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## Bunbury Primary School Newsletter

*An Independent Public School*

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### *Our Values: Respect Responsibility Care Achievement*

### *Our Motto: Strive to Achieve*

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't know about you, but I find it hard to believe that we are more than halfway through Term 3, but we are. Given what is ahead of us, it would seem like time is rushing us to the end of term.

#### RAISING FUNDS

You would be well aware that the key elements for raising general funds for the school are the Voluntary Contribution (\$60.00) that we ask parents to pay at the beginning of the year, and the Lap-a-thon in Term 2. The Parents and Citizens Association raises funds to support the school through Dollars for Scholars (helps pay for online programmes that children access at school and at home), Easter Egg raffle, Colour Blast Run and the end-of-year Disco. With the funds raised by the P&C we are replacing the carpet in Room 13, replacing the café blinds in the Kindergarten, putting in new bike racks, purchasing reading resources for upper primary and replacing some of the Winter Carnival sports uniforms. The P&C also has a Voluntary Fund Contribution of \$50.00 per family. Parents/Carers have asked if they are able to contribute more than the \$50. You will see some options in this area when you are sent the Contributions and Charges sheet for 2024. The most the school can ask for as a voluntary contribution is \$60, but parents/carers can contribute more if they choose to.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board has been working to produce the school's Business Plan 2023-25, which has now been all-but finalised. The Board is also looking into the prospect of having a crossing guard on Stockley Road. There is a specific process that must be followed in order to achieve this, and it can be a lengthy process.

#### MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

I would like to congratulate Mrs Joan Davies into the position of Manager Corporate Services in our school. Joan has been relieving in the position since Mrs Young left and now holds the position on a permanent basis. Joan is a welcome addition to the front office staff.

#### ATHLETICS TRAINING

As of this week, children are starting training for the Faction Athletics Carnival in Term 4. Years 1 and 2 students will train on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and our Year 3 to 6 students will train on Fridays from 1:55 to 2:55 pm. We encourage the students

to wear their faction shirt on the training days – this helps get them in the team spirit!



## BEBRAS Australia

engages students' computational thinking and problem solving skills in a fun, interactive environment. Our Year 3 and 4 students will again be involved in this on Tuesday, August 29th, the Year 5s on Thursday the 31st and the Year 6s on Tuesday September 5th.

#### PRINCIPALS' DAY

I was unaware of Primary Principals' Day on August 4 and was surprised by the staff and children with a small assembly where each class gave me special messages and cards. It made me reflect on how it is too easy to get caught up in the hurley burley of running a school and forget about one of the most important components of teaching – building positive relationships.

I was touched (and just a little overwhelmed) by the students' thoughts that the class representatives passed on to me (and to Mrs Dillon and Mrs Palermo).

#### CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

This special evening is quickly approaching and will be held from 5:00-6:30pm on Thursday September 7th. The evening provides a great opportunity for parents/carers to talk with their child about their class work. I encourage you to ask questions such as: What was the purpose of the activity? What did you learn? What was the teacher looking for? It is a time to celebrate your child's work and their learning with them. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible during the evening. There will be no food available during the evening.

#### BEBRAS CHALLENGE

Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Computer Science among school students at all ages. The Bebras Challenge is open twice a year to Australian Students in Years 3 - 12, and









## YSAFE LAUNCH AND NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE (NDAABV)

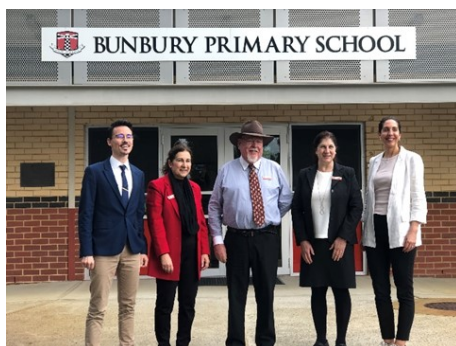


Last Friday was the NDAABV. This day encourages school communities to work together to be proactive in implementing solutions to prevent and address bullying. This year's theme was: 'Growing Connections'. On the day Bunbury PS launched the ySafe Regional and Remote School Schools Digital Experts Academy (DX) at the school. Students from Years 3-6 have been using the program to develop further awareness of online safety in the world.

