



Produced by Dwellingup Primary School August 20<sup>th</sup> 2024  
**"Choose Respect"**

Dates to Remember:	
19-23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Book Week
19-23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Book Fair
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Book Week Dress up
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Author, Kitty Black visit
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Dad's Breakfast Club
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Blue Wren to Gosnell's Museum
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	School Psych visit
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Echidna Dad's Breakfast
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 to Government House
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Blue Wren Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Faction Carnival
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dwellingup 100
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Phascogale to Huntly Mine
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Talk Like a Pirate Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Newsletter
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Blue Light Disco



Reading is something that is very dear to me and I place a huge emphasis on it at school. I think the teachers must be sick of hearing this from me but, without reading, a student will struggle with their writing, maths and most other school subjects. Our recent testing has shown that while most students (not all) are doing okay with their reading, as a general statement, they are having difficulty with their comprehension. This is the ability to understand what they have read and to draw direct or indirect information from it.

I often tell my students that reading is much like walking or kicking a footy. It's something you need to practise at to get better. So please encourage daily reading and ask your child many questions about their reading as they read to you. This creates purpose in reading and will help them decipher and understand information while showing your deep interest in what they do.







This week is Book Week with the theme being 'Reading is Magic'. If you haven't been to our admin block, please come. As you step through our door you will be transported to a magical land and also find a book fair where books and reading related items can be purchased. This Thursday we will be having a Book Week dress up day where students can dress like their favourite book character.

Mrs Pook has also organised a colouring competition for students and their parents which will be judged and announced at our parade. We have author Kitty Black coming to read to our Kindy - Year 2 students on Thursday afternoon .





## Assembly: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Our Assembly this week was hosted by our Phascogale class and they reflected on their learning over the last month and the wonderful result for Australia at the Paris Olympics. Some of their favourite events that they acted out were the swimming, skateboarding and the Breaking (Break Dancing).



*Merit Awards were presented to Bronte, Juke, Lavinia, Alby, Addison and Logan (absent).*

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Our **Aussie of the Month** award was presented to a very special student who always goes out of his way to help. He always arrives early and helps set up breakfast club, will open the sport shed if the monitor is absent and takes Kuri for recess and lunch breaks. Congratulations and very well deserved Rhys.

**NEXT ASSEMBLY**  
**BLUE WREN CLASS**  
**2:30PM WEDNESDAY**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

All these award receivers can head to Longriders Café where they can get a free milkshake.

## Facebook

Dwellingup Primary School has started a new Facebook page (rather than a group) which will be the main point for what is happening around the school. On this page you will find information about upcoming events, reminders and celebrations. We will also include community events and activities important to social needs in town. Student surnames will not be used unless specific permission is obtained from you, the parent.

This page will promote the school to the wider community.

**FOLLOW US**

A QR code with a blue Facebook 'f' logo in the center, surrounded by a black border. The QR code is composed of blue dots. There are three red squares with black centers at the corners of the QR code.



## Kindy and Pre-Primary – Echidna Class



This year's National Science Week theme is, "Species Survival – More than just Sustainability". Children learnt about helping animals, plants and people stay safe and healthy, now and in the future. We watched a Powerpoint on Australian plant and animal survival and then we had fun listening to clues to find endangered Australian animals around our classroom. Children made pine cone bird feeders, decorative bee baths and explored different animals in blue gloop. We had so much fun and learnt all about the importance of looking after our wonderful plants and animals.



We have also been having a lot of fun playing in our Dwellingup Airport, dressing up and travelling the world in the aeroplane.



Children are learning the letter sounds and using these to form simple words. We play a lot of games and use different materials to make learning fun.



### Blue Wren Class - Mrs Morgan

Third term has begun with your children learning how to be “inclusive” and describing what it looks/sounds/feels like to be included and excluded. They are also participating in tasks which demonstrate how to interact with others safely and respectfully in the classroom, in the playground and in the community. I have, again, been impressed with the thoughtful responses your children have provided in discussions, showing their love for one another. One great example of “inclusivity” at Dwellingup Primary has been seen out on the oval this term where students of all ages have been playing “Chaos tag” together. At first, the game seems chaotic but the students know what to do, who to tag, when to drop to the ground, or when to get up and run! Even the little ones catch on quickly! It was wonderful to watch a whole school community play. I have never seen such inclusivity in a school before! Well done, Dwellingup.



