community is noticed and appreciated.

We want to thank the community for being involved by fostering and growing relationships and forming networks, which ultimately will benefit the families and individual children at our school.





COMMENCING TERM 2

Culture Club welcomes, connects and encourages families from all cultures and backgrounds into the Bull Creek Community.

We would love you to join us for regular morning tea
and information sessions
Wednesdays 9am in Sheoak block.

Week 2- 23 May

Week 6 - 31 May

Week 10 28 June

Please RSVP to Rob robert.hofmeester@education.wa.edu.au
Or Pauline pauline.hough@education.wa.edu.au for catering purposes

Term 2 Planner

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Apr	24 PD DAY	25 Public Holiday	26 School Starts Today	27	28
2 May	1	2	3 Culture Club	4	5 Assembly – B4
3	8 School Gardener Appreciation Day	9 P&C Meeting	10	11	12 P&C Mother's Day Breakfast
4	15 Constable Care Excursion – Year 1	16 Constable Care Excursion – Year 5	17	18	19 Assembly – W5 P&C Appreciation Day National Walk to School Day
5	22	23 Melville Civic Centre Excursion—Year 4	24	25	26 Newsletter
6 May /Jun	29	30	31 Culture Club	1	2 Assembly – W4
7	5 Public Holiday	6 P&C Meeting	7	8	9 Assembly – S6
8	12	13	14 School Office Support Staff Appreciation Day Board Meeting	15	16 Assembly – FLDC P&C Disco
9	19	20	21	22 Year 6 Raffle Fundraiser	23 Winter Carnival (AFL/Netball)
10	26 Wellness Week	27	28 Culture Club	29	30 LAST DAY OF TERM Assembly – NAIDOC Newsletter
HOLS Jul	3	4	5	6	7
HOLS	10	11	12	13	14

BCPS P&C NEWS

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THANK YOU!

May 15-21st was National Volunteer week. Volunteering has the power to change the lives of both the volunteer and those they help, offering opportunities for social, economic, and cultural inclusion.



The school served up a delicious morning tea for our P&C members as a thank you for volunteering time to our community. Everyone who could attend was endlessly grateful for the appreciation.

Some of the children who attend LDC at Bull Creek created a beautiful thank you card for the members of our P&C with drawings of the things they love most about our school. Our volunteers were delighted with the pictures and kind words. Thank you B2!



The next P&C meeting is June 6th, come along and help us to maintain a strong and supportive school community.

We are open and inclusive, and all are welcome!

MOTHERS DAY EVENT

The P&C events committee decided this year to try something different; rather than raising money for the school with a Mother's Day stall for the children, we thought it would be nice to give ourselves day off organising an event! Sincere thanks to Chris Hodson and his helper dad's, Andow & Luke for putting together a delightful spread of Mother's Day treats for school mums on Friday May 12th. It was so lovely to see a great turn out of mothers before school for a warm drink and a chat.



Thank you to all families who have contributed their P&C fees, if you haven't paid yet, we really appreciate your contribution which can be made to the school office. Last year the P&C donated over \$50 000 to the school to support playground upgrades, iPads and IT equipment purchases, bike training and more. We've got a lot of items on our 5-year plan to continue to work towards!

DISCO

Our next school fundraising event is the Disco, FRIDAY June 16th. This is a great opportunity for our children to get dressed up and dance their hearts out. We hope to see you there! A request for donations to our cake stall on the night will be sent out soon.



QUIZ NIGHT

Save the date! We haven't held an adults only fundraising event for a long time, get your friends together for a night of fun for a good cause! August 5th



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Busy Bee - Term 2 – to be confirmed
- Father's Day breakfast - Term 3
- Colour Run - Friday October 20th
- Fathering project camp out - Saturday Nov 11th

UNIFORM SHOP

Term 2 opening hours remain as every Monday 8:30-9:00am. Warm winter jumpers are fully stocked, order online at www.spriggyschools.com.au and have your order delivered to your child's classroom.

Any uniform enquiries should be emailed to bcpspandcuniform@gmail.com

If you've outgrown any uniforms, please return them to the uniform shop or front office, they will be on-sold to raise money for the P&C. Old logo items will be turned into Book Club Boomerang bags.



CANTEEN

The Canteen is open daily (Mon-Fri) for morning tea and lunch until the end of term 2.

From term 3, the canteen will be open Tuesday to Friday, closing on Mondays.

- Lunches must be pre-ordered - preferably using www.spriggyschools.com.au (app or website), otherwise cash orders before 9am at the canteen window.
- Morning tea can be pre-ordered or cash transactions (excluding Pre-Primary & Kindy children).
- Extra snacks, drinks and icy poles can be purchased with cash at lunch time.



Thanks to Gilbert's for their ongoing support of our school. Don't forget to get yourself a Gilbert's card and shop locally for quality fresh produce, 1% of every spend you make comes back to our school!

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Brochures are distributed twice per term. A proportion of sales is returned to the school as book club credits and rewards which are awarded to classrooms, individuals and the library.



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



Your books are delivered in 'Boomerang Bags' which are made from obsolete school uniforms. Please return them to the office so they can continue to be used. If you have any old logo school uniforms, please donate them back to the school for us to make more bags.

Community News

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Upcoming incursion:

Supersonic Science!

Monday 29th May 2023

Come along and join us for a fun and engaging science incursion in After School Care at Bull Creek Primary School. Joining us on Monday 29th May 2023 will be **Supersonic Science** bringing their awesome **science incursion**, for all children to enjoy!

To enrol your child into the incursion at no extra charge than their regular session fee, make sure you book the After School Care program on Monday 29th May!



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Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

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Community News

SOCCER ACADEMY SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Lynwood Senior High School **Soccer Academy** is holding trials for Year 6 students only on **Thursday 4th May 2023** in Term 2.

We welcome interested Year 6 2023 students to apply.

Parents/Carers can find our application through our website www.lynwood.wa.edu.au under Specialist Programs.

All applications can be emailed to Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au along with the student's most current school report.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Lynwood Senior High School **Environment and Life Science (EaLS) Program** is holding testing on **Saturday 24th June 2023** of Term 2.

We welcome interested Year 6 2023 students to apply.

Parents/Carers can find our application through our website www.lynwood.wa.edu.au under Specialist Programs.

All applications can be emailed to Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au along with the student's most current school report.



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Dates & Pricing

JULY HOLIDAY CAMP

Week One – 5 Day Camp (6-9 years)

- Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July
- Camp fee is \$260
- Registrations close 12 noon Tuesday 27th June 2023, unless sold out prior.

Week Two -5 Day Camp (9 years and over)

- Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July
- Camp fee is \$260
- Registrations close 12 noon Tuesday 4th July 2023, unless sold out prior.



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