



Newsletter Issue 10: 21 June 2017

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COMING EVENTS

Friday, 23 June	School Disco
Tuesday, 27 June	Semester 1 Student Reports to go home.
Wednesday, 28 June	NAIDOC Assembly hosted by Room 11
Friday, 30 June	Wacky Hair Day End of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday, 17th July 2017
 School Development Day
 Students do not attend.

Tuesday, 18th July 2017
 Students return to School.

COMMUNITY LINKS

An enthusiastic group of mums gathered this morning to learn how to make very cute felt teddy bears for charity.

Thank you to instructor, Jenny Sleep, for sharing her skill and knowledge.



WACKY HAIR DAY
Friday 30th June
 Gold Coin Donation
 See page 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Next week promises a fitting end to what has been a busy and productive Term.

- Student Semester One reports will be sent home on Tuesday 27th June.
- On Wednesday, Room 11 will host our NAIDOC assembly followed by all classes planting native plants in the Moort Boodja (Family Garden), Noongar Seasons Trail.
- On Thursday, all students in Years 1 to 6 who have strived for their best and followed our Code of Conduct will be rewarded with a tabloid, multi aged group Maths activity session.
- We will end the term with a Fun Friday Wacky Hair Day, a Student Councillor charity fundraiser.

Please note that **Term 3 commences on Tuesday 18th July.**

Lapathon: Our goal was to raise \$8,000 and to date we have raised **\$9000.00 – an amazing effort! Thank you to everyone who supported our school!** It doesn't matter how much you raised, \$1 or \$1000, you are all winners and have helped us purchase laptop headphones for Years 4 to 6, robotic devices for the school and to complete Stage 2 of our Junior Nature Play Area. A fantastic bonus for our school!

At the first assembly in Term 3, Wednesday 26th July, students who ran the most laps will be recognised and incentive prizes will be presented to the highest fundraisers.

Naming our Faction Survey

Thank you to the 24 parents who responded to our survey. All Year 3 to 6 students were also surveyed. 52% of parents and 68% of students voted for the River names option:

- Green - Swan**
- Red - Canning**
- Blue - Bickley**
- Gold - Avon**

Our School Board has unanimously endorsed the names and directed that they will be introduced in 2018 to celebrate the School's 10th anniversary.

Student Attendance - Family Holidays during School Term

Bannister Creek has an attendance target of 94%. Currently, our attendance data is showing that we are falling below the State average of 92%. This is due to the high proportion of families taking holidays during the school term.

Recently there have been many requests for students to go on in-term holidays with their families. I appreciate that parents are giving written notification of planned, intended absences and understand that parents have carefully considered reasons to take their children out of school during the term, however, as Principal, I am directed by the Education Department policy to record these absences as *'unauthorised vacations'*. If there are extenuating circumstances for families to travel, I can authorise the absence.

I urge parents to try and book holidays in school vacation periods. Research recently undertaken by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, *Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts*, has found a clear link between student absence and achievement in school. Each day a child is absent from school has a direct impact on their educational outcomes.

Kind Regards

Lyn Macauley,
 PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Our last Board meeting was held on Monday, 12th June. Items discussed and actioned included:

- The 2017-19 Bannister Creek Business Plan - Graphic designer documents were presented and final edits made.
- Naming the Noongar Seasons Trail - Aboriginal families submitted a list of suitable names. Families and staff have voted and analysis showed that a clear majority preferred *Bannister Creek Primary School Noongar Moort Boodja, (Family Garden)*. This was endorsed by the Board.
- Term 1 student attendance data was discussed.
- Faction Names Survey - results from community and student survey were presented. It was decided that the names would be introduced in 2018 with new faction shirts and faction banners to be sourced.

STAFF UPDATE

Mrs Prince and Mrs Grey have left us to prepare for the imminent arrival of their babies. Mrs Campbell will be also leaving at the end of this term to await the birth of her baby. We extend our best wishes to these popular teachers who have contributed much to our school.



