



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members



Harmony at Bannister Creek Primary School - *Everyone Belongs*

We had a fantastic turnout for our Family *Harmony Day Welcome Picnic*. It was a joyful school community celebration and it was great to see so many families wearing cultural dress and enjoying time to meet and picnic in our lovely school grounds. Please see photos on Page 7.

This annual Harmony Family Picnic is a great time to celebrate the cultural diversity in our community. The variety of performances increases each year with parents and community groups volunteering to showcase their cultural dance and music. We launched the evening with Shaqeta, an ex-student, giving an Acknowledgement of Country followed by a rousing drumming performance from our school Drumbeat group. Miss Marshall led a whole school Flash Mob, performing "Una Familia - We Are All Family". It was a delight to see the energy and fun students had in performing together. The Chung Wah Association's Lion Dancers wowed us with a stunning performance, weaving through the audience, engaging with children and adults. We were pleased to have the Rockingham Sinulog (Filipino) Dancers, showcase their beautiful costumes and graceful dance. The Ja Ing Culture and Arts Association, a Chinese choir composed of adults and primary aged children, finished the evening performing traditional songs.

It was a special community celebration and wonderful to have the support and participation of so many families and cultural groups.

Parent /Teacher Interviews - Early Close: Thursday 4th April

Please note this date on your calendar. I encourage all parents to take this opportunity to meet with teachers for an update on their child's progress and start to the school year. **Students will be released at 11:30am** on this day, so teachers can conduct interviews commencing at 12:00pm and concluding at 5:00pm. Students in Years 4 to 6 are encouraged to accompany parents to participate in the interview (younger siblings should not attend). We request that parents book an interview time with class and specialist teachers, by entering their name in an available timeslot on the sign-up sheets that are located outside classrooms, by emailing the school, phoning the Front Office or sending a booking request through Skoolbag online. A flyer detailing Skoolbag installation instructions is available from the Front Office.

Children who are unable to be collected at 11:30am will be supervised by staff until 2:45pm. If your child/children will be remaining at school after 11:30am, please complete the return slip in this newsletter, see Page 4. Our onsite out of school care provider, Helping Hands, will be operating from 11:30am, providing activities for children enrolled in their program. They will also provide a free tea and coffee service from the Canteen for parents who are waiting for interviews. All interviews will be held in classrooms or specialist areas and timed for 12 minute discussion time, with 3 minute changeovers. If parents are unable to attend this session, or more in-depth discussion is required, an alternative meeting date needs to be arranged with teachers.

Please Note: Kindy Rooms 1 Blue Group interviews will be held on Thursday 4th April and Kindy Room 2 Blue group interviews will be held on Friday 5th April 2019.



Thank You P&C for funding:

- \$3491 for Chaplaincy top up funding - This enables us to have Ms Jay Jay's support in the school 2 days a week.
- \$580 for Skoolbag annual subscription.
- \$1600 to support a Chinese assistant from the Confucius Institute UWA to work in Chinese Language classes.

Kind Regards
 Lyn Macauley, PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 14 March	Parent iPad session: 6:00-6:45pm
Monday, 18 March	P&C Meeting: 7:00pm
Wednesday, 20 March	Assembly hosted by Rooms 9 & 15: 8:45am
Wednesday, 3 April	Assembly hosted by Rooms 6 & T3: 8:45am Interschool Summer Sports Carnival
Thursday, 4 April	EARLY CLOSE FOR PARENT INTERVIEWS

Student Councillor Charity Fundraiser



Lots of Socks Day – Friday 29th March
Bring a gold coin donation to support



EDU DANCE CONCERTS

In the last week of term, classes will showcase their Edu Dance performances. Parents are invited to attend, but there will be limited seating. Each concert will last for approximately 40 minutes.

Please see the timetable below - note that classes will perform in **random** order. You will need to attend from the start of the concert to be sure of seeing your child perform.

