



~ The Lighthouse ~

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/Carers,

As always, our term has started out being quite busy and has no sign of slowing down. We have had our Faction Field Events day, Faction High Jumps afternoon, Faction Athletics Carnival, two students participated in the South West Spelling Bee, three teams participated in the Interschool Numero Competition (hosted here), PEAC recommenced, training for the First Lego League commenced and we began our annual Progressive Achievement Testing assessment programme. All in the first 10 days!

RETIREMENT

It is with very mixed feelings that I am letting you know that I will be retiring at the end of this year. I also need to clear some leave before this so I will be on long service leave for the last 6 weeks of the term. I thought making the decision to retire would be an easy thing to do, but it turns out to be much harder than one would think. A fundamental part of education is building relationships – with the children, the staff and the parent/carer community. Leaving that behind creates a large hollow feeling and one that can be difficult to come to terms with. However, it comes to us all at some stage. Bunbury Primary School has been a large part of my life over the past 20 years, and I will miss it.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Every two years schools are required to survey their school community about aspects of the school's performance. We also survey staff and students in Years 5 and 6. A link to the survey will be sent out next week via Seesaw and I ask parents and carers to consider completing the survey – it doesn't take long, is anonymous and helps us reflect on our performance, providing an opportunity to plan for improvement.

PLANNING FOR 2024

An important part of our planning for next year is knowing who will be at our school so that classes can be set up. Please see the return slip at the end of this page and return it if you know that you will not be with us for the 2024 school year. You can also advise the school by emailing Bunbury.PS@education.wa.edu.au. If you are planning on travelling during the Summer Break and will not be back for the start of school (Wednesday, January 31), but will be back late, please let us know this.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Friday, October 27 is World Teachers' Day this year. It provides an opportunity for the community to thank those people involved in educating children and young people. Everyone in a school plays a role in the education process and deserves acknowledgement of their efforts. A simple thank you can go a long way in doing this. The staff at Bunbury Primary School should all be celebrated for the work they put in to making our school a good place to be.



P&C CONTRIBUTIONS

I would like to acknowledge the work the Bunbury Primary School P&C, through the support of the parent community, has done to raise funds throughout the year which is truly appreciated. Recently the P&C donated \$20,000.00 to the school for the following upgrades and programmes:

Replacing the bike racks next to the sea container (\$3,400);
Replacing the shade blinds on the kindergarten veranda (\$6,200);
Purchasing some decodable readers for Years 4-6; (\$1,000)
Replacing the carpet in Room 13 (\$3,550); and,
Replacing some of the team uniforms for Winter Carnival (\$5,850).

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 3rd November 2023

Please advise the school if your child/ren **will not** be returning for the 2024 school year.

Child _____ Current Year Level ____ Destination: _____

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STAFF CARPARK

I appreciate the respect that many parents/carers demonstrate by not using the staff carpark but it would appear that some parents/carers are confused about exactly what is the Staff Carpark as the sign can be misleading. This photo shows the Staff Carpark – it is **both the bitumen area and the grass area**.



The carpark is, of itself, safe. It is only when it is being misused that it presents danger to both children and vehicles. We can tell children again and again to not run through the carpark. But they will still do it – they are children. Parents/carers doing circuits through the carpark to pick up their child are misusing the facility. Parents/carers parking the carpark (either in the middle of it or in a bay) are also misusing the facility. Misuse puts children at risk. The photo shows plenty of parking spaces in the grass area, but this is not always the case. We also have some staff arriving between 2:30 and 3:00pm who need to park. This is why it is called a Staff Carpark – it is not called a Visitors' Carpark, or a Parent/Carer Carpark or a Drive-through Child Pick-up Area.

Please, Please, Please, do not use the Staff Carpark.

SCHOOL GARDENER

Our school gardener, Bec, will be leaving us next Monday to start a new position with the Shire of Capel. I thank her for the work she has put into the school grounds in the time she has been with us. Keeping the grounds to a standard that says we care about our school is a challenge and Bec has risen to that challenge.



We will be looking for a new gardener (4 days a week – 6:30 to 1:00) so if anyone knows someone who might be interested, please get them to call Joan Davies (our Manager Corporate Services) on 9796 3050.