A warm welcome is extended to Olivia Xu, who will be our Chinese language teacher for the rest of this year. Ms Xu has transitioned into the LOTE role smoothly and is looking forward to being part of the Bannister Creek community.

Mrs Candice Nikellys has extended her teaching days to replace Mrs Grey in the Pre-Primary Wednesday classes.

We are currently running a selection process to appoint Mrs Campbell's replacement.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Bannister Creek Primary School will once again be participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition which will be held on Thursday 27th July 2017.

Students in Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to enter this internationally recognised competition, over 30 countries participate each year. The competition aims to be accessible to all students in Years 3 to 6, not just the mathematically gifted. The questions are designed to be fun as they include problem solving, a valuable life skill. The test takes approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Students can share in prizes and may receive a certificate of High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Participation or Proficiency. A detailed report is also provided to parents to show how students performed.

The entry fee is \$6.50 per student. There is an optional 'GetSet AMC' practise questions that are available for an additional \$2.00. Registration forms are available from the Front Office.

All signed forms and entry fees need to be returned to the School by 30th June 2017.

Please contact Mrs Stewart, if you have any queries.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



If you and your child (Years 3 to 6 only) are interested in participating in the School's Music Program, please return your enrolment form to the Front Office by the end of term. This allows for timetabling to happen over the holidays and lessons to start as soon as possible in Term 3.

Enrolment forms and information about the program can be found in the Front Office or Music Room. We are currently looking for students interested in clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet and trombone tuition.

If you have previously expressed interest in guitar or keyboard, enrolment forms will be sent home early next term.

UPCOMING EVENT - SWIMMING LESSONS

Please mark these dates on your calendar: The 2017 In-term Swimming Lessons will take place from Monday 11th September to Friday 22nd September. This will be a 9 day program. There will be no lesson on Monday 18th September, due to the Massed Choir Event.

Full details and permission forms will be sent home Week 1 next term.

THE FATHERING PROJECT

Helping your child's education:

- Be willing to help with homework.
- Don't put pressure on your children, encourage them to be the best they can be.
- Focus on attitude and effort, not grades.



www.thefatheringproject.org

2017 FACTION CROSS COUNTRY



The Faction Cross Country event was run on Friday 9th June and was a great success.

Congratulations to all the students who participated, displaying great sportsmanship and determination. Special congratulations to the following place getters:



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 1 Girls	Alyssa, R8-Blue	Asher, T3-Red	Elizabeth, R8-Green	Christabell, T3-Gold
Year 1 Boys	Matthew, T3-Blue	Jack, R6-Gold	Marcus, T3-Red	Harrison, R6-Gold
Year 2 Girls	Maddison, R10-Gold	Dakota, R9-Red	Eiriann, R10-Red	Madeline, R11-Blue
Year 2 Boys	Louis, R10-Red	Samuel, R10-Gold	Roman, R9-Blue	Dominic, R8-Gold
Year 3 Girls	Matilda, T1-Red	Isla, R13-Gold	Sara, T1-Blue	Tahnee, R13-Blue
Year 3 Boys	Tristan, T1-Green	Val, R12-Green	Jethro, R10-Blue	Jared, R12-Gold
Year 4 Girls	Trinity, R14-Blue	Tarsha, R15-Red	Abigail, R14-Gold	Kyeisha, R15-Blue
Year 4 Boys	Heath, R14-Blue	Jhye, R14-Red	Jayden, R15-Green	Ewen, R14-Red
Year 5 Girls	Isabella, T4-Gold	Serena, R17-Blue	Jasmine, T4-Red	Lara, T4-Gold
Year 5 Boys	Kristian, R17-Blue	Toby, R17-Gold	Samuel, T4-Green	Kelton, T4-Blue
Year 6 Girls	Eva, R18-Blue	Aimee, R18-Green	Chloe, R16-Blue	Grace, R18-Red
Year 6 Boys	Brodie, R16-Blue	Matthew, R16-Gold	Abrahamu, R16-Gold	Brayden, R16-Blue



SPOONBILL BLOCK INCURSION



As part of our students' studies of Aboriginal culture and history, SERCUL (South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare) visited Bannister Creek on Friday 16th June to present their *Booyi Cultural Program*. The event commenced with a traditional Welcome Smoke Ceremony, the students then took part in the following activities:

- Ochre Art
- Show and Tell on Bush Tucker and Medicine
- Dream Time Story Telling Session
- Traditional Tool Making



KINDERGARTEN / PRE-PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2018

Children born between 1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014 are now eligible to enrol for Kindergarten 2018.

