



# Braeside Primary School

## Honour, Pride and Achievement

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*Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence*

### Principal's News

As we move further into Term 1, I would like to acknowledge the positive and purposeful way our students have settled into the school year. Classrooms are calm, focused and increasingly consistent in their routines. This does not happen by accident, it reflects the hard work of our staff and the support of our families.

Over the past few weeks, we have been strengthening what it means to learn and work together at Braeside. Clear expectations, respectful relationships and consistent teaching practices are helping us create learning environments where all of our students can thrive.

This term, our focus has been on alignment and consistent practice across the school. When classrooms share common routines and approaches, students feel secure and confident. Our teachers are beginning to implement our structured literacy block. We have been doing assessment in all areas of literacy and numeracy to gain some benchmark data, that teachers will use to inform their teaching. If you would like to discuss where your child is at to start the year please make a time to meet with your teacher. Alternatively, you may receive a phone call from your teacher requesting a meeting. Our intention here at Braeside is to be transparent and clear about where your child is at and where we need to take them, so we encourage these conversations and meeting with teachers.

As a school community, we are strongest when communication is direct, respectful and grounded in trust. If you hear something that concerns you, I encourage you to seek clarification from me rather than relying on second-hand information. Open dialogue helps us maintain clarity and ensures that decisions and directions are understood in their proper context.

I am committed to transparent leadership and clear communication. If information has not come directly from the school or from me, it may not reflect the full picture. I welcome conversations and questions, and I value families who approach concerns in a constructive and respectful way. When we speak with one another openly, we model the very behaviours we expect from our students.

We have had Laura Glasson in the school this week from Tracks to Literacy, Laura is working with Braeside over 9 days throughout the year to work with staff and students providing evidence based

### Important Dates

2026	February
Barracuda Swimming at Kat Aquatic Centre 3.30pm - 4.15pm.	Wed 25th
Faction Swimming Carnival	Thurs 26th
	March
Public Holiday	Mon 2nd
Barracuda Swimming at Kat Aquatic Centre 3.30pm - 4.15pm.	Wed 4th
NAPLAN Commences	Wed 11th - Fri 20th
Barracuda Swimming at Kat Aquatic Centre 3.30pm - 4.15pm.	Wed 11th
PP - Year 3 Teddy Hospital	Thurs 12th
Assembly 9am	Fri 13th
Interschool Swimming Carnival	Thurs 19th
	April
Big Breakfast 7.30am to 8.30am More info to come	Thurs 2nd
Assembly 9am	Thurs 2nd
Last day of Term 1	Thurs 2nd
First Day of Term 2	Tues 21st
Cross Country Training at school	Tues 21st

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Website: [www.braesideps.wa.edu.au](http://www.braesideps.wa.edu.au)

Email: [Braeside.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Braeside.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

#### 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.

support, resources and professional learning to improve oral language, reading and writing and literacy skill in our students. Laura is working with the leadership team to tailor learning to meet the unique needs of Braeside based on our data that we have collected and improve literacy instruction, assessment and intervention for our teachers.

On Thursday at 6.30 pm we have our AGM for our P&C to be held at DOME. All interested parents are welcome to come along. We also have our School Board meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 in the school staffroom. Again all interested parents who would like to join are more than welcome.

Have a great fortnight,

Donna Shepherdson

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## BUSH SCHOOL WITH PP

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What a busy few weeks it has been for the Pre-Primary students at Bush School! In our first week we used a mortar and pestle to grind up grass and water, then used the mixture to 'paint' a picture. We made our own pretend magnifying glasses to take home and explore around our homes.

Our aim is to be sustainable at Bush School, so we have been using recycled materials when creating our crafts. We have made platypuses using egg cartons and had a lot of fun letting them swim in our new playground river. We ended up with a large mud puddle that some children jumped and splashed in and had lots of messy fun with. In Week Three we created possums using recycled brown paper bags.

Potions have been a huge hit and there are always children at the potion table creating different mixtures by adding coloured water, and items that we find at Bush School, such as flowers, gumnuts and leaves. We have also been learning about colour mixing as we make our potions. Other activities that we have been doing include going on scavenger hunts for insects and other items, cubby building using fabric and pegs, using pencils and paper to make observational drawings, and excavating natural materials from ice.

As we are in the initial stages of setting up our Bush School, we would love donations of the following items please:

- small digging tools
- magnifying glasses
- binoculars
- large wooden cable reels
- pots, pans, cooking trays and large utensils
- old sheets, large pieces of fabric, giant pegs



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## BRAESIDE BARRACUDA'S

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Braeside Barracudas swimming training will commence Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30 - 4.15pm at the Katanning Aquatic Centre, and run each Wednesday until the Interschool Swimming Carnival.

