



Braeside Primary School

Issue 8 Tuesday 9th June 2026

Embrace diversity, realise potential, aim for excellence

From the Principal

Hi everyone,

Once again, it has been an incredibly busy and productive fortnight at Braeside Primary School.

Parent interviews

Our Parent-Teacher Interview schedule (Tuesday 23rd June) is now available on Compass, and approximately 30% of families have already secured their preferred interview time. These interviews provide an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with classroom teachers, discuss their child's progress, review the data we have collected, and gain a deeper understanding of their child's learning journey and next steps. A reminder that this is a pupil free day. Please see the next page for more information.

Pupil Free Days

We would like to remind families of the change to one of our School Development Day (SDD) dates for 2026, which was sent out as a notification on compass last week. The dates are: 21st July (Tuesday week 1 Term 3) will now be pupil free backing onto Monday 20th July which was already confirmed. 12th October (1st day back Term 4 will now not be a pupil free day)

This decision was not made lightly and followed careful consideration by the school leadership team and in consultation with the School Board. The change allows staff to access targeted professional learning from a highly regarded literacy consultant from Tracks to Literacy. This professional learning aligns directly with our school improvement priorities and will support staff in further strengthening literacy outcomes for all students.

We understand that changes to the school calendar can impact family plans and arrangements, particularly when they occur close to school holiday periods. We also acknowledge that the revised date may not align with neighbouring secondary school calendars. We appreciate the understanding and flexibility of our families and apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause.

At Braeside Primary School, we value the perspectives of our families and recognise the important role they play in shaping our school community. We remain committed to considering community feedback when planning future School Development Days and communicating any changes as early as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to invest in high-quality professional learning that benefits both our staff and students.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community,
Ms Shepherdson



2026	June
Reports home	Thursday 18th
Interschool Cross Country	Friday 19th
School Closed for Parent Interviews	Tuesday 23rd
Dumpleyung Speech & Drama festival	Thursday 25th
Assembly 9am Room 5	Friday 26th
Year 5/6 Dockers Shield Footy carnival	Tuesday 30th
	July
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 3rd
School Holidays	4th July-19th July
Staff Development Day No students at school	Monday 20th Tuesday 21st

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.

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PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE
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.

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

Interview bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Specialist Teachers

Miss Porteous (Science), Mrs Stade (Art), Miss Dufall (Year 2 Literacy), and Mrs Matthews (Pre-Primary Tuesday teacher) will be available on Parent-Teacher Interview Day to meet with parents and carers.

Miss Bielby (Physical Education) and Mrs Punch (Indonesian) will not be available on this day. If you would like to meet with either of these teachers at another time, please leave your contact details at the front office and they will contact you to arrange a suitable meeting time.



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School Board Update Term 2 Meeting

The Term 2 Board meeting was held in Week 5 and, as always, covered a lot of ground.

We acknowledge that there have been a significant number of changes over the last couple of years and that the rate and pace of these changes has not been without its challenges. As a result, Ms Shep informed the Board that changes to siren times are going to be revisited at the end of the year. We discussed that the survey hadn't been accessible to everyone (thank you to those who got in touch to let us know about access issues) and looked at some other ways that we could ensure everyone can provide feedback. Please keep an eye out for how you can have your say in Term 4.

It was wonderful to hear the improvements coming through in school literacy data, currently in raw form, and we look forward to the analysed results being presented at the next meeting. The potential for a school celebration to congratulate students, staff and families was discussed; making changes isn't easy but the rewards for doing so are starting to be seen.

The school administration area has not been immune to changes either, and we're looking forward to seeing the results in a more functional space for everyone in the school. With any luck, this will be just the start of works being done to improve the physical environment.

We've had requests for school policies to be updated and made available to everyone on the website. The Board is in the process of reviewing the bullying and mobile phone policies as these were identified as priorities, and these will be shared with everyone when finalised.

Other Board business included the parent-teacher interview dates and changes to the professional learning dates to allow for more effective training; we know changes to scheduling of pupil-free days can have a significant impact on families and we don't take these decisions lightly.

I'll finish on my usual note of encouraging families to continue to get in touch with us on anything we're discussing or that you think we should be discussing. One of the topics of discussion was the school newsletter and how that could be better used to connect families with what's happening in the school- what would you like to see in the school newsletter?

Thanks,

Jo

Book Club

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SPORT UPDATE

Term 2 so far...



Narrogin Cross Country event

On 28 May, a number of our students proudly represented our school at the Narrogin Cross Country. This event provided students with the opportunity to compete against other schools from across the district, with races featuring approximately 25 competitors in each age group. Our students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day, encouraging and supporting one another while showing great determination and resilience as they tackled the course. They should all be congratulated on their efforts and the positive way they represented our school.

A special congratulations to our place-getters:

Quade Potter – 1st Place, Year 4 Boys

Tori-Faye Porter – 2nd Place, Year 6 Girls

Cash McCarthy – 3rd Place, Year 6 Boys

Certificates detailing each participant's placing will be sent to the school by the event organisers in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all students who participated, and a sincere thank you to the parents who generously gave their time to assist and support the event.

