



Produced by Dwellingup Primary School September 20th 2024
"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

- 20th Sept Blue Light Disco
- 7th Oct Teacher Only Day
- 8th Oct Term 4 starts
- 9th Oct Grit (Selected Y6)
- 11th Oct Photos
- Week 2 P&C meeting
- 18th Oct Interschool Athletics
Nth Dandalup
- 28th Oct Year 6 Camp
- 6th Nov Assembly (Echidna)
- 6th Nov School Council Meeting
- 7th Dec Dwelly Xmas Tree
- 12th Dec Last school day of 2024!



I feel like I say this every time, but wow! We have been so busy at school and everyone is looking forward to the school holidays. Don't forget that the first Monday back (7th Oct) is a teacher only day so students get an extended break. Talking of an extended break, the Christmas school holidays for students run from 13th December to Tuesday 4th February.

As we look at our student data and plan for teaching next term and into 2025, we have noticed that in Math some of our students are struggling a bit in their use and understanding of number. This is the students' understanding of numbers, their properties, and operations. It includes concepts such as counting, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions.

The study of how students learn has made us aware of Cognitive load and refers to the amount of mental effort being used in the working memory. For primary students, managing cognitive load is crucial to ensure effective learning. In math, when a student learns simple math facts and can recall them instantly it reduces the cognitive load on their brain enabling more space to concentrate on the new skill being taught or the actual math problem they are solving. So, if a student can instantly recall all their simple addition and/or timetables they don't have to interrupt their thought process to work these out before solving the task given.

I ask that you take time to discuss math with your child and encourage them to learn these basic number facts. Students should be able to recite all their times tables by the end of Year 4 and the best way to learn these is practice.

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You might not think you know much about mathematics, but in fact, it's all around you and your family. You may already be doing it with your child anyway! It's actually much more than numbers. It's understanding things like time, shapes, sizes and more!

All through our environment is opportunities to talk about math and to pose problems for solving. These discussions can even help pass time on a road trip. Eg. How far does that sign say Coral Bay is from here? How long will that take us? What time will we get there?

Cooking and following recipes creates discussions about size, weight and adding. Paving has different shape and patterns, sharing lollies, how many books to read, how heavy is that? Compared to?? Maths is everywhere!

Staffing news: After advertising our vacant MCS role and an independent panel assessing the applicants I am sorry to say the Mrs Pook has left Dwellingup PS. We really appreciate the way she worked with the community and staff to make DPS a happier place and know she will be missed.

The successful applicant Mrs M brings a wealth of knowledge in the role and is looking forward to meeting you all.



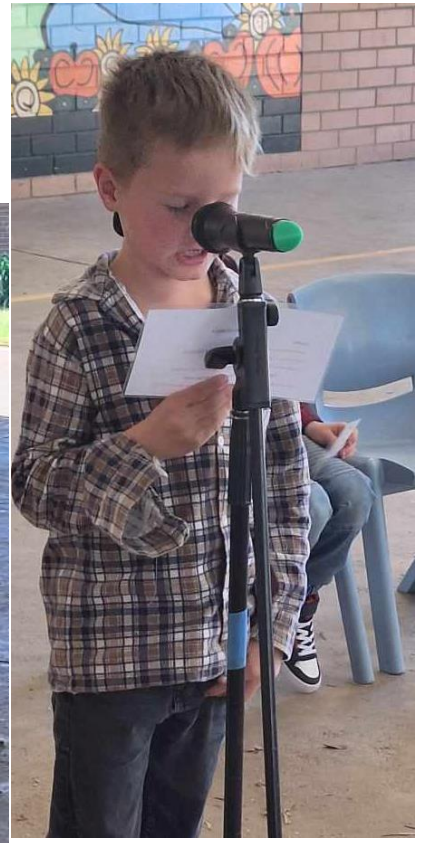
Have a happy holiday everybody.



Did you know that every Monday, our Year 6 student leaders, run a whole school meeting. They pass on information about what's happening around the school, what our behaviour focus is for the week and give feedback on student suggestions for school improvement.

Assembly: Wednesday 11th September

Our Assembly this week was hosted by our Blue Wren class and the students showed off their line dancing skills. They had me tapping my toes cheerfully. Isn't it amazing what you can do when you practice! It waso very pleasing to hear them reading their scripts so fluently.





