



Braeside Primary School

Honour, Pride and Achievement

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Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

It has been a very busy fortnight. On Monday we had our Year 5's do their speeches for Councillor and Faction Captain roles for 2026. Each and every student spoke clearly and delivered their speeches beautifully. Year 3-6 students then voted and staff are voting this week. Our new Student Leaders for 2026 will be announced at our End of Year Concert.

This week we have Shannon Wright in the school. Shannon is a Principal Consultant. As part of our 'What's next' meeting which occurred as a result of our Public School Review one year return, we have engaged Statewide Services to work with the school in our journey moving forward. Shannon will be a regular visitor to the school over the next few years as we plan and implement our school improvements in literacy and numeracy. On Wednesday, we have Vicky McKeown (Executive Director of Schools) coming to visit as well. She will be looking at infrastructure and improvements around the school. As we move forward I will keep everyone informed.

The End of Year Concert and Graduation will look slightly different this year. The End of Year Concert is on the 15th December starting at 6pm. All classes will do a performance and each year level will have an Academic Award and each class will have a Values Award (student who has consistently shown our school values throughout the year). Dux, Citizenship, 2026 Councillors and Faction Captains will be announced but all other year 6 awards will be presented at the Graduation ceremony, the next day, 16th December at 9.30am. After the Graduation ceremony our Year 6 students will enjoy a shared morning tea with families and then go to the pool for the afternoon for a barbecue and fun. At 5.30pm in the evening they will be meeting Miss Eades, Ms Shep and Mrs Dezotti for dinner at Dome to finish their graduation celebrations. More information for year 6's will go out this week.

Have a great fortnight

Donna Shepherdson

Principal

Important Dates

2025	November
Senior Cricket Carnival POSTPONED	TBA
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
Assembly - Choir 9.00am	Fri 21st
Kindy Transition Program 2026 Kindy Students 9.00am to 10.30am	Tues 25th
Yr 6 KSHS Transition - all day	Wed 26th
Yr 6 KSHS Transition - all day	Thurs 27th
	December
LAST Kindy Transition Program 2026 Kindy Students 9.00am to 10.30am	Tues 2nd
Kindy Picnic	Thurs 4th
End of Year Concert	Mon 15th
Year 6 Graduation Assembly Commencing at 9.30am	Tues 16th
Last day of Term 4	Thurs 18th

NEW SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

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

End of Year Concert date: 15th December 2025

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.



ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS

WHY IS GOING TO SCHOOL SO IMPORTANT?

Attending school every day is one of the most important ways to help children succeed. Each day of learning builds on the last, especially in the early years when students are developing key skills in reading, writing, and maths.

When children miss school, it can be difficult to catch up on what they've missed – not just academically, but also socially. Regular attendance helps students stay connected with their friends, teachers, and the wider school community.

Research from the Telethon Kids Institute highlights that every day at school counts. Students who attend regularly are more likely to do well at school and have more opportunities later in life.

Together, let's make every day at school count for our children's learning, growth, and success.



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

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4 weeks



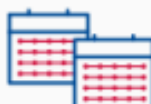
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

education.nsw.gov.au



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Our ECE team recently completed the National Quality Standard (NQS) audit. The NQS is a national framework that supports early childhood services to reflect on and improve the quality of education and care we provide. Following the audit, our team has taken time to reflect on our current practices and identify areas for continued growth and enhancement.

We're also very excited to share some upcoming developments in our ECE playground area. A general clean-up will begin soon, followed by the creation of a *concrete stream waterway* for water play, with thanks to the generous support of our P&C who have funded this project. This new feature will provide wonderful hands-on learning opportunities through exploration and play. We would also like to thank our P & C for the purchase of a range of large outdoor mats, some of which will also be used in the ECE outdoor space.

Looking ahead, we're planning to extend our bike track, with grant applications currently underway. These improvements are part of a series of ongoing projects to update and enhance our ECE outdoor space, creating a fun, active, and creative environment for all our students to enjoy.

We look forward to sharing these exciting changes with you and welcoming everyone to see our refreshed ECE space soon.

KINDY TRANSITION PROGRAM - TERM 4

BRAESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

KINDY TRANSITION PROGRAM

Tuesdays in Term 4

Transport available to and from school

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

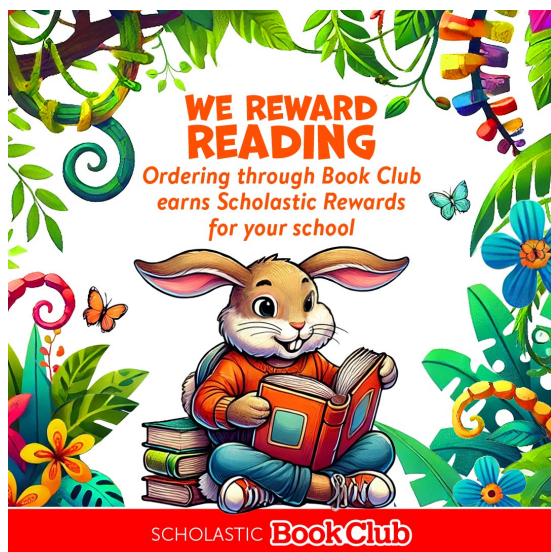
You will be learning with our experienced Early Childhood Teacher, Mialanda Love.