SCHOOL OFFICER

With one of our team members leaving, another has come on board. Feel free to drop into the office and introduce yourself to Lisa, the latest staff member to join the Bunbury PS front office team. Lisa comes to us from Dardanup PS. She has a background as an Education Assistant and is a very capable School Officer. Welcome from all the staff at BPS, we are looking forward to getting to know you better.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to be in correct school uniform—plain black shorts / skirts without colour or logos, and that are an appropriate leg length. It appears some shorts have shrunk or children have grown fast recently!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OHSClub)

The OSHClub that operates in our school provides out of school hours care at a very reasonable rate. If you are finding that you need to drop your child to school well before 8:30 in the morning, or can't pick them up before 3:20 in the afternoon it would be worth your while checking out the cost of utilising this service. It is safe and secure.



BOOK NOW: oshclub.com.au

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for this term was held today, Friday Oct. 27, and was hosted by the Year 6 class from Room 13. Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend – it will start at 8:55. Room 4 will host their assembly on Friday November 10 and Room 1 will host theirs on November 24.

TERM PLANNER

Our parent term planner has been attached to this Newsletter for your information.

Kind regards,

Shane.

DATES TO WATCH

* Please be aware dates are subject to change *

Fri 27 Oct	Assembly Room 13 World Teachers' Day
Thur 2 Nov	St Boniface – Junior Choir Excursion
Tue 7 Nov	Interschool Field Events
Fri 10 Nov	Interschool Track Events Assembly Room 4
Tue 14 Nov	Year 6 Enterprise Market
Fri 24 Nov	Assembly Room 1
Wed 29 Nov	2024 Kindy Meeting, Library 9.15am
Tues 5 Dec	Yr 6 Bunbury SHS Orientation Day
Wed 6 Dec	2024 PP Meeting, Library 9.00am K2 Kindy Concert 10.15am
Fri 8 Dec	Presentation (Class Awards) Assembly
Mon 11 Dec	K1 Kindy Concert 2.15pm
Wed 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.00am Student Reports Issued
Thur 14 Dec	Graduation Excursion Student's Last Day Students' Last Day

PRE-PRIMARY ASSEMBLY 2023

Pre primary Assembly 2023, held on the last Friday of Term 3, was all about dreaming big and following your dreams. Many of our students want to travel to places such as Disneyland and even Pakistan. Many great occupations, sports dreams of competing in the Olympics and music superstars were part of the great speaking parts delivered by the students. Everyone's costumes were amazing and they glittered while we sang "Dream On" which sealed our message of following your dreams. Our creative artwork decorated the assembly area as well as the wonderful dreams of everyone in our great school collated by Mrs Allan. We danced with the whole school to a song "Try Everything". We hope we inspired everyone, young and old to follow their dreams.



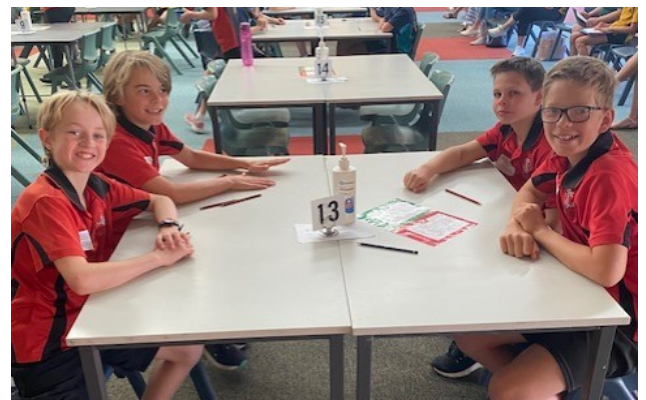
SPELLING BEE

A big congratulations to Isabella M and James M who participated in the South West Spelling Bee in Week 1 of term. Both students lasted many rounds and spelt some really difficult words. There was a lot of pressure and both competed brilliantly. Both James and Isabella came 4th. Well done to both students.



NUMERO

The South West Interschool Numero Competition was held at Bunbury Primary School last week. Eighteen teams of students from eight schools entered. Bunbury PS had three teams of highly eager mathematicians who completed maths challenges and Numero games with expertise. One team won overall and will now represent Bunbury Primary School in the State Numero Competition in Perth in a few weeks. Well done to all students and a big thank you to Mrs Whittaker for preparing the students.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Kids Helpline is a free counselling service that can help kids all around Australia aged 5-25. Young people can chat to Kids Helpline ANYTIME ANY REASON. Some of the things they can help with are growing up, esafety, relationships, mental health and school.