Merit Awards were presented to Byron, Logan, AJ, Bella, Milla & Alby.



Our **Aussie of the Month** award was presented to another very special student who always goes out of her way to help. Sienna has noticed that sometimes our school flag doesn't get lowered in the afternoon and has taken it on herself to bring it in some days in her own time outside of school hours. She is also very happy to help whenever she can. You can read her report on an excursion later in the Crier.

Congratulations and very well deserved Sienna.

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

NEXT ASSEMBLY
ECHIDNA CLASS (KINDY/PP)
2:30PM WEDNESDAY
6TH NOVEMBER

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.

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Kindy and Pre-Primary – Echidna Class



What a fun-filled term we have had with many special events and lots of wonderful learning taking place with our friends. We invited our dads in for a special *Father's Day Breakfast* and made them dress up for the occasion by wearing their sensational paper ties. Everyone enjoyed eating pancakes made by the children, and yummy bacon and egg muffins. The children and their special guest made helicopters, cut out 'You are the Coolest' icy poles, played with construction materials and created some cool structures at the wood working table. Everyone had so much fun!



The class celebrated our wonderful Mrs Bell, during Teacher Assistant Appreciation Week. We are so blessed to have Mrs Bell working with our children and helping them shine. Thank you, Mrs Bell, for your warmth, kindness and everything you do for ALL children and staff, at Dwellingup Primary School. YOU ROCK!



Here's a snapshot of some of the other fun things we have been doing in Kindy and Pre-Primary. 😊



Blue Wren Class – Mrs Morgan

What a wonderful term we have had together! A term filled with costumes, book sharing, visitors, Fathers' Day letters and gift giving, and adventures into the past. We have learnt a lot about each other's favourite book characters, how to write narratives from a local author, and experienced "old fashioned" schooling, home chores and creative ways to make do with what you had in 1924! Our first group of photos, below, show the tremendous effort our students and parents applied when putting together costumes and favourite books for Book Week's theme, "Reading is magic." Bella Coxon was Pokemon, Mia Rickard-Hall was a Cowgirl, Logan Every was Batman, Byron Alers was a Racing Car Driver, Freddy Lowther was David Bowie, Cedar Birmingham was Spiderman, Heath Schwarz was Harry Potter, Indi Robb was Elsa from Frozen. Vinnie Bell was a Cowboy, Tahni Case was a Crocodile and Lavinia Case was a Pokemon character, Eevee.



To conclude Book Week, Blue Wren class were joined by the Kindy and Pre Primary students for a visit with local author, Kitty Black, who shared her secret techniques for writing a picture book after reading one of her own, "A crocodile in the family.". The students listened avidly, asked interesting questions and tried out their writing skills with some ideas for new stories.

Later in the term, to link with our History component of the Year 1 HASS curriculum, Blue Wren class was given a fantastic opportunity to attend the City of Gosnells Wilkinson Homestead for a day, giving the students an insight into the lives of the Wilkinson family back in 1924. **This excursion was generously and kindly paid for by the Dwellingup Community Association.** The students spent a fun filled and learning rich day with intelligent and charismatic ladies, both employees and volunteers, who dressed as members of the Wilkinson family and enthralled our students with information and experiences about home, school and work duties in 1924. All students

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were able to dress as children in the 1900s, perform household duties and attend school in front of a teacher with a cane by her side!!! They learnt how to use household and outdoor items to reuse for other purposes and created a blanket made from hessian and bits of cloth. The museum provided new points of discussion about agricultural machinery used on orchards in 1924 and the old car, fruit truck, cart and wheelbarrow were extra special objects to look at and compare with vehicles used today.



