

Issue No 2**Term 1****26 February 2020**

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Thank you for your attendance at the parent information sessions over the past fortnight. Your commitment to such opportunities to connect and communicate in our on-going partnership in your child's education is vital.

School Development Day

Reminder to all parents and carers that Friday 28 February is a **Pupil Free Day**.

There is unequivocal evidence that the quality of teaching is the critical school variable in raising student outcomes. Schools where teachers work collaboratively have also been shown to deliver improved student outcomes, provided they focus on understanding and using student achievement data and examining the impact of different teaching strategies on student progress.

School Development Days are allocated to all WA Public Schools for the purpose of providing professional learning and support for staff. School support is strongest where there is a culture where staff are valued, treated with respect, trusted, have opportunities to collaborate, and grow their professional capabilities. The whole school will be off-site on Friday 28 February to attend professional learning together. The school can be contacted for urgent matters on the Willetton Primary School mobile phone (0419 854 183).

Restructure of Kindergarten and Pre-primary Classes

Ensuring every student is on a pathway to success begins with providing high quality development and learning experiences for students in their first years of school.

The wellbeing and educational achievement of students in the early years must therefore be a priority. For our school that means taking a close look at what is happening for children in the first years of school and seeing where improvements can be made in class sizes.

Due to the high student numbers enrolled in the two Pre-primary classes at such an early stage of the year, it is necessary to reduce these numbers by restructuring the configuration of early childhood classes.

All possibilities have been carefully considered and investigated in the best needs of the students. All decisions are made in the best interests of the school and our students to ensure we provide every student with the best possible opportunities, and teaching and learning environment to ensure they reach their full potential.

Kindy and Pre-primary classes for 2020, will commence Monday 9 March, Week 6, Term 1.

- Woodpecker - Pre-primary Teacher – Mrs McAleer
- Kingfisher - Pre-primary Teacher – Miss Valentinusson
- Bluejay 1 - Kindy/Pre-primary Teacher – Mrs Redman
- Bluejay 2 - Kindy/Pre-primary Teacher – Mrs Schabert
- Ibis - Kindy Teacher - Miss Currie (in Brolga building)
- Brolga - Kindy Teacher Mrs Hay-Hendry (in Brolga building – alternate days)

All early years' parents and carers are invited to a meeting in the school Library, 2pm Wednesday 26 February.

Best Wishes,

Heather McNeil

School Times

8.40am-2.50pm**Important
upcoming dates****Wednesday 26
February****K/PP Information
Session in the
Library 2pm****Friday 28
February****SDD****Pupil Free Day****Monday 2 March****Labour Day****Pupil Free Day****Friday 6 March****Assembly****Area 1 and 3****Wednesday 31
March****School Closes at
12pm for Parent
Teacher
Interviews**

NAPLAN Online 2020

This year all Year 3 and 5 students will sit NAPLAN online. There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Year 3 Writing will be paper based.

NAPLAN test dates are **12 to 22 May**.

To understand more about how NAPLAN online works, I encourage all parents in Year 3 & 5 to watch a short clip 'Understanding NAPLAN Online' and the 'Tailored Test video'. Both items as well as more information, can be found at the following address:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

Parents wishing to withdraw their son/daughter from this testing, please see your classroom teacher or make contact with me at the office.

Thank you,

Desley Spencer-James

Deputy Principal

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As previously mentioned on the school website and the term planner, the school will be closed for a half-day on 31st March (Tuesday, Week 9) for Parent/Teacher Interviews. From 12pm on this day, parents will be able to book a 10 minute meeting with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress at school.

Appointment time will be booked using an online platform known as 'School Interviews' on first come, first served basis. Further information, including how to book and the unique event code, will be sent closer to the date. Parents will be able to book a meeting time beginning in Week 7.

Kind Regards,

Joshua Jardine

Deputy Principal

Message from the P and C

Thanks to all the parents who attended our AGM last Monday night and a special thanks to those who (bravely ☺) put up their hand to nominate for committee positions. After the AGM, the committee was follows- if you know any of these folks, please say thanks as without their efforts we wouldn't have a P&C!

