



Braeside Primary School

Honour, Pride and Achievement

Issue 3 Tuesday 10th March 2026

Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence

Principal's News

NAPLAN

As you all know, NAPLAN testing will be taking place during Weeks 6, 7, and 8 for our Year 3 and 5 students. The purpose of NAPLAN testing is to provide information to schools enabling them to drill deeply into their data and identify specific gaps in overall performance. We then use this information to establish targets, create plans and implement strategies focused on improving our impact on student learning.

The most accurate and reliable information for you, as parents/carers, regarding your child/ren's performance comes from the classroom teacher. They are constantly assessing for learning, as learning, and of learning to ensure every child gets what they need, at the right time.

It is not possible for one test on one day, delivered to students across Australia with such geographic, ethnic, cultural and socio-economic diversity to give a comparative assessment of individual student learning. You can assist your child/ren by not stressing or displaying anxiety during the NAPLAN testing time.

P&C News

Recently our P&C held their Annual General Meeting. It was wonderful to see so many faces, old and new, in attendance.

Congratulations to Emily Rowley who was elected as our new P&C President. Emily will be ably supported by the following office bearers:

President – Emily Rowley

Vice President – Sandy Thill

Secretary – Jason Allen

Treasurer – Cassie Townsend-Crisp

Executive Committee – As above, Katrina Power, Tyler Rowley

Thank you so much to Asher Tussler who is our outgoing President for doing such a fabulous job.

Important Dates

2026	February
NAPLAN Year 3 & 5	Wed 11th - Fri 20th
Barracuda Swimming at Kat Aquatic Centre 3.30pm - 4.15pm.	Wed 11th
Scholastic Book Club due - use the Scholastic LOOP to order books	Wed 11th
PP - Year 3 Teddy Hospital	Thurs 12th
Yr 6 Parent Camp meeting for Fundraising at school Room 10 at 3.30pm	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
Staff Development Day - No Students At School	Mon 20th
First Day of Term 2	Tues 21st
Cross Country Training at school - Time TBA	Tues 21st
SFFC Footy Clinic PP - Yr 4	Tues 21st
ANZAC Service - Time TBA	Fri 24th
ANZAC Public Holiday	Mon 27th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Phone: 9821 3500

Website: www.braesideps.wa.edu.au

Email: 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.

School Board

The school board met for the first time this year. As our Board Chair - Joanna Steel's tenure had expired we had to elect a new Board Chair. Luckily for us Jo agreed to stay on as Chair so Braeside is very lucky. Our community Rep Mr Dave Rudd (Senior Sergeant Katanning Police Station) has moved town so I will be approaching the incoming Senior Sergeant to see if they will be interested in representing the community. If you are interested in joining the School Board, either see one of our School Board members or myself.

Valuable Items

We kindly ask parents and carers to remind children not to bring valuable items to school.

This includes:

- Jewellery (other than sleepers or stud earrings)
- Toys
- Electronic devices
- Sports Equipment

Please note: If valuable items are lost or stolen, they are not covered by the Department of Education's insurance, and the school cannot accept responsibility. Some jewellery items can also pose a safety risk during play and activities. Any items of this nature found during the day will be placed in the office and can be collected at the end of the school day.

Why this Matters

Bringing valuable items to school can lead to unnecessary stress for students if items are lost or damaged. It also helps us maintain a safe and focused learning environment, free from distractions and potential hazards. Thank you for supporting this important safety measure.

Harmony Day.

At the end of week 7 (Friday 20th March) Braeside will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students will be asked to bring a shared plate of food from their culture to enjoy at a long lunch. All families are welcome to join us. Further details of this event will go out this week.

Donna Shepherdson

BRAESIDE BARRACUDA'S

Braeside Barracudas swimming training will commence Wednesday 11th 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.



FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Faction Swimming Carnival was on Thursday 26th February on a lovely sunny day, students swam their absolute best and there was records broken on the day.