Children born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013, are now eligible to enrol for Pre-Primary 2018.

Applications are available from the Front Office and must be returned by the close of business **28th July 2017**. Bannister Creek Primary School is a 'Local Intake Area' school, which means that applications from families who live within the intake area will be given priority.

We are also accepting enrolments for students in Years 1 to 6 in 2018 now!

For further information, please contact the School Office on 9350 9588.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

This year, we started Soccer Club for Years 1 and 2 as one of our fun lunchtime activities. We would love to see some more children joining in, it would be especially great to see some more girls joining this club. Come and do some fun drills with your Student Councillors!

Next term, we will be holding our annual 'B.C.P.S. Has Got Talent'. If you have a talent that you would like to share with the school, you can join our talent show!



Finally, on **Friday 30th June**, the last day of term, we will be holding a 'Wacky Hair Day!' If you want to do something 'wacky' with your hair, please bring a gold coin donation on the day. All money raised will go to the Australian Childhood Foundation. This charity supports children in the aftermath of neglect, child abuse and domestic violence. This is a great cause to support.



Reminder: The Joke and Suggestion boxes are in the Library, please feel free to write down a fantastic idea or funny joke to share. Remember to write your name and room number clearly on the front. The Student Councillors love going through all your creative and sometimes funny suggestions.

Remember to always work your very best and to do everything with "100% GUSTO!!"..... Mr Stanley
Report by Chloe, Room 16.

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

TIP: Support a cause!

Knowing that you have done something to contribute to a meaningful cause will make you feel good. Think about volunteering to help, joining a committee or making a donation.

For more ideas visit: volunteeringwa.org.au

LYNWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Information Evening for Year 6 Students (Year 7 in 2018)

Date: Wednesday 21st June 2017

Time: 6pm

Venue: Lynwood SHS Library



The evening will enable parents/guardians to meet the key personnel involved in transitioning students to high school, our pastoral care team, hear about our curriculum and specialist programs and to answer any questions you may have.

Please call the Front Office to RSVP on 9354 0600.

We look forward to meeting you all then.

Ms Hayatti Miller, Lower School Manager - Lynwood SHS

COMMUNITY LINKS - SAVE THESE DATES

Bannister Creek Primary School will be hosting **FREE** Food Sensations workshops for parents. Join us for these hands-on nutrition and cooking experiences where you will learn about a variety of nutrition topics and how to cook some easy, tasty recipes. There are 4 sessions to choose from, or do them all!

- Healthy Eating
- Meal Planning and Budgeting
- Label Reading and Food Selection
- Food Safety, Preparation and Cooking

Dates: **2 August, 16 August, 30 August and 13 September.**

Please RSVP to the Front Office on 9350 9588.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Girls Choir – June Open Classes: Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in June. Phone 1800 338 142 or email perth@aspagroup.com.au

Better Health Program: The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. In a supportive, friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier. Join our next FREE local program at Bounce Cannington. Two programs available commencing - Tuesday 18 July or Wednesday 19th July, 4:00 to 6:00pm. Places are limited! Find out more or register now: www.betterhealthprogram.org or phone 1300 822 953.



SCHOOL AWARDS

On Wednesday 14th of June, Room 8 hosted the assembly which focused on 2D Shapes and 3D objects. During the assembly, the students performed a play based on the children's book "The Greedy Triangle" by Marilyn Burns.

The story is about a very busy triangle that was tired of doing the same old things. Unhappy with its sides and angles, the triangle visits the local shape shifter and is turned into a quadrilateral, then a pentagon, then a hexagon and so on. Until the shape realises that maybe being a triangle wasn't so bad after all!