The DX is a specialised online, social and emotional learning program that equips students with crucial safeguarding skills for both online and offline contexts, optimising their overall wellbeing. It offers an array of benefits, including a curriculum-linked digital citizenship education, diverse learner pathways, evidence-based learning outcomes, and a gamified learning experience that ensures an enjoyable and engaging learning process for the students. The program provides an easy-to-implement process for tracking student progress, supporting teachers and schools in monitoring their students' growth and development in the online world.

Nola Marino and Don Punch together with ySafe representatives Patrick Thomas (ySafe Education and Engagement National Education Manager) and Tanya Wren (ySafe Education and Wellbeing, Director of Education) attended the event. Year 4 student comment: 'I learnt which things are safe to put online and which things are private.'

A reminder that eSafety Commission has valuable information for parents to help guide their children or reporting



## PRINCIPALS' DAY

How surprised did Mr Doherty look when he walked into a Whole School Assembly called in his honour to celebrate Principals' Day on Friday August 4th? The students were excited and proud to present to him the gifts of cards, mobiles, and heartfelt messages each class had made to show their appreciation. To top it off, Mr Doherty was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his "calm and steady leadership during uncertain times and community challenges, ensuring that all staff feel safe and supported, all students have a consistent approach to their education and all concerns of the school community are addressed." We are grateful for his, Mrs Dillon's and Mrs Palermo's leadership and guidance. Thank you to Mrs Davies, our new Manager of Corporate Services, for co-ordinating the event.



## TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL

A key change for a young person is moving from the familiar primary school environment to a new environment at secondary school. This is a significant change and can present some challenges for your young person.

Although the experience of transitioning to secondary school is different for everyone, we have noticed some common concerns such as:

- fitting in
- managing their time and tasks
- peer pressure
- navigating different systems and environments such as different people in each class, changing rooms and timetables

If you or your child would like to talk to someone one on one, Headspace in Bunbury can help. For more information, please contact email [info@headspacebunbury.org.au](mailto:info@headspacebunbury.org.au) or call 6164 0680.





## YEAR 5 FREMANTLE EXCURSION

The Year 5 students from Room 10 and 11 had a wonderful time on their Fremantle excursion. They learned so much on the Prison tour, as well as visiting Moondyne Joe's cell. The fish and chips were delicious and they thoroughly enjoyed the Tourist Wheel, Round House and the Shipwreck museum. Thanks to BPS students for supporting our cake stall to allow us to experience a great day!



## STONE SOUP

It's been a very cold and wet winter! The Kindy students listened to a story called "Stone Soup" and then with the help of their teachers, made a delicious pot of stone soup aka minestrone soup which they generously shared with our office staff. It was delicious!



## 100 DAYS CELEBRATION

Our Pre-Primary students celebrated a fabulous 100 days of learning on August 4th by dressing up as Nana's, Grannies, Pops and Grandads. We had curlers, silver hair, fancy moustaches and unruly beards. Our day was filled with fun activities such as a Granny and Grandad morning tea sitting at the table with our sandwiches, cupcakes, biscuits and sadly not a cup of tea. We have all worked so hard over the 100 days and we deserved a great celebration. Thank you to the parents for the amazing creative costumes.

## YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY: SAFETY ON WHEELS

We learnt that it is really important to wear a helmet and bright coloured clothing when you ride a bike, scooter or skateboard. Our song about Silly Billy and Silly Gilly explains that wearing a helmet protects your head. By wearing bright colours, you are much easier to be seen by other drivers and riders. Be safe everyone!



## Bunbury PS in the Community

### NETBALL CARNIVALS

Congratulations to these Bunbury PS students who have represented Bunbury Netball Association during the season at various age group carnivals:

Ruby, Louise, Jorja, Macey, Poppy, Amelia, Jessica, Evie.



### DATES TO WATCH

#### August

- Fri 25th** Assembly Room 11
- Fri 25th** Years 3-6 Athletics Training 1:55pm (weekly)
- Mon 28th** Years 1-2 Athletics Training 2:00pm(weekly)
- Tues 29th** Bebras Challenge Year 3-4
- Thurs 31st** Bebras Challenge Year 5
- Kindy 1 Father's Day Open Day
- Pre-Primary Fathers' Night 5:30-7pm

#### September

- Fri 1st** Kindy 1 Father's Day Open Day
- Thur 7th** Celebration of Learning 5:00-6:30pm
- Fri 8th** School Slam Basketball Year 5/6





## Better Health Program

The online program is now starting every month! Children and families learn about healthy eating, screen time, sleep habits and food label reading on this 10-week fun interactive program funded by the WA department of health. You will be guided and supported by a qualified health professional and provided free resources.