PRESIDENT: vacant- *this is a key position needed or else the P&C will fold*

VICE-PRESIDENT: Pip W

SECRETARY: vacant (we have since received a nomination)

TREASURER: Fiona W

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR: Debbie G

CANTEEN TREASURER: vacant (we have since received a nomination)

CANTEEN CONVENOR: vacant- *this is a key position needed to operate the canteen*

KINDY/PRE-PRIMARY COORDINATOR: Shaya A

PR COMMITTEE: Pip W, Tracey W

SAFETY HOUSE COORDINATOR: Caio M

SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR: Juliana M

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM COORDINATOR: Julie C

SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR: vacant (we have since received a nomination)

There is still time to come on board in a variety of capacities- for more information please email willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com. We're always looking for **canteen volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays** (contact willettoncanteen@gmail.com) and **school banking helpers for a Friday morning** (contact willettonprimarypandc@gmail.com)

What is a P&C?

P&C stands for parents and citizens, which means anyone reading this newsletter!

P&C Associations are an officially recognised forum where anyone over the age of 18 who is interested in the welfare of government schools can meet to discuss educational issues. The objects of an association are to promote the interests of the school for which it is formed through:

- (a) cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community;
- (b) assisting in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities for the school or schools; and
- (c) the fostering of community interest in educational matters.

School Education Act 1999, part 3, division 8, subdivision 2, section 143 (1).

P&Cs give parents and other members an opportunity to learn about the school's policies and programs; organise ways in which parents can share in shaping and developing school policies; bring parents together to share information and views; assist the school in building positive attitudes to students and their families; help raise funds to provide extra resources ([reference](#)).

Yes, this means that P&C are important enough to be included in the Education Act of the WA Parliament! It also means that we are about more than just fundraising. *We're passionate about making our school community a happy, inclusive and safe environment, because that's how our kids learn best. If that sounds like something you would like to be part of, then reach out and say hi to find out how!*

Message from the Community Health Nurse

Community Health nurses in Primary school

Welcome back to the school year! My name is Sharon Madlener and I am the community health nurse for your school in 2020. I work within a team of community nurses and we visit all primary schools in the Canning Region throughout the year.

Community nurses work with schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

We also serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **9258 8053**.



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service
WA Country Health Service

Community Health Nurses working with primary schools

Who are the Community Health Nurses?

School Health Services are delivered in public and private primary schools and district high schools across Western Australia. The Community Health Nurses who deliver the services, are employed by WA Country Health Services or Child and Adolescent Health Service (in metropolitan Perth). Teams of Community Health Nurses provide services in local primary schools.

Community Health Services in Primary Schools

Community Health Nurses are primarily involved in early detection of health concerns and promotion of health and wellbeing for children and their families. They may provide;

- Information, advocacy and support for children and their parents to make informed decisions about health, wellbeing and development.
- Health and development assessments.
- Referral to other health services for further assessment, diagnosis, treatment or therapy.
- Parenting advice and parenting programs (eg Triple P).
- Support for teachers to provide health education in the classroom.
- Support for student health and wellbeing programs (eg healthy eating).
- Support for school health promotion initiatives.
- Facilitation of professional development for teachers to ensure schools can care for children with particular health needs, e.g., asthma or anaphylaxis.
- Assistance for school staff and parents to develop health care plans for students with special needs (eg chronic disease; physical disability or other complex health conditions).

A School Level Agreement is negotiated between the School Health Nurse and/or the Nurse Manager and the Principal to guide service delivery at individual schools.

As a general rule Community Health Nurses

- Do not provide minor first aid (the school is responsible for this).
- Do not administer medication.
- Do not conduct invasive physical examinations.
- Do not conduct checks for head lice.
- Do not undertake long term interventions about psychological, relationship or educational problems.

