

BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER #2 – 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all staff, students and families for working hard during a busy Term 1. This term is shorter due to the Easter dates falling earlier than normal. Next term the students and staff will have an eleven-week term.

This year the Year 3 & 5 students continued with NAPLAN in Term 1 which means the school and families will receive results earlier than previously. The Pre-Primary and Year 1 students also completed the On-Entry assessment.

The Year 6 student leaders recently attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Perth Convention Centre. The students were engaged in many activities and focussed on the qualities of a good leader. The school has been very impressed with the excellence and responsible way the student leaders have embraced their roles this term.

The Year 1 to Year 6 students participated in a Nutrition Survey through our Healthway Grant. The data gathered from the students will assist in making a new canteen menu for Term 2. This is valuable in demonstrating how we are listening to student voice and using their ideas. Next term the students will also take part in Fitness Testing and this will give the school other data. Information from the survey and testing will be shared with parents at a session next term.

We celebrated Harmony Week by dressing in our cultural dress or wearing orange. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. Wearing orange on Harmony Day shows support for cultural diversity and inclusivity. There have been several activities completed in our classrooms to help us understand and celebrate Harmony Week. Thank you to Dr Jags for sharing his personal journey and cultural stories and Sheoak 6 for your moving assembly.

I would like to thank the staff and students for their ongoing dedication and excellence this term.

I would like to wish all our staff, students and families a wonderful and restful Easter and holiday break.



Mrs Sharon Marchenko Principal

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Chaplain Chat



Term 1 is done and dusted and what a busy and great start it's been to the year!

Cuddles and I have enjoyed popping into classes and connecting with students and relish the Library lunch time games that have become very popular and are available for all students to enjoy on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Parent Club – For our new and current parents.

We will be meeting Thursday 2 May from 8.45am in the Sheoak (Kwel) wet area in week 3 and Thursday 2 June in week 6.



All are welcome to join us and connect with other parents over a coffee and morning tea. It's a space where you can ask questions and learn more about our school community. There will be opportunities to bring your own cultural flavour into the school, during special events in the year 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 very welcome. Please email me to register your interest so we can forward you more details closer to the date <u>Pauline.hough@education.wa.edu.au</u> or wave me down in the school grounds. I'm the one with the teddy bear :)

In the theme of sacrificial love for some this weekend, I want to honour the sacrifice each parent/carer makes for their children. Parenting is not easy, keep being amazing you and keep encouraging other parents, a kind word of encouragement can lift a person's spirit and help them get through a tough day.

IF YOU WANT TO change the world GO HOME AND love your family



Enjoy the holidays! <u>https://schoolholidays.com.au/blog/fun-things-to-do-with-kids-in-perth-during-school-holidays</u>

Pauline Hough

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.

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.

Parking Around the School

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.

Unfortunately a number of families continue to park in the City of Melville NO PARKING ZONES around the school. If you spot someone doing the wrong thing, to help keep our community safe, please report it to the City of Melville via the below link.

Report Local Issues to Councils | Snap Send Solve

The WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA State Government recently announced the introduction of cost-of-living support to WA families.

The initiative aims to support families with school-aged children. The new WA Student Assistance will provide parents and carers with a \$250 payment for each Secondary student, and \$150 for each Primary School or kindy student.

What's a WASN?

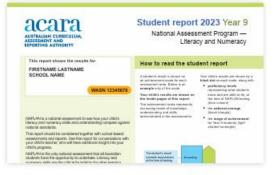
A WASN is the WA student number issued by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) at the time of enrolment.

It is an 8-digit number and is sometimes called a SCSA or student number. This number can be found on school reports, including previous NAPLAN results. It may also be on a secondary student's SmartRider.

SmartRider



NAPLAN results



School report

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If your child is in Kindergarten or if you need assistance to identify your WASN, contact your school.

You can submit your claim on the ServiceWA app from Monday 15 April 2024.



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids. Get ready to claim by setting up your Digital Identity on ServiceWA. Claims open Monday 15 April.

\$150 For each Kindergarten or primary school student \$250 For each secondary school student

Claim on the ServiceWA app

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On Monday 18th March, the Year 6 Leaders attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre with Mrs Levy and Mrs Twist as chaperones.

The students engaged in a number of sessions throughout the day. The key takeaways included the sacrifices of a student leader, how to step forward with new ideas and doing the things that leaders often forget.

The Year 6 Leadership group returned to school invigorated with ideas and buzzing with enthusiasm, ready to tackle the many roles, responsibilities and events in 2024.



Banksia 4 - Silent Stars Writing Unit

B4 have just started a monumental task. We are building a world from scratch! Students have spent the last couple of weeks designing a standalone futuristic world in a sci-fi setting, complete with planets, landscapes and settlements. They are also designing their own characters, each with a fleshed-out backstory and individual personality.