TUESDAY 9th April Week 10

Commencing at 1:50pm

Pre-Primary - Room 3

Pre-Primary - Room 4

Year 1 - Room 6

Year 2 - Room 8

Year 2/3 - Room T1

Year 3 - Room 11

Year 3 - Room 13

Year 4 - Room 12

Year 5 - Room 17 (Year 5's only)



WEDNESDAY 10th April Week 10

Commencing at 1:50pm

Pre-Primary - Room 5

Year 1 - Room T3

Year 1 - Room 7

Year 2 - Room 9

Year 3 - Room 10

Year 4 - Room 15

Year 4/5 - Room 14

Year 5 - Room T4

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

The role of the School Board is one of setting the long term future direction for the school and maintaining an overview of the school's operation. More information on the role of our School Board and a profile of each board member is available on our website.

Chair: Liesl Ludgerus (Parent Representative)

Parent Representatives: Garth Hilton (Deputy Chair), Linda Ross, Joselyn Juraszek

Community Representatives: Bill Johnston MLA, Dr Christine Cunningham, Nicole Klein (Lynwood Ferndale Playgroup).

Staff Representatives: Lyn Macauley, Morgan Taylor, Natalie Howard, Travis Miller, Julie Stone.

The Board meets twice a term. At last Monday's meeting, the following items were discussed: 2019 school budgets were explained and endorsed; Early-Close interviews were endorsed; voluntary contributions and parent survey data presented and the 2018 Annual Report was outlined.

2019 FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS

School Contributions - \$60 per child per year = (\$15 per term or \$1.50 per child per week!)

In order to support the educational program offered to your child, the school requests that each family pay a contribution. Contributions collected from parents are used to provide materials and resources directly consumed by students, including provisions of texts and on-line resources. The contributions are voluntary, but make a big difference to our budgets and contribute to improving the educational program that we can offer your child. Last year only 65% of families paid their contribution. If all contributions were paid, the School would have had an extra \$10,000 in budgets to support school programs.

Contributions can be made at the Front Office by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card (minimum \$10.00). If paying cash, please tender the correct amount. Payment by instalments can be arranged, please speak with the Office staff.

Many thanks to the families who have already paid their contributions.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Student Council will be holding a **Lots of Socks Day** on **Friday 29th March**. For a gold coin donation you can wear odd/different coloured socks to school on this day. This will be our first charity fundraiser for the year, money raised will support children with Down's Syndrome.



There is a new Suggestion Box in the Library, please place your suggestions for activities in the box.

Lunchtime Clubs have commenced, they are as follows:

Day	Club	Where
Monday	Book Buddies	Library or outside if the weather is fine.
Tuesday	Número Chess Club	Library Library
Wednesday	Dance Club	Undercover Area
Thursday	Dodge Ball	Basketball Courts
Friday	Belly Busters Lego Builders	Playground Library



Report by Mellissa, Room 18

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

In Week 5, Room 12 had our assembly. Our assembly was about Harmony Day, we kicked off with 3 skits.

Our first skit was me as Mrs Macauley. I went on the stage with my students and they read their poems to everyone. I got to talk about how proud I was of my students for writing their poems. Then we went to our second skit.

Our second skit was a choir with world famous conductor Saxton, the choir sang 'Count On Me' by Bruno Mars. The song is all about being a good friend and being there for each other.

Then we did our last skit where Isabelle 'hit the streets' in the segment 'He said, She said'. The questions she asked were all focused around harmony and what it means to people. She asked Mr. Miller, then a local primary school teacher Miss Taylor then finally Mr. Hegarty. He had some pearls of wisdom to share with everyone.

At the end of the real Mrs Macauley's speech, I got to go up and talk with her and say 'happy day'. We had so much fun making our assembly and practicing.

By Madeline, Room 12

Congratulations to Miss Carey, Mrs Doak-Blight and the Room 12 students for a fantastic assembly.



Our next assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 20th March** commencing at 8:45am in the Undercover Area. This assembly will be hosted by Rooms 9 and 15.