Another very interesting topic the students are exploring this term is our History component, “Past, Present, Future.” We have been learning about what those words mean and what they look like in our families. I have been sharing with the students a number of household and musical items from my past and they have shown great interest and care when handling and playing with the many “old fashioned” objects. Ms Wagenaar and Mr Montgomery both brought in objects from their past too, and the children enjoyed hearing from and seeing their teachers and principal share a part of their history.

If you are willing to share your “old fashioned” item with our class, please contact Kate in the front office. We would love to listen to and learn about your past. We look into our “old suitcase” every Wednesday and Thursday at 11.25am.

Can you identify the many items from the past in the photos below? Perhaps these objects lurk in your own cupboards and sheds?

Mr Montgomery’s dad constructed a wooden toy train for him and his brother. Ms Wagenaar demonstrated how her dad’s movie camera worked. Indi watched a metal dog money box swallow a coin, Tahni opened a wooden suitcase for school, Max demonstrated how to play a canjo, Cedar clicked two metal clicker beetles, Vinnie typed his name on a Swiss typewriter and everyone listened to Little Golden Stories and songs played on a record player.



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Again, thank you very much, parents and families, for continuing to support your children in their educational journey by listening to, encouraging and supervising them during their home reading and spelling tasks. I have been very pleased to see many students complete both tasks on a regular basis and earning DOJO points as a reward for their efforts! Please be assured that this (sometimes) tedious chore every day/night is establishing good study habits for your children which will be of benefit to them in the higher grades.



Over the next three weeks we will be participating in Book Week activities, including dressing up as book characters, preparing for our excursion to The Wilkinson Homestead in Gosnells as part of our History topic, and practising our line dancing for the Blue Wren assembly. Please look out for further information regarding these events.



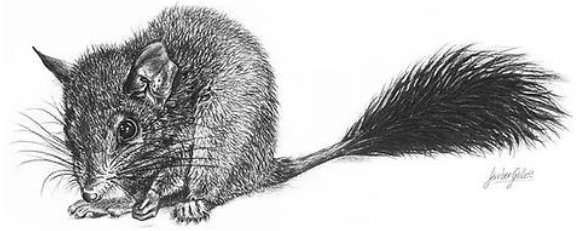
in Week 9.

Sincerely,

Mrs Morgan

## Phascogale Class - Miss Fisher

Welcome back to Term 3! We have had a busy start to the term in our classroom.



Day One of term we had an awesome innovation incursion from Bloom. Students learnt all about the design cycle and complete a task from idea to prototype including some research, inclusion work and then building with either Lego or craft objects to create their own playground designs. This was the perfect taster before our GOSH excursion in Week 4. The Great South Showcase was held at Mandurah Baptist College and was a full-day conference including keynote presentations, industry demonstrations, live panel interactions, innovation challenges and interactive technology talks. Lara and I took to the stage to challenge 2 other schools, wiped the floor with the competition and came away with some cool prizes! The students were awesome all day, listening to some really interesting presentations (including one on Quantum Computing!!)

The Olympics have swept through our classroom this term. We started the term with 3 weeks of Critical Reading based on the Olympics. Once the games started, we checked in each morning for the previous night's additions to the medal tally and watched the highlights each day. We rounded it out with our assembly dedicated to the biggest sporting event in the world! Now we can't wait for August 28<sup>th</sup> when the Paralympics start, and we can hyperfocus on some new sports like goalball and wheelchair rugby!



Our Olympic love has spread to Talk 4 Writing where we have been focusing on Biography writing. After the Year 3/4s had finished learning their model text "Who Was the Real Troll of the Bridge?" and the 5/6s learned about Usain Bolt, both groups have begun writing their own biographies on an Australian Olympic star. The Aussie girls have really shone with the 5/6s, with the class each choosing to focus on a different female athlete! Yeah The Girls!

