



Braeside Primary School

Honour, Pride and Achievement

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Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to term 4. I hope everyone had a wonderful 2 weeks with their family. Term 4 is shaping up to be very busy term. We have Interschool Athletics next week and then on the 3rd November we have our Year 5 speeches and voting for our next year Student Leaders. Our End of Year Concert will be on Monday the 15th December at 6pm and the Year 6 Graduation will be the next day, the 16th December at 9.30am. More information around both of these events will be sent out soon.

Lunch and recess times

I wanted to clarify our change of eating and play times. This was agreed to as a staff and with parent consultation. The reason for changing to play first, eat second is :

- Students burn off all the energy they have had stored up in the 2 hours of class time
- Transitioning from the playground to eating means we can sort out any playground issues before we are back in class.
- Students settle when eating and return to class a lot calmer
- We were losing up to 20 minutes learning time by the time students returned after breaks, got to the undercover area, lined up and then moved back to class

As a whole students and staff are very positive about this swap of times. Next year we are considering a slight change in timetable so that students have more play before eat time, but parents will be notified prior.

Harriet – Our Therapy Dog in Training

You have probably seen Harriet around the school. She is a gentle and affectionate 3-year-old Miniature Dachshund who has quickly become a comforting presence around the school.

Therapy Dogs are increasingly being welcomed into schools

End of Year Concert date: 15th December 2025

Important Dates

2025	October
Kindy Transition Program 2026 Kindy Students 9.00am to 10.30am	Tues 21st
Assembly at 9am	Fri 24th
P & C Meeting at BPS 6pm	Tues 28th
Kindy Transition commences for Term 4 9am—10.30am	Tues 28th
Interschool Jumps	Wed 29th
Interschools Carnival	Fri 31st
	November
P & C Hot Lunch	Mon 3rd
Yr 5 Speeches & Voting	Mon 3rd
Kindy Transition Program 2026 Kindy Students 9.00am to 10.30am	Tues 4th
Senior Cricket Carnival	Fri 7th
Kindy Transition Program 2026 Kindy Students 9.00am to 10.30am	Tues 11th
Remembrance Day - in school minute silence	Tues 11th
School Board Meeting - 3.30pm	Wed 12th
Kindy Transition Program 2026 Kindy Students 9.00am to 10.30am	Tues 18th

NEW 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.

around the country for the incredible support they offer to students' wellbeing. Harriet is currently working towards full certification as a Therapy Dog, and even in training, she is already making a meaningful difference to many of our students.

How Therapy Dogs Support Students

Therapy Dogs can play an important role in creating a calm and supportive school environment. They are known to:

- Enhance students' social and emotional wellbeing
- Support emotional regulation
- Provide comfort and companionship
- Offer non-judgemental support
- Reduce stress and anxiety

Each day, you might find Harriet sitting quietly with a student who needs some time out, offering a calming presence during moments of anxiety, or joining children during breaks. Many students enjoy reading to her, showing her their schoolwork, or simply sitting and patting her as a way to relax and reset. Harriet's sweet, calm nature makes her a natural at providing emotional comfort.

A Tail-Wagging Success

It's been heartwarming to see the connections already forming between Harriet and our students. Whether it's a few minutes of quiet time or a gentle cuddle, Harriet helps students feel supported and seen. These small moments are having a big impact.

We understand that some members of our community may have concerns or allergies related to dogs. If you or your child are uncomfortable with Harriet being nearby, please contact the school office. We will ensure Harriet remains in the Principal's office during those times.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful initiative to promote wellbeing and positive mental health in our school. We look forward to sharing more of Harriet's journey with you as she continues her training.

Have a great fortnight

Donna Shepherdson
Principal

Assemblies are now on Fridays -
Next assembly is the 24th October 2025



Athletics Carnival

Interschool Jumps & Throws – Wed 29th Oct
Interschool Athletics Carnival – Fri 31st Oct



ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Why Attendance Matters at Braeside Primary School

At Braeside Primary, we believe that every school day counts. Regular attendance is not just a legal requirement – it's a vital part of each child's learning journey. When students attend school consistently, they benefit from high-quality teaching, continuity in learning, and the opportunity to build strong relationships with peers and staff.

Frequent absences, even if they seem minor, can quickly add up to significant gaps in learning. This can affect a child's confidence, academic progress, and overall engagement with school life. Establishing good attendance habits from an early age also sets the foundation for success in later education and beyond.

