



# Braeside Primary School

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## Principal's News

Hi everyone,

For a long term, it certainly seems to be passing very quickly. On Friday we held our Cross Country Carnival, and I was incredibly impressed by the outstanding level of sportsmanship displayed by all of our students.

What stood out most was that students did not need prompting or reminding to support one another. They naturally encouraged their peers, looked out for each other, and contributed to such a positive and inclusive atmosphere throughout the event.

It was wonderful to witness and is a true reflection of the caring and respectful culture we have at Braeside. We are very fortunate to have such amazing children, and I was extremely proud of every student who participated.

## Compass

Compass is our primary communication platform for all families. We have been using Compass since August last year, and all parents/carers should have received a parent code and password via email to access the platform.

Through Compass, families receive important school communications including absentee notifications, event consent forms, and the school newsletter. From our end, we are able to monitor communication delivery to ensure families are receiving important information.

If you are not receiving notifications or are experiencing any difficulties accessing Compass, please come into the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Moving forward into 2027, Compass will become our sole communication platform. It is important that all families are able to access Compass so they can stay informed about school events, updates, and notices. As part of this transition, the school newsletter will only be available through Compass from 2027 as we move towards becoming a paperless school.

## Parent meetings

Following the distribution of student reports on 18 June, Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 23 June (Week 10). These interviews provide an opportunity for teachers to discuss your child's progress and achievement data, share examples of classwork, and clarify any questions regarding report grades.

If additional time is required following the interview, parents are welcome to arrange an alternative meeting time with the teacher. Please note that Tuesday 23 June will be a pupil free day to allow teachers time to meet with all families.

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## Important Dates

2026	May
National Simultaneous Storytime	Wed 27th
Narrogin Cross Country	Thurs 28th
Assembly 9am	Fri 29th
	June
Public Holiday	Mon 1st
Footy Clinic Year 4 - 6	Thurs 4th
Reports home	Thurs 18th
Interschool Cross Country	Fri 19th
<b>School Closed for Parent Interviews</b>	<b>Tues 23rd</b>
Dumbleyung Speech & Drama Festival	Thurs 25th
Assembly 9am Room 5	Fri 26th
Katanning Dockers Shield Footy Carnival	Tues 30th
	July
Last day of Term 2	Frid 3rd July
School Holidays	4th July to 19th July
Staff Development Day NO Students at school	Mon 20 July
Braeside NAIDOC Day	Fri 24th
Year 6 Camp	Mon 3 Aug to Fri 7 Aug

### 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.

Information regarding how to book an interview time will be sent out next week. We will be using a program called SOBS for all bookings. Interviews will run for 15 minutes and will be available between 11.30am and 5.30pm to accommodate working parents.

Once booking information has been distributed, please contact the office if you require any assistance or clarification.

Donna Shepherdson

## LEAVERS SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED

Our Year 6 students were very excited to receive their 2026 Leavers' Shirts this week! The shirts are a special tradition at Braeside Primary School and celebrate students' final year of primary school.

Excitement was high when the shirts arrived, with Miss Eades and Ms Matheson lucky enough to model them first – much to the envy of the Year 6 students! Students proudly wore their new shirts and enjoyed sharing this special milestone together as they continue making memories in their final year at Braeside.



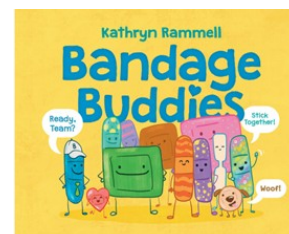
## BOOKFAIR THANKYOU!!

Thanks again for an amazing Bookfair! We raised \$2047 and with our \$723 commission were able to purchase amazing books for Braeside Primary School. What a great effort by our families!

The winner of the GUESS HOW MANY lollies was Connor from Room 9, who guessed 112 lollies. There were 113 Well done Connor!

Thankyou so much

Susan Anderson



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Education

Shaping the future

## School enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child is starting **Kindergarten**,  
**Pre-primary**, **Year 7** or **changing  
schools** you will need to apply  
to enrol by **24 July 2026**.