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August, the Phascogale Class all boarded the bus to Brunswick to play soccer and netball again the Brunswick Junction Primary School Year 4-6 students. The netball girls had a fantastic time making friends and practicing their skills, even if they didn't come away with the chocolates, fun was had by all! The soccer teams were very evenly matched with each team coming away with a win. The first 2-1 to Brunswick. The second game went



scoreless until the final 3 minutes when our part-time goalie/fulltime superstar Alby B swapped with our Minister of Defence Sienna (Lydia Williams eat your heart out!) to stream up the field to score a final minute goal to win the game for Dwelly! It was a full team



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effort with the defence working hard all day to keep Brunswick to two goals all day, the midfield outran their opponents and our strikers showing indefatigability in their shooting prowess. Great job guys!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in and say hello after school or drop me an email at [stephanie.fisher@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.fisher@education.wa.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher

## A Word from the Chaplain

On the days that I am at Dwellingup Primary I help the staff by listening to the children read in the mornings, and I am loving the positive comments that parents write and the happy faces that parents draw in their children's reading diaries. **Please give yourselves a pat on the back.** As a parent myself I know how difficult it is at times to find time and energy in a busy schedule to listen to reading or check homework. However, something as simple as a smile, an encouraging word or sitting down and listening to your children read or helping them with homework is all you need to do to promote their self-confidence and help them build a positive identity and self-worth. Positive attention communicates to your children that they are valued and loved while strong bonds and connections with parents and families help children to feel secure and happy.

**Quote of the week:** *"Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes to drain it dry."* (From Author Alvin Price)

**SCHOOL  
BREAKFAST  
CLUB**

**Father's Day Breakfast**

**28<sup>th</sup> August**

**8:10 – 8:30am**

**in the Under Cover Area.**



## GOSH 9<sup>th</sup> August

Our Year 3-6 students were very privileged to be invited to attend the 2024 GoSH (Greatness in Born from Disruption in the Change) Conference at Mandurah Baptist College. We attended in the school's theatre with about 500 other loud and raucous students from primary and high schools in the Peel region. While there we were addressed by various people who disrupt the norm to create change.



*Lara & Ms Fisher representing.*

Maria and Sam from Drip spoke about creating apps to attract customers and launch new ideas.

Lucas Lane, the youngest ever on Shark Tank Australia spoke about getting his product Glossy Boys to the market and encouraged all to have a go and to not being afraid of failure but to treat it as an opportunity to learn.

Our students really got involved in the event. Ms Fisher and Lara went on stage and won a competition, we got up and danced to every music break and screamed the house down every time 'Jimmy' appeared.

Lisa Munday spoke about her challenges being diagnosed with ADHD as an adult and how this had helped her make sense of her difficult schooling. She had then gone on to train as a vet before entering parliament.

Antonio Morias brought in a robotic dog that could run, jump and do back flips that he uses at Alcoa to make dangerous inspections. He spoke about his journey through school to Chemistry and Computing Science degrees as well as the other robotic devices they use to make jobs safer.



*Above: Some YMCA*

*Below: meeting the robotic dog*





# Brunswick Junction PS Sports Trip 15<sup>th</sup> August

Following up from our trip to Yarloop PS last term, Phascogale class travelled to Brunswick Junction to play them in Soccer and Netball. Our Netballer's lost to a much taller team while our soccer team played two games. Losing the first 2-1 they came back to win the second game 1-0 with a last second goal.



We have been developing relationships with schools that are of similar size as Dwellingup to give our students to compete on an even basis. Competition is a healthy part of life and gives us the opportunity to experience losing and it not being the end of the world, getting bumps and learning that we can keep going if we have to, learning how to work together to the advantage of the whole group (team), the same rules apply to everybody, that we don't have a game without an opposition or referee/umpire so be respectful, that we can make great friends from our team or the opposition and it is important to be humble when winning. I am very please to say, that Dwellingup students have been leaders in sportsmanship at both visits and both schools are keen to visit us back sometime.





