



Braeside Primary School

Honour, Pride and Achievement

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Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence

Principal's News

It is hard to believe how quickly the term has passed. There has been a great deal of positive work taking place across our classrooms, and it has been pleasing to see students engaged and making progress in their learning. Our literacy blocks are now more clearly structured, providing greater consistency and clarity for both students and staff. At the beginning of next term, we will also introduce a stronger focus on paired reading to further support student development in reading.

As one of the teachers delivering *Spelling Mastery*, I have had the opportunity to work closely with a group of students and can confidently say that they are demonstrating strong effort and commitment. Students are consolidating their existing spelling knowledge while also learning and applying new spelling rules in each lesson.

We are fortunate to have small group sizes, with students working across eight different levels. This allows teachers to provide targeted, intensive instruction, and it has been encouraging to see how well each group is operating. I know that all staff involved share a sense of pride in the progress being made. We look forward to continuing this work and seeing further growth in student learning in the coming term.

Big Breakfast

Next Thursday (2nd April- last day of term 1) from 7.30-8.30 the staff of Braeside will be hosting a Big Breakfast for all parents, caregivers and families. This is an opportunity for us to say thanks to our families for being part of Braeside and supporting the school. We will be cooking sausages (Halal and non), spaghetti, baked beans, toast, cold breakfast of cereal, yoghurt, and a selection of fresh fruit and juice, so please bring everyone along and enjoy some shared time with your children and have a chat to staff. This will be followed by our school assembly at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jewellery, make up and body art

As part of our ongoing work to review and strengthen school policies, updated expectations regarding jewellery, make-up, body art, and personal devices will be presented to the School Board for endorsement in Week 5 of next term. In the interim, we ask for your support in reinforcing the following expectations with students:

Jewellery should be limited to sleepers or studs only

- Make-up is not to be worn, including fake eyelashes and artificial nails
- Fake tattoos are not permitted

In addition, mobile phones and smart watches are to be handed in to the office at the beginning of the school day and will be returned to students at the end of the day.

As these expectations are pending formal endorsement by the School Board,

Important Dates

2026	March
Last day to send donations for the Easter Raffle to the office. All donations received are appreciated - thank you	Thurs 26th
Uniform shop open 2.30-3.30pm	Fri 27th
	April
All Easter Raffle tickets due back today, ready for tomorrow's draw.	Wed 1st
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 - 11.15am	Fri 24th
ANZAC Public Holiday	Mon 27th



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Phone: 9821 3500

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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 Noongar country. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging.

we are currently encouraging students to follow these guidelines in preparation for the updated policy.
We appreciate your support and cooperation as we work towards establishing clear and consistent expectations across the school.

Have a fabulous easter and school break

Donna Shepherdson

ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE



Friday, 24th April 2026

11.15am

Lest we forget

Please join us in the Braeside Primary School undercover area for our
ANZAC commemorative service.
We warmly welcome families to attend.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our parent volunteers Ella Maesepp, Arnika Tekapa and Tracey Mills for their time, commitment and enthusiasm in leading the Barracudas swim group in preparation for both our school and interschool carnivals.

Your willingness to support our students, share your expertise and dedicate your time has not gone unnoticed. The results on the day were a clear reflection of the effort and preparation that went into the training sessions.

Braeside Champions of the day were;

- 9 Year old Champion Girl: Piqué McCarthy
- 10 Year old Champion Boy: Quade Potter
- 11 Year old Champion Girl: Ariana Mills-Waterhouse
- 11 Year old Champion Boy: Cash McCarthy
- 12 Year old Champion Girl: Sienna Senihin

We are equally proud of all students who participated on the day. Their effort, determination and willingness to give their best made it a fantastic event.

We are proud to acknowledge the following students who achieved outstanding success by breaking records:

Girls 9-Year-Old 25M	Breaststroke Div A	Piqué McCarthy	New 31.90	Old 35.08
Girls 11-Year-Old 50m	Breaststroke Div A	Ariana Mills-Waterhouse	New 54.12	Old 1.01.57.
Girls 9-Year-old 25M	Freestyle Div A	Pique MaCarthy	New 20.85	Old 25.87
Girls 11-Year-old 50m	Freestyle Div A	Ariana Mills-Waterhouse	New 39.03	Old 45.97
Boys 11-Year-old 50M	Freestyle Div A	Cash McCarthy	New 42.20	Old 42.66
Girls 12-Year-old 50M	Freestyle Div A	Seinna Senihin	New 41.75	Old 41.90

Braeside achieved an overall placing of third, representing a strong and commendable performance. Importantly, our students were complimented on numerous occasions for their sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour. This is a wonderful reflection of our school values and the culture we continue to build together.



