

# **Braeside Primary School**

## **Honour, Pride and Achievement**

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### **Principal's News**

#### PEAC TESTING

Our year 4 students undertook assessment for the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program last Wednesday. All year four students across the state are tested and the most exceptionally able students are selected to take part in the PEAC program in year 5 and 6. The tests measure student's ability to recognise patterns, predict with speed and accuracy and apply knowledge and learning. The tests may identify students who are underachieving at school who have certain attributes that identify them as having potential for high academic performance. Children selected for the PEAC program travel to Narrogin and take part in courses that are designed to offer work that is intellectually challenging for gifted students. The results are also used along with other school based assessments, to select students for our school based extension programs.

#### **Drought Fundraiser**

Braeside students had a Free Dress Day to raise money for farmers suffering drought conditions in the Eastern States. \$259 was raised and will be donated to the Buy a Bale program that is operated by the charity Rural Aid. Thank you all for supporting this very worthy cause.

#### Music News

This afternoon we were lucky enough to have the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Band visit the school and perform for us. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to witness music of a high level. Tomorrow we have Musica Viva visiting our school and we look forward to sharing this with you in the next newsletter. Musica Viva is sponsored by our friendly and supportive P & C, so every child has the opportunity to attend. We thank them very much for their ongoing support of this incursion.

#### **Book Week**

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, Australian authors and illustrators. Braeside teachers will be reading some of the fabulous books shortlisted by the Children's Book Council Of Australia to their classes during the week and the books will be available in the library for student borrowing after that. The Book Week theme this year is 'Find your Treasure' and it is a fabulous opportunity to visit the local library, read a new book or rediscover an old favourite. At Braeside we are celebrating Book Week by holding a Book Character Parade on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:15am in the undercover area. We can't wait to see the students, teachers, education assistants, office staff and parents all dressed up in their fabulous outfits.

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#### **Important Dates**

August	2018
Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Band	Tues 21st
Musica Viva 9am	Wed 22nd
Triple P Parenting Session 6.00pm Braeside Library	Wed 22nd
Book Week Parade 9.15am	Fri 24th
Assembly Yr 1/2	Mon 27th
September	
School Council Meeting 3.30—4.30 pm	Mon 3rd
Learning Journey Room 1 & 4 Only	Mon 3rd
Uniform Shop 2.30—3.00pm	Mon 3rd
BPS Athletics Jumps	Wed 5th
BPS Athletics Carnival	Fri 7th
Year 6 Camp	Mon 10th to Fri 14th



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#### Learning Journey

Parents will receive an invite from their children to attend the learning journey afternoon this term. Room 1 and Room 4 students will be holding their learning journey on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and the rest of the school on Monday 17th September. The purpose of this activity is to allow children to show their parents many of the things they have learnt at school throughout this year. This event is an important part of our school's reporting processes and gives parents the unique opportunity to celebrate with your child, their achievements and successes, by showing them the importance you place on their learning at school. This learning journey is time to share in your child's journey rather than a chance to talk to the teacher. We hope parents, grandparents and siblings are able to get away from work and other commitments to be actively involved in the day.

#### **Mental Health Initiatives**

This week Mrs Tester and Miss Bielby are both attending professional learning courses that increase their knowledge and skills in the area of Youth Mental Health. Mrs Tester is at Youth Mental Health First Aid which is a course that teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. Miss Bielby will attend the 'Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention' two day workshop designed for professionals and para-professionals in the human ser-

vices whose roles bring them into contact with people at risk of suicide. The knowledge they gain will be shared with all staff and contribute to our Health and Wellbeing focus at Braeside Primary School.

# Science Science

#### **STEM Extension**

A huge thankyou to Mrs Hobley and the STEM students for running a very successful event in celebration of National Science Week. The STEM students are engaged weekly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

#### NAPLAN ONLINE – School Readiness Test

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 schools Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months.