In preparation for the assembly, the students enjoyed using their imagination and expression to bring the characters to life in their own unique way.



Congratulations to Miss Precious and the Room 8 students for a wonderful assembly. The next assembly will be held on **Wednesday 28th June**, commencing at 8:45am sharp. It will be hosted by the students in Room 11.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES: Excellence, no matter what you are doing, excellence means you are giving it the best you have. Excellence is what leads to success. It takes courage to practise excellence. When you practise excellence, you can break new ground and try new things that have never been thought of before. Doing your best helps you find out who you really are. **Congratulations to the following Honour Certificate recipients from our last assembly.**

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 3	Sophie
Room 4	Ammar, Toby
Room 5	Ziyin, Cooper
Room 6	James
Room 7	Alixzandrah, Alex
Room 8	Gabriel, Elizabeth
Room T3	Aaron

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 9	Jayden
Room 10	Eiriann, Connor
Room 11	Eva
Room T1	Charley, Matilda
Room 12	Amy
Room 13	Alice, Anika

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 14	Cameron, Keisha
Room 15	Britney
Room T4	Samuel, Brayden
Room 16	Matthew
Room 17	Joshua
Room 18	Jayda

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: The Aussie of the Month award recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to our School Community. Congratulations to this month's recipients: Maaliha, Year 1; Sonja, Year 2; Lilly, Year 3; Deena, Year 5.



FACTION TOKENS: Students who follow our Code of Conduct and display outstanding social skills are awarded Faction Tokens. At each assembly, a raffle draw is conducted for fortnightly winners who receive a prize. All Faction Tokens go into an End of Term Second Chance Draw, so keep doing your best. The winners at the last assembly were: Asher, T3; Dominic, Room 8; Shaqeta, T4 and Chloe, T4.



WEEK 8 FACTION TOKEN TALLY:

Blue 386	Gold 365	Green 350	Red 340
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THANK YOU



Trevor's Carpets, Canning Vale

For their generous donation of carpet squares and mats for the students in Room 10.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Vacation Care - now only 2 weeks away and our program flyers are available!

Wildlife Petting Zoo, Bounce, Loose Parts Play and so much more! Our educational program is fun and flexible. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea are supplied daily. Places are limited so get in fast!

Please contact Natalie on 0475 822 630 or bannistercreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au



P&C NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO: The disco will be held this Friday 23rd June in the School Undercover Area. Tickets will be available at the door, \$5 per child. Session times are as follows:

- * Kindy/Pre-Primary: 4:00 to 5:00pm
- * Years 1-3: 5:30 to 7:00pm
- * Years 4-6: 7:30 to 9:00pm



There will be items and treats to purchase on the night at the canteen, so remember to send your child with some money. Parents are welcomed to stay in the Undercover Area with their child or to go and relax while they wait at the Dragonfly Cafe.

The Dragonfly Cafe is a pop up cafe where parents can relax and socialise. There will be tea, coffee, hot chocolate, soft drinks, cakes & biscuits. The cafe will also be selling sausage sizzles and slushies (to be consumed outside only). You can purchase these for yourself, or your child, before or after their session. Hope to see you all there !!!!!

TERM 3 FUNDRAISER: During Weeks 2 & 3 next term, we are holding a Silver Change Bucket Fundraiser. A coin bucket will be placed in each classroom, students are asked to collect as many silver coins as they can and put them into their room's bucket. This will be a competition between classes to see who can raise the most money, the winning classroom will receive a wonderful prize. Start collecting those silver coins ready for our Term 3 challenge!

P&C TREASURER: We are seeking a volunteer to take on the role of P&C Treasurer in 2018. The Treasurer is part of the Executive Committee and is in charge of the Association's financial affairs, including all invoicing, payments, payroll, tax statements etc. The new volunteer needs to have book keeping experience. By nominating now, the new volunteer will have the remaining 2 terms of 2017 to work with the current Treasurer and 'learn the ropes'. If you are interested, please email me at aliciabrown1977@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on 0427 342 029 or email aliciabrown1977@gmail.com. Every question or concern will be treated with confidentiality & professionalism.

