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Established 1911

"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

Tues 31st Mar: Shoelace Tying Incursion K-3 (cancelled)

Thurs 9th Apr: Term 1 ends Free Dress

Sat 11th Apr: Giant Pumpkin Competition (post-poned)

Tues 28th Apr: Term 2 commences

Sat 16th May: "Earth Care Fair" Forest Discovery Centre (post-poned)

Weekly Events at D.P.S.

Wed: Playgroup 9.00-11.00am

Educational Websites at DPS:

www.mathletics.com.au

www.studyladder.com.au

www.mylexile.com.au

Covid – 19

We thank all of the parents for their understanding in these very difficult circumstances. The world seems to be changing on a daily basis and keeping up and doing what's best is a daunting task!

A letter from the Minister for Education, Hon. Sue Ellery MLC is attached to this newsletter. It contains updated and accurate information.

Of course, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require clarification or further information.

Please be assured that your child's well-being and education remain our priorities. Please let us know how we can support you.

Staff Changes

Mrs Taylah De Boer has been directed by her obstetrician to go on leave immediately. As reported last week, the process to fill her position is underway. In the interim, **Mrs Nola Kinal** with the support of Education Assistant **Mrs Jude**

Wagenaar will take the class (our numbers are very low at present).

Jason Jones will commence as the years 4/5/6 teacher on **Monday 30th March**.

You may have noticed a lovely lady in our front office. **Mrs Sharon Gangell** is completing some **Manager Corporate Services** training from **Mrs Dawn Bosanac**. I'm sure that you would all agree that Sharon couldn't have a better teacher. We are enjoying having Sharon in our school.



Thank You Bec

Mrs Bec Robinson has completed her Education Assistant prac. at our school recently. **Bec's** cheerful, encouraging and sincere manner has resulted in her being very effective in this role. We were all impressed with Bec's professionalism and skill. The students have responded positively to her and she has been an asset in the classroom. Thank you Bec! You will be missed.



Au Revoir (Goodbye Till We Meet Again)

We hope to see all of the people below back in our school one day. Because our school is very small, we all get to know each other to a greater extent than in a big school so it is sad when people leave. However, change is exciting! We wish these people all the best and hope to see them back.

Mrs Sadler

Mrs Kerry Sadler has been working in our school for the last two years and she has also worked here in the past. Not only that, her mum **Mrs Sue Lacy** is one of our regular relief teachers. As we know, Kerry is a wonderful teacher, a highly respected colleague and we are all grateful for the extent to which she cares about is all.



The Robinson Family

We wish **Bec, Josh, Brax, Kaiden and Harley Robinson** all of the very best with their exciting move to the Northern Territory.

We will miss this lovely family in our school and wider community.

Thank you **Bec** for your hard work on the **P&C** and **Blue Light Disco** committees. We will miss your friendly face and support of the staff and school.



Configuration of the School Day

We teach Literacy and Numeracy in 'blocks' in the morning when students are 'fresh, more receptive and therefore more likely to be engaged in their learning. It has been noted that after the lunch break students aren't as focussed on their learning and many find the 2 hours until home time quite arduous. To maximise learning, we have decided to extend the morning session and therefore shorten the afternoon session.

The advantages are that students will have more time in the morning to focus on Literacy and Numeracy. The afternoon session will be reduced to one and a half hours.

Amended times are as follows:

8.30am	Classrooms open (no change)
8.50 am	School starts (no change)
8.50 -10.00am	Period 1
10.00 – 10.10am	Fruit Break
10.10am – 11.05am	Period 2
11.05 – 11.25am	Recess (changed from 10.50am - 11.10am)
11.25 – 12.25	Period 3
12.25 – 1.25	Period 4
1.25pm – 1.55pm	LUNCH (changed from 12.30pm – 1.00pm)
1.55 – 3.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm	Hometime (no change)

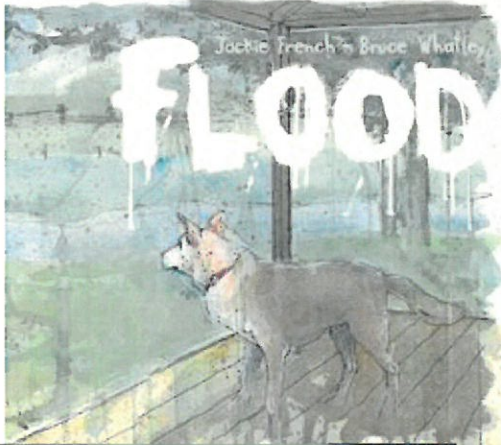
Mrs De Boer and Mrs Sadler have both worked at Pinjarra Primary School where this configuration is in place. They both report that there is a positive impact on student learning and well-being. The arrangement has been approved by the School Council.

Your child will require a recess snack, a piece of fruit or vegetables for the 10.00 – 10.10pm break and then lunch. They may need more for recess and less for lunch as their food intake will be spread over three breaks instead of two. Please ensure that your child has fruit or vegetables for the fruit break. No muesli bars please. In normal circumstances the school would be providing the "Crunch & Sip" tray here but as you know, this is no longer possible.

