



Braeside Primary School

Honour, Pride and Achievement

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Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Well the end of the year is upon us and it has been a very busy year. As the incoming Principal in April it has been wonderful getting to know students, parents, staff and community.

A few reminders for the end of the year:

If you are changing schools/ home schooling or leaving town can you please let the office know. All schools in Katanning and surrounding districts are in contact with each other and have made courtesy calls so we are aware, but it would be good if you could officially notify us. This will help us with class numbers and class placements for next year.

Our school concert will be on the evening of Monday the 15th December starting at 6.30pm. The theme this year is 'Celebration' and will be hosted by our amazing year 6 students. This year 2026 Student Councillors, Faction Captains, Dux and Citizenship awards will be announced but all other year 6 awards will be announced the following day at our Graduation Ceremony. The whole concert should be completed in approximately an hour and a half.

Graduation for our Year 6 students will be the following day on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am. Information around graduation will be sent out to year 6 students and families.

Reports will go home on the last Wednesday of Term (17th December).

Students return on Monday the 2nd February. Classes will be on display on Friday 30th January at 2pm in the undercover area, and classes will be open for parents and students to meet their teacher and bring their supplies. This will allow everyone to familiarise themselves with where your child needs to go on Wednesday and have a chance to have a short talk to your teacher for the year.

A survey was emailed out in the last 2 weeks looking at daily siren times. If you could have a look at these and complete the survey that will give me a good indication if what families prefer. The reason behind the adjustment needed is that our sessions for teaching fall into odd time amounts (60 min, 60 min, 60 min, 40 min, 60 min, 40 min to make up our day. For timetabling this makes it very difficult to schedule specialist teachers so some adjustment is needed). Everyone will be notified of the outcome and changes for next year before the end of the year.

Important Dates

2025	December
Kindy Picnic	Thurs 4th
Friday Icy Poles \$1 full 50c half	Fri 5th
End of Year Concert - 6.30pm	Mon 15th
Year 6 Graduation Assembly Commencing at 9.30am	Tues 16th
Reports home	Wed 17th
Last Assembly 9am - book presentations and certificate presentations	Thurs 18th
Last day of Term 4	Thurs 18th
School Holidays	Fri 19th
2026	February
First Day of Term 1	Monday 2nd Feb

**End of Year Concert date
15th December 2025**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Phone: 9821 3500

Website: www.braesideps.wa.edu.au

Email: Braeside.ps@education.wa.edu.au

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.

It has been a great 9 months working with families and students of Braeside. I am looking forward to 2026 and moving the school forward in a positive direction. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful end of year break and I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the 2026 term.

Donna Shepherdson



Thank you to our P&C



Our incredible P&C has bought us some beautiful new mats to use at school events. We got to try the mats out today - they are **AWESOME!**



SCHOOL NURSE

Body image

Body image is how your child or adolescent feels and thinks about their bodies, including their shape, size, and weight.

It starts developing in early childhood and is influenced by factors like puberty and media.

While it is normal to be curious about their bodies, too much worrying may mean they need some help.

Tips to help your child or adolescent:

- Help them understand that there is no “ideal” body shape; people come in many shapes and sizes.
- Teach them that self-worth isn't about looks. Discourage comparing their bodies to others, especially during puberty when bodies change.
- Help them feel special about themselves by praising them for who they are and what they can do.
- Be a positive role model - avoid comparing your body with others and include physical activity in daily life.
- Promote healthy eating and regular exercise.
- Media images can trigger body image concerns. Help your child understand these images are often unrealistic and photoshopped.



Feeling bad about their looks may affect self-esteem and lead to unhealthy eating habits.

Find out more

Raising Children Network has more information on body image for children and pre-teens and teens.

If you have any concerns speak with your doctor or School Health Nurse. Your child or adolescent can call **1800 55 1800** kids helpline for support.

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.