I, along with the other Committee Members, would like to thank all of the staff, parents and school community who have donated their time, goods, services and efforts in supporting us through Terms 1 & 2.

Alicia Brown, P&C Association President

CANTEEN NEWS: Thank you to all my wonderful volunteers this fortnight: Ros, Sara, Vanessa, Dianne, Jodie, and Kerry. We always welcome new volunteers, if you are able to spare some time to help out in the canteen, please come in and see me or give me a call, there's plenty of room left on next term's roster.

There will be a new look Canteen Menu for Term 3 with some slight changes. Also commencing in Term 3 are our '**Monday Specials!!**' These will be exciting and delicious menu items available for 2 Mondays in a row (these items will change every two weeks). Hot beef and gravy rolls will be available for Weeks 1 & 2 of next term, YUM!! The list of specials, along with the new menu, will be handed out next week.

On the last day of term, **Friday 30th June**, our End of Term treat will be a **Hotdog and a Poptop for \$5**. Please return the order form, with payment, to the P&C Box in the Front Office or to the Canteen by Wednesday 28th June.



Please Note: LOL drinks are no longer available. Look out for the new option next term.

Have a great holiday, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces in Term 3.

Thankyou for all your support
Georgina Burrowes, Canteen Manager

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

City of Canning: July school holiday activities for children 11 to 17 years. Cooking, Rock Climbing, Ice Skating, Go-Karting and many other fun activities. For further information or to register, please visit www.canning.wa.gov.au. Please note some activities incur a cost. A flyer is available from the School's Front Office.

Canning Arts Group: Lots of fun art & craft activities for children aged 3 to 12 years. Cost per activity: \$23 (unless otherwise specified). A flyer is available from the School Office. Bookings are essential and open 26 June 2017. Contact 9457 9600 or email office@canningartswa.org.au

Kids Cooking Classes: This 3 hour, fun filled cooking class will teach your child how to cook up delicious and nutritious food for the whole family. They will also enjoy amazing food experiments. Every Friday during the school holidays, 9:30am to 12:30pm for kids aged 8-16 years. \$75pp. For further information or to book, please check the website www.nutritionforce.com.au or phone 9385 7755.



Junior Goals - School Holiday Soccer: Holiday fun for 3-4 year olds (30 minute sessions) and 5-9 year olds (3 hour sessions). Lots of games, skill development and FUN!! Morning tea provided. Northern & Southern suburb locations. Contact 0417 991 671 or admin@juniorgoals.com for further information.

The article below, recently appeared in the local paper. Congratulations to our outstanding basketball players and their coach.

BASKETBALL

Clinics reaping great results

BANNISTER Creek Primary School's basketball program is reaping results, with two teams winning their interschool Kalamunda Club grand finals last month.

Coach Brad Dowd, who established the Lynwood school's basketball program in 2015, said all four teams entered in the competition made it to the grand final.

He said the All-Star girls team defeated Greenmount Primary School and would compete in the district finals in term 4, and the Future Stars boys team defeated Carmel Adventist College.

Mr Dowd runs basketball skills clinics at the school throughout the year to introduce more children to the game.

"As a result, more and more kids are taking up basketball as their chosen recreation," he said.

"We usually have one or two kids who have played basketball before, but a lot of the kids we select have never actually played



Coach Brad Dowd, centre, with players Jack [redacted], Brayden [redacted], Grace [redacted], Chloe [redacted], Brodie [redacted] and Cayden [redacted]. Picture: Jon Hewson www.communitypix.com.au d469841

the game, so we select them on athletic ability and willingness to learn."

He said the All-Star teams trained for eight weeks prior to the event and the Future Stars teams four weeks prior.

"The All-Star division can ad-

vance to the district finals and possibly the Champion Schools Cup, whereas the Future Stars only play on the day," he said.

The Kalamunda Club is part of the School Slam Series organised by School Sports WA in conjunction with Basketball WA.



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