School Entry Health Assessments

Community Health Nurses endeavour to conduct a **School Entry Health Assessment (SEHA)** for every child during the first year of school – usually kindergarten. This universal screening program aims to detect problems with hearing, vision, oral health, growth, development, and any other health and wellbeing issues which are of concern for parents or teachers. These assessments are usually conducted within school hours and require parent/caregiver consent.

Activity	Details	Timeframe
Information gathering	A health assessment form is sent to parents (via the school) to provide information about the SEHA, seek their consent to conduct the assessments, collect relevant health history and provides an opportunity to identify concerns	Term 1
Prioritising	Community Health Nurses review parental responses from the health assessment forms and regularly liaise with teachers to appropriately prioritise children.	Term 1-3
Assessment	Screening tests are not comprehensive assessments, but highlight issues which may need further assessment and/or treatment. The tests are non-invasive and quickly applied. They include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision screening • Hearing and ear health screening • Body Mass Index (BMI) including height and weight • Oral health • Developmental screening includes a 'first level screen' using a parent and teacher observations. Nurses communicate results with parents and work with them to provide information and support and link them to other health providers, as required.	Term 2-4
Follow-up and liaison	Community Health Nurses liaise with parents to empower, support and follow-up with care and referral if required. With parent consent, Community Health Nurses liaise with teachers and school staff on matters of child health, development and wellbeing.	Ongoing
Referrals	Community Health Nurses refer clients to a range of providers for further assessment and treatment, most commonly to general practitioners and child development services. With parent consent, referrals can be done collaboratively with the classroom teacher.	Ongoing

CONTACT DETAILS

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PLAYGROUP WA

PLAYCONNECT PLAYGROUP WILLETTON



WHEN: Wednesdays (during school term)
TIME: 11.30am to 1.30pm
WHERE: Willetton Playgroup,
6 Kingfisher Loop, Willetton

Our free weekly facilitated playgroup is for families with children aged 0-6 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or communication and similar needs. Children do not need a diagnosis to participate and siblings are also welcome. An experienced playgroup facilitator leads the group with relevant play activities and current information. It's a great way for families to connect with others, share knowledge and ideas, and have fun!

For more information or to register to attend this playgroup contact Hotline on 1800 171 882 or email: playconnect@playgroupwa.com.au



Playgroup
WA (Inc)



Supporting families with children with autism

PlayConnect Playgroups - part of the Australian Government's "Helping Children with Autism" package

A Word from the Chaplain

What is a School Chaplain?

As a school chaplain, I work in partnership with families and school staff to support holistic student well-being. I provide pastoral care programs, activities and referrals that help in resilience building, peer support, positive relationships building, relaxing and stress management, life transitions, identity and growth mindset.

I am available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please feel free to contact me at charis.chua2@education.wa.edu.au or make arrangements with your child's class teacher to have a chat with me.

An Interesting Activity with Your Child

Our students are on an important learning and growing journey. This journey requires support encouragement, guidance and nurture for it to be as successful and enjoyable as possible. Parents play a key role to help them reach their fullest potential and overcome challenges. Here is an interesting activity you can do with them.

Skill: Self-Esteem

Three Words I can Use to Describe Myself

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Three Things I am Proud of

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Make A List of Things You Are Good At:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Make A List of Goals/Dreams that You Want to Try to Accomplish:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Community News

Season 2020 Registrations Now Open!



Calling everyone aged 7-18 to join Rostrata Netball Club for 2020. No experience necessary!

Netball is a fantastic sport that keeps kids active and promotes teamwork skills.

Training happens afterschool at Rostrata Primary School in Willetton, for games on Saturdays at Gibson Park, Fremantle.

Registrations are online at MyNetball.com.au and close on **1st March 2020**.

For more information about the 2020 season, please email rostratanetballclub@hotmail.com

For those born after 2013, Rostrata Netball also runs a NetSetGo Skills program in association with Netball WA. Register Now!



