



# Braeside Primary School

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*Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence*

## Principal's News

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is settling into term and getting ready for the cold weather which is heading our way.

Our newly formed P&C is currently seeking new members, with several vacancies now available. The P&C plays an important role in supporting our school through fundraising and community involvement.

To make participation more manageable and inclusive for families, the P&C will be reducing the number of events held this year. Meetings are held once per term.

If you are interested in becoming involved or would like more information, please speak with Emily Rowley or contact the front office staff.

Following a small number of incidents where food went missing from senior students' lunchboxes, students now have the option of storing their lunchboxes in tubs located outside my office in the undercover area. As this area is highly visible, it has successfully prevented any further issues.

Some students have chosen not to place their lunchboxes in the tubs. As discussed with the students, this is their choice; however, lunchboxes not stored in the designated area are kept at the student's own risk. Students have been encouraged to discuss this with their parents and decide on the option that best suits them.

If your child does not currently have a lunchbox, the school can provide a large zip-lock bag labelled with their name for storing their food.

Next term, we will be introducing extension groups in Science/STEM for students across Years 1–6. All students will participate in testing to determine eligibility for the program.

The extension classes will run weekly for one hour, with the focus area changing each term to provide students with opportunities to engage in a range of Science and STEM learning experiences. There will be 10 positions available for students in Years 1–3 and 10 positions available for students in Years 4–6.

Families of students who are selected for the program will be notified directly and provided with further information regarding the structure and expectations of the extension classes.

If your child is absent on the day or during the week of testing, arrangements will be made for them to complete the assessment upon their return to school.

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## Important Dates

2026	May
BPS Cross Country 11.40am	Fri 22nd
National Simultaneous Storytime	Wed 27th
Narrogin Cross Country	Thurs 28th
Assembly 9am	Fri 29th
	<b>June</b>
Public Holiday	Mon 1st
Footy Clinic Year 4 - 6	Thurs 4th
Reports home	Thurs 18th
Interschool Cross Country	Fri 19th
<b>School Closed for Parent Interviews</b>	<b>Tues 23rd</b>
Dumbleyung Speech & Drama Festival	Thurs 25th
Assembly 9am Room 5	Fri 26th
Katanning Dockers Shield Footy Carnival	Tues 30th
	<b>July</b>
Last day of Term 2	Frid 3rd July
School Holidays	4th July to 19th July
Staff Development Day NO Students at school	Mon 20 July
Braeside NAIDOC Day	Fri 24th
Year 6 Camp	Mon 3 Aug to Fri 7 Aug

### SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

**Braeside Primary School**  
**Commonwealth Bank**  
**BSB: 066-040 Acct: 19907881**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge that our school is on the traditional lands of the Goreng Noongar people.

We respect their continuing connection to land, water, community and their spiritual relationship to Noon-gar country. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

As part of building our Literacy Block, students are being introduced to Paired Reading. Paired Reading is an evidence-based strategy designed to develop students' reading confidence, fluency, comprehension, and independence.

At Braeside, our focus is on PEAR — Punctuation, Expression, Accuracy and Rate. During Paired Reading sessions, students read a shared text with a partner each day and provide each other with structured feedback aligned to these areas. The process is carefully scaffolded to support all learners and encourages students to challenge themselves and continue developing as confident readers.

Over the coming weeks, you will begin to see PEAR posters displayed in classrooms to support both students and teachers. A pamphlet will also be sent home providing families with a more detailed explanation of how Paired Reading looks at Braeside.