Football Clinics

On Thursday 4th June, students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 enjoyed participating in a football clinic. Throughout the day, students developed their teamwork skills while learning and practising fundamental football techniques, including kicking and handballing. It was fantastic to see students displaying excellent sportsmanship, encouraging their peers, and demonstrating enthusiasm and determination in every activity. The clinic provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build their skills, stay active, and have fun together.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

19 June - Interschool Cross Country

30 June - Year 5/6 Dockers Cup



Room 10 had a fantastic time at the footy clinics with Reidy. We have some real talent at Braeside Primary School, and we are looking forward to the Katanning Dockers Shield/Cup Boys and Girls Football Carnival 2026 on the 30th June.



RECONCILIATION EVENT AT PIESSE PARK

REPORTED BY ARIANA MILLS-WATERHOUSE
AND SCARLETT LONG

On Friday 5th of June 2026, students lined up in their classes and walked to Piesse Park.

When the school got there, students gathered around to hear about what will happen on this special day.

We also saw students from other schools come to experience the Reconciliation event, with most high school students being on their way back to school.

Some students also learned the origin of Piesse Park and how it was a gathering and hunting point for the Aboriginal People. Some students were also learning about the endangered species of the snake-necked turtle.

The reptile home was located near the Ice Creamery, where some students saw the reptiles slithering up posts and they also saw a display of baby snakes. There was also a small lizard, whom people were allowed to pet. We also met a longer snake that some students hung around their neck.

After the reptile visit, classes gathered around a campfire with hot dogs and damper to eat, and they enjoyed fun activities that were held there.

We had activities of face painting, rock painting, damper making, drum beat and some students made a Mia Mia (shelter) out of sticks and leaves.

These activities helped students realize that National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and also about teaching others about our own cultures and sharing cultural history, and memories.



COMMUNITY EVENT
ALL IN
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Friday 5th June 2026 10am - 2pm
Join us at Piesse Park!

MOOSE'S VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

REPORTED BY ARIANA MILLS-WATERHOUSE



Moose came in on National Simultaneous Story Time, and we had just read 'Luna Roo', this book was about a young kangaroo who steps up as a rookie captain of her soccer team, FC outback, fortunately the team wins the soccer match, and Luna learns to silence her doubts.

On Wednesday we had a small joey come in and his name was Moose, and his carer was Sonia. Moose was only a few months old and was cradled in blankets when we met him - which is important for joeys that haven't grown all their fur yet so they stay warm. His mother had died in a collision with a car and was found by the people who had collided with his mother, and eventually he was taken to Sonia who brought him to the school on Wednesday.

She told us about him and showed us some pictures of her other kangaroos who she had just taken to a soft-release centre. This is located right near the bush, so that when a group of kangaroos have created a mob, they are released. Moose had no fur on his stomach, but he did have some on his head and a little bit on his back. Sonia explained that joeys normally get fur on their face first, as when they're old enough, they stick their head out of their mother's pouch, so they get vitamin D, which is essential to help them grow. Overall, everyone had a fantastic time asking questions and getting to learn about Moose.



100 Nights of Reading

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



Ariana, Connor, Ruby, Nikkirah, Miyasha, Ethan C, Clara, Quade, Henry

Merit Award Recipients

***Congratulations to the Week 6 assembly
Merit Certificate recipients.***

Isobel	Steven	
Tristan	Ethan V	Maisy
Blaze	Angus	Henry
Remy	Ziarna	Jaxton
Rory	Charlie	Lorima
	Keith	Alyssa
		Emmanuel



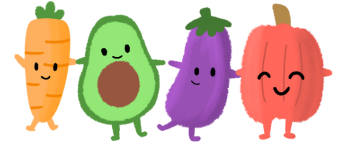
School Nurse



Healthy eating - ten tips for parents

Healthy eating is important for your child's growth. As parents, you shape their eating habits. Here are ten simple tips to help your child eat healthy:

- Give your child a variety of different foods.
- Offer nutritious snacks such as fruit, yoghurt, crackers, and cheese.
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast.
- Ensure that the family eats together at least once a day.
- Pack your child's lunch at home. Let your child help.
- If your child refuses a new food, don't make a fuss. Try again several times.
- Listen when your child tells you they are full.
- When your child is thirsty, encourage them to drink water.
- Allow your children to help with planning and preparing healthy meals.
- Plan physical activities for your family. Keep a balance between the food eaten and energy needs.



Find out more:

HealthyWA gives more information about food for pre-primary and primary school children.

Chaplain's Chat

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My role as a YouthCARE Chaplain is to provide pastoral care and offer a non-judgemental, independent service that respects all people, regardless of their background, beliefs, or circumstances. I support the social, emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing of students, staff, and families.

I build positive relationships, act as a mentor and role model, run activities, participate in school events, provide links between the school and the wider community, and make myself available for anyone who would like someone to talk to.

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

I work every Friday and on odd-week Thursdays (Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9). I also run the Breakfast Club on those days.

Please feel free to contact me through the school office or via email.

I look forward to supporting and serving the Braeside Primary School community throughout 2026.

Kind regards,

Chris Mills
YouthCARE Chaplain