



BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER #1 – 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2024, the year has begun smoothly and the staff are looking forward to a wonderful year with the students. This year we started off with unprecedented extreme weather which meant the staff and students had to adapt to playground and classroom variations due to the high temperatures.

I would like to welcome our new staff member to Bull Creek, Mrs Levy is in Year 6 (Wednesday to Friday). I am sure she will enjoy her new role at our amazing school.

Jon Heath, School Psychologist, will continue two days a week. This year Jon will be onsite on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pauline Hough, our Chaplain's, days will continue to be Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. The Chaplain is a valuable resource for the students, staff and community. Pauline engages with students in the classroom and facilitates small group sessions. This year Pauline and Jon have relocated to their own office spaces as part of the construction project.

This year the school was fortunate to receive Wattle 7 & 8 toilet upgrades, staff toilet upgrades, medical room upgrade, new electric stage doors installed, staffroom upgrade and the new offices for Jon and Pauline. We would like to acknowledge Dr Jags, MLA Member for Riverton for making this possible as part of a previous election promise.

Classroom teachers have conducted parent meetings in Weeks 3 & 4. If you were unable to attend, please see your teacher for the information covered in the meeting. Parents, please remember if you wish to discuss any matters relating to your child see your classroom teacher first.

Camp Australia continue to service our Bull Creek community and the holiday programs have proven to be very popular. The staff have done an amazing job setting up the amenities centre with engaging and inviting resources that promote curiosity and engagement. I would like to acknowledge the Camp Australia staff for working with the school and community.

The Year 3 and Year 4 classes have begun their BYOD journey. All student iPads have been customised to the school needs and the students are learning many new educational skills already. Parents, please read notes and Connect messages to ensure you are following the correct procedures before and after the technician has formatted your iPad. The BYOD program is being led and supported by Mrs Twist and the Year 3 and Year 4 classroom teachers.

The staff would like to thank the P&C for organising the Welcome Picnic for new and existing families. This is a great way to build and develop friendships for students and families and is an annual community event. Thank you to the Fathering Project Dad champions for hosting a Dad's and Kids water play last Saturday afternoon. It looks like a fun way to keep cool at school.

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School Watch:
1800 177 777

The Early Childhood staff have been completing the On-Entry with students in Pre-primary and Year One. This assessment provides teachers and families with valuable information about each student's literacy and numeracy skills. The data informs and guides the teaching and learning programs.

NAPLAN this year has been moved to Term 1 beginning on **13 March 2024**. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority have changed the timing to ensure parents and schools can receive results earlier in the year. All students in Years 3 and 5 will begin their tests each day at **9am**. Please ensure your child is at school on time and ready to begin NAPLAN.

13 March	14 March	15 March	18 March	19 March
Writing	Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy	Catch Up Tests

Mrs McCarthy and the classroom teachers guided the students through practice tests last Tuesday providing them with sample questions and navigation techniques. I would like to thank Mrs McCarthy for her tireless work coordinating NAPLAN, testing students and conducting many additional catch-up tests.

Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2024. They have started the year off with such professionalism and enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing your growth throughout the year.

Mrs Sharon Marchenko
Principal

Chaplain Chat

Hi Parents and Carers,

What are you grateful for?

I am so grateful for the new Wellbeing Hub, that happens to be my new office as well!

Many thanks to the school for embracing and supporting me, and Dr Jags our local MLA for Riverton, for fulfilling his election promise so that this hub could be possible.

The Wellbeing Hub creates a safe and calm environment where students, staff and parents can be given the support they may need during various times of their school journey.

My role is to support the wellbeing of the whole school community, and what a great start we have had to this year. It's been fun welcoming and getting to know our new students and also a bit of hide and seek as I discover which classroom everyone had moved to including some of our teachers.

Our Library lunch time activities continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as some smaller targeted friendships groups on Fridays.

Culture Club – our parent group for new and current parents will recommence twice a term on a Thursday morning, date to be confirmed. If you would like to connect with other parents from the school over a coffee and hear more about our school and opportunities to bring your cultural flavour into the school, through food, songs, traditional dance, games, crafts, or sharing stories we would love to see you. If you are just after some adult conversation and company, you are also very welcome. Please email me to register your interest so we can forward you more details. Pauline.hough@education.wa.edu.au or wave me down in the school grounds. I'm the one with the teddy bear :)

Pauline Hough
Chaplain



Faction Swimming Carnival 2024

Today's Faction Carnival was a great opportunity to build resilience, show faction spirit, compete and have fun with friends.