Donna Shepherdson

## WEST COAST FEVER NETBALL CARNIVAL

### Year 5/6 Mixed Division 2



The day started off by waking up at 5.30 - 6.30, everyone who went to the carnival got ready and we had to be there by 7am. Everyone got divided into cars, the drivers were: Miss Eades, Mrs Punch and Sandy. Miss Eades took Lillee-Roze, Sienna and Scarlett. Mrs Punch took Tori, Lily and Aston. Sandy Took Ziarna, Emeliah and Lyllah. The drive took 1 hour and 57 minutes, it was 175 km to get to Albany. We started the games at 10.00am and we finished at 1.00pm. We were undefeated, we won every single round, then we had the grand final, it was a close one and a very stressful game, but we ended up winning the grand final. After the netball we went to Maccas to get a feed and after we made the journey back to Katanning. All of us were super excited that we won the Netball Cup! We all would like to thank Lara (umpire), Miss Eades and Mrs Punch (coaches) and Sandy (scorer). We thank you for taking us to Albany and for coaching us, we'd like to also give a big thank you to all of us who went to the Netball Carnival.

By Sienna Senihin (Rm 10 Year 6)



## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



Hi everyone, I would like to share some things that I am involved in at the school on my days here.

### BREKKY CLUB:

Brekky Club continues to be well attended on the mornings I am at Braeside. Thank you to the P&C for running this and all parents who help with setting up, serving and cleaning up.

### GARDENING CLUB:

I am passionate about caring for the worm farms, compost system and plants. The students love helping feed, water and find the worms, as well as water the plants with the 'worm tea' we make. The worm farms and compost bin have been busy converting the classroom fruit scraps into delicious plant food. It's lovely to have the cooler weather and some rain to help the plants grow too. The garden beds outside Rooms 9 and 10 have been planted out with beautiful flower seedlings. The students in these classes chose and planted either a red poppy, colourful Bellis or pansy. On a side note, I have challenged myself to plant 54 different types of seeds in May. This represents the 54 years that YouthCARE has been helping young people, in Western Australia. This is to raise funds to continue supporting chaplaincy in schools. I have chosen 29 to be planted at Braeside Primary- flowers, veges and herbs.

If you would like to check out my page and share the word or donate, it is: <https://www.ridiculouslygood.com.au/fundraisers/christinemills>

### 1:1 SUPPORT:

If a child asks to see me, I will contact parents/carers first then liaise with the classroom teacher to find a suitable time. This is generally for 10-15 minutes. My office is in Room 11, next to Kindy. I am also available to chat with parents/carers, either in person, by email or on the phone. Please feel free to contact me through the front office or my email, [Christine.Mills@youthcare.org.au](mailto:Christine.Mills@youthcare.org.au) if you would like to chat or refer your child for a catch up.

### GRIT:

I am currently running the GRIT program with the Year 5/6 class, fortnightly. GRIT stands for Growth mindset, Resilience, Integrity and Traction. We use games which help develop the students' capacity for growth in these areas, followed by a time of reflection.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Many thanks to:

- Woolworths for donating a box of yummy fresh fruit each week for Brekky Club and Crunch'n'Sip.
- Foodbank for Brekky Club food items.
- Boniface Care for supporting us with funds to assist families where needed.

Kind regards,

Chris Mills



Boniface Care  
Moving House Food Through Loving Service



## Braeside Primary School CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING



Cross Country training will take place at school on the oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15am-8:30am, commencing in Week 2. All sessions will be supervised by school staff, and laps completed during these sessions will count towards each student's Pop Stick Challenge total. In the event of poor weather, families will be notified via text message by 8:00am if the session is cancelled.

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS | 8.15-8.30AM**

MEET AT THE GAZEBO NEXT TO THE BASKETBALL COURTS

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE RUN IF THE OVAL IS TOO WET

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

21st May 2026

3.30pm

Staff Room BPS

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – Kindy

Our Kindy students were very excited to welcome their special visitors to our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Families enjoyed spending time together, sharing some delicious treats and joining in with activities in the classroom. It was wonderful to see the smiles, laughter and special moments shared throughout the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event so special for our students.





**Shaping the future**

# School enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child is starting **Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by **24 July 2026**.

Find out more:  
[education.wa.edu.au/enrol](https://education.wa.edu.au/enrol)