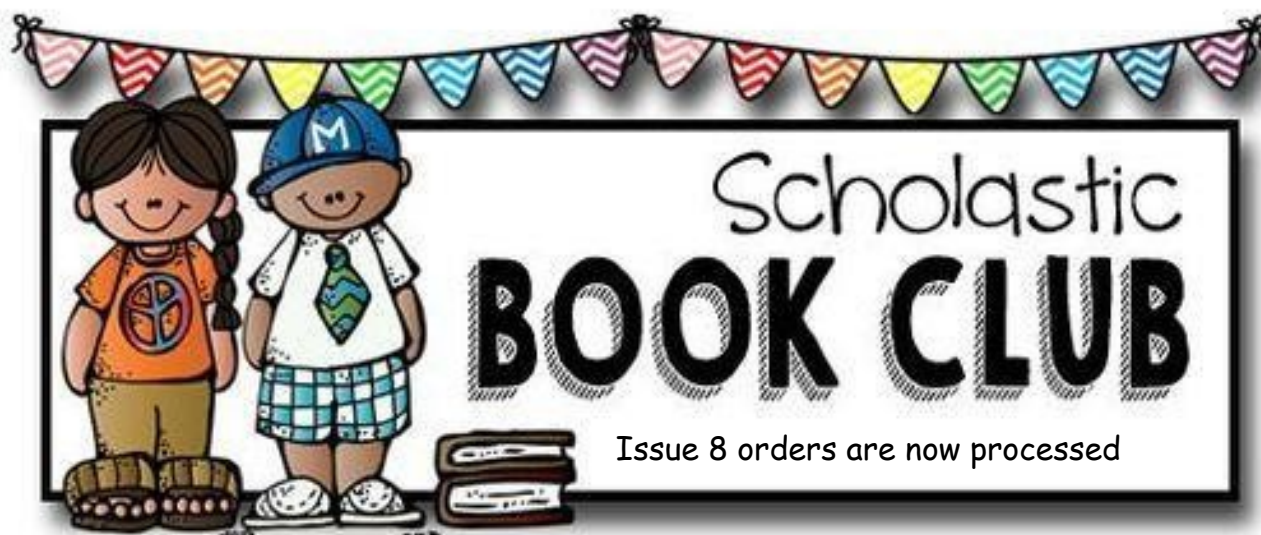
The APP is also available for your phone, please download and choose Braeside Primary School for your child's school. You can add students to have all of your children on the one account. An email was sent in early September with your linking codes, if you need the email to be resent, please contact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



When Attendance Letters go home, 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.

<https://schools.compass.education>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



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.



SWIMMING LESSONS 2026



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

Notes will be coming out in Term 4, 2026 with full details.

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



Katanning Scout group are supporting the Christmas Food Drive this year and have a box in the School Office for collecting non-perishable food.

If you would like to assist the Scouts and support their food drive, please bring items to place in the box.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

6 & 7 MARCH 2026

Wagin Woolorama

Registrations open soon!

Create a simple recipe that can be cooked in 30 minutes – that's it!

PRESENTED BY:





Set in the heart of the Wheatbelt region, a cultural and culinary revolution is coming. Wagin Woolorama Kids in the Kitchen is not just a cooking competition; it's a gateway to a world of opportunities for the young minds of the region. This initiative will be part of the Wagin Woolorama in March 2026, where young contestants aged 10 to 16 will have the chance to showcase their culinary skills in a cook-off. The prospect of winning great prizes is enticing, but the real value lies in the experiences gained, the connections forged, and the potential for personal and community growth.

ENDORSED BY



CONTACT



Competition details

<https://downsouthcreative.com.au/kids-in-the-kitchen/>

info@downsouthcreative.com.au
don@donhancey.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2026 January Holiday Head Start Courses

Year 5

Get ready for the ASET/GATE test

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE
Achieve Success at School

ASET/GATE Preparation Classes

Early Bird SAVE 10%
Enrol with full payment by Monday December 8th, 2025 to SAVE 10%

Enrol Today

Boost your school results
Join over 200,000 students who have improved their academic performance and results with Academic Task Force.

Get a head start to your ASET/GATE
We have a team of highly qualified, experienced teachers ready to help maximise your test performance

Achieve success
In 2024, Academic Task Force students achieved:
1 Beazley Medal, 9 General Exhibitions,
3 Subject Exhibitions, 37 Certificates of Excellence,
131 Certificates of Distinction and 240 Certificates of Merit.