COMPASS AND ATTENDANCE

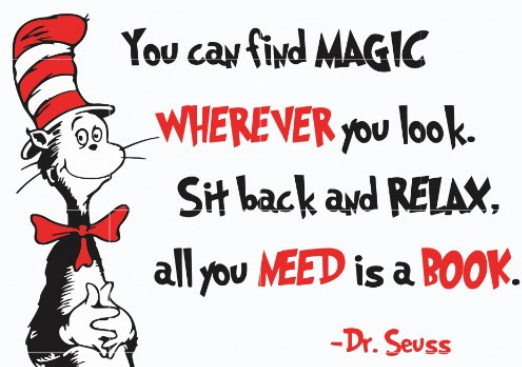
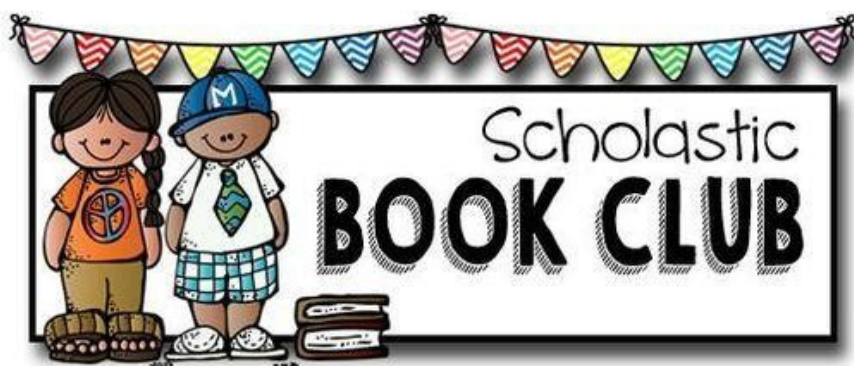
Attendance Letters have been sent home with your child if there are unexplained absences, can you please complete the absences and return to the office as soon as possible for the office to complete the attendance records for your child. Thank you, we appreciate your assistance.

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>

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB



Issue 2 Orders have been processed.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CGS DENTAL WEEK!
MARCH**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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.

SCHOOL NURSE

Ear Health



Healthy ears and good hearing are vital to help your child to talk, listen, learn and balance. When your child has a cold, the tube between the nose and the ear can swell and get blocked, stopping airflow and drainage. This can affect hearing, and cause pain and infection if untreated.

Symptoms of ear disease include:

- runny nose, cough or sore throat
- ear pain or pulling the ear
- ear discharge
- fever
- diarrhoea, vomiting
- reduced hearing – speaking too loudly, not responding when called, loud TV volume



To keep ears healthy:

- teach your child to wash hands with soap and water before eating, and after coughing or sneezing
- teach your child how to blow their nose – watch the [Blow Breathe Cough](#) video
- encourage regular showers
- eat healthy foods like fruits and vegetables
- don't let anyone smoke or vape around your child
- get regular hearing checks
- ensure your child gets all their vaccines on time, including the yearly flu shot

Find out more:

- [Care for Kids' Ears](#) helps First Nations parents recognize and prevent ear disease in their children.
- Raising Children Network has more information about [middle ear infections](#).

If you have any concerns about your child's ear health, see School Health Nurse (name here) on (number here), Aboriginal Medical Services, or your doctor.

Keeping ears clean

Ears produce wax (called cerumen) for protection. Wax and tiny hairs inside the ear canal prevent small objects getting down inside the ear. The natural movement of old skin, wax and dirt away from the eardrum toward the outer end of the ear canal is the ear's way of cleaning itself. So all you need to do to clean ears is to wipe around the outside of the ear with a damp cloth regularly. If a build-up of wax blocks the ear canal, special ear drops available from a chemist may soften the wax. Sometimes a visit to a GP may be necessary in order to physically remove the blockage.

The old saying that you should never put anything in your ear smaller than your elbow is true! That's because placing anything into the ear has the potential to cause damage.

If something does become lodged in the ear, seek expert advice about having it removed. Never attempt to remove it yourself.