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**Aug 23rd 2019**

*Established 1911*

**"Choose Respect"**

Dates to Remember:

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Aug:** School Photos

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Years 5/6 Assembly (date changed due to Mr Melkert leaving)

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** Bike Safety Workshop

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Whole School Bike / Scooter Ride

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Elite Bike Riders Visit to School

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept:** "Dwellingup 100" Bike Ride

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Faction Carnival

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Pump / Skate Park Working Bee  
3.30pm onwards

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Interschool Jumps & Throws

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Interschool Track & Field  
Carcoola

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Excursion to FDC ~ Historic Bike  
Exhibition

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** K/PP/1 Assembly

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Last day of term – wear free dress &  
bring an animal toy and gold coin for the RSPCA

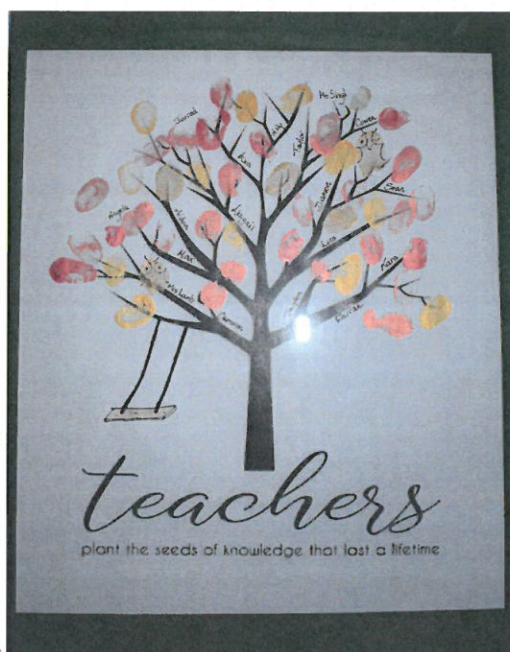
## Mr Melkert

We are sad that our students' wonderful teacher and the staff's highly respected colleague and beloved friend, once again has to undergo a series of operations which will necessitate him being off work for the rest of the year.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with **Mr Melkert** for many years. Prior to coming to Dwellingup, **Mr Melkert** taught at Carnamah. Whilst there the school community nominated him for a prestigious and Australia wide National Excellence in Teaching Award which he very deservedly received.

Jeff is incredibly talented and dedicated and goes 'above and beyond' in all aspects of his professional practice. Jeff spends hours here on the weekends and during his holidays as well as at home.

We are all very sad that **Jeff**, his lovely wife **Amanda** and their two daughters have to face this ordeal again. We wish them all the best for the ordeal that lies ahead.



*"Teachers  
plant the  
seeds of  
knowledge  
that last a  
lifetime." ~  
Mr Melkert*

## Weekly Events at D.P.S.

**Wed:** Playgroup 9.00-11.00am

## Educational Websites at DPS:

[www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

[www.studyladder.com.au](http://www.studyladder.com.au)

[www.mylexile.com.au](http://www.mylexile.com.au)

## School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. School photo packages have been sent home. Please remember the following for photo day:

\* Students should look their best on photo day and be in the correct school uniform (we have plenty of second hand stock available if needed).

\* All students **MUST** bring their completed Personalised Envelopes to photo day even if they have opted not to purchase photos (this saves considerable confusion).



## King's Park Excursion

We had a beautiful day for our whole school excursion to King's Park yesterday and thought how lucky we were that the front that came through about 4.00pm didn't come in earlier. The students participated in educational programmes, enjoyed the beautiful environment and loved their free play in the Rio Tinto "Naturescape" playground. The King's Park Education Centre provided activities for follow up back at school.

### **Years K – 2 "Koora Koora Kaarta Koomba (Long, long ago in Kings Park)**

"Discover how Perth has changed over time and learn about its first people and traditional custodians, the Wadjuk Noongar people. Through song, dance and role play, explore Noongar language and sing a special Yonga song. Learn how Nyoongar people used plants and animals for food, medicine, tools, shelter and protection, with a focus on the roles of women and children. Engage with the story telling tradition (yarning), play traditional games and enjoy face painting."

### **Years 3 – 6 'From Firesticks to Fireworks'**

"Discover the history and cultural significance of Kings Park (Kaarta Koomba) in this interactive walk through the WA Botanic Garden. Learn how the Wadjuk Nyoongar people were guided by the six seasons and used plants and animals for food, shelter, tools and medicine. Through role-play, discuss the first European explorers to the Swan River Colony and consider changes that have taken place in Perth from early settlement to today."



*Left: Aidan with his symbolic stick.*

*Below: The year 6 students pose on a rock in the "Naturescape" playground.*



*Left: Eve with her very intelligent creation.*



*Left: August Rose with her bandage made from paperbark and sword grass.*

Students were required to collect a natural object from each site that was visited. Each object was used by Aboriginal people in their day to day life. At the conclusion of the walk students were handed strands of different coloured wool and were instructed to create a symbolic interpretation of their walk using the wool and objects collected.

This is Eve's interpretation:

**blue** wool and paperbark ~ blue symbolises water. In Aboriginal culture there was a ladies' area and there was usually water in the area. Paper bark trees always grow near water.