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These relationships are also enabling us to share information and ideas when teaching multi age groups (MAGs) and when looking at new programs or initiatives to keep improvement happening.

## Bub's Club

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:30

Dwellingup Primary School is very fortunate to have the wonderful Mrs Laine Vanelst who each week organises our Bub's Club activities. While Laine volunteers her time to do this our P&C has also donated money to help pay for consumables and purchase some new toys. All parents and children from kindergarten age and below are welcome to join in. This is also a great opportunity for parents to make connections with other families in the district. A \$2 donation each week keeps the milk and coffee supplies full.



## Recycling / Charities

Please bring in obsolete mobile phones (recycling); batteries (safe disposal); stamps (Rotary sell them for charity and have raised \$90 000 in 23 years); There are collection bins in the passage.



Our students take pleasure in disassembling old electrical items. Metals are identified, sorted and sold for scrap instead of ending up in Landfill. Please contact the school if you have any items to donate. We particularly chase non-ferrous metals such as aluminium and copper.

We continue to collect drink containers and there are bins around town. Thank you to our volunteers who help Mr Warren sort these every Monday. I have been told that they have a



very special project lined up using plastic bottle lids that I can't wait to see. If you would like to donate your cans to the school, they can be placed in the bins outside the shed on Church St.

## Community News

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August there is a community meeting being run by the Shire of Murray at the town hall starting at 6:00pm. This will provide information on the Dwellingup Futures. Follow the QR code to see the details.

A poster for the Waroona Junior Cricket Club. It features a red silhouette of a cricketer in a batting stance against a grey background. The text on the poster includes:

**WAROONA  
JUNIOR CRICKET  
CLUB**

**Junior Training Session**  
**Tuesday August 20th @4.30pm**

For ages 8 - 14

Join the Waroona Warriors for a training session! Bring your kit and gear up for a hit in the nets. If you don't have your own equipment, don't worry—we've got you covered with all the essentials. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, this is a fantastic opportunity to come have a hit and enjoy some quality time with the team. We look forward to seeing you there!

Follow the Waroona Junior Cricket Club Facebook page for more information

Scan the QR code to access our website. You can find our newsletters there.












Scan to find the  
[Murray Youth for Youth](#)  
Facebook page.

Murray District Arts & Crafts Society Inc  
Edenvale Precinct, Pinjarra



### 50th Anniversary Community Workshops Program

<b>SEP 15</b>	9am - 12pm 18+ yrs		<b>Wheel Work Taster 1 - Schupiwe Chongwe</b> Bookings open 19th August 2024
<b>SEP 15</b>	1:30pm - 4:30pm 18+ yrs		<b>Wheel Work Taster 2 - Schupiwe Chongwe</b> Bookings open 19th August 2024
<b>OCT 27</b>	10am - 1pm 18+ yrs		<b>Book Binding by Hand- Lucy Gray</b> Bookings open 16th September 2024
<b>OCT 27</b>	10am - 2pm 8 - 17 yrs		<b>Acting for Camera - Michelle Griffiths</b> Bookings open 16th September 2024
<b>NOV 17</b>	10am - 3pm 18+ yrs		<b>Still Life with Purpose -Leanne Pearson</b> Bookings open 21st October 2024
<b>NOV 17</b>	10am - 2pm 18+ yrs		<b>Card Design - Sharon Hinchcliffe Arli</b> Bookings open 21st October 2024
<b>DEC 15</b>	Times TBD		<b>Exhibition &amp; Final Event</b> Details to come

#### For information / bookings

**In person:** Pinjarra Arts Hub Shop, Edenvale Precinct  
Open daily 10am - 3pm

**Online:** Website: [pinjarraarthubatedenvale.org](http://pinjarraarthubatedenvale.org)

Facebook: [Pinjarraartshubatedenvale](https://www.facebook.com/Pinjarraartshubatedenvale)

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