Find out more:  
[education.wa.edu.au/enrol](https://education.wa.edu.au/enrol)





# ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Why Attendance Matters at Braeside Primary School

At Braeside Primary School, we believe every school day counts. Regular attendance is more than a legal requirement – it is an important part of every child’s learning journey. When students attend school consistently, they benefit from quality teaching, ongoing learning, and the chance to build strong relationships with their peers and staff. Even small absences can quickly add up and may lead to gaps in learning. This can affect a child’s confidence, progress, and connection to school. We work in partnership with families to support strong attendance so every child has the best opportunity to thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. Together, we can make every day matter.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and after 13 years of school that is...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	114 days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

### MUST I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Yes, unless you child:

- Is genuinely ill or injured
- Has an infectious disease
- Has a medical or dental appointment that cannot be made outside of school hours.
- Is prevented from attending by an unavoidable cause or family circumstance, such as bereavement.



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# BRAESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT UPDATE



## Term 2 so far...

### Popstick challenge

All students in Years 1–6 are participating in the Pop Stick Challenge this term as part of Cross-Country training. Students collect pop sticks for each lap they run, with every 5 pop sticks earning a raffle ticket into our weekly sports equipment draw. We have already had 3 lucky winners of sporting equipment — keep running, you could be next!

### Cross Country Training

Cross Country training is taking place on the school oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15am–8:30am. All sessions are supervised by school staff, and laps completed count towards each student's Pop Stick Challenge total. There has been a great turn out each session - even with the weather getting chillier!

### Faction Athletics practice

Students from PP- Year 6 are participating in whole-school sport sessions on Friday afternoons. Students rotate through athletics events in their factions, providing extra practice opportunities. These sessions also allow teachers to support skill development and help ensure students are placed in appropriate teams. We are already seeing great progress in students' skills. A standout is the younger students and their enthusiasm and improvement in Spikey Ball.

### Faction Cross Country event

On Friday, students from 8 years of age participated in our annual Faction Cross Country event at the Katanning Country Club. It was fantastic to see students showing perseverance, sportsmanship and faction spirit throughout the day. A big congratulations to all students for giving their best effort, and thank you to staff and families who supported the event. Congratulations to Acacia faction for their win in a close race.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

28 May - Narrogin Cross Country  
4 June - Footy Clinics  
19 June - Interschool Cross Country

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# SCHOOL NURSE

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## Influenza

Influenza, or the 'flu' is caused by an influenza virus. It is spread through the air when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. It is also spread by touching something that has the virus on it and then touching your nose, eyes or mouth. Common symptoms include sore throat, cough, fever, headache, chills, tiredness and muscle aches.

People with the flu should rest and drink plenty of fluid. Use paracetamol in recommended doses if necessary - but do not give children any medication containing aspirin.

Be sure to keep your child home from school while he or she is sick. If you require school work for your child contact the school to prepare some for you to collect.

The best way to prevent flu from spreading is by washing your hands regularly and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information, contact your GP or local **Immunisation nurse Amber on 0459 247 382.**



### Why should I consider having my child vaccinated against the flu?

The National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia's peak body for health advice, recommends annual vaccination for anyone six months of age or older who wants to reduce their chances of becoming ill with the flu.

Annual flu vaccination is strongly recommended for anyone six months of age or older with a medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe illness from flu. Children and adults with heart, lung or kidney disease or a weakened immune system, are eligible for free flu vaccine through the National Immunisation Program.

Children without underlying medical conditions who become infected with flu can also develop serious illnesses. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. Flu can also cause convulsions and diarrhoea in children.

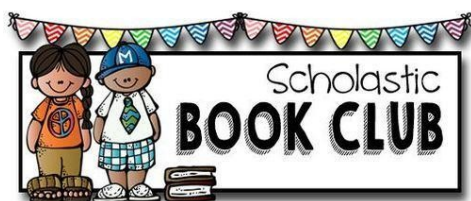
Influenza viruses are always changing. Each year scientists try to match the strains of influenza viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu illnesses that year. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination against flu and protection lasts about a year.

The seasonal flu vaccine is available on prescription or via GP and immunisation clinics and is provided free for certain groups. Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation) or contact your GP or **Immunisation nurse Amber on 0459 247 382.**

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

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Issue 2 books have been sent home.

Issue 3 book club catalogue has been sent home and orders are due on the online LOOP by the 11th June. Please use the link below to order books.

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