Champion Results are:

8 y.o Runner Up Girl:	Kodie-Lee Woods
8 y.o Champion Girl:	Dottie Patterson
8 y.o Runner Up Boy:	Henry Dixon
8 y.o Champion Boy:	Rory Townsend-Crisp
9 y.o Runner Up Girl:	Clara Dixon
9 y.o Champion Girl:	Piqué McCarthy
9 y.o Runner Up Boy:	Harrison MacNicol
9 y.o Champion Boy:	Angus Love
10 y.o Runner Up Girl:	Indi Julius
10 y.o Champion Girl:	Ruby Patterson
10 y.o Runner Up Boy:	Connor Mills-Waterhouse
10 y.o Champion Boy:	Quade Potter
11 y.o Runner Up Girl:	Lily MacNicol
11 y.o Champion Girl:	Ariana Mills-Waterhouse
11 y.o Runner Up Boy:	Dusty Tooke
11 y.o Champion Boy:	Cash McCarthy
12 y.o Runner Up Girl:	Scarlett Long
12 y.o Champion Girl:	Sienna Senihin
12 y.o Champion Boy:	Aston Love

Record Breakers:

Piqué McCarthy

9 yr old 25m Freestyle

9 yr old 25m Backstroke

9 yr old 25m Breaststroke

Ariana Mills-Waterhouse

11 yr old 50m Breaststroke

11 yr old 50 m Freestyle

11 yr old 50m Backstroke

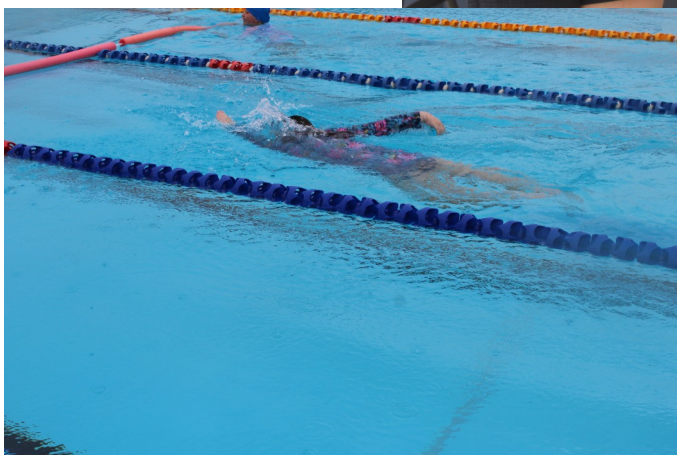
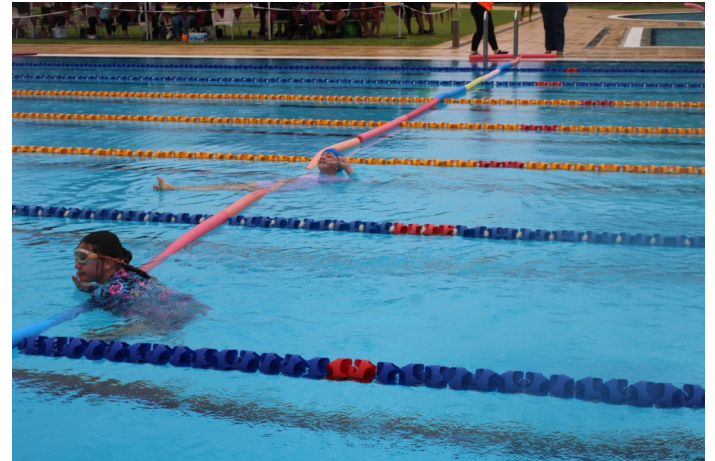
Cash McCarthy

11yr old 50m Breaststroke

11 yr old 50m Backstroke

Congratulations to Acacia Faction for coming first on the day, followed by 1 point by Wandoo, and then by Mallee.





INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The Interschool Swimming Carnival is Thursday 19th March 2026. Selected students will be sent information shortly.

The expected commencement time is 10.00am 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 gets wet/damp. If the weather does get cold, please pack warm clothes for your child to get dressed into to keep warm.

Consent for the Carnival will be sent via email and through the Compass App, please look out for the consent shortly for your child, \$5.50 to the office/direct debit for the bus and pool entry. If you have a pool pass, the bus component is \$3.00.

A note will be 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.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

School Board update

It may seem a bit late to welcome everyone back for the new school year, but I shall do so anyway- and a special welcome to all new families and teachers, I hope you are all feeling well on your way to being settled now.