The next few weeks will see their characters making their way through the danger-filled galaxy towards a common goal. They do this through both guided and free-roaming writing activities, utilising the narrative, persuasive text and information report formats to inform readers of the fruits of their exploration.

B4 students didn't stop there, and clever use of AI has enabled them to bring their planets to life in vivid pieces of digital artwork.

Keep reaching for the stars, B4!



Wattle 4 - Kindness Matters

Wattle Four have generated valuable discussions and created visual reminders and displays of KINDNESS in our Activity Area for all students to refer to this term.

Our W4 goal is to embed kindness every day at school and our hope is to show all students how the simplest acts of kindness can go such a very long way. We have been celebrating all the little ways that we can inject a little more kindness into our daily interactions and help others to create kinder habits.

An activity we took part in called "Wrinkled Hearts", demonstrated to us the lasting impact our words and actions have on other people's hearts. The students all started with a smooth heart template. We then brainstormed all the ways we can hurt other people's feelings – unkind or mean words and actions, excluding others etc. Each time we came up with something, we scrunched up our heart. Then it was time to flip it. We shared all the ways that we can fix someone's heart once it has been hurt – kind words, apologies, inclusion, compliments etc. BUT as we discovered – it's really hard to completely smooth them back out and we are left with a wrinkled heart. This activity was a great visual for demonstrating the lasting impact of our words, and the importance of thinking before we act.

So... before you act, think and be smart. It's hard to fix a wrinkled heart.

Teaching others to be kind humans is one of life's most important lessons that anyone can learn because "the smallest act of kindness can have a domino effect."



Sheoak 4

Amazing Start To Year Four!

In year four we have been doing many things, like learning new strategies in maths, writing setting and character. Also we created Easter baskets with our buddies. This is also our first year in senior sport and it is a lot of fun, with a lot of games. In HASS we have been learning and researching about explorers and writing it into power points.

By Sorcha and Athira

In year four we did addition and subtraction strategies like jump, skip, bridge and split. We also did senior sport plus we had a choice for senior choir and at the end of the term we had a our buddy class with W7.

Some of us had Miss T for the second time, because of Miss T's transfer. We also researched about the European explorers and now we are doing our presentation about it. We are also going to watch, How To Train Your Dragon.

What a great start to year four. By Asad and George



Wattle 8 Superstars



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

- "I love reading books and singing songs," Margot.
- "I like to do my work," Ngoc.
- " I like the monkey bars and playing with Rigby," Euan
- "I love playing and I know how to do Reading Eggs," Declan.
- "My favourite was when we did the Easter Baskets with my buddy," Bree.

Reflecting on the Term we have been very busy. In Maths we have been looking at numbers and 2D shapes. Literacy has seen the children engaging in Sounds Write and Heggarty phonological awareness lessons. We have read so many stories, made new friends, played, shared, taken turns, listened, looked after our things, followed instructions, been to assembly, learnt where the canteen is, laughed and had a lot of fun.





We had some special visitors on Monday, It was our buddy class from Wattle 2. We were so excited to meet them. We all got a special big buddy to look after us. They helped us to learn how to log onto Reading Eggs. We then made an Easter basket together before setting off on an Easter Egg hunt. The hunt was special as our buddy had made a name band which was hidden inside the egg to help us remember their names. It was a very special afternoon.

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday.









Happy Easter!



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, on 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 2, 2024

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	15	16	17	18	19
Apr	PD DAY	School Starts Today	School Gardener Appreciation Day		
2	22	23	24	25	26
	Interschool Swimming Carnival		ANZAC ASSEMBLY	ANZAC DAY	
3	29	30	1	2	3
Apr/ May		P&C Meeting			Assembly – W3
4	6	7	8	9	10
	Mindful May		Year 6 Fundraiser Cake Stall	Sports Challenge Fitness Testing	Assembly – B4 P&C Mothers' Day Stall
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5	13	14	15	16	17
	Constable Care Excursion (Year5)		Constable Care Excursion (Year 1)		Newsletter National Walk to School Day
6	20	21	22	23	24
					Assembly – W5 P&C Disco
					P&C Appreciation Day
7	27 National Sorry Day	28 P&C Meeting	29	30	31 Faction Cross Country
	National Sorry Day	Pac meeting			Faction cross country
8	3	4	5	6	7
June	WA Day		Board Meeting		Assembly – B6
9	10	11	12	13	14
		Musica Viva Incursion (PP-6)	School Office Support Staff Appreciation Day		
10	17	18	19	20	21
					Winter Carnival
11	24	25	26	27	28
	NAIDOC Week				LAST DAY OF TERM
					Assembly – W4 Newsletter
HOLS	1	2	3	4	5
	0	9	10	11	12
HOLS	8	9	10	11	12

BCPS P&C NEWS

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/BullCreekPrimarySchoolPC

NEW YEAR. NEW COMMITTEE!