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\$17.50 PER SESSION

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WEEKLY IN-TERM SESSIONS
SIGN UP ANYTIME
MAX 12 KIDS PER CLASS

Instagram

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7-11 YEARS 3.30PM	7-11 YEARS 3.30PM	7-11 YEARS 3.30PM	7-11 YEARS 3.30PM
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12-15 YEARS 5.30PM	12-15 YEARS 5.30PM	12-15 YEARS 5.30PM	

ONLINE REGISTRATION

WINNINGEDGEACADEMY.COM.AU

Kids LOVE Drama

PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS

- BOOST CONFIDENCE
- INCREASE SELF ESTEEM
- LEARN LIFE SKILLS
- IMPROVE COMMUNICATION
- DEVELOP DRAMA SKILLS

- Atwell
- Canning Vale
- Hilton
- Kardinya
- Kelmscott
- Willetton

WEEKLY CLASSES ENROLLING NOW
KINDY DRAMA 3-5 YEARS | LOWER PRIMARY 5-8 YEARS
UPPER PRIMARY 9-12 YEARS | YOUTH 12-17 YEARS

TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE CONTACT US
0414 689 261 kerry.jones@helenogrady.net.au
www.helenogrady.net.au

MONSTER TRUCKS UNLEASHED

AND MUCH MORE!!!

PERTH MOTORPLEX

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH

MOTORPLEX.COM.AU

GATES OPEN 3.00PM PIT PARTY 4PM-5PM SHOW 6.00PM

Term 1 Planner 2020



		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 1 2020	27 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	28 Jan	29 Jan School Office reopens 8:30am	30 Jan SDD	31 Jan SDD
WEEK 1	3 Feb STUDENTS COMMENCE 10:10 Welcome back to school assembly	4 Feb Sri Lankan Independence Day	5 Feb SWIMMING LESSONS Years 3 – 6	6 Feb	7 Feb Welcome back to school BBQ. 7:30 – 8:30am
WEEK 2	10 Feb A20 Parent info session 3:10 – 4pm SWIMMING LESSONS Years 3 – 6	11 Feb A4 & A6 Parent info session 4:00 – 5 pm A7 Parent info 3 – 3:30	12 Feb Newsletter Staff Meeting	13 Feb A5 Parent info session 3:30 – 4:30pm A1 & A3 Parent info 4pm onwards.	14 Feb
WEEK 3	17 Feb A2, A15, A16 & A17 Parent info session 3:00 – 4pm P & C Meeting 7pm	18 Feb Bluejay / Ibis Parent info session 3 – 3:40 A10 & Yr 6 Parent info session 4:00 – 5:00 pm	19 Feb Willetton's Got Talent Yr 4 Parent info session 3:15 – 4:15 pm	20 Feb A8 Parent info session 3:15 – 3:45 pm	21 Feb Assembly (A18+ A19) Brolga Parent info 11 – 11:30
WEEK 4	24 Feb	25 Feb BOARD MEETING	26 Feb K/PP Meeting 2pm Library Newsletter	27 Feb	28 Feb SDD
WEEK 5	2 Mar LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 Mar	4 Mar Willetton's Got Talent	5 Mar	6 Mar Assembly A1 & A3
WEEK 6	9 Mar	10 Mar Staff Meeting	11 Mar Newsletter	12 Mar	13 Mar Grip Leadership conference
WEEK 7 Harmony Week	16 Mar P & C Meeting 7pm	17 Mar	18 Mar Willetton's Got Talent	19 Mar	20 Mar Harmony Day Assembly (A7 + A5)
WEEK 8	23 Mar	24 Mar BOARD MEETING	25 Mar Newsletter Maths Olympiad	26 Mar School photos Staff Meeting	27 Mar School photos Summer Carnival
WEEK 9	30 Mar	31 Mar School closure from 12pm for Parent / teacher interviews.	1 Apr Willetton's Got Talent	2 Apr	3 Apr ANZAC Assembly (A9 + A10)
WEEK 10	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr Newsletter	9 Apr Swimming Carnival	10 Apr GOOD FRIDAY