Session dates:

- 27th October 9-10.30am
- 28th October 9-10.30 am
- 4th November 9-10.30 am
- 17th November 9-10.30 am
- 18th November, Kindy Orientation 9-10.30am
- 25th November 9-10.30am
- 2nd December 9-10.30

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



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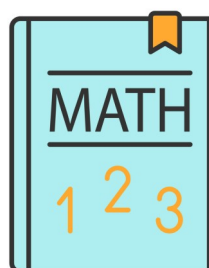
HATS & WATERBOTTLES FOR TERM 4

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.



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.

SWIMMING LESSONS 2026



Swimming Lessons for 2026 will now be in Term 4, Weeks 7-8, rather than Term 1 next year.

SCHOOL NURSE

Sleep



School-aged children need 10 -11 hours sleep a night. Getting a good night's sleep will help your child to be more settled, happy and ready for school, and will strengthen his/her immune system.

Here are some sleep tips:

- Have a bedtime routine – this will help your child wind down from the day.
- Keep the bedroom dark, cool and quiet - this will help your child drift off easily.

If anxieties or worries are keeping your child from relaxing, acknowledge the feelings and deal with it straight away or plan to sort the issue out in the morning after a good night's sleep.

Remember, medication is not the answer to children's sleep problems.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse, Cassie on 9821 6379, or go to <http://raisingchildren.net.au> for more information.

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.

LOST PROPERTY



We have a **lost property basket of clothes** in the undercover area, all items are un-named. If your child/ren has lost any items, please check the basket in the undercover area.

Named items are preferred as we can reunite items with their owners much sooner.

There are also miscellaneous items in the office of lost property, if your child has lost any jewellery, please see the office to claim your item.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years or older



A regular income (you or your partner)



Attend free online financial education workshops



Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year



Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card



Saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



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: Katanningjuniorcc@gmail.com
or call Kris Norris- 0419 920 455 for more information



Registrations open
Scan Qr code to register

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Woolworths CRICKET AUSTRALIA



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



Toilet skills for kindergarten (Kindy)

Is your child starting kindergarten at your local school in 2026?

Would you like support to help your child learn to use the toilet?

Join the Child Health Nurse for an **online webinar** to learn practical tips to **help your child become independent** using the toilet.

Sessions are via Zoom – scan the code below to book.

- **Wednesday 29 October 12.00–1.00pm**
- **Friday 13 November 5.00–6.00pm**

#HealthyCountryKids



Scan the code to book your session with the **Virtual Child Health Nurse.**

We're here to help you and your child get ready for school.





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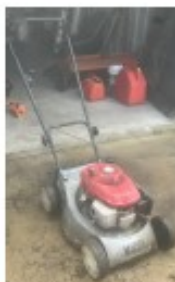
www.braesideps.wa.edu.au

ABN: 66 590 213 302

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to offer items for sale that are surplus to requirements by way of public tender. If you would like to place a tender for the any of the items below, please complete the form and return to our front office by **Friday 14th November 2025**. No late tenders accepted.

If you would like to view the items or have any queries at all don't hesitate to contact us .

Item No.	Description— <i>please note there is a reserve on all items</i>	Amount of Tender
1	Nikon Coolpix L830 Digital Camera—red Wide 34X Zoom 16.0 megapixels 75cm/3in VGA Tilt Monitor Full HD Movie Comes with strap and transfer cord 	
2	Lawn Edger Rover motored edger 	
3	Lawnmower Victa mustang Has catcher  	
4	Bike Handle Brushcutter Honda 4 Stroke Engine UMK425  	

Item No.	Description— <i>please note there is a reserve on all items</i>	Amount of Tender
5	Laptop Bag HP 15.6 inch Laptop Bag Black Brand new—unused Multiple bags, please advise quantity _____ if no advise of quantity, will revert to 1 bag. Tendered amount is for the quantity	Per Bag: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

- I offer to purchase the above item/s at the tendered price and pay within 14 days from date of invoice.
- I am aware that this is an "as is, where is" sale. All goods remain the property of Braeside Primary School until paid in full.
- I must specify which item I am tendering.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone number: _____