

BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER #4 – 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The last half of the term has been very busy with Reports, the P&C Disco, Year 6 Fundraiser Raffle, Culture Club, NAIDOC week, and Kids In Space Competition and the Winter Carnival last Friday.

I would like to thank Mr Ellis, Mr Pascoe, Mr Tisdale and Ms Tloczek for organising and training the students. Although the weather was cold, wet and rainy it did not deter our great Bull Creek champions for giving their best and placing well across the day's events. The A Netball team placed 2nd, B Netball team placed 1st and the Football team placed 3rd. Overall our students had a successful day despite the bad weather.

This year's NAIDOC assembly was very impressive as every class showcased how they had been learning about Aboriginal culture and history. Thank you to Mrs Cosford, Mr Hofmeester & Mr Marshall for coordinating the assembly. This week the students also enjoyed a lunchtime session making indigenous bead bracelets.

I was lucky enough to attend Sci-tech today with the seventeen extension students who were represented from Years 4, 5 and 6. The students were asked to design an open-ended project around Space. I would like to thank Mrs Twist for her countless hours during school and out of school time to get the students prepared for the State competition. It was amazing to see the amount of thinking and effort the students have dedicated to this project. Some students will present their projects to the School Board in Term 3.

WINTER - MAKURU is the coldest and wettest time of the year. As the temperature drops more students begin wearing jumpers and jackets. Ensure these are school jumpers as we have noticed a lot of students are wearing other clothing instead of the school uniform. Please make sure you name your child's clothing and follow up if they do not return home and remember to check lost property for misplaced jumpers. The onset of Winter/Makuru has created several illnesses and staff and student absences. Please ensure that if your child is unwell that they stay home until they are better.

Phone*:* 08 6216 4400

School Watch: 1800 177 777 The School Board has elected Hana McDonald as our new chairperson for the year. I would like to welcome Hana into her new role and thank her for making time for an induction and starting the meeting with acknowledgement of country. Please read Hana's profile below:

I am a Bull Creek Primary School parent with two daughters attending the school. We moved to the area at the start of 2020 and love the green spaces, family-friendly-community vibe, and the people. I've been involved in the School Board since early 2022, and am happy to take on the role of board chair in 2023.

I have over 12 years' experience working for the State and Federal Governments; previous roles have included work in policy, project management, grant programs, committee and board governance, communications, and stakeholder management. I enjoy the diversity of work in government, and am motivated to make a real and positive difference to people and communities in WA.

Through my involvement with the School Board I hope to contribute to the school and connect more with the local community.

The School Board has recruited Councillor Jennifer Spanbroek as our new community representative. CR Spanbroek represents the Bull Creek – Leeming Ward for the City of Melville. Please read Jennifer's profile below:

I am a business owner with a Bachelor of Commerce from Murdoch University and worked hard to grow the family business and establish ourselves within the community.

I have been actively involved with Neighbourhood Watch since 2015 as a committee member and since becoming a councillor of the City of Melville for the Bull Creek Leeming Ward.

I am still involved with NHW but as an elected member representative of the City of Melville.

I have been living in Bull Creek for over 30 years with my husband and we have raised two wonderful children who spent their primary school years at Bull Creek PS. While my children were students at Bull Creek, I supported the school in many voluntary positions as a parent helper such as assisting the teachers in classrooms, canteen duty, library, book club and P&C.

I have always had a fondness for Bull Creek PS and am proud to join the board as one of the community representatives and look forward to supporting the school in any way possible that will enhance the school's profile as well as assist in community engagement.

I would like to thank our proactive and generous P&C who have been working hard to fundraise for our school. This term they have purchased three sets of wooden blocks for the early childhood classes, aprons for the art room, netball and football jerseys and four new beautiful Indigenous faction tents. These will be showcased at our upcoming sporting events in Term 3. The P&C also provided morning tea for the staff this week to acknowledge all the hard work teachers dedicated to writing the school reports. Thank you for your ongoing support this semester.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the staff for their dedication and professionalism this term and in particular with their countless hours preparing for reporting including the many assessments, meetings and then actually writing the student reports. Next term we have many staff using up their long service leave. Mr Pascoe is off for all of Term 3 and we welcome back Mr Ellis for the term. Mr Pember will continue in Sheoak 5 for the first four weeks of Term 3, this timeline may change. Many other staff members will be taking leave at various times throughout the term.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I hope you enjoy spending time with your family and friends.





Chaplain Chat



Hi Bull Creek Families,

It's been a full and fun term! I have enjoyed spending time with the students in the playground during recess and lunch time, one-on-one catch ups requested from parents and supporting staff and the school community in various ways.