We work in partnership with families to promote excellent attendance, ensuring that every child at Braeside Primary is given the best possible opportunity to thrive – socially, emotionally, and academically. Together, we can make every day matter.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and after 13 years of school that is...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	114 days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

MUST I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Yes, unless you child:

- Is genuinely ill or injured
- Has an infectious disease
- Has a medical or dental appointment that cannot be made outside of school hours.
- Is prevented from attending by an unavoidable cause or family circumstance, such as bereavement.



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KINDY TRANSITION PROGRAM - TERM 4



BRAESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

KINDY TRANSITION PROGRAM

Transport available to and from school

Tuesdays in Term 4

Our learning program is based on a set of evidence-based teaching and learning strategies using play to prepare children for kindergarten and the school years ahead.

Through the program, children develop:

- Social emotional skills
- Self-care and responsibility
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Cognitive development
- Language skills
- Independence

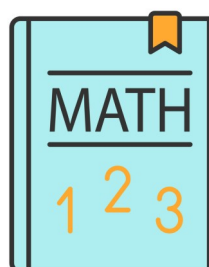
Session dates:

- 21st October 9-10.30am
- 28th October 9-10.30 am
- 4th November 9-10.30 am
- 11th November 9-10.30 am
- 18th November, Kindy Orientation 9-10.30am
- 25th November 9-10.30am
- 2nd December 9-10.30

You will be learning with our experienced Early Childhood Teacher, Mialanda Love.

MORE INFORMATION ➔ Please call the school on 9821 3500 or email mialanda.love@education.wa.edu.au

MATHS BOOK PAYMENT

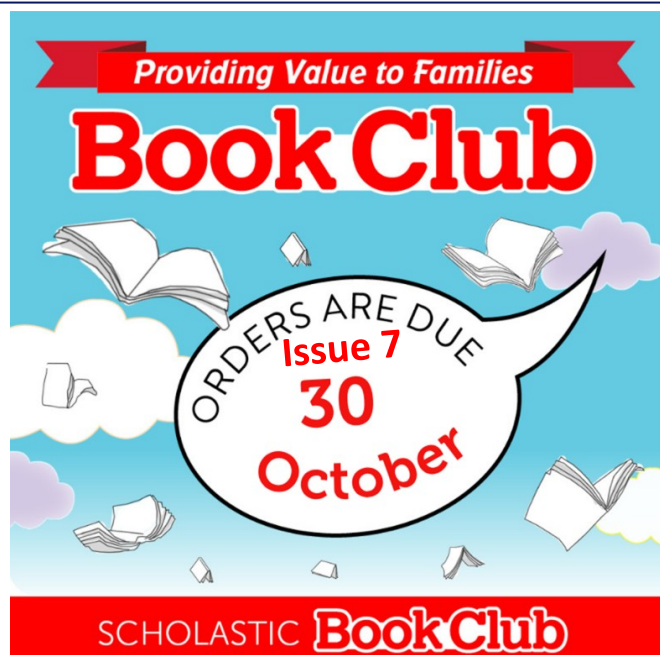


Please ensure Maths books are paid to the office as soon as possible, they are part of the booklist item for Students in-class work book.

All students have been provided their workbook, but some payments are outstanding, please forward to the office or EFT as soon as possible.

Thank you to parents who have already forwarded payment.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Use the loop web address to order books as noted below. You can then redeem free books per spend amount.

Don't forget to use the PROMO code.

www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/

2026 BOOKLIST & CONTRIBUTIONS



2026 Booklists and Contributions & Charges have been sent home, please check your child's bag if you haven't seen the forms as yet, they are also on the website for easy access.

Kowalds Newsagency in town also have our booklists and can provide the stationery required, please write your child's name and your mobile on the booklist for Kowalds.

HATS & WATERBOTTLES FOR TERM 4



Term 4 is essential for students to have water bottles and a hat, can you please check that your child/ren has a school hat to wear during recess, lunch and sport and also to ensure they have a water bottle to drink from throughout the day and during sport.

Please name the hats and water bottles, so we can reunite when they are misplaced or lost. Thank you, we appreciate your assistance.

SCHOOL NURSE

Colour Blindness



It's good to know if a child is colour blind, as they may struggle in school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks.

