Braeside Primary School

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Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence.

From the Principal



Every Day Counts – Attendance Matters!
Regular school attendance is one of the most important foundations for student success. Every day at school provides opportunities for children to learn new skills, build friendships, develop confidence and feel connected to their school community. We understand that children can occasionally be unwell or have circumstances that prevent them from attending. However, establishing good attendance habits from an early age is incredibly important. Even missing one day a week can quickly add up to a significant amount of lost learning over the course of a year. At Braeside Primary School, we want every student to have the opportunity to achieve their potential. This means working together with families to ensure children are at school, on time and ready to learn. We will continue to monitor attendance, celebrate positive attendance habits and work alongside families where additional support may be needed.

School Board – Open Meeting
A reminder that we will be holding an open School Board meeting this Thursday(19th November) in the staffroom at 3.30pm. Parents and community members who are interested in learning more about the work of our School Board and the decisions that help shape the direction of Braeside Primary School are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of how our school operates, our priorities and the work being undertaken to continually improve outcomes for our students. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved in our school community to come along. We would love to see you there!

Student Collection During the School Day
A reminder to all parents and carers that if you need to collect your child during the school day, you must report to the front office first. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom to collect them. Office staff will notify the classroom teacher and ensure that the appropriate procedures are followed before your child is released. These processes are in place to ensure the safety of all students, maintain accurate attendance records and ensure we always know who has collected each child and when they have left the school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation and support in following these procedures. Student safety is everyone's responsibility, and these processes are not optional.

Kind Regards,

Donna Shepherdson
Principal

Save the Date

November	
Kindy Transition session and Parent Orientation	Tuesday 17th
Whole School Assembly	9am Friday 20th
December	
Swimming Lessons P-6	Mon 23rd - Fri 4th Dec
Parent Teacher Interviews No students at school	Tuesday 8th
End of Year Concert	Thursday 10th
Year 6 Graduation	Tuesday 15th
Last day for students	Thursday 17th

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

Braeside Primary School
Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 066 040
Account: 19907881

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Goreng Noongar people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our school stands. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community.

100 Nights of Reading

Congratulations to the students who have reached the 100 Nights of Reading milestone.



Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the Week 6 assembly Merit Certificate recipients.



Jaxton
Violet
Ezra
Kenzie
Dottie
Brandon
Kayleigh
Zander
Kasey
Ethan
Max
Lillee-Roze
Cash
Clara
Lyllah

Celebrating Children's Week

Celebrating Noongar Language for Children's Week Incursion



As part of Children's Week celebrations, we were excited to welcome Bev Lockley and members of the Badgebup Ngoolyark Women's Rangers to Braeside Primary School. We would like to thank Friends of Piesse Park for bringing this engaging activity to our school and acknowledge the support of Meerilinga Children's Foundation through a Children's Week grant, made possible by funding from Lotterywest, the Department of Communities and the Department of Education.

Our Year 4/5 students headed outdoors for a hands-on session matching native plants and animals with their Noongar names. They also explored traditional bush tucker and the medicinal uses of local plants, learning how these species have been cared for and used across generations.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with the natural environment while deepening their appreciation of Noongar language, culture, and traditional knowledge. A big thank you to Bev and the team for sharing their time and expertise with our students.











WaterUps
Wicking our World

We were very excited to be featured in the WaterUps newsletter, showcasing school gardens from across Australia! It's wonderful to see our Green Thumbs garden at Braeside Primary School recognised alongside other inspiring school garden projects.



BRAESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WA

A courtyard for culture and learning

At Braeside, an unused courtyard is becoming a multicultural garden. With funding secured, the team installed **6 WaterUps IBC wicking kits** during the holidays, ready for its Garden Club to begin planting.

Deputy Principal Morgan Dezotti hopes students will explore the plants, foods and gardening traditions of cultures represented in their school community. It's early days, with plenty of learning still to come.

Photos shared by Aldavilla Public School and Braeside Primary School.