**green** wool and a peppermint tree leaf which was used as a medicine

**red** wool and a banksia leaf. The edges of the leaf are serrated and if you cut yourself you would bleed.

**black** wool and a leaf skeleton ~ black represents death.

**yellow** wool and a yellow plant. Yellow represents the sun on the Aboriginal flag.



The K – 2 students went for a little walk and collected objects in a Coolamon. Among the objects were a magpie egg and a witchetty grub. Students stopped at each ‘station’ and learned about Aboriginal culture.



*Left: Ellinora tries on a cloak made from kangaroo skin.*

*Below: Evie, Lily and August-Rose shelter in a mia-mia.*



*Above: Evie and Lily at the “kangaroo” learning station.*



*Left: Anne – Elise admires Doris’ traditional face painting.*

*Right: A “kangaroo” (aka Breanna)*



*Above: There was some time at the end to relax and enjoy!*



*Left: Jackson holding a kangaroo skin cloak and Brax tapping out a rhythm.*



## Thank You DBCA (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions)

Our local DBCA have provided our school with significant support over the years including providing the magnificent timbers for our Nature Playground. Due to this support, we are able to achieve things that would be otherwise completely out of our scope.

This week we had a large black wattle (introduced to the area and classified as weeds) that was in our bushland at the back of the school felled. The tree was in danger of falling over so was dangerous. We will not waste the log; it will be used for seating in the area. Also, the DBCA loader was used to shift a huge rock that has been placed at the entrance to the bushland. It has the unusual feature of having a banksia growing from it! (Well spotted Mr Warren!)



A BIG thanks to manager **Mark Humble** and the crew for all of your help.

*Below: Max and Sean on the rock that was shifted. Sean is partly obscured by the banksia tree.*



Last week Mr Warren saw three different types of parrots (green grass parrot, red capped parrot, 28 or yellow collared parrot) and a red-tailed cockatoo in the area.

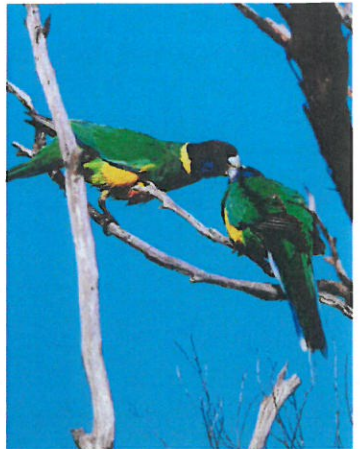
**Question:** *What is the difference between a parrot, a cockatoo and a cockatiel?*

**Answer:** *Cockatoos are types of parrots but cockatoos generally have crests on their heads whereas a parrot has none. A cockatiel is a small type of parrot.*

**Interesting fact:** The red-tailed black cockatoo is Australia's largest cockatoo.



There are many donkey orchids blossoming in our bushland at present.



## Playgroup News

Dwellingup Playgroup is based at our school. The 0-3 years is the age when brain development is at its peak and it is very important that children engage in quality play based learning.



Colleen Sing: 9538 5100; 0488 225 888

## P & C News

After the Pumpkin Festival, the P & Cs next biggest fundraiser is the sausage sizzle at the Dwellingup "100" on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. The P & C have been catering for this event since it commenced. We would appreciate all assistance from school and community members. Rosters will be placed around the school soon. Please contact **Warren Haugh** on 0428 832 473 or **Colleen Sing** on 0488 225 888



## Community News

### Dwellingup Community Village Inc (former Nursing Post)

Please support the following services that are available at the **Dwellingup Community Village** each week:

**HAIRDRESSER:** As of **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** **Melissa** will be coming weekly.

Bookings essential: **0439 746 183**

**REFLEXOLOGIST:** Every four weeks.

Next visit: **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Bookings essential: **Tess 0417 955 981**

### Dwellingup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadets

For details are on the **Dwellingup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadets** Facebook page.



### Dwellingup Community Compact

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Former Nursing Post**  
**7.30pm**

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Come along and find out about what is happening in your community.

### RSL Dwellingup

#### Fathers' Day Stall / Raffle

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Outside General Store**

**Lamingtons will be sold and if you don't want to miss out these can be ordered.**

**Contact: Lee - 0419 951 703**

**Ireen – 0427 313 178**



### Hip Hop – Term 3

Please refer to the Facebook page for more information. Come along, have heaps of funfun AND keep fit! Thank you to **Colleen Warr** for organising this!

**HIP HOP WITH KYAH**

Term 3 Dates

**8th August**  
**15th August**  
**29th August**  
**5th September**  
**19th September**  
**26th September**

Please note events on FB  
all updates will be posted  
on For the Kids  
Dwellingup Group

### “Dwellingup 100”



### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

Our young riders are in training for the 14 km event. We meet every **Saturday at 9.00am** at the **Blue Wren Café**. It is not too late to join us! Last time Chantelle Black joined her daughter Emma-Lee for the first time. Well-done Chantelle! At present T-shirts are being organised for the ride.

### Relationships Australia

This organisation provides a range of counselling options targeted at adults, children and families. It is a community based, not for profit organisation. This organisation has an office in Mandurah and their contact number is:

*Relationships Australia.*

**1300 364 277.**