It is completely free, and there are 3 ways to chat!

Via Webchat [kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

Simply calling 1800 551 800 or

Email: counsellor@kidshelpline.com.au

Parents: [Parents | No problem is too big or too small | Kids Helpline](#)

For parents, qualified Parentline counsellors are also available 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week.

Ngala Parenting Line WA

1800 111 546 (free for STD callers) or (08) 9368 9368

COMMUNITY:

Relationships Australia is offering this 5-week Program for the parents of 10 to 18 year olds. Written by the Australian Childhood Foundation, it is a reflective program based on the Bringing Up Great Kids series. More information can be found:

<https://www.relationshipswa.org.au/Courses/Courses-and-Workshops/Parenting-Adolescents>

AWARDS, GOTCHA WINNERS & PROGRESSIVE FACTION POINTS

Term 4: Week 3 Assembly



Lions	13004	Eagles	13080
Panthers	12020	Dragons	12817

Bunbury PS in the Community

BUNBURY MUSICAL COMEDY GROUP

Congratulations to the following students who have earned roles in the up and coming production of Disney's Frozen Jr. These students have worked tirelessly in the three areas of musical theatre: dance; drama; and music to stage this professional showcase. They take to the stage on Friday 24th November (7pm), Saturday 25th November 11am and 7pm) and Sunday 26th of November (2pm).

Bunbury Musical Comedy Group Inc.
Musical Theatre Classes

Disney FROZEN JR.

Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by
Jennifer Lee

Friday 24th November 7pm
Saturday 25th November 11am and 7pm
Sunday 26th November 2pm

7 Bourke Street Bunbury

Adults \$25, Conc \$20, U12 \$15.
Enquiries: 9791 4696 / 9797 0017
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKHNB>

Hazel —Dancer

Emelie —Dancer

Isla —Young Elsa/Ensemble

Pippa —Ensemble

Amelia —Ensemble

Maribela —Ensemble

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Term 3 Week 10

PP 1

Zac, Alby, Ruby

PP 2

Kai, Zade, Kyla

Year 1

Laurice, Poppy

Year 2

James, Bevan, Tyler, Esme, Yaseen

Year 3

Nina, Rhylee, Damian

Year 4

Jordy, Bethany Ann, Anna, Aussie, Isaac

Year 5

Hunter, Sophie

Year 6

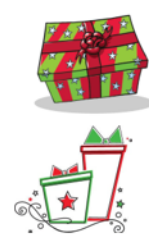
Oluwadara, Alby, Fletcher, Elle, Madison

Congratulations to all our recipients.

Bunbury & Surrounds "2023" Christmas Appeal

Every year some people are watching everyone pass by with presents for their friends and families. Let's share the kindness with those in need, let's make their Christmas special too... let us all in the community come together and support the Xmas shoebox appeal.

Unisex Boxes are preferred.



This year we would prefer boxes to be 'unisex' contents, as these are easier to give out.

Maybe even write a Christmas Card and pop it in your box.

Some suggested items:

Hat	Toothpaste/Brush	Shower gel
Hair brush	Wipes	Deodorant
Sunscreen	Insect Repellent	Small Notepad/Pen
Something Christmasy - chocolate, biscuits, etc		

Boxes due by 19th December

Back to School 2024 Appeal

School Backpacks - Help underprivileged children get back to school with the essential stationary items



Please deliver between the 8th - 24th January - ONLY (due to storage)

PP - Year 3
Backpack
4 Scrapbooks
Crayons
Coloured Pencils
2 Display Folders
Pencil Case
2 Glue Sticks
Drink Bottle

Year 4-6
Backpack
2 ring files (x2)
2 Display Folders
1pk Plastic sleeve (20)
2 Document Wallets
2 A4 Notepads
Stationary Pack *

Year 7 -10
Backpack
1 Leaver Arch file
2 Display Folders
1 Pk Plastic sleeve
2 Document Wallets
2 A4 Notepads
Stationary Pack *

Stationary Pack - ruler, 2 glue sticks, coloured pencils, ~~textas~~, 2 highlighters, 2 erasers, sharpener, 1 pk mixed blue/red pens.

Please tag backpacks, girl or boy or unisex & what year!

In Town Centre



We thank you for your support and generosity.