SCHOOL AWARDS

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	Ella, Ethan
Room 4	Jesse
Room 5	Bronwyn, Liam
Room 6	Chrystle
Room 7	Phoebe, Thomas
Room 8	Amelia, Dylan
Room 9	Jayden, Brock

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 10	Oceana, Oliver
Room 11	Emily, Abigail
Room 12	Samuel, Reilly
Room 13	Charlie
Room 14	Jared, Wilbert
Room 15	Justin, Thinuli

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 16	Samuel, Amy
Room 17	Tristan, Elsa
Room 18	Jayden, Sean
Room T1	Le Xuan, Josie
Room T3	Teagan, Farley
Room T4	Max, Katie

Term 1, WEEK 5: FACTION TOKEN TALLY

Avon 30	Bickley 52	Canning 37	Swan 43
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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: Nathaniel, Room 12; Trinity, Room 16; Tia, Room 8 and Gurfateh, Room 4.

SCHOOL BOARD LEADERSHIP AWARD

The School Board Leadership Award is a new incentive to recognise students who display leadership skills e.g. using their initiative to assist other students or take on a leadership role. Congratulations to:

Savannah and Scarlet, Room 18.

For giving your time to personally promote and support Year 6 Camp fundraising initiatives. Great effort and teamwork! You help make Bannister Creek Primary School the best!



CHINESE LANTERN MAKING COMPETITION



This year marks the inaugural Chinese Lantern Making Competition. This competition was designed to be a project that the whole family could work on together.

We were very lucky to have Ko Sing Chinese restaurant on board who generously sponsored dine in vouchers for the top 3 entries. Congratulations to the following winners:

First: Keisha, Room 16
Second: Ethan, Room 10
Third: Tia, Room 8.



STUDENT INFORMATION

It is vital that the School has up to date contact and medical details for our students, especially if we need to contact parents urgently. In the next few days, we will be sending home Student Update Forms. Please make any alterations as required and return the form to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

REMINDER

Please clearly label **ALL** of your child's clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. Help us return lost items to their owners.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **Thursday 4th April**. **School will finish at 11:30am for all students on this day.**

An interview booking sheet will be displayed in each classroom. Please add your name to the sheet in a convenient timeslot. You may also phone the Front Office or send through a Skoolbag request to make a booking. You will be notified if the time you have requested has already been booked.

If, due to work or family constraints, your child/children will be remaining at school after 11:30am, please notify the school by phone, email or complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible. All children remaining at school will be supervised by school staff until **2:45pm**.

Helping Hands will be operating from 11:30am on this day. Enrolling your child is free, you only pay for the hours of care you use.

Thank you for your support.

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School Early Close 11:30am Thursday, 4th April, 2018

My child/children listed below will be remaining at school after 11:30am.

Name: _____ Room _____

Name: _____ Room _____

Name: _____ Room _____

Name: _____ Room _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY



The students and Staff of Bannister Creek PS participated in the Clean Up Schools Day on Friday 1st March 2019. They collected rubbish and recyclable materials in and around the school, including Canning's Purley Park.

The Senior students from Rooms 16 and 18 have adopted Woodford Park for a few years now to clean up during this special day. The Room 17 students made sure to clean up the street and car park in front of the school including Moort Boodja, the school's Aboriginal Seasons and Bush Tucker Garden. After the clean-up, Room 10 and Miss Taylor performed a waste audit.

Mrs Lilly, Sustainability Co-ordinator

ROOM 10's RECOUNT

Friday 1st March was Schools Clean Up Day, which is part of Clean Up Australia. It is a way for students to "learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community."

All classes had to clean up a designated area around our school. Room 10 then weighed the rubbish collected. Room 12 found a whopping 9 kilograms of rubbish! Some unusual items were found, including a shoe, a coat hanger, a sock and some old bike parts!

Thank you to Mrs Lilly for organising the day!



ROOM 14's RECOUNT

The students in Room 14 learnt about being responsible citizens in their community when they went on a 'Clean-up' mission at Bannister Creek Primary School.

The students prepared an Action Plan to solve pollution problems. They collected a lot of rubbish at the rear of the school. Next, they identified the lack of rubbish bins as a problem. As part of the Action Plan they came to the conclusion that this was the reason a lot of the rubbish was found near the Kiss 'n' Drop area.

Finally, students suggested many ways to prevent or solve the pollution problem. They wrote how they would share this message with the community. This included asking the local council to place more rubbish bins outside of the school.