Term 1 2026 meeting

The first School Board meeting for 2026 was held on Thursday 5 March, key updates from this meeting include:

- * We had an update on the priorities for the year, being literacy and student outcomes as well as continuing to build the culture at Braeside Primary School.
- * The Terms of Reference were updated, with key changes to the minimum composition to better reflect the school context, and the Board endorsed work being done to update the school values.
- * Board members reviewed and signed the code of conduct which outlines the core values and expected standards of representatives.
- * The Board committed to reviewing and updating school policies over the coming months, and these will be available on the school website once this work is complete.

Board membership update

We have welcomed Emily Rowley onto the Board as the P&C representative and new P&C President. Thank you to Asher Tussler for being part of the Board over the last year, as well as to all outgoing members of the P&C for all you have done for the school. Our Community Representative, David Rudd, has moved from Katanning and we also thank him for his support of our school while on the Board.

As always, please get in touch if there's anything you'd like to have a chat about - the parent representatives are on the Board to act for parents and families, and knowing your views helps us do this. It's been encouraging to see parents and carers starting to reach out and we hope this continues.

Kind regards,

Jo

COMPASS AND ATTENDANCE

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.



<https://schools.compass.education>

SCHOOL NURSE

Dental health - Keep your child's teeth healthy

Teeth help children to eat, speak and smile. Regularly brushing teeth can prevent bad breath, tooth decay, and gum diseases.



Help your child keep their teeth clean.



- Encourage your child to brush their teeth morning and night
- Help with tooth brushing until they are 8 or 9 years old – children can't brush properly on their own until this age
- Use an age-appropriate toothpaste and toothbrush
 - **Children below 6 years** – use a small smear of low-fluoride children's toothpaste
 - **Children 6 years and older** – use a pea-sized amount of standard fluoride toothpaste
- Educate your child about healthy eating habits, and limit sugary foods and drinks
- Encourage them to drink plain water
- Get yearly dental checks.

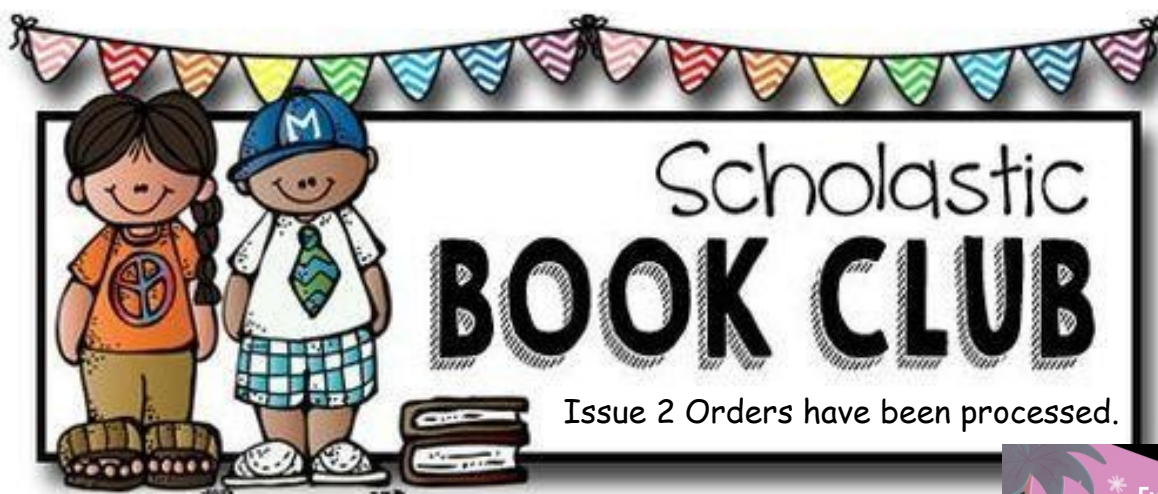
Find out more

Learn how to check your child's teeth for [signs of tooth decay](#). Raising Children Network has more information about:

- [dental care – 5 to 8 years](#)
- [dental care – 9 to 11 years](#)
- [dental care for teenagers](#)

Find out about the [School Dental Service](#) (or call 9313 0555). They offer free general and emergency dental care to eligible children aged 5 to 16 or until the end of year 11 (whichever comes first).