Colour blindness might become obvious after the age of 4 years and is more common among boys. Children who are colour-blind can see as clearly as other children but cannot tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other children. This usually happens with reds and greens, and sometimes with blues and yellows.

If your child is colour blind, it's good to inform their teacher about the condition. This will allow the teacher to choose activities that don't involve spotting colour differences.

For further details, please see [Raising Children Network](#).

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local School Health Nurse, Cassie on 98216379 for advice.

P & C MEETING



The P & C Meeting for today, has been postponed to next week, Tuesday 28th October 2025, commencing at 6.30pm.

COMPASS AND ATTENDANCE



Compass is up and running as our new software for the school. Attendance is part of Compass and you will receive a text message if your child/ren are absent. Please click on the link in the text message to reply and advise of the absence.

The APP is also available for your phone, please download and choose Braeside Primary School for your child's school. You can add students to have all of your children on the one account. An email was sent in early September with your linking codes, if you need the email to be resent, please contact the office and also please check the email is correct and updated.



Attendance Letters have gone home today, please complete the forms for unexplained absences and return to the office. We need this information to update Compass for your child's absences. Thank you for your assistance in returning completed forms, we appreciate your quick response.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



LIGHT Party!

LET'S LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

FACE PAINTING
DANCING
GAMES
PRIZES

FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE &
LOLLY BAGS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST
4PM-6PM
KATANNING BAPTIST CHURCH
KOBEELEYA AVE

KINDY- YEAR 6
YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME

WEAR
SOMETHING
BRIGHT

PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED



Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

Cricket Fun for Kids Kindy - year 2!
Saturday's, 8:30 - 9:30 am
Katanning Leisure Centre
18 Oct - 20 Dec 2025
Only \$80 per child
email: Katanningjuniorecc@gmail.com
or call Kris Norris- 0419 920 455 for more information



Registrations open
Scan QR code to register

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

Woolworths CRICKET AUSTRALIA



KATANNING BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

NOW OPEN

SUB-JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

SCHOOL YEARS 4-7*

REGISTER AT PLAYHQ.COM
Search "Katanning Basketball Association"

FEE: \$90

USE YOUR KIDSPORT CLUB VOUCHER CODE AT CHECKOUT

TRAIN & PLAY | TUESDAY EVENINGS
STARTING OCTOBER 21ST

www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/ada782

*Year 7 conditions apply



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Katanning Art Centre Inc
cordially invites you to the opening of their
exhibition of **Margaret Innes: Flora & Fauna**
2pm-4pm **SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025**

Margaret Innes: Flora & Fauna



Exhibition Open:

11 October 2025 to 8 November 2025

Katanning Gallery is excited to present an exhibition of beautiful paintings of Australian native Flora and Fauna and landscapes, from renowned local artist, **Margaret Innes**. With carefully crafted images and her expert use of pastels and water colours, Margaret makes nature comes alive.

Margaret is also responsible for the many murals, that are a must see, though out the Great Southern. They depict a time gone by. A real lesson in local history and heritage.

BRAESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL – Parent Term Planner Term 4 – 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	13 OCTOBER START OF TERM SDD	14	15	16	17
2	20	21 NEWSLETTER 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION 9-10.30 P & C MEETING 6PM	22	23	24 ASSEMBLY 9AM
3	27	28 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION 9-10.30	29 INTERSCHOOL JUMPS & THROWS	30 SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB DUE	31 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
4	3 NOVEMBER P & C HOT LUNCH YR 5 SPEECHES & VOTING	4 NEWSLETTER 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION 9-10.30	5	6	7 SENIOR CRICKET CARNIVAL
5	10	11 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION 9-10.30 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 3.30PM	13	14
6	17	18 NEWSLETTER 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION	19	20	21 ASSEMBLY CHOIR 9AM
7	24	25 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION P & C MEETING 6PM	26 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION YR 6	27 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION YR 6	28
8	1 DECEMBER	2 LAST 3YR OLD KINDY TRANSITION NEWSLETTER	3	4 KINDY PICNIC	5
9	8	9	10	11	12
10	15 REPORTS HOME END OF YEAR CONCERT 6PM	16 YEAR 6 GRADUATION 9.30 START	17	18 END OF TERM LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	19 SDD