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Dwellingup Primary School

Term 1 1st Edition 2025

**Echidna Class**

Important Dates for Term 1 weeks 1-5

February

10th – Kindy start Day

11th – P and C Meeting

12th – Breakfast Club begins

17th – 21st – Swimming PP – 6

March

3rd – Public Holiday

5th – School Council Meeting

7th – Sci-tech whole school incursion

2025 Important dates

Kindy starts 10th Feb

3 days even weeks

2 4 6 8 10

2 days odd weeks

3 5 7 9

Breakfast Club starts again 12 Feb 8.10am

Blue Wren Assembly 12th March

Phascogale Assembly 9th April

Envelope with forms needs to be returned by Friday 14th Feb

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Term 1 2025

Term Planner inside this issue. Please note this is subject to change 😊

**From the Principal**

**Neil Montgomery**

Welcome back to school for 2025. While we are all happy to see the students, you’re probably just as

happy to see them back at school.

We have a lot happening already with swimming starting on 17th February. We are so fortunate that the

Projected cost of over $100 per child has been picked up by our P& C and Alcoa. We must thank Alcoa for

showing us great support as they have already given $46,000 to the P&C so the school can upgrade all of

our computer infrastructure.

This is greatly appreciated as other sources of grants were not interested because they couldn’t get a photo

with a server, switch or battery backup. This will help maintain our ICT for the next five years.

Next week, some of our teachers are going to training at Scitech to learn about using integrating ICT

resources in the classroom to improve engagement and learning. This has also been sponsored by Alcoa.

This year also sees the introduction of Initialit in the PP-Y2 cohorts. Initialit is a research backed, explicit

Teaching program for literacy. Having done the training, our teachers are very impressed and can’t wait to

start straight after swimming. We have also introduced some literacy intervention for students who need

some extra help. If you would like to know more please feel free to come and see us.

Last year we put out a parent survey and we thank those families that responded to help make Dwellingup

PS even better. Feedback was overwhelmingly requesting more communication.

We have listened and have made some changes.

* The newsletter has been greatly reduced in size to make it more readable and will be issued in Week 5

and 9 of each term.

* A term planner (subject to change) has been posted on the school website and will be part of the

newsletter.

* Teacher interviews will be available at the end of every term including after reports go home so you

can get more information on your child’s progress.

* The school Facebook page will continue to post messages and celebrate our students and school.
* We are introducing a communication tool (vetted by the department) where you can see your child’s

Positive behaviour rewards, message the teacher and the teacher can also send home class related

messages. This App is called ClassDojo which we used last year to record student’s positive behaviours

and are now expanding. Parents will need to download the app and you will be sent an invite once

your email address has been confirmed. Please note, Teachers will only respond during non-teaching

work hours.



* If there is an emergency, please call the office or myself on 0407 490 957.

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Welcome to a new fun packed year in Echidna class. Bob the Bee, Ms Juliet Hayes and I have been busy setting up the classroom and organizing some exciting activities for the term. We can’t wait to welcome all the kindergarten and pre-primary children on Monday and start preparing for Bob the Bee’s birthday! This year parents will be kept informed of the week’s focus areas, through the Parent Information Board, located outside the classroom. Please feel free to see me with any questions or send a message through the Dojo App. Thank you.

This term children will be building many new friendships as we learn about the class rules and routines, ourselves and our families. We are so excited to be implementing a comprehensive beginning reading and writing program, called Pre-Lit (Kindergarten) and IntiaLit (Foundation – Pre-Primary). More information, regarding this program, will be sent home shortly. Maths concepts will be developed through the implementation of the MathsTrek program, and many hands-on games and activities.

Ms. Juliet Hayes and I are so excited for the wonderful year ahead in Echidna class. We look forward to nurturing each child’s curiosity and love for learning. 😊

Warmest regards

Ms Leggatt and Ms. Hayes

**Warm Welcome from Echidna Class**

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**A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

***A Word from the Chaplain***

**Hi Everyone,**

**Welcome back for 2025. It has been great to catch up with all the staff and students. In Term One I will be at Dwellingup Primary School every Wednesday and Tuesday odd weeks. If you would like to have a chat, please call the school office to make an appointment.**

**Lisa Ferraro**

**BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR AWESOME CLEANER GAIL AND OUR AWESOME GARDENER GEOFF FOR THEIR AMAZING WORK OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK KEEPING OUR SCHOOL BEAUTIFUL – Thankyou**

BLUE WRENnN

**Blue Wren Class**

Firstly, I would love to welcome my Year 2, Year 1 and Pre Primary students and families back to Blue Wren for 2025, and hoping everyone had a lovely Christmas, New Year and time spent with family and friends over the last 6 weeks. I am very excited to be teaching again at Dwellingup Primary School and am looking forward to seeing your children progress in leaps and bounds in all areas of their learning!

I would like to list a few important activities occurring this term for your interest and calendars. **Homework Folders** for Yr 2/1 will be sent home on Monday 10th and each week night with reading books, spelling words and number facts to practise. Please listen to your child complete his/her tasks, sign the booklet and return each weekday**. Library occurs every Monday** so please bring and return library bags and books on this day. **Blue Wren class will be leading the first assembly on 12th of March** from 2.30pm and the students will be asked to wear a black or white t-shirt for this event. Lastly, **Blue Wren class will be singing for our Anzac Day morning assembly on the 11th of April.** Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, queries or updates on your child’s progress throughout the year via email – [heather.morgan@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:heather.morgan@education.wa.edu.au) or text – 0408830095.

Sincerely, Mrs Morgan

**Phascogale**

It is my pleasure to be able to start the year with the Year 3-6 students, all of whom I know from relief teaching. A special welcome to the Year 3 students into their new classroom and the Year 4-6 students for making them feel so welcome and being such wonderful role models.

