



Produced by Dwellingup Primary School

Dec 19th 2019

*Established 1911*

**"Choose Respect"**

Dates to Remember:  
**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020:** Term 1 commences

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

## Why Choose Dwellingup Primary School?

Staff have been very busy over recent weeks conducting a range of end of year tests and then completing your child's report. It is very gratifying to see the progress that has been made by each and every child throughout the year. Each child has an Individual Profile. Progress is monitored throughout the year and interventions are provided where necessary. All students work at their own level, not their class level. This means that progress beyond their year level can occur. Our Mini / Multit program run by Ms Wagenaar, prevents targeted students from 'slipping through the gaps'.

We believe that our school's decision to invest funds in the Chaplaincy program significantly contributes to our students' well-being which translates to a happier child and improved learning outcomes. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Ferraro; who I believe is the 'Rolls Royce' of Chaplains. We value her contribution to our school.

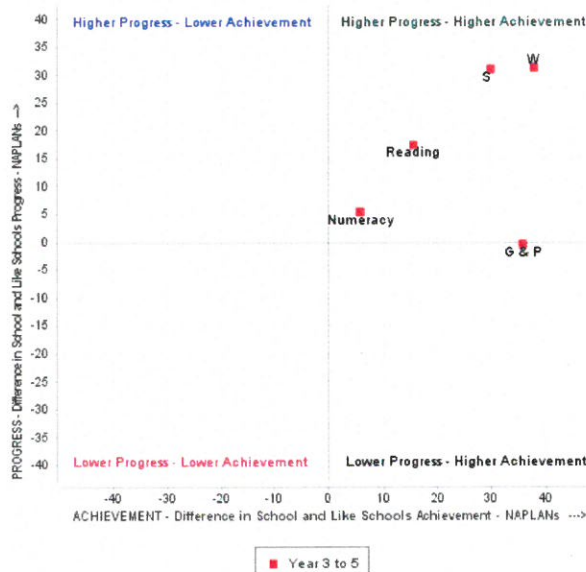
The graph below shows the progress our students made from year 3 to year 5 in their NAPLAN test this year. All schools aspire to achieving "high progress / high achievement" and we have achieved this due to the quality teaching and programmes

that are provided at this school. Most schools have a spread around the middle of the two axes.

The dedication, commitment and passion to do their very best for each and every child demonstrated by all of our staff is second to none.

Student Progress and Achievement Compared with Like Schools

NAPLAN (2017 to 2019)



In addition to our academic focus, students at Dwellingup Primary School are provided with unique opportunities to be involved with their community. This assists students to develop into responsible and caring future citizens. Our Pumpkin Festival has now become a significant event in the Peel Region and further afield. Over 700 schools have applied to grow a pumpkin in our 2020 Giant Pumpkin Competition!

Another advantage of our school is the beautiful setting. I was talking to a teacher recently and she said that at their school the playground consisted of artificial turf and rubber matting! Aren't we lucky! Staffing / classes for 2020 have not yet been finalised.



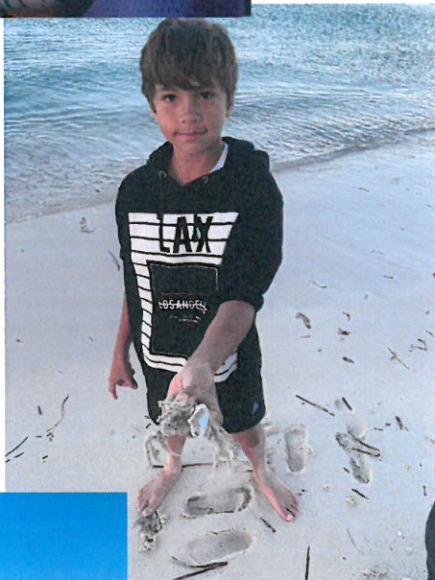
## Year 6 Rottnest Island

The year 6 students had a very enjoyable and educational experience at Rottnest Island recently. The students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour, interest in activities and for the way in which they cared for and supported each other (and the staff). We received compliments from the general public about the students' beautiful behaviour and manners. The students are a credit to their families and our school.