DROP OFF
In town Centre - 9791 4214
52 Wittenoom Street, Bunbury
Monday - Friday
9.30 - 11.30am (Only)



Parenting Adolescents Online via Zoom



The move from the child to the adult has historically been a tricky journey for both the parent and the adolescent. Adolescence is the time of life when young people begin to move away from being children but are not yet adults. It is a time of significant change and transition on many levels. The adolescent is going through a stage of necessary adaptation as they prepare to leave the safety of home and move out into the complicated world. Parenting Adolescents offers parents/carers the opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey and to build a mindful, attuned, nurturing relationship with their adolescent.

By attending Parenting Adolescents you will be encouraged to:

- learn more about the origins of your own parenting style and how it can be more effective,
- identify the important messages you want to convey to your adolescents and how to achieve this,
- learn more about brain development during the adolescent period and its influence on their thoughts, feelings, and behaviour,
- explore the meaning and context behind your adolescent's behaviour and how to respond to the underlying feelings and needs,
- explore new ways of communicating with your adolescent, and
- learn ways to take care of yourself and to find support when you need it.

Parenting Adolescents is built on the foundational Bringing Up Great Kids program which was developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation.

When: Tuesdays 24, 31 October, 7, 14, 21 November 2023

Time: 6.30pm - 9pm

Where: Online via Zoom

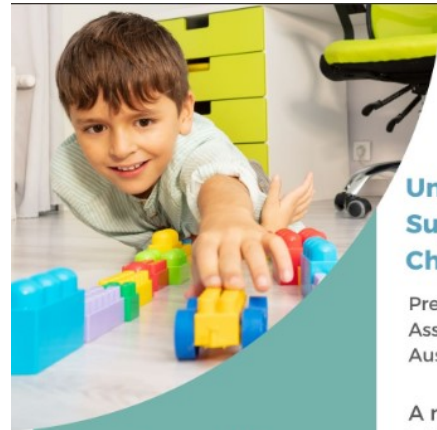
Cost: \$75 per person

Online sessions are interactive and have minimum technical requirements.

For information about our courses and workshops please call 6164 0200 or visit www.relationshipswa.org.au



Relationships Australia
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Understanding and Supporting my Child's Behaviours

Presented by the Autism Association of Western Australia.

A no cost, two-hour information session specifically designed to support families and carers of young children under the age of 6.

Online Session

Tuesday, 14 November 2023
6pm - 8pm via Zoom
For WA parents/carers who have attended the 'Early Signs of Autism' workshop.

For more information and to register please contact seminars@autism.org.au

This webinar will help:

- Understand the purpose of your child's behaviour
- Learn about Positive Behaviour Support and why it is an effective approach
- Learn about what ongoing support is available to your child and family through the Autism Association of Western Australia
- Opportunity for questions and answers with experienced staff from the Autism Association of Western Australia

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KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB OPEN DAY

DISCOVER SAILING DAY & PADDLING

Koombana Bay Sailing Club, Rotary Sail Into Life and the West Coast Outrigger Canoe Club are opening their Club to everyone. Come and experience what our Club has to offer you and your family.

Saturday 25th November
10.00am - 12.30pm
FREE EVENT
www.koombanabay.com







FOOTBALL FUN FRIDAYS






27th Oct
5-6pm

Dads and Daughters
Dads and Daughters come on down for a clinic and fun games with our coaches - **Hay Park Bunbury North Pavilion**



10th Nov
5-6pm

Walking Football
All ages all Abilities. Low impact games of walking football. Everyone welcome - **Hay Park Bunbury North Pavilion**



17th Nov
5-6pm

Street Ball
Small Sided games, 1v1 2v2 and 3v3 street ball style games. Freestyle and music, all ages all abilities - **Bunbury Skate Park**



24th Nov
5-6pm

Female Clinic
New, old, experienced and beginners welcome. Female only clinic for all ages and all abilities - **Hay Park Bunbury North Pavilion**



1st Dec
5-6pm

Beach Football
Games on the sand. all ages all abilities everyone welcome - **Back Beach Bunbury**



8th Dec
5-6pm

Family Football Fun
Bring your whole family down for fun games and skills with our coaches - **Hay Park Bunbury North Pavilion**

All sessions are FREE and we encourage new players to join!
email devmngn@ccjsasoccer.com.au for more information.