This term I engaged our friendship program with a group of girls exploring friendship, what it means to be a real friend, personal reflection and growth, developing strategies and skills to learn how to resolve conflicts in a healthy way, and how important it is to build each other up.

Our school Culture Club has taken off well, and we are enjoying discovering each other's different cultural backgrounds and looking into ways parents can be more involved in engaging with us in celebrating all cultures at Bull Creek Primary. Anyone is welcome, new parents and carers, and current parents and carers.

The Culture Club meeting dates for term 3 are Wednesday 16 August and Wednesday 13 September. We hope to see you there!

As we head into the school holidays, please take care and enjoy some quality time with your precious ones. This is a wonderful time of their life and yours to build lifelong memories, so be proactive and have some fun. It doesn't have to cost any money, just a little bit of your time.

Here is a link for some holiday ideas

https://schoolholidayactivities.com.au/free-school-holiday-activities-perth/ https://getoutwithkids.com.au/school-holiday-activities-perth/ https://buggybuddys.com.au/100-school-holiday-ideas-perth/

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, and remain in '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.

Music

Second Term is coming to an end with a massive assembly celebrating Aboriginal culture and history for NAIDOC week. All our classes will be presenting some work or performing an item at this assembly. The whole school will also join in together to sing a song by a band from Yolngu Country, King Stingray. Special shoutout to Mrs Cosford and Mr Hofmeester for putting this assembly together.

JUNIOR CHOIR

All our year threes have been busy learning the songs for our upcoming performance at the RAC Arena for One Big Voice. We have been learning our parts and actions for 10 songs. Students can access the tracks through the One Big Voice website - onebigvoice.com.au. We are performing for the matinee concert on Friday 18th August. If you would like to see us shine in Australia's largest children's choir then tickets will be available through Ticketek, sometime in July.

SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir performed "The Green Hills of Albany" for our ANZAC assembly. We are now working towards our upcoming performance for the Massed Choir Festival. Students can practise the songs using the Massed Choir website – www.massedchoirfestival.org.au or through the MCF app. Our performance is on the evening of Thursday, 14th September. Tickets will be available through the Perth Concert Hall and Ticketmaster from August 15th.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE (IMSS)

This is an extension program that offers lessons in violin, viola, cello, clarinet and classical guitar. Congratulations to our instrumental students for starting the year off so well. Our teachers this year are Ms Ramakrishnan (violin and viola), Ms Monkhurst (cello and string ensemble), Ms Vukovic (clarinet) and Mr Lake (guitar). To be involved in this program there are intakes in Year 3 (violin and viola), Year 4 (cello) and Year 5 (classical guitar). Testing takes place for all students in these years near the end of Term 3.

Mr Tim Marshall & Mrs Annie Cosford Music Specialists



BCPS Junior Choir

Science

This term the students have been developing their knowledge and skills in Chemical Sciences. Our school is fortunate to participate in the CSIRO STEM Professionals in Schools program. My partnership is with Dr Franca Jones who is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies: School of Molecular and Life Sciences at Curtin University. This term, she volunteered her time to teach and assist the students in the Year 6 classes on selected Tuesday mornings. The students valued her expertise and assistance with their chemistry investigations.

The students have enjoyed exploring the properties of different states of matter. They have been busy making mixtures, melting, freezing, bending, stretching materials and watching chemical reactions. The students have had some messy workstations during the term, but they have valued the practical experiences as they explore and investigate.

On the 17th of August during National Science Week, I have organised a Scitech incursion which the students can look forward to. There will be many more activities planned and more information will be provided next term.



Year 1

Physical changes to

materials: stretching

Year 2 Mixtures





Year 5 States of matter Year 6

Chemical and physical changes: solubility



Mr Ben Tisdale Science & Sustainability Teacher

Sheoak 5

In HASS we are learning about democracy and elections. Mr Pember taught us about preferential voting, so we conducted a class election for president and vice president.

This followed another election for a class council comprising six candidates. Those elected were Jaime (President), Sophia (Vice President) and Alyssa, Seth, Ruben, Angela, Joshua and Chloe (The Class Council). We help conduct class business on a daily basis and represent the interests of all the students of S5.

Duties and responsibilities include allocation of certain jobs e.g. Sport Monitors, IT assistants, team selection for games, morning set up roster, nominating certain class members for rewards, free time allocation etc.

We also do peer mentoring and subject coaching if required. One very important role that we participate in is conflict resolution that involves a dispute or disagreement that may occur between some class mates. We are asked to listen to reasons for the dispute and give our opinion on what the outcome should be.