*Above: Are we going overseas?*

*Left: Damon makes a discovery on the beach.*

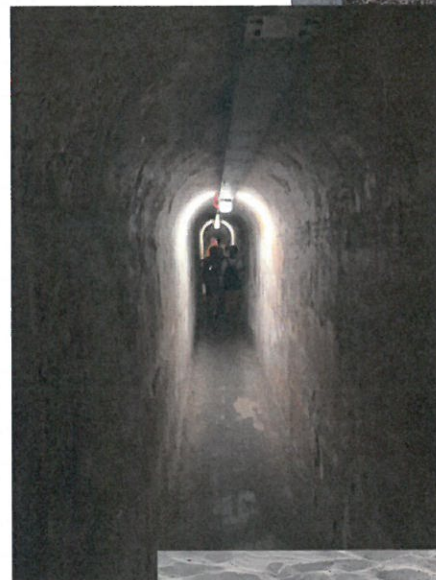
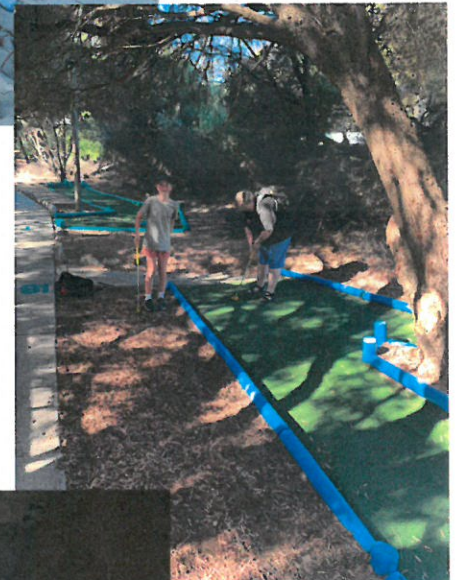


*Left: Swimming and snorkelling in "The Basin" was very popular.*



*Left: Kara gives Mr Warren some fishing tips.*

*Right: Angela gives Miss Glasgow some golfing tips. Angela was our golf champ ~ she scored TWO holes in one.*



*Left: A tunnel constructed during World War 2.*

*Below: Tayler ~ a beach 'mummy'.*





## Road Safety Awareness Event

On Tuesday Tania Gigg from SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Aware) and Constable Matt Payne from Dwellingup Police came to our school and delivered road safety activities.

Your children will be able to explain more about the activities described below.

**Stopping Distances** – demonstration and discussion. Students were made aware of how long a vehicle actually takes to stop after the brakes are applied.



*Above: Constable Matt explaining how long it takes for a vehicle to stop after the brakes are applied. It was impressed upon the students that even if the driver is aware (and not texting on their phone), it still takes much longer to stop than what you think. Make sure the road is clear before you cross it.*

**Safety Door Demonstration** – students were shown the importance of using the safety door.



*Above: Tania Gigg from SDERA (School Drug Education Road Aware) demonstrating to the students the importance of using the 'safe door' when getting in and out of a car. Students received a sticker to place on the safe door of their family car. Please see me if you have more than one car or if you would like one for grandma / grandpa or other relatives.*

**Bike Safety** – discussion about various aspects of bike safety including the importance of wearing a bike helmet.

I showed the students the head of an anatomical model to demonstrate that our skull is relatively thin, that it encases our brain which controls a lot of bodily functions to highlight the need to protect the skull. We then completed a checklist and comparison of two helmets. This checklist accompanies this newsletter.



*Left: The helmet that Charlie-Anne is modelling 'ticked all of the boxes' in terms of safety requirements. Mrs Sing's didn't and she is going to get herself a new one for Christmas!*

We thank Sergeant Dave Harnett and Constable Matt Payne for their commitment to community safety.

## Helmet Safety Checklist

● **Helmet must not be too big or small**

● **Helmet sits:**

- ☐ level on head
- ☐ two fingers above the eyebrows

● **Straps must:**

- ☐ lie flat
- ☐ not be loose
- ☐ meet under the ear in a "V" shape

● **Chin strap must fit snugly**

- one finger width between chin strap & chin

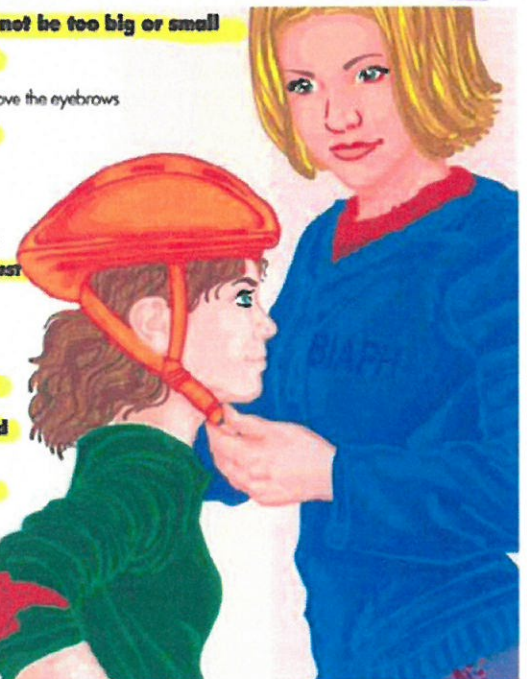
● **Helmet must not move once strapped in place**