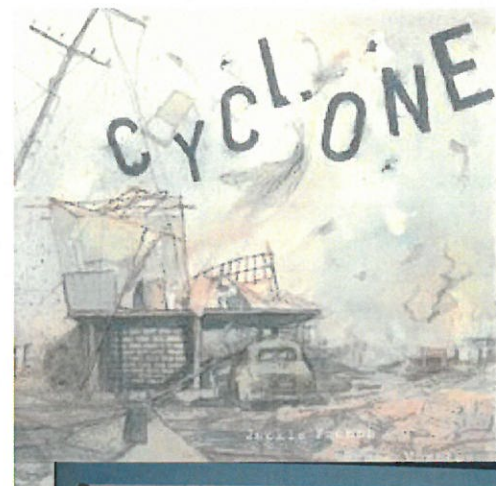
Beautiful Artwork

Mrs Sadler's years 4/5/6 students have been studying author **Jackie French's** books on natural disasters. Jackie is a famous Australian children's author.

The students studied the techniques used by illustrator **Bruce Whatley** and then completed their own illustrations.

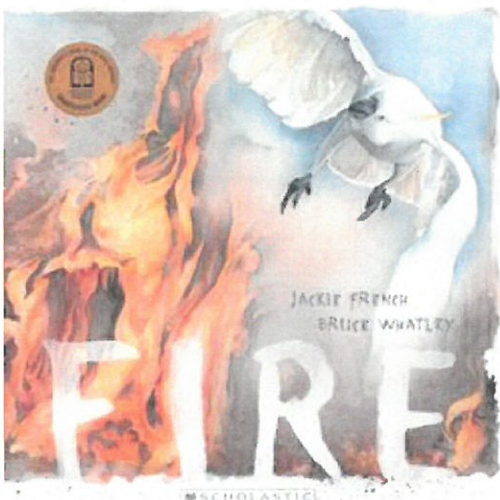


Above: Ruben



Above: Deegan

"There are a million ways to share a story. To read to a child on your lap; to have a child read to you while you cook dinner; to read to the dog when it has to go to the vet to calm it (or you!) down; to join a storytelling session at your library. You can also tell your children what life was like when you were young over the phone or Skype or read to thousands of people via video conferencing. Stories tell us who we are. They teach us empathy so we understand who others are. They give us the power to imagine and create the future. – **Jackie French**



Local Police Report

Thank you to our local police **Sergeant Dave** and **Constable Mat** for working so hard to keep our community safe and for generally being wonderful community policeman.

We appreciate all that you do including **Mat's** involvement with the Blue Light discos and **Dave's** involvement with the Dwellingup Place Making group. This involvement included Dave spending time during his leave to assist in giving the front yard of the police station a 'makeover' recently.



Above: Dave with members of the Volunteer Bushfire Brigade cadets transforming our police station.

Thank you for the following report. It's wonderful having this input.

From Your Local Police ...

We would first like to extend my gratitude to those everyone in our community that have not been swept up by the panicked behaviour that appears to be very prevalent in society at this moment in time.

As addressed in the last issue of the school newsletter there are a lot of strategies that are being implemented by government and their agencies (Police included) to help manage and cope with the current health crisis that has enveloped the globe.

As has been stated previously, and no doubt will be again, there is no need to panic or to hoard and/or stockpile material goods.

With the situation constantly developing Police will continue to identify and stamp out disorderly behaviour as well as provide a helping hand to those in our community that need it.

The situation we find ourselves in is unprecedented and the unknown can be scary. However, as a community, so long as we continue to look out for one another there is no reason at all to fuel this fear.

As your local Police we implore you all in the coming weeks to treat everyone with kindness and implement the recommended health safety practices as they have been advised with good reason. In return we will continue to provide ongoing support to local issues as they arise.

We wish everyone the best of health in these trying times but are optimistic that good human behaviour will rise to the occasion.

If anyone requires Police for local advice please do not hesitate to contact the Dwellingup Police Station on '9538 1057'. For non-urgent Police assistance call '131 444' and as always '000' for any urgent emergency assistance.

Dave HARNETT

OIC Sergeant 10381

Dwellingup Police Station

Matthew Aaron PAYNE

First Class Constable 15113

Dwellingup Police Station





**Hon Sue Ellery MLC
Minister for Education and Training
Leader of the Legislative Council**

Our Ref: 61-21710

Dear parents and carers

The State Government has made some changes to how your child will learn while all Western Australians work toward minimising the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

On 26 March 2020, the Premier announced all public schools in Western Australia will stay open until Thursday, 9 April 2020, the end of Term 1.

However, we strongly encourage you to keep your children at home if you have access to online resources and are able to do so. Teaching for Term 1 will conclude on 3 April 2020. The Department of Education's new *Learning at home* website, located at www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home, provides resources, activities and information to help children and young people continue to learn while at home.

Parents and carers who need their children to attend school to enable them to maintain employment, and those children in vulnerable families, such as children living with grandparents, can continue to attend school.

From 6 to 9 April 2020, arrangements will be in place to allow students to continue to attend school and be supervised. No student will be turned away from school if they attend during this time.

These changes in the week of 6 April will provide the opportunity for teachers and other school staff to prepare for a different way of teaching and learning in Term 2.

I want to assure you that every school-aged child at a public school will continue to receive an education in Western Australia; however, it will look different. Work is well underway on developing a longer-term education model for Term 2 and beyond, in response to COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding and support for school staff as we navigate our way together through this time.

Yours sincerely

**SUE ELLERY MLC
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



Hey Neighbour,

We're here to help navigate this COVID-19 pandemic.

Let us know what support you need via:

 yoursay.murray.wa.gov.au

 08 9531 7777

We're especially looking for high risk community members, including the elderly, individuals living with a disability and the immunosuppressed.

Assistance can include: friendly chat, transport provision, grocery shopping, dog walking



Neighbour-to-Neighbour