On Tuesday March 12th we held our P&C AGM in the school library and over Teams. It was a highly successful and

positive meeting, with lots of laughs and **Cake**. It was wonderful to see some new faces join the team of enthusiastic members we already have. We are excited announce the following executive committee for 2024;

President – Tahmina Anwari Vice President – Richelle Doney Treasurer – Ben Hartig (Assistant – Lydia U) Secretary – Xuan Goode / Arti Aravindham / Tahmina Anwari Events coordinator – Xuan Goode Uniform shop coordinator – Lisa Millar Book Club coordinator – Ana Haynes Fathering Project – Martin Lau

If you'd like to be a part of our inclusive and enthusiastic team, we'd love to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday May 7th. We've had a fabulous start to the year and are all very excited to see how our school community can grow and support each other for the remainder of 2024!



WELCOME PICNIC



Thank you to everyone who attended this year's welcome picnic, it was a wonderful afternoon! Special thanks to '**DJ Nic**' for putting on the tunes and to the year six helpers on the glitter tattoo station. The Chip on a Stick and Ice cream vans were also a big hit!



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We will be holding a Mother's Day Stall at school on Friday May 10th. Children can bring money to purchase a special gift for mums and mother figures. More information will be sent out early in term 2.

FATHERING PROJECT

The fathering project kicked off the year with some water play at school on Saturday 24th February. Following this, was an event for dads only – Beers on Saturday 16th March. The next event is a dads and kids bike ride on Saturday March 30th (thats this weekend!)

We are planning one to two events each term this year and would love to see you there!

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EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION FUNDRAISER

Our first fundraiser for the year was the Easter colouring in competition. Thank you to all the families who contributed to prize donations and congratulations to all the children who submitted beautifully coloured easter artwork. Your contributions helped us raise \$380!





A special welcome to our new Canteen Manager Anuja Das! Thank you also to Nic Gascoyne for taking on the role of Canteen Assistant. The Canteen will remain open daily (Mon-Fri) for morning tea and lunch. There have been some menu changes this term, see below.



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UNIFORMS



We welcome Lisa Millar as our new Uniform Shop Coordinator, thanks Lisa! Current opening hours for 2024 are Monday 9am – 9.30am. 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 your child has outgrown any uniforms please return them to the uniform shop or front office, they can be on-sold to raise valuable money for the P&C.

We're running low on faction hats; an order has been placed and stock is due mid-term 2.

Book Clubs

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun.

Our school participates in Scholastic Book Club every year, which is coordinated by the P&C. Up to twice a term we will send home a Club catalogue with a wonderul selection of books offered for all ages, reading levels and interests. They are inexpensive too (some books cost as little as \$3).

Ordering is easy - the Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Every purchase you make earns 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards, which helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classrooms and school library. We also fund the 'Aussie of the month' and award a \$50 voucher to one class per catalogue to stock up their class books.

Our orders are delivered to your child's classroom in "Boomerang Bags" which are made from obsolete school uniforms that are donated to the school. These are handmade by families in the school, so please make sure to return them to the collection box in the office to be used for future orders!



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 Pages





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.



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/



TERMI CONTRACTE

Beginners programs starting now.

Four weeks free!

New beginners classes near you. For children and adults.

All classes run after school. Classes are grouped according to age and experience.

Sensei Johnny Moran has a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching karate to children and adults.

Perth Goju Karate classes build self-confidence, karate skill, respect and self-defense with an emphasis on fun and friendship.

info@perthgojukarate.com 0402 830 402



Come join us and get creating!

After School Term Art Classes Holiday Workshops, Easter Classes Weekend Kids Paint & Sip Classes Art Parties for Kids 4 to 14 years

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Ph 0476149696. Visit the website for more info and to book! www.creativekidsartclub.com.au Lions Festival for Disadvantaged Children (WA) proudly hosts International Entertainment Australia's...

2024 RAZZAMATAZZ VARIETY SHOWS

A dynamic and inclusive live theatre show for all ages and abilities. Experience exciting acrobatics, mesmerising juggling and quick-witted comedy keeping you at the edge of your seats! Don't miss this high energy, world-class show!

A FREE EVENT with an accessible, flexible environment, and a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement.

Featuring moving, flashing lights, upbeat and sometimes dramatic music. Showtimes are approx. 1 hour with no interval.





DAY ONE: Sunday 14th April @ 11.30am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm Auslan Interpreter at all three Sunday shows.

DAY TWO: Monday 15th April @ 10.30am & 12.30pm

LOCATION: Astor Theatre Perth, Mount Lawley, WA

COST: FREE - bookings are essential. 'Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.

> To book complimentary tickets, please email your order and details to <u>meredithnewman@showintent.com.au</u> or call / text 0404-367-782