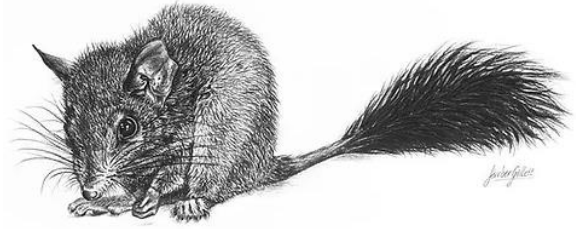
The old copper, mangle and wash boards, demonstrated by Mrs Wilkinson, were of most interest to the students and, surprisingly, both boys and girls used muscles (they never knew existed) to scrub, wash and hang up various items of clothing! PLEASE TAKE NOTE MUMS AND DADS: Your children are excellent clothes washers. Overall, the day was a fascinating learning journey and the students were exhausted but excited to talk about their experiences, now wiser about life in the “olden days.”

Lastly, Blue Wren class led the end of term’s assembly and performed a line dance, “Rivertown,” for their assembly in Week 9 of this term. They spoke and danced with enthusiasm and expertise. Well done, blue Wren class! Thank you for supporting your children by attending our assemblies. Have a safe and enjoyable break from school duties and lunch boxes.

Sincerely, Mrs Heather Morgan

Phascogale Class - Miss Fisher

Term Three has flown past so quickly! It is always a busy time of year and this term was no exception.



In the second half of the term our reading focus has shifted from the Olympic and Paralympic Games to more narratives. The Year 3/4s have been focusing on point of view through the text *Voices in The Park* by Anthony Browne. They have enjoyed practicing their fluency as well as delving into how an author portrays different views throughout a text. The Year 5/6s have been spooked out of their minds by Gary Crew's upper primary picture book *The Water Tower*, a chilling of a boy uncovering a haunting mystery surrounding an abandoned water tower, confronting fear and the unknown. We will continue these for the first few weeks of Term Four before moving on to *World Rivers and World Lakes*.

Following the success of Australia's Olympians, Phascogale Class spent time looking at our Paralympians. The Year 5 and 6s completed their biography writing unit by completing a Hot Task writing piece on Paralympians Alexa Leary and Ella Sabljak. I have included some pieces of writing that show student's interest and exceptional work throughout this unit.

On Tuesday of Week 10 we had the opportunity to visit Alcoa's Huntly mine site. It was an amazingly informative day with students being visited by their friends and family members who were on site that day. In the training centre, students completed a chocolate chip cookie mining activity where they had to *mine* the *ore* (chocolate chips) out of their *mining lease* (a chocolate chip cookie) while being aware of an "aboriginal cultural site" and "black cockatoo sanctuary", all by only using a toothpick. Following this, students had to *rehabilitate* the area by putting it all back together in the end. Some went for a smash and dash method while others were more meticulous. There were no prizes for guessing what method Bronte went for, knowing that her dad is part of the blast crew at Alcoa. We were very fortunate to have Trent along for the excursion as he was able to show us vision of his blast crew working, showing how they control their detonations, what safety they need to go through and the sound engineering that goes into each and every blast. He was also able to give us valuable insight as we toured the mine site with Tanya and Mitchell from their education department. Students played bingo trying to find all the different trucks and equipment as we toured the facility, including the crusher, dozers, haul trucks and excavators. We were blessed with great weather and an awesome guide in Tanya. Thank you to Alcoa for making this such an educational and enjoyable experience for our Year 3-6 class!

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

Have a fantastic school holiday, and I can't wait to see you all next term!

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher

A Word from the Chaplain

As Term Three draws to a close and school holidays approach as a welcome break from busy school routines, parents know that there is no break from parenting.

Here are some tips for surviving the school holidays:

- Get your child/children involved in making a list of activities they would like to do and pick out a few to do as a family.
- Remember that the best things in life are free, such as going on a picnic, a trip to the beach or play dates.
- Ask for help from family and friends to help care for children.
- You also need to selfcare so take time to have a cuppa with a friend who has children of a similar age so that you can have a chat while your children play together.
- The holidays only last two weeks.

Children are like flowers they don't worry about how they are going to bloom. They just open and turn towards the light and that makes them beautiful. Don't forget to be your child's light. (adapted from a Quote by Jim Carrey).

Have a great holiday.