Congratulations to all our students who participated. It was a morning when top quality sportsmanship and competitive spirit was on display. We were very proud to see the students cheer each other on and offer assistance. Thanks to all staff for their efficiency to ensure it was such a smooth morning for our students. Thanks to the families for coming and our parent volunteers. Congratulations to the medal winners.

Year	Champion	Runner up
4 Girls	Mia	Sorcha
4 Boys	Joshua	George
5 Girls	Lola	Annabelle Eena Bella
5 Boys	Louis	Dyanthus
6 Girls	Alyssa	Ella
6 Boys	Morrie	Andrew

Factions

1st Place- Green-Koomal

2nd Place-Red- Yongka

3rd Place-Gold- Djidi Djidi

4th Place-Blue- Quenda

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.

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 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.

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 to 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.

NO Walking Through Staff Car Parks

Please do not walk through the staff car parks, it is dangerous as we have workmen, deliveries and the FLDC bus using the staff car parks.

Student Leadership

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



PREFECTS

Jake	Sophia
Ashlee	Jaime
Joanne	Seth
Morrie	Jasper



FACTION CAPTAINS

KOOMAL	DJIDI DJIDI
Curtis	Alyssa
Ella	Nicola
QUENDA	YONGKA
Clarice	Riya
Wesley	Ruben



SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS

Heizel	Muhammad
Dinveeth	Daniel
Matthew	Andrew



VALUES LEADERS

Angela	Joshua
Eleana	Elizabeth
Kyra	Natalie

Wattle 3 News

Wattle Three have had a very busy but wonderful start to the new school year. We've spent time establishing classroom routines and expectations, enjoying the opportunity to deepen our connections through diverse team-building activities and games. In Literacy, we've been diligently reviewing a variety of content, focusing particularly on refining our ability to craft captivating sentences using a variety of grammar. Students were given a 'simple' sentence about lions and then tasked with collaboratively identifying a diverse collection of adjectives within their groups to expand and enhance this sentence. After drafting and sharing their work for peer review, they utilized the iPads to type their sentences for display alongside their impressive lion artwork.

Wattle Three are lucky to have a diverse range of capable and creative students and I look forward to witnessing both individual achievements and the collective accomplishments of our class throughout the year.



Banksia 5 News

The Banksia 5 students began the new school year by setting goals for the year ahead. We set goals in the areas of:

- Academic
- Physical
- Social-Emotional
- Home

We discussed the importance of having achievable goals in various areas of our life, and workable strategies and timelines to achieve them. We plan to revisit these goals over the semester and evaluate our progress made towards achieving them.

It was a great way to start Year Six and we feel that we are on the right track for success!!!

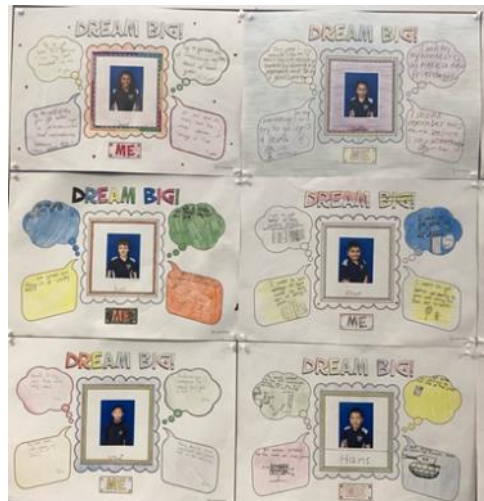
Getting to Know Each Other in Sensational Sheoak 6

We have had a very busy and fun start to the year in S6. We have discovered that we have a lot in common. We have lots of artists and musicians in our class as well as some amazing mathematicians, storytellers, sportspeople and, most importantly, everyone has started the year demonstrating the Bull Creek values. This means we have a safe and inclusive classroom environment where everyone can learn and be celebrated for their own, unique personalities.

We completed some goal setting activities to identify our intentions for the year. We tried to ensure that our goals are 'SMART' goals so that we can reflect later on how many we have achieved.

The amazing Mr Pascoe helped us to create our class logo. It is a Capybara. These are the world's largest rodents, who are highly social but brave, and smart enough to elude jaguars and anacondas. We think these characteristics suit our class perfectly.

We are excited to begin our next adventures, the Faction Swimming Carnival and, for the Year Fives, NAPLAN!



Art News

This year art classes have started with a focus on portraits. Across year groups we have been looking at a range of portraiture styles over time and placing pieces on a continuum from the most realistic to the most abstract. Of course, this is open to opinion and has provided opportunities for children to debate their choices.

Classes are working on self-portraits in the style of a particular artist.