STEM Extension



What a busy term we have had so far in our STEM extension classes! We started with a bang, designing and creating trellises to support our tomato plants before decorating our pots. We explored a range of trellis designs to help us decide which would work best. We ended up with such a variety of creative designs and techniques, and they all looked fabulous!





We have also been taking part in the GWN Weather Wall on Mondays. Each week, a few students get the opportunity to record the weather, including the high temperature, low temperature and rainfall, which we then send through to GWN. They read our weather report out live on TV during the GWN News!

In Week 4, we even had the exciting opportunity to send in a photo of ourselves! We will continue taking part in the Weather Wall for the rest of the term, with two more opportunities to send in photos or videos. We can't wait to ourselves on the news again!



This week, as part of our Plants for Space program, we had the exciting opportunity to videoconference with real-life scientists! The session was organised by scientist April Harris, who visited Katanning during Science Week to share some of the research she has been involved in through Plants for Space.

We got to meet:
Ryan Coates (UWA)
Macro and Micronutrients and the Food Table: What do our bodies need from food, and how could astronauts get these nutrients from plants?

Jess Gugliotta (UWA)
Growing Plants With and Without Gravity: How do roots grow when there is no "down"?

Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav (Flinders University)
Plants' Sensory Cues for Stress Reduction: How can the sight, smell and feel of plants help us feel calm?

Berber Tolboom (Flinders University)
Friend in Bloom: Can Plants Make You Happy? Why might having green friends nearby be good for astronauts, and for us too?

Dr Samantha Harvie (UWA)
What Makes Plants Grow Big, Strong and Good to Eat? Samantha studies crop nutrition, looking at how we feed plants so they grow well and produce food that is good for us to eat.

Pragya Poudel (UWA)
A Tale of Grapes: Pragya is a PhD candidate who uses microscopes to study how grapevines develop.

Milly Petterson (UWA)
Turning Plant Switches On and Off, and Why: Milly is a PhD candidate at the Plants for Space Research Centre.

We were lucky enough to use the new Smart Board and camera in the staffroom for our videoconference. All the students were fantastic listeners and even came up with some super interesting questions to ask the scientists. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the exciting research happening in science and how it could help us in the future!









Remembrance Day

On 11 November, our Student Councillors and Scouts represented Braeside Primary School at the Remembrance Day service in town. At school, students and staff observed one minute's silence to remember those who have served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

We are proud of the respect shown by our students as they paused to reflect on the significance of this day.

Lest we forget.









Nurse's Notes



Water safety

In Australia, drowning is the number one cause of death for children under five.
To keep your children safe around water:

- Always stay with your children and watch carefully when they are near water, even if they can swim.
- Teach your children about water safety and make sure they learn how to swim.
- Have the whole family learn first aid.
- If you have a pool have it fenced with self-closing gates.
- Never leave them alone in the bath

The Education Department offers low-cost VacSwim programs for school aged children. For more information on swimming lessons during summer via VacSwim go to www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/swimming/detcms/portal/

For water safety tips see www.lifesavingwa.com.au

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Katanning Scout Group
for Katanning Community Harvest

Please donate non-perishable goods to support local families this Christmas

- **Canned Food**
- **Pasta & Rice**
- **Long-life Milk**
- **Breakfast Cereals**
- **Tea & Coffee**
- **Biscuits & Christmas Treats**
- **Personal Care Items**

- **To help us provide the most requested items:**
  No Baked Beans, Mixed Beans or Tinned Spaghetti please

Drop your donations off at the front office

Will be collected by the 8th December

Thank you for supporting our community

Kindy & PP Ambulance Visit















PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

11.30AM-5.30PM

Students **do not attend school** on this day.

TO BOOK

Please use the booking link provided or scan the QR code. Interview bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=2598

SCAN ME

SCAN HERE

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

9821 3500 www.braesideps.wa.edu.au

Reminders

Mon 23 Nov - Fri 4 Dec

All students from Pre Primary to Year 6

Don't forget:

Bathers, towel, spare undies, swimming bag!

ICYPOLE FRIDAYS

$1 EACH OR .50C FOR HALF

SUPPORTING THE P&C ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Braeside Primary P&C

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