Lisa Ferraro

PARLIAMENT HOUSE 10th September

On the 10th of September, the five and sixes that were not sick with the flu that wiped out most of our classroom went to Parliament House. First, we had to go in cars, so myself, Alby B, Lara and Ambrosia went in Mr Montgomery's car, and Alby H and Anika went in Mrs Vanelst's car. After a 35-minute drive, we made it to the train station; since the Sixes had smart riders, we didn't have to buy tickets, but Alby H and Ambrosia weren't supposed to come, so Mr M had to pay for them. I'm pretty sure they still haven't paid him back. HeHe. Once we were on the train, it





was a very boring ride, and Mr M would not let us have his iPad!! When the long train ride finally ended, we had to catch a bus and then walk to Parliament. After our 2-hour travel ended, we met Robyn Clarke. She showed us the black rod and the mace, but we can't forget the mountain of stairs we

had to climb!! She gave us a tour of every floor, her office and the stories behind some breathtaking paintings. Then, my personal favourite part of the day was lunch time, there was amazing food to choose from and desserts. Miss Clarke also asked us what we wanted to be when we were older and our dreams for the future. We finished lunch, took some great pictures, and got ready for our long ride home.



Written by Sienna-eve.

HUNTLY MINE TOUR

At the Alcoa Mine we spent the day learning about mining and what the workers did there. Somewhere in the middle of the day we went into a room and we watched a video. We also got to remove chocolate chips from the cookie and then put it back together. We also got a small bag of jellybeans, sunscreen, and a frisbee. And near the end of the day we talked about the trucks and what they did and we saw a few of the trucks putting rocks into the crushing machine.

Pearl

TALK LIKE A PIRATE

Yesterday we celebrated Talk Like a Pirate Day and raised over \$200 for children's cancer research. As part of the day, Mrs Vanelst and Mrs Pook cooked up a special lunch of seaweed and cannonballs along with some parrot juice. Then our Reading Angel's (Linda L, Linda D and Anne with Brett) held an ice cream social where we were able to out all sorts of yummy toppings on our ice cream. It was delicious.





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FACTION CARNIVAL

Week 9 held one of my favourite days of the year, Sports Carnival! On a sunny spring day, we held our annual sports carnival, buzzing with excitement and friendly competition. Students cheered as they participated in various events, including sprints, relays, and tug-of-war. Both factions displayed remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship, but it was Marri that truly shone. With impressive performances across all events, they secured victory, earning cheers and high-fives from their supporters. The day was filled with laughter, determination, and a sense of community, as teachers and parents encouraged the young athletes. Another year of excellent sportsmanship has left everyone eager for next year's carnival!

Congratulations to Marri who won the Faction Shield.



Junior Champion Girls. 3rd Indi, 2nd Tahni, 1st Mia



Junior Champion Boys. 3rd Heath, 2nd Vinnie, 1st Byron



Intermediate Champion Girl. 3rd Macy, 2nd Lily, 1st Scarlett



Intermediate boys. 3rd Rhys and Anthony, 2nd Otis, 1st Jackson.



Senior Champion Girls. 3rd Alby, 2nd Pearl, 1st Ambrosia.



Senior Champion Boys. 2nd Alby, 1st Wesley



BUB'S CLUB

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:30

Bub's Club focussed on Zoo animals this term and had some great fun and activities organised by our Mrs VanElst. Next Term, Bub's Club will start again in week 2, Tuesday 15th October.



FREE ZOO TICKETS



Offer Dates: Monday 9 September – Saturday 30 November

Time: Perth Zoo is open 9am – 5pm every day of the year, with special extended hours for our spring lights exhibition, *Lights Alive*.

Tickets: Bookings are essential. Claim your Perth Zoo Free Pass via *ServiceWA* today.

Download the ServiceWA app today.

The *ServiceWA* app is available to download on the *Apple App Store* and *Google Play Store*.

Book your wild adventure to visit your favourite furry, feathery and scaly *animal friends*, explore our zoo-per fun playground and listen to *keeper talks* – all for FREE!

- Perth Zoo Free Pass is a new initiative that enables all WA residents the opportunity to visit Perth Zoo for free.
- Simply log into the *ServiceWA* app, book a date and claim your four free tickets in a few clicks. Bookings essential.
- Your Perth Zoo Free Pass tickets include public transport to and from the Zoo on the day of your visit.

P&C News & Updates

What a Fabulous Year so far! So many fun things have happened this year and we have had some Fantastic Achievements/Events & Fundraisers!!