REDCYCLE PROGRAM



Bannister Creek Primary School is commencing 'soft plastic recycling' through the REDcycle Program.

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for students to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill. Students can do the scrunch test. If it's soft plastic and CAN be scrunched into a ball, it can be placed in a REDcycle bin. If it's not plastic, or it's plastic CAN'T be scrunched into a ball, it cannot be recycled via REDcycle.

It is important that the plastic is dry and as empty as possible. The recycled plastic waste is used to make furniture, bollards, signage, fitness trails, decking and Kimberley seats. For more information about this program, please visit www.redcycle.net.au.

GARDEN CLUB

Expressions of interest are now open to students in Years 1-3, who have an interest in helping out in the school garden.

Activities include planting, weeding and preparing produce from the garden. Garden Club will operate every second Tuesday, from 2:45 - 4:00, starting in Week 8.

If your child would like to participate, please put their name down in the Front Office by next Wednesday 20th March.



PARENT IPAD SESSION

Parents are invited to join us in the Library tomorrow, Thursday 14th March for a hands on session with iPads. This is an opportunity to find out how your child will use iPads in the classroom.

The session will run from 6:00 to 6:45pm. Please book online using the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBKGX>



P&C NEWS

A massive **THANK YOU** to all the wonderful P&C members and parents who helped at the Harmony Welcome Picnic held at the school on Friday 8th March. It is this continued 'harmony' between the school and its community that makes our little community of parents so great!

YOU ARE INVITED to the next P&C meeting: **Monday 18th March**, commencing at 7:00pm in the Staffroom, so we can plan our next BIG THING!

Everyone is welcome to join us. At this meeting we will be forming our Fundraising Committee, Canteen Committee and appointing our P&C representative to the School Board. It would be nice to see some new faces and parents from the Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 groups attending and adding their contribution to our discussions.

The meeting usually lasts for under an hour, with some light snacks provided. Children are welcome to come and play quietly.

I look forward to welcoming you!

Linda Ross, P& C President



COMMUNITY GRANT 'Harmony in the Car'

At Harmony Day, API WA Reward Club and BCPS ran a stall to win a prize worth \$5000! The 'Harmony in the Car' stall had activities for kids to do rather than distract the driver and in terms of a road safety message, we want parents to be aware that drivers distracted by children, are statistically 12 times more likely to cause an accident than the distraction caused by mobile phone usage.

As part of the award submission, we are also awarded marks for getting as many people as possible to complete the following quiz: <https://roadsafetyquiz.clubswa.com.au/> You must type APIWA as the club's access code. Since the quiz is based on the number of attempts made, not the number of participants, please try and get people to complete it and see if you can score 100%!!!

API WA Reward Club is also providing \$100 off accommodation vouchers for use by BCPS families and the local community. You can redeem the offer at <https://warewardclub.com.au/> If you have any questions, please contact Linda Ross via email: ceo@apiwa.com.au or call 08 9325 7425.

CANNING VALE COLLEGE - MUSIC PROGRAM



Apply for the 2020 Specialist Music Program now.

Canning Vale College offers a vibrant and dynamic Approved Specialist Music Program that focuses on developing students instrumental skills and extending their abilities. Lessons offered at the college include flute, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, classical guitar, electric guitar and bass, percussion and drums, piano, voice and strings with excellent music tutors.

This program is open to students who reside both within and outside the local intake boundary.

For more information and to download an application form, please visit: cvc.wa.edu.au/curriculum/specialist-programs/specialist-music-program.

Applications close Friday 12th April 2019.

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 18th June 2019

9:30am to 11:30 am

24 Winnacott Street, Willagee

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- 9:30am • Welcome and introduction - The Role of the Language Development Centre.
• The Role of the Speech Pathologist
• The Role of the School Psychologist
- 10:30am Question Time
- 10:50am Morning Tea
- 11:10am School Tour
- 11:30am Close



HARMONY WELCOME FAMILY PICNIC



Thank you to the following for helping to make the Harmony Welcome Family Picnic a wonderful event.

- Rockingham Sinulog Dancers
- Ja Ing Culture and Arts Association
- Chung Wah Association
- Ojek Food Australia