**31** August, September, October starts!

📍 Online and in local communities

👉 <https://betterhealthprogram.org/wa> or 1300 822 953

🆓 **FREE**

If you need guidance around creating healthy habits then this is for you.

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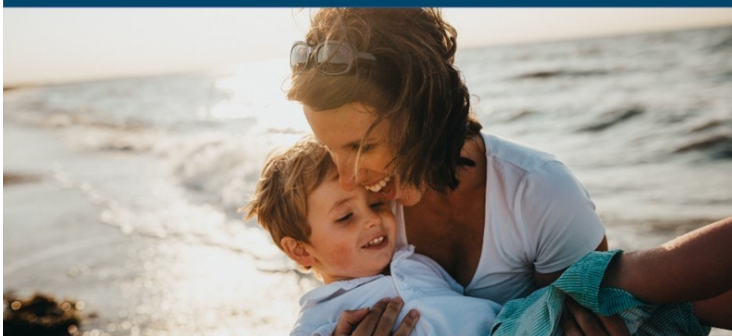
- 🆓 **FREE** healthy lifestyle program
- 👶 6-12 year olds in WA
- 🧑🏫 Supported by a health professional
- 🍏 Healthy eating tips
- 📺 Screen time ideas
- 🏆 Develop healthy habits!

[www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)

**FREE**  
resources!



## Emotion Coaching Your Child Bunbury



Raising our children should be one of life's greatest experiences, but as every parent knows it can often be overwhelming.

Research indicates that developing the emotional competence of your child provides a 'secure' pathway to the development of Emotional Intelligence (E.Q. - believed to be a better predictor of success than Intelligence (I.Q.)).

This workshop is designed to introduce you to the art of Emotion Coaching which helps parents to be supportive of their child's emotional world and to value emotional connection and intimacy.

Participants will be encouraged to learn how to:

- Help their child identify and understand their emotions
- Soothe and guide their child through their 'difficult' emotions
- Understand the contribution of their own emotional world to their parenting
- Communicate with their child more effectively
- Understand the different styles of parenting

**When:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
**Time:** 9.30am-12pm

**Where:** BUNBURY FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE  
Corner Molloy and Symmons Streets, Bunbury  
Access from Symmons Street side of the building

**Cost:** \$30 per person

For information about our courses and workshops please call 6164 0566 or visit [www.relationshipswa.org.au](http://www.relationshipswa.org.au)



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**29 AUG  
-3 SEP  
2023**

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

**COMMUNITY DAYS.** **FREE EVENT**

**BUNBURY 2023 FEATURING**

**TUESDAY 29 AUGUST | 3.30PM - 6.30PM | BREC | FREE**

CinefestOZ and community come together to share culture and the creative world of film

Aboriginal stallholders and organisations with products and services to purchase or explore. Film Activities with Indigenous short films, puppetry, sound production & animation Refreshments available to purchase, or complimentary tea/coffee.

**4.30pm Keniny Dance Academy Performance**  
**5.00pm First Nations Film: Industry in Education session**  
**5.00pm Kongal Marawar Choir**  
**5.20pm Zac James Acoustic set**  
**6.20pm Welcome to Country**  
**6.30pm Insights with CinefestOZ Bunbury Ambassador Lynette Narkle**  
**6.45pm Doors Open for the Deadly Indigenous Short Film set**  
(tickets available at: <https://tix.cinefestoz.com/Events/Deadly-Indigenous-Shorts-Bunbury-Opening-Night-Event>)

**Bunbury Community Days also open:**  
 Tue 29 Aug 12.30-3.30 + Wed 30 Aug 9.30-11.30

Group bookings: [community@cinefestoz.com](mailto:community@cinefestoz.com)

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We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land we live and work on and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future.

[indigifestoz.com.au](https://www.indigifestoz.com.au)

## HOW TO PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM BEING GROOMED!

I am going to teach you how to prevent your child from being groomed!

All you need to do is show up.

**Tuesday 26th September 2023**  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
 Entry is by donation

Kristi is an ex-child abuse detective and author who now uses her experience to educate parents on the red flags and warning signs of abuse and how to prevent it!

**Register Now :**

Use the QR code to register your spot via Humanitix

[www.cape-au.com](http://www.cape-au.com)