Black Dog Ride Lunch - We raised \$1176 - Which was raised and went directly towards the Year 6 Camp.

Mother's Day RAFFLE

Dwellingup Primary School P&C Association

We Raised a massive **\$1535.76**

All Gifts were donated by local businesses, parents, teachers and the community. So many lucky winners!



1st Prize Over \$800 Value



2nd Prize \$300 Value



3rd Prize \$170 Value

OTHER PRIZES ALSO TO BE WON!

HAPPY Mothers Day

Fathers Day Stall – All Gifts Donated by the school, parents, and the Community. All put together for Kids to Purchase for only \$2 each. Hope you enjoyed your Gifts Dads!



P&C Sports Carnival Lunch

Sports Carnival Lunch – x70 Roast beef and Gravy Rolls were sold with lots of water and juice boxes. We managed to raise \$423.

Congratulations to all the kids and their hard work on the day!



CONGRATULATIONS Lee Rickard for winning the Wood Raffle! The Raffle raised

P&C Lunches

This is organised and run by the AMAZING Laine. She puts in all the hard work coming up and making the awesome Lunch ideas to create delicious and CHEAP lunch for our kids! Thank you, Laine, for all your amazing work!



Dwellingup 100 BBQ

WHAT A DAY! The help, the support, the awesome people that come together to help make the day happen. You are the reason that makes all of this possible! Thank you for all that you do!

We cooked and sold, 15kgs of bacon, 15 cartons of eggs and 220 sausages. **WOW!**

We raised **\$3058!!**



What happens to the money raised? How does it help you/your child?

This year Each classroom was awarded \$500 each to help cover some of the teachers Wishlist Items.

Over \$1000 put towards the year 6 Camp

The purchase of a New BBQ & Gas bottle for the school.

\$500 towards Play Group

\$500 towards Design and Technology class

Excursions/events

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 15th October at

Dwellingup Pub

ALL WELCOME!

Do you have an idea on what the P&C could help with/buy/Fun Event? We'd LOVE to Hear it!

Want to know more or keen to join our P&C Committee? We'd LOVE to have you!

Please reach out to anyone of us personally or you can send us an email at any time.

Email: DwellingupprimaryPandC@outlook.com

Susan Hanstrum – President

Sophie Bell – Vice President

Jaclyn Boderacki – Secretary

Tania Doherty – Treasurer

Don't forget about our Go Fund me Fundraiser for the new School Lawn Mower for Geoff will finish on the 15th of October. Every dollar will help!

DWELLY P&C NEED YOUR HELP!
HELP US SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

For the past 30 years, Geoff Warren has lovingly maintained our school grounds, ensuring they remain beautiful for our students. Unfortunately, our current lawnmower is on its last legs, so we're raising funds on GoFundMe to buy a new lawnmower for the school. Your donation, big or small, will make a significant difference in keeping our school grounds pristine for years to come.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Scan the QR code to Donate Today



[gofundme.com/5b-4d77d8](https://www.gofundme.com/5b-4d77d8)

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Dwellingup BP has a position available for a new team member. Previous customer service, coffee making and kitchen hand experience preferred but not essential as training is provided. Must be flexible and available on weekends. If interested leave your resume at the BP.



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Facebook page.

Murray District Arts & Crafts Society Inc
Edenvale Precinct, Pinjarra



50th Anniversary Community Workshops Program

OCT 27 10am - 1pm
18+ yrs



Book Binding by Hand- Lucy Gray

Bookings open 16th September 2024

OCT 27 10am - 2pm
8 - 17 yrs



Acting for Camera - Michelle Griffiths

Bookings open 16th September 2024

NOV 17 10am - 3pm
18+ yrs



Still Life with Purpose -Leanne Pearson

Bookings open 21st October 2024

NOV 17 10am - 2pm
18+ yrs



Card Design - Sharon Hinchcliffe Arli

Bookings open 21st October 2024

DEC 15 Times
TBD



Exhibition & Final Event

Details to come

For information / bookings

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

Online: Website: **pinjarraarthubatedenvale.org**

Facebook: **Pinjarraartshubatedenvale**

Instagram: **Pinjarra_arts_hub**