Jaime & Sophia President & Vice President Sheoak 5

Poetry Writing in Wattle 6

Over the past few weeks in Wattle Six, we've delved into the world of poetry, exploring various forms like Cinquain, Haiku, Shape and Colour poems. Winter served as our muse, inspiring most of our compositions. Among them, the Hot Chocolate poem has emerged as a clear favourite. As a delightful treat to end the term, we're eagerly looking forward to savouring real hot chocolate as a class, complete with marshmallows of course, as a reward for our poetic endeavours!



Hot Chocolate Warm, tasty Drinking, Sipping, Sluxping I like it in Winter. Hot cocoa



Mrs Wendy English Wattle 6 Teacher

Wattle 1

The end of Term 2 already!? It has been a fun-filled, busy term in Wattle One. The students performed a vote on what learning topics they wanted to share in the Newsletter. All of which included our BYOD iPads! Here is some of what we have learnt in Maths and HASS, integrating our iPads.

The Year 3's have been learning a range of mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction; this has included learning how to use the bridging to ten, split and jump strategy. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning, practising and applying these to a range of problems. One reason this has been so much fun is because they have taken turns being a "teacher" coming up to the front, using the Promethean boards to explain and share how to use this strategy. Students completed their journey on these strategies, explaining, showing and using the strategies on SeeSaw.

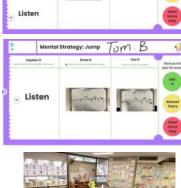
Here is what some of the students had to say about the strategies:

- "I like the split strategy, it was fun and made subtraction easy" Olivia
- "I like the jump strategy because it is a fun new way to do addition and subtraction" Emma
- "I like the jump strategy because it is more complex than regular strategies" Tom

The students have also used their iPads to develop research skills to learn more about the different celebrations and commemorations around the world. Each student created a "book of celebrations and commemorations" using BookCreator. We got to work collaboratively with Wattle 2. We researched a specific celebration using graphic organisers, shared and swapped information with a peer from Wattle two, and then got to choose our very own to share with others!

"The celebrations were interesting. It was good to pair up with a friend to learn more" - Agastya "I got to learn about a few different languages when researching celebrations" - Isabella "Researching Chinese New Year, was great because I got so much information down" - Arman "I got to use safari to search and find information" - Nate









Miss Yvonne Lai

Wattle 1



Fremantle Language Development Centre

Wattle 9, Banksia 1, Banksia2 and Banksia 3 Celebrate All Things Australian!

Kaya everyone! This term our classes are enjoying celebrating *Kaartdijin Noongar* and learning more about this great land that we all call home. At our assembly we sang I am Australian and the children dressed up in clothes that reflect their cultural heritage.

During Reconciliation Week, the *koolangka* in W9 talked about the importance of kindness, friendship, saying sorry and acceptance of all people. They made friendship soup and shared it with their friends and teachers. They also painted some awesome pictures.

As part of Wellness Week and NAIDOC Week, the B1 *koolangka* wrote about how they show respect. They created some awesome artwork to reflect the current season, *Makaru*. They have had lots of fun exploring Aboriginal patterns at their Aboriginal patterns sensory table.

During Reconciliation Week, the children in B2 made some awesome *mia mia* and enjoying creating their own bark paintings. This week they made cute *nyingarn* as part of their NAIDOC Week celebrations.

In B3, the children created some amazing art based on the Staircase to the *Meekah* and the spectacular *Uluru*, the spiritual heart of Australia for many people. They wrote information reports about *Katter Kich*.

Have a great holiday everyone, see you next term for another busy time.











Be You Action Team



The children joined with their buddy classes to do mindful activities like mindful colouring. We celebrated NAIDOC week by using Aboriginal mindful pictures to colour in.

Mindful Colouring has many wellbeing benefits. Children can often find it difficult to put their feelings into words and talk about what they are feeling. However, it is important for children to develop their emotional vocabulary so that they are able to recognize and understand their own feelings. Recognizing and understanding feelings is also important when interacting with others.

In our Mindfulness colouring activity, we used the *Feelings Wheel* to explore various feeling words and communicate how we were feeling in that moment. Each of us then chose three colours we associate with the feeling and coloured our drawing with those colours to tap into our unique subjective experience. We would like to thank Farah Zaidi who is a member of our school Be You Action Group for joining the Year Three's during their mindful colouring afternoon.