★★★★★
"My daughter enjoyed every aspect of the Program, and was heartily thankful to me as her parent for enrolling her in the Program. Well done, may I encourage you in this quality service you provide." - MC, Parent

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Enrolment Terms and Conditions: Please see our website for our policy on payments and refunds.
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2026 January Holidays Head Start Courses

January Holidays - 6 hrs/subject - 3 hrs each day, over 2 consecutive days

Give ASET/GATE a go

What is ASET/GATE?

The GATE (Gifted and Talented Entrance) exam — now known as the Academic Selective Entrance Test (ASET) — helps identify students with exceptional academic potential for Gifted and Talented programs in selective public high schools across Western Australia.

What Does the Test Involve?

You'll get to show your strengths in four key areas:

- Reading Comprehension – understanding and interpreting written texts
- Communicating Ideas in Writing – expressing your ideas clearly and creatively
- Quantitative Reasoning – solving numerical and logical problems
- Abstract Reasoning – identifying patterns and thinking outside the box

When Do You Sit the Test?

- The selection process starts in Year 5
- Testing takes place in Year 6
- Successful students begin their Gifted and Talented program in Year 7

ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE

Thursday 12th January - Friday 13th January

9am - 12noon

- ASET/GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Maths Problem Solving and Abstract Reasoning

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- ASET/GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Reading Comprehension and Creative Writing

CHURCHLANDS SHS

Tuesday 27th January - Wednesday 28th January

9am - 12noon

- ASET/GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Maths Problem Solving and Abstract Reasoning

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- ASET/GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Reading Comprehension and Creative Writing



SCAN ME

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Katanning
Early Learning & Development Centre

'Stay and Play' Sessions

Join us every Tuesday morning in December until Christmas for a 'Stay and Play' session at our Katanning Centre. Enjoy creative activities and socialising in a fun environment with children and families in the local community.



Scan the QR code to RSVP to a date/or dates of your choice.

Please note: A parent/guardian is required to stay on the premises at the 'Stay and Play' sessions.

Every Tuesday in December, until Christmas
9:30am to 11:00 am
84 Conroy St, Katanning WA 6317

For further information, phone: (08) 9895 5585
or email: katanningcc@wanslea.org.au



OPENING TIMES!

Term 4

NOT A MEMBER? NOT A PROBLEM. COME AND CHECK US OUT!

Friday 24th October (after story time) 11am-12pm

Friday 31st October (after story time) 11am-12pm

Saturday 1st November 10:30am-12pm

Friday 14th November (after story time) 11am-12pm

Friday 5th December (after story time) 11am-12pm

Saturday 6th December 10:30am-12pm

NEW DATE! Saturday 13th December 10:30am-12pm

katanningtoylibrary@outlook.com

Address: Community Group Room, 16 Austral
Terrace, Katanning



BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?

Is your child...

- 6-12yrs old?
- Above a healthy weight?
- In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

The **Better Health Program** is a **free**, flexible healthy lifestyle program for you and your child.

Meet regularly with a personal health coach to cover topics such as good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

The program is available in **online** and **face-to-face** formats.

Both versions include a bunch of **great freebies**, and a **reward** at the end!



"The program was fantastic. So great that I didn't have to coax my daughter to come every week. She loved it and she couldn't wait to come. It's made a huge difference in our life!"

- Better Health Program Parent

Sign up today!

betterhealthprogram.org
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COMBINED CHURCHES OF KATANNING
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR
CAROLS IN THE PARK
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
PIESSE PARK
WHAT TO EXPECT:
5.00PM KIDS ACTIVITIES
ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD
7.00PM CAROLS
Get into the Christmas spirit with an evening filled with the melodies of classic Christmas carols
Come along dressed as your favourite nativity character and receive a gift.
BYO blankets, table, chairs.
Don't forget to dress warmly as it can get cold.
Bring non-perishable food items for those in need.
FREE EVENT
Vendors will have food and drink available for purchase.
There will be some free and low cost options available.
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