Any students competing in the Swim Carnivals this year, and are Stage 3 or higher, are welcome to attend! Barracudas isn't swimming lessons, but a chance to get in the pool and practice, with tips on technique and racing.

Coaching this year will be provided by volunteer Braeside parents Ella, Arnika and Tracey. Please bring your bathers, towel, goggles and change of clothes. Pool entry fees apply, pay as you enter.

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## P & C AGM and GENERAL MEETING

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**P & C AGM and General Meeting - Thursday 26th February 2026 at 6.30pm @ Dome Cafe**

If you are interested in getting involved with the P & C, we would love to see you there. Come along, see what happens and how you can be part of the P & C.

Membership fees for WACCSO are \$1 and this allows voting rights.

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## COMMUNITY THANK YOU

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### ECE Update

#### Thank You – KROS OP Shop

We are incredibly grateful to KROS Inc. and the KROS Committee for their generous donation of \$3,000 towards Stage 2 of our Early Childhood Education Playground project.

This funding will specifically support the extension of our ECE bike track. The extension will allow more space for safe riding and increased engagement during outdoor learning time.

Earlier this month, we had the opportunity to present our plans to the KROS Committee, outlining our vision to further develop a safe, engaging and inclusive outdoor learning space for our Early Childhood students. We are thrilled to receive their support in assisting to bring this next stage to life.

On behalf of our staff, students and families, we sincerely thank KROS Inc. for supporting the future of our school community.

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## COMPASS AND ATTENDANCE

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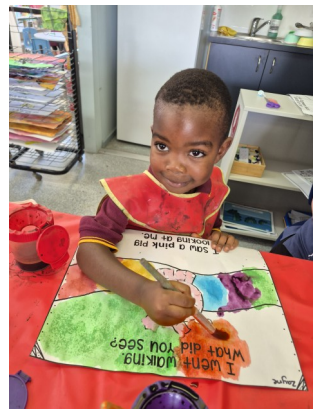
Compass is the software for the school. Attendance is part of Compass and you will receive a text message if your child/ren are absent. Please click on the link in the text message to reply and advise of the absence.

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 initially sent 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, along with mobile numbers for notifications.



<https://schools.compass.education>

# KINDY LEARNING



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# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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The Faction Swimming Carnival is this Thursday 26th February 2025.

The expected commencement time is 9.30am at Katanning Aquatic Centre, please ensure students have sunscreen on prior to leaving home, their bathers & towel, along with a change of clothes in case their uniform get wet/damp.

If on the off chance the weather does get cold, please pack warm clothes for your child to get dressed into to keep warm.

Consent for the Carnival was sent via email and through the Compass App, if you haven't already completed the consent for your child, can you please complete this urgently and forward \$5.50 to the office for the bus and pool entry. If you have a pool pass, the bus component is \$3.00.

A note was sent home with your child's races, there is also consent information attached to the races, if this is an easier way to complete consent for your child to attend the Carnival, please return to the office.

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## CHAPLAINS CHAT

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### Chaplain's Chat

Hi everyone and welcome to Term 1! I hope everyone had a lovely rest on the holidays, and is feeling refreshed.

I would like to share a little bit about me- I am a local and have lived in Katanning my whole life. I am married to David and we have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. Our latest addition is little Ava who is nearly three months old.

My role as a YouthCARE Chaplain includes providing pastoral care and offering a non-judgemental, independent service which respects all people, no matter who they are, where they are from or what their personal belief system is. A chaplain cares for the social, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of students, staff and families.

My work involves building relationships, being a mentor/role model, running activities, joining in with school events, providing a link between the school and the community, and being there for people to talk to.

I enjoy working with students and staff to care for the garden beds, compost system, and worm farms.

I will be working every Friday and on the odd-week Thursday (week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) this year, and will run the Brekky Club on those days.

Please feel free to contact me through the front office or my email.

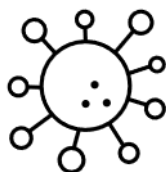
I am looking forward to supporting and serving the Braeside school community in 2026.

Kind regards, Chris Mills

[Christine.Mills@youthcare.org.au](mailto:Christine.Mills@youthcare.org.au)



# SCHOOL NURSE



## Chickenpox

Chickenpox is caused by the Varicella Zoster Virus. In some children the illness will start with a fever or feeling unwell, but in others the rash will appear first.