The upper years have been exploring contour and blind contour drawing techniques. Contemporary Chicago artist Ian Sklarsky uses blind contour drawing to make his pieces. This technique leads to portraits of a more abstract nature than straight contour drawing and certainly lots of additional laughs. By looking only at the subject (and not the paper) and using a continuous line that stays on the page, some very interesting drawings can be achieved. This method requires the artist to 'see' in a new way, it can challenge comfort zones and perhaps allow some freedom away from needing drawings to look realistic.

Middle classes have been looking at contemporary Canadian artist Sandra Silberzweig's style which takes inspiration from Picasso. She is an artist who has a special ability called Synesthesia, a neurological condition that melds the senses so that she can hear and smell colours.

Wattle 3 and 4 have been looking at a famous artist called Modigliani. His work was not well regarded in his short lifetime but is now considered to have an important place in art history. His style took inspiration from artists of his time including Picasso and Brenzi as well as the masks of Africa.

Mrs. Perna
Art Teacher



School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Linda Kavanagh and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health-related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact me on **9314 0100**.

Colour Blindness

Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar.

It's good to know if a child is colour blind because they may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers. Please read through information on [colour blindness](#) provided by Raising Children Network.

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists or optometrist.

Scoliosis

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

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

Please read through the [scoliosis](#) information provided by Raising Children Network and check your child for scoliosis as described.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, **Linda Kavanagh** on **9314 0100**

BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



CALENDAR – TERM 1, 2024

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 JAN/ FEB	29 PD DAY	30 PD DAY	31 School Starts Today	1	2
2	5	6 Safer Internet Day	7	8	9
3	12 Class Parent Information Meeting (B4, B5 & S5)	13 P&C Meeting	14 Class Parent Information Meeting (S4 & S6)	15 Swimming Trials (4-6) Class Parent Information Meeting (W3, W4, W5 & W6)	16 Assembly – Student Leadership P&C Welcome Picnic
4	19	20 Class Parent Information Meeting (W7 & W8)	21 Kindy Parent Information Session (9 - 10:45am in the library) Class Parent Information Meeting (W1, W2 & B6)	22	23 Assembly – W2
5 FEB/ MAR	26	27	28	29	1 Swimming Carnival Newsletter
6	4 LABOUR DAY	5	6	7	8 Assembly
7	11	12 P&C Meeting	13 NAPLAN – Writing	14 NAPLAN – Reading	15 NAPLAN – Language Conventions
8	18 NAPLAN – Numeracy Grip Leadership Conference	19 NAPLAN – Catch-up	20 Board Meeting	21	22 Assembly S6 Harmony Day
9	25	26	27	28 LAST DAY OF TERM Newsletter	29 GOOD FRIDAY
HOLS	1 EASTER MONDAY	2	3	4	5
HOLS	8	9	10	11	12



bull creek dads

LAUGH. LOVE. DAD ON.

🚀 **Hey dads, get ready to dive into **The Fathering Project**:** Where fatherhood is a journey of connection and community.

🌍 **Our Mission:** Creating vibrant connections with our kids and fellow dads, embracing diversity and unity.

💡 **Tools of the Trade:** Dive into fun-filled events, bond-building activities, and heartwarming moments with your children.

👉 **Join the Dad Crew:** Connect with a diverse group of dads, sharing stories, laughs, and the journey of parenthood.

👊 **Inspiring Connections:** Let's empower each other to be the best dads we can be, for our kids and our community.

🌟 **Changing Lives:** It's not just about raising awesome children – it's about building an awesome community to do it in!

WhatsApp group: tinyurl.com/bullcreekdads
email: bullcreekdads@gmail.com

Community News



OPEN DAY

Unlock your child's potential and discover the opportunities on offer at Fremantle College.

- Immerse yourself in a College Tour and learn about the array of educational opportunities available to your child
- Explore our diverse Specialist Programs, book into an information session
- Engage in conversations with our dedicated teaching staff
- Gain insights into our wellbeing and pastoral care practices
- Be entertained by our Specialist Contemporary Music Students from the FC Solar Stage
- Enjoy a sausage sizzle and engage with community members

**Monday
22 April 2024
3:30 – 5:30pm**



**FREMANTLE
COLLEGE**



Book today via QR code, or at:
<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/fremantle-college-open-day/>

Community News



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

APRIL 2024 HOLIDAY CAMP

Week One – 6-9 year olds – 4 Day Camp

Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 5th April 2024 (*excludes Easter Monday Public Holiday on 1st April*)

Camp runs 9:00am – 3:30pm daily.

Cost: \$230

Week Two – 9 years and over – 5 Day Camp

Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April 2024.

Camp runs 9:00am – 3:30pm daily.

Cost: \$280



For further information and registrations, please visit

www.willettonbasketball.com.au/programs/holiday-camps/