Term 3 Planner

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1 Jul	17 PD Day	18 School Starts Today	19	20	21
2	24 School Photo's	25 Cross Country	26	27 School Photo's (W10 Kindy and catch-up day)	28 Assembly – S4
3 Jul/ Aug	31	1 P&C Meeting	2	3	4 Bull Creek's Got Talent Primary Principals Day
4	7	8	9	10	11 Assembly – W6
5	14 National Science Week	15 Interschool Cross Country	16 Culture Club	17 Scitech Incursion Yrs 1-6	18 Junior Choir (Yr 3) – One Big Voice (All day)
6	21	22 Senior Choir – Massed Choir Rehearsal (am)	23	24	25 Book Week Parade
7 Aug/Sep	28	29 P&C Meeting EA Appreciation Day	30	31 Year 6 Fundraiser Dress up Day	1
8	4	5 Athletics Carnival (Jumps/Throws)	6 Lanternenlauf Sensations Staff Morning Tea Board Meeting	7 Athletics Carnival	8 Assembly – W1
9	11 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre)	12 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre) Senior Choir – Massed Choir Rehearsal (All day)	13 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre) Culture Club	14 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre) RU OK? Day Senior Choir – Massed Choir Performance (Evening)	15 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre)
10	18 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre)	19 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre)	20 YELLOW In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre) Chappy Appreciation Day Be You Meeting	21 In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre)	22 LAST DAY OF TERM In-term Swimming Lessons (Fremantle Leisure Centre) Newsletter – Phys Ed, W2, W4, W8, S4 & B4
HOLS	25	26	27	28	29
HOLS Sep/Oct	2	3	4	5	6

BCPS P&C NEWS

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/BullCreekPrimarySchoolPC



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

On Friday 16th of June the children had a wonderful time at the disco with lots of amazing and grooving disco moves thanks to the tunes of DJ Nic. Thank you to all the families for your food donations for the stall and everyone who came in and gave a hand on the night. The ongoing rain drizzle didn't hamper the children as they were all so excited for the dance.





QUIZ NIGHT

We are very excited to be having a social mixer for families and friends of Bull Creek Primary after years of restrictions on such events. The Quiz will be a fantastic opportunity for the community to raise money for our children and the school. All the money raised from this event will go right back to the school. Tickets will be available for purchase at the beginning of Term 3. The cost of the event will be \$25 per ticket (which includes entry into our door prize raffle). Tables of eight can be purchased for \$200. Tickets can be purchased individually, and you will be given the opportunity to nominate which table you would like to be seated.

You are welcome to bring your own food along to share at your table, and drinks can be purchased over the bar on the night.

We have some fabulous prizes on offer, and we are currently curating our Silent Auction. Items so far include holiday accommodation, a lunch at Parliament House, signed sporting items, vouchers to local businesses, and many more exciting things.

We are also seeking donations from our generous families and local businesses to support our fundraising efforts. Please consider what you might be able to donate to our prize pool (wine, chocolate, craft supplies, homewares etc). As well as donations, we are also seeking monetary sponsors for the quiz via the attached letter. If you run a business, or know someone who may be interested in sponsoring the event, please consider the sponsorship packages we are offering for the quiz night.



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Busy Bee date TBC
- 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 <u>bcpspandcuniform@gmail.com</u>

If you've outgrown any uniforms, please return them to the uniform shop or front office, they will be onsold 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.

- Lunches must be pre-ordered preferably using <u>www.spriggyschools.com.au</u> (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. Δ 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, <u>www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</u>. 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

HOLIDAY PROGRAM MENTAL HEALTH COURSE

with a focus on self-regulation

3 X 1 hour sessions

Kids aged 6 - 12

This mental health course will run on 3 consecutive days during the second week of the upcoming school holidays.

Currently being implemented across a number of schools around Perth, this play therapy course offers a fun and safe space for children to learn about the connection between thoughts, feelings and behaviours, and teaches them how to identify, regulate and articulate emotions, listen to their triggers and challenge negative thinking around self-esteem, fear and anxieties.

The sessions will also focus on friendships, how to work through friendship fires and create anti-bullying strategies.

For those interested, this course is also available in a more comprehensive 8 – week program (8 sessions run 1 session per week) after school from 3 – 4pm.

*Please visit www.discoverytherapy.com.au for more information and availability on each course *



Community News



chorus





Bateman Playgroup Looking for a freeplay space for your little person and a chance to

MEET NEW FRIENDS? COME AND CHECK US OUT!

Friendship & Community Wide range of activities & toys Indoor and outdoor play spaces 2 FREE trial sessions Meet local families

Meet local families
BYO snacks & water bottle

Every Thursday during school term 9:15am - 11:15am Mandala Hall, Bateman

ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & CARERS WELCOME!

For further information contact Catherine 0405 713 655 visit our website https://batemanplaygroup.wordpress.com Both weeks of our July holiday camps are now fully booked! We are looking forward to another school holidays full of fun and games!

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