Every student has started the year eager to learn and do their best. Mrs Roberts will be so pleased with their progress and the way they have settled in when she returns in week 4.

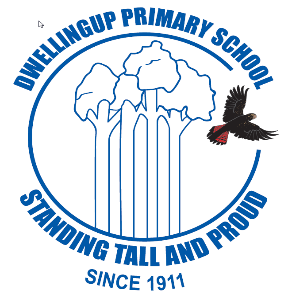
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Year 3 – 6 class

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**INTRODUCING THE TEAM FOR 2025**

**Dwellingup Primary School Staff Allstars for 2025 !**

**Neil Montgomery**

**Principal**

**Geoff Warren**

**Gardener**

**Gail Senior**

**Cleaner**

**Mel Montgomery**

**MCS**

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If you have some time to volunteer with us we would be very pleased to have you. We can offer opportunities to read with the students in our Reading Angels team, Help at times in the classroom, you could join the fabulous P and C to help with guiding the decisions for the school and help with fundraising or you could help with Art, sport and Cooking lessons !.

If you would like to volunteer, please call the school 9538 5100

**Hi Everyone,**

**I'm back on board this year and looking forward to getting some new and exciting projects under way.  My role in the school is very similar to last year.  I will be taking the Blue Wren and Phascogale class for Science, Art, Sport and Design and Technology, and the PP students will be joining the Blue Wrens and me on Thursdays for some art and sport.**

**I was really impressed this week when I was doing a review of some of the science topics that we covered last year.  The students have learned and retains so much knowledge.  This puts them in a really good position to start their learning this year.**

**I enjoy developing programs that combine theoretical learning with hands on skills.  I have always been a hands-on learner and find this is my natural teaching style.  This year we will continue with the school gardens (when the weather cools down a little) as well as attempting to get an aquaculture unit running that was donated to the school a number of years ago.  If you happen to have knowledge and skill in aquaculture I would love to have a chat with you so, please come and find me around the school.**

Mrs Holster

**SCIENCE ART SPORT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Lisa Ferraro**

**Chaplain**

**Chris Roberts**

**Teacher**

**Shani Holster**

**Teacher**

**Heather Morgan**

**Teacher**

**Natasha Leggatt**

**Teacher**

**Lainee Vanelst**

**Education Assistant**

**Carol Hovey**

**Library Officer**

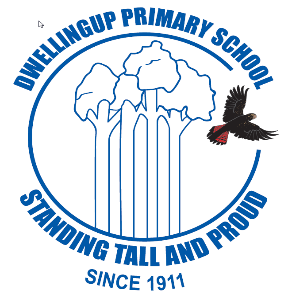
**Jude Wagenaar**

**Education Assistant**

**Juliet Hayes**

**Education Assistant**

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**TERM 1 PLANNER 2025**

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| **Week No** | **SUN** | **MON** | **TUE** | **WED** | **THUR** | **FRI** | **SAT** |
| **1**  **Newsletter**  **week** | **2 FEB** | **3 FEB** | **4 FEB** | **5 FEB**  **Students return** | **6 FEB** | **7 FEB** | **8 FEB** |
| **2** | **9 FEB** | **10 FEB**  **Kindy Start day**  **Early close 2.30pm** | **11 FEB**  Kindy Day | **12 FEB Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club**  **P and C Meeting**  Kindy Day | **13 FEB** | **14 FEB**  **Envelope with forms back to office latest date** | **15 FEB** |
| **3** | **16 FEB** | **17 FEB**  **Early close 2.30pm**  Kindy Day  **Swimming** | **18 FEB Chaplain**  Kindy Day  **Swimming** | **19 FEB Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club**  **Swimming** | **20 FEB**  **Swimming** | **21 FEB**  **Swimming** | **22 FEB** |
| **4** | **23 FEB** | **24 FEB**  Kindy Day  **Early close 2.30pm** | **25 FEB**  Kindy Day | **26 FEB Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club**  Kindy Day | **27 FEB** | **28 FEB** | **1 MAR** |
| **5 Newsletter**  **Week** | **2 MAR** | **3 MAR**  **Public Holiday** | **4 MAR Chaplain**  Kindy Day | **5 MAR Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club**  **School Council meeting** | **6 MAR** | **7 MAR**  **Sci-tech whole school incursion** | **8 MAR** |
| **6** | **9 MAR** | **10 MAR**  Kindy Day  **Early close 2.30pm** | **11 MAR**  Kindy Day | **12 MAR Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club**  **Assembly Blue Wren**  **NAPLAN** Kindy Day | **13 MAR**  **NAPLAN** | **14 MAR**  **NAPLAN** | **15 MAR** |
| **7** | **16 MAR** | **17 MAR**  Kindy Day  **NAPLAN**  **Early close 2.30pm** | **18 MAR Chaplain**  Kindy Day  **NAPLAN** | **19 MAR Chaplain**  **NAPLAN** | **20 MAR**  **NAPLAN** | **21 MAR**  **NAPLAN** | **22 MAR** |
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| **9**  **Newsletter**  **Week** | **30 MAR** | **31 MAR**  Kindy Day  **Early close 2.30pm** | **1 APR Chaplain**  Kindy Day | **2 APR Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club** | **3 APR** | **4 APR** | **5 APR** |
| **10** | **6 APR** | **7 APR**  Kindy Day  **Early close 2.30pm** | **8 APR**  Kindy Day | **9 APR Chaplain**  **8.10 Breakfast club**  **Assembly Phascogale**  Kindy Day | **10 APR** | **11 APR**  **LAST DAY FOR TERM 1**  **\*ANZAC Service** | **12 APR** |

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