● **Helmet must have no:**

- ☐ paint stickers
- ☐ crack, dents or damage

● **Certified helmet**

- CSA, ASTM, CPSC or Snell





## Fremantle Prison / Shipwrecks Gallery Excursion

Last Monday students from years 5/6 travelled to Fremantle to participate in excursions at the **Fremantle Prison** and the **Shipwrecks' Gallery**. The purpose of the excursion was for students to consolidate and build upon the knowledge they have gained through their **HASS (Humanities & Social Sciences)** topic that they have been studying this term.



*Left: Aidan extended his knowledge of and interest in shipwrecks at the Shipwrecks Gallery.*

*Below: 'Moondyne Joe's' former cell at Fremantle prison.*



## Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Last Tuesday the students of Dwellingup Primary School entertained the Dwellingup seniors at their annual Christmas lunch. We thank all of those responsible for organising this wonderful community event. We appreciate that they invite our students to provide the entertainment. What an excellent decision!



*Above: The K/PP/1 students performed "Aussie, Aussie Christmas".*



*Above: The students in years 2 -7 sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to all of the seniors.*



## Community Christmas Tree

It is a very busy time of the year in Dwellingup right now. Last Saturday many children enjoyed a day of fun with their families at the annual **Dwellingup Christmas Tree** event. Of course, the highlight of the day was the arrival of **Father Christmas** event, who in the tradition of Dwellingup, arrived in the vintage Mack fire truck!



*Left: The Christmas craft table was popular. Harley Hanstrum helps his daughter Lily with her colourful creation.*



*Right: Emma-Lee looking gorgeous in her special Christmas dress and shoes.*

*Below: Santa and his helpers arrive in style!*



## Presentation / Graduation

Last Tuesday we held our **Presentation / Graduation** event. We acknowledged all students' efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards:

YEARS PP / 1 AWARDS	
All students	
YEARS 2 / 3 / 4 AWARDS	
Academic	Telitia Major
Endeavour	Brax Robinson
Citizenship	Tyler Reid
Sport	Hemi Sellenger
Environment	Nate Fort
Arts / Music	Anne-Elise Douglas
YEARS 5 / 6 AWARDS	
Academic	Ava Bucktin
Endeavour	Lily Lamb
Citizenship	Cameron Campbell
Sport	Damon Morrison
Environment	Kara Tovey
Arts / Music	Cameron Campbell
LOTE	Ava Bucktin
"Choose Respect"	Jayden Chapman

Congratulations to our graduating students, pictured below.

## Graduation Dinner



*Above: The year 6 students enjoyed a social get together at the Redcliff Barn, courtesy of the P&C.*

## End of Year Hose Down

Thank you to our fabulous **Volunteer Bushfire Brigade** for providing our students with this unforgettable send off every year!





## I SEE YOU

It's a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

But this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above...

I SEE YOU.

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up every day and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the Maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart to reach out in any way to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU.

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as I will with my beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen.

I SEE YOU.

Colleen Wilson  
Contemporary Parenting

Pinjarra Dental Therapy Centre

Hello Everyone

Would you please be able to put a couple of Notifications in your newsletter, before the closing down of your school for the Christmas break.

**Year Six:**

The Dental Therapy Centre continues to see Students through High School **up to the age of 17 or until the end of year 11 whichever comes first.**

**Change of Address:**

High School Students receive Appointments via Post to their home address.

If your address changes please be sure to let the Clinic Know **by contacting**

**Pinjarra Dental Therapy Centre on: 95311 846**

**Christmas Holidays:**

The Pinjarra Dental Therapy Centre will be **Closed from:**

**Monday 23rd of December 2019 to the Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**Any Emergencies** during the closure period please phone the

**Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre on 93130551 or**

**\*\*Alternatively see your private Dentist**

Pinjarra Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all our patients, parents and school staff,

**The very happiest, fun and very safe, Christmas & Happy New Year**



# JANUARY 2020 SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS



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# School Holiday Projects

VARIOUS DATES - JANUARY 2020

JOIN IN AT ANYTIME DURING

10AM - 2PM

COST: BETWEEN \$5 & \$11 PER

PROJECT



DETAILS AT  
[WWW.FORESTDISCOVERYCENTRE.COM.AU](http://WWW.FORESTDISCOVERYCENTRE.COM.AU)