The spots usually start on the chest as red, itchy lumps. These will become fluid-filled blisters, which will burst and form a crust.

Chickenpox is very contagious and is spread when the person sneezes or coughs or when someone comes in contact with the fluid from one the blisters. Your child should have had the chickenpox vaccination at 18 months of age. Vaccination is the best way to avoid chickenpox, so make sure that your child is up-to-date with his or her vaccinations.

If your child does contract chickenpox, keep him or her home from school for at least five days after the first spots appear, and until after all blisters are dry. Give your child plenty of fluids and paracetamol, if needed (Do not give Ibuprofen or Aspirin). If blisters are in the mouth, try a soothing mouth wash and don't give foods high in acid or salt. Soothing lotions or oils for the bath can help the itch.

**Diagnosis should be confirmed by a doctor as chickenpox is a notifiable disease (it must be reported). Please make sure the school is informed if the doctor diagnosis chickenpox.**

Contact your local Community Health Nurse, Cassie on 98216379 for more information or see the fact sheet at [Chickenpox \(Varicella\) \(health.wa.gov.au\)](#)



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WA Country Health Service



## School health services in primary schools

When children feel well, they learn better.  
That's why we have community health nurses in schools.

Community health nurses work with families and school staff to support your child's health and development.

### What the nurse can help with:

- Health checks for vision, hearing, growth, and development
- Support for parents about health and parenting
- Care plans for children with health needs while they are at school
- Referrals to other health services if needed
- A friendly place to ask questions about your child's health



### In primary school

You'll be asked to fill out a health form in kindy or pre-primary.

With your permission, the nurse will check your child's:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Growth
- General development

You'll get a summary of the check.

If anything needs following up, the nurse will contact you.

### Enuresis (bedwetting) program

Bedwetting is common — and it can be treated. A bedwetting program is available for children aged five and a half to 18 years old who wet the bed more than twice a week.

- The program runs for six to eight weeks
- You and your child meet with the nurse every two weeks
- Your child learns how to stay dry at night
- Parents get support and tips to help at home

You will need a GP referral for the program.

### Worried about your child's health?

You or your child's teacher can ask the nurse to do a health check at any time.

### Scan or visit these websites for more information:



[raisingchildren.net.au](http://raisingchildren.net.au)  
Ad-free parenting videos, articles and apps backed by experts.



[healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au)  
For information on a range of health topics.



[wacountry.health.wa.gov.au](http://wacountry.health.wa.gov.au)  
Information for kids and teens.

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Issue 1 Orders have been processed.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Katanning MyTime

Carers and parents of children with additional needs, come along to the Katanning MyTime morning tea.

Have your say about what you would like to see in this space. It will be a gentle, no-pressure environment where all are welcome.

Friday, 27 February 2026

10:30am - 12:30pm

Katanning playgroup building, corner of Conroy and Park street  
(enter via Wanslea Early Learning Center carpark).

For more information, contact Kayla - [ksmith@wanslea.org.au](mailto:ksmith@wanslea.org.au).




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We are excited to invite you to join us at the Aquinas College Open Day on Sunday 15 March 2026!

At Aquinas College, we are dedicated to cultivating a thriving boarding community that empowers students to succeed academically, socially, and spiritually. Join us to find out more about how our dynamic environment guides each boy on his unique educational journey and supports our values of faith, character and excellence.

Our Open Day will commence with an optional Mass in our beautiful Chapel of St Thomas Aquinas at 9am, and if you have yet to hear our incredible choir, Schola Cantorum, raise their voices in this sacred space then it is a perfect opportunity. The Open Day events follow Mass from 10am to 1pm – our first Open Day in 2024 was a huge success and we anticipate this one will be even better!

You will also be able to tour our boarding facilities that are nestled in our stunning bushland campus and offer a wonderful experience for residential students. Boarding for 2027 and 2028 is almost at capacity and the 2029 interviews have now commenced, so please contact [enrolments@aquinas.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@aquinas.wa.edu.au) soon if you are interested in a placement and you can also have a chat with our Admissions team at Open Day.

If you're interested in attending, please register for a staff and student-led or self-guided tour

<https://events.humanitix.com/2026-aquinas-college-open-day-j2f5hgqr>

We can't wait to celebrate with you and share what makes Aquinas College such a remarkable place!



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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For every dollar you save, you'll receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500.


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Woolworths/Coles/IGA vouchers worth \$200 simply by entering the

**Amity Health**  
Communities for Children's 2026 Community Survey

Simply scan the QR code to complete the survey before **31st March 2026** to go in the draw to **win!**




## 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

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