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB



Please order on the Scholastic parent LOOP below

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Skip the Sugar



Opt for healthy snacks like fruits, veggies and cheese to support strong healthy teeth

EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP
Central Great Southern

Sugary snacks and drinks can lead to cavities. Choose healthier options like fruit or cheese to protect those little teeth!



Katanning Senior High School COUNTRY WEEK FUNDRAISER

All Proceeds Fundraise for KSHS Country Week Students!

Movies in the Katanning Town Hall

KANGAROO Friday 13 March 6pm Monday 16 March 4.30pm	BLUEBACK Sunday 15 March 2pm	THE HUNDREDFOOT JOURNEY Monday 16 March 2pm	sweet as Thursday 19 March 5.30pm
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\$5.00 ENTRY CASH ONLY

2026 Katanning HARMONY Week

KIOSK WILL BE OPEN FOR PURCHASE OF Snacks & Drinks



2026 Katanning HARMONY NIGHT

20TH MARCH 3.30-8.30PM

FAMILY ZONE 3.30PM-8.30PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bouncy Castle Face Painting Bubbles Animal Petting Farm Story Time (4pm, 4.45pm, 5.15pm) Jamie The Clown 	YOUTH ZONE 3.30PM-7.30PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Style Now Coaching BMX Scooter Skateboard DJ Gino Silent Disco Marquee Giant Games Sumo suits Basketball Free Throw Comp Chill Zone
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MAIN STAGE

- 5.00pm KPS School Choir
- 5.30pm Harmony Parade - Commencing at the Skate Park
- 6.00pm Official Welcome
- 6.20pm Tongan Singers
- 6.30pm Boot Scooting
- 6.40pm- 8.30pm Band

KATANNING ALL AGES PLAYGROUND

MARKETS • STREET FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT • KIDS ZONE

YOUTH SKATE EVENT



COMMUNITY NOTICES

2026 Katanning HARMONY Night

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026
3.30PM-8.30PM
ALL AGES PLAYGROUND

FREE ENTRY

MARKETS STREET FOOD KIDS ZONE PARADE
 YOUTH ZONE SKATE EVENT LIVE MUSIC

Everyone Belongs - Together in Respect. Stronger Through Inclusion

Week of HARMONY KATANNING

Celebrate Our Diversity & Community!

LIBRARY / ART GALLERY

Art Gallery
 9 to 21 March 2026
 Harmony Story boxes
Story Time
 Friday 20 March
 "Tayta's Secret Ingredient"
 by Amal Abou-Eid & Cara King
 Arrive from 10am, Mat time starts 10:30am

KATANNING LEISURE CENTRE

Thursday 19 March 2026
 3.30pm - 5.30pm - Now Sounds Workshop
 4.00pm - 5.00pm - Youth Tone & Sculpt Fitness
 Saturday 21 March - Harmony Soccer Cup

TOWN HALL MOVIES

Friday 13 March 6pm Kangaroo
 Sunday 15 March 2pm Blue Back
 Monday 16 March 2pm The Hundred Foot Journey
 Monday 16 March 4.30pm Kangaroo
 Thursday 19 March 5.30pm Sweet As

ALL AGES PLAY GROUND

20 March - 3.30-8.30pm Friday Harmony Night



CGS DENTAL WEEK!
MARCH

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

16th Mon
 Katanning Playgroup
 9.30am - 12pm

17th Tues
 Gnowangerup Community Health Building
 1pm - 4pm

18th Wed
 Kojonup Play Café
 Kodja Place,
 10.30am - 12pm

19th Thurs
 Broomehill Playgroup
 10am - 12pm

20th Fri
 Katanning Library Storytime
 10.30am - 12pm

EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP
 Central Great Southern

Dental Week in the Central Great Southern is coming up!

Our friendly dental team is offering FREE dental check-ups for children aged 0 – 4 years:

- No bookings needed
- Multiple locations across the week

Quick, gentle and family-friendly

Check to see when they'll be in your town. Don't forget to bring your Medicare card.