This trial, called the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition it will gives us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life class-room environment

During August 2018, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the types of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided.

Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

#### Science Week at Braeside

As part of National Science Week Braeside Primary School ran a STEM Day. STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The Senior STEM extension class organised a day of fun and engaging activities for Senior and Junior classes. The activities were taught in a kids-teaching-kids style. The students were divided up into groups with a mixture of age groups. Students rotated to different challenges including flying machines, coding robots, building tents, making pom-pom launchers and many other hands on activities.



The team work that all the groups showed was fabulous to see.



Braeside also celebrated the opening of our brand new Science Room. We have some amazing new resources for the children to use. Miss McGuire has done a fabulous job in setting up the new room and making it such an inviting space for all teachers to use as part of their Science programs.

#### **Student Perspectives on STEM Day**

The new science room allows us to have more space to learn in and use the appropriate equipment. I had the privileged of taking the Junior kids which was a treat as they listened and were well behaved. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Hobley for organising and running the STEM Day and Miss McGuire for letting us use the Science Room.

–Sean Tester Room 4





I liked all the amazing activities especially the robots.

-Beau McCarthy Room 1

It was great to see all the kids enjoying the STEM activities and maybe they will all join the STEM group. The new Science Room is fantastic and full of amazing new equipment which will allow us to expand our learning. I would like to thank the other STEM students for giving up their class time .

- Harry Foreman Room 4

# FOOTY CLINIC

Last Thursday and Friday our Students had a great time being involved in the Footy Clinic delivered by Paul Reid. There were lots of prizes and footballs won over the day.





# **BUS & PARKING NOTES**

There has been a change in the school pick up order and buses are arriving earlier to Braeside. To ensure a quick and calm transfer from school to the bus it is imperative that parents keep the bus driver informed of any change to children's pick up arrangements. This includes informing the driver of when your child/ren are to be picked up at school and not travelling on the bus. If the child's arrangements are changed during the day please inform your driver directly for example, if you have picked up your child from

the day please inform your driver directly for example, if you have picked up your child from school sick or have made other after school arrangements. This communication ensures bus drivers are not waiting for children who are not on the bus.



#### **Parking**

A reminder to all parents that school bus bays are not for parent parking between 8.15 and 9.00 am and from 3pm onwards. Please leave this area clear for bus use.

### **FAMILY PHOTOS**

The Family Photo Fundraiser held on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August 2018 was cancelled due to a shortage of numbers. All monies paid as a deposit will be refunded through Braeside P & C.

Please contact the P & C for refund details.

### Congratulations to our four latest Goldie Pen winners!

Sorab Kyan for being an Achieving Astronaut

Colby Lacey for being a Respectful Ranger



Eva Kowald for being an Engaged Explorer



Zoe Keley for being a Safety Sergeant

Well Done, and keep up the good work everyone.

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

## **BORN TO MOVE**

#### WHAT IS IT???

This is a 30 minute class in which a parent or caregiver also takes part. The music is written for the class with lyrics that act as sung instructions, leading children through simple moves that build body awareness and balance.
The class draws on the latest research, but your child won't notice - they'll be too busy having fun

AGE: 2 - 4 year olds WHEN: Friday Mornings WHERE: Katanning Leisure Centre TIME: 9.30am - 10:00am COST: \$3.30 or free for gold members

## KATANNING SQUASH CLUB

**2018 JUNIOR SQUASH** 

COACHING, GAMES, Fun!

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Where:	Katanning Country Club Squash Courts
When:	Every Thursday School Terms 2 & 3
Age:	School Grades 4 – 7 can play! School Grades 8 – 12
	available too
Time:	4pm – 5.30 pm
Cost:	Term 2: - \$50 for Term
(All	court hire/equipment/facilities provided)
(Includes	your KCC Junior Membership & WA SQUASH affiliation
	insurance)

New players welcome any time!! Please contact Ashley Clarke



