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"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

Wed 1st Feb: Students Resume

Wed 8th Feb: "Sunday Lemonade" performance PP-6

Fri 10th Feb: Youth Strategy Workshop Pinjarra Year 6

Fri 10th Feb: "Sunday Lemonade" performance" 6.30pm Waypoints

Fri 17th Feb: Wear red, orange or yellow for Fire Brigade (gold coin donation).

17th Feb: Book Club due

Mon 6th Mar: Labour Day Holiday

Wed 8th Mar: "Sculpture by the Sea" Yrs 4/5/6

Mon 13th – Fri 17th Mar: Harmony Week

Tues 14th – Thurs 23rd Mar: NAPLAN

Mon 3rd – Fri 6th Apr: Swimming Week

Thurs 6th Apr: Last day of term.

Mon 24th Apr: Term 2 commences

Tues 25th Apr: ANZAC Holiday

*Assembly dates next newsletter.

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Welcome Back

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our students and families for the commencement of the 2023 school year. We hope that the holidays contained excitement, pleasure, relaxation and fun.

Last year there were many changes – principal, staff and COVID. We are anticipating a smoother year in 2023.

Students (and parents) showed remarkable resilience in dealing with these changes. We were delighted that end of year testing indicated that our students' progress was above the expected level.

We have evidenced-based programs in place across the Learning Areas which ensured continuity of learning, despite these changes.

A strength of Dwellingup Primary School is that compared to "Like Schools" we have very few students in bottom progress bands. A targeted intervention program runs throughout the school. Students are not 'falling through the gaps' because their progress is monitored, and intervention occurs where necessary.

Our staff are dedicated, talented and work incredibly well as a team.

We are all very excited about the 2023 school year!



School Welcome Day

On Tuesday 31st January, the school, P & C and School Council organised an open day for prospective enrolments to the school. The session was very well attended. Parents and their children were welcomed to the school. While parents were given a guided tour of the school, children participated in craft and other activities. Thank you to the P & C, School Council and to all who attended. It was such a success that hopefully this can become an annual event.



School Structure 2023

Roles	Staff	Education Assistants
K/PP	Mrs Nola Kinal	Mrs Wendy Bell
1/2/3	Miss Stephanie Fisher	Mrs Wagenaar / Mrs Van Elst
4/5/6	Mr Dean Carter	Mrs Lamb
Talk for Writing Yrs 1 - 6	Mrs Juliet Lamb	
Indonesian Library	On-line (yrs 3-6) Mrs Carol Hovey (Mon)	
Manager Corporate Services	Mrs Rhonda Cunningham	
Chaplain	Mrs Lisa Ferraro (Wed & every 2 nd Tues)	
Gardener	Mr Geoff Warren	
Cleaner	Mrs Robyn Warren	
Principal	Mrs Colleen Sing	

Welcome Miss Fisher

We welcome **Miss Stephanie Fisher** to our school this year. Stephanie is teaching the years 1/2/3 class. Stephanie's previous position was at Lake Gwelup Primary School.

Stephanie was highly recommended, and students, parents and staff were very sad to see her go. We fully understand why.



Above: Miss Fisher with Logan, Evie and Tahni.

Welcome Kindergarten Students

Welcome to our new kindergarten students! Starting school is a major event for the children and parents. The happy smiles are an indication that our brand-new Dwellingup PS students are already enjoying school! Welcome!



Above: Milla, Adrian, Archie and Ava explore their playground.

Below: Archie, Adrian, Ava and Milla find the fish very interesting.



Above: Exploring the school. A visit to the Library.

Welcome Year 1 Students to the “Big School”

It's not very far distance wise but it probably seems a big step for the parents of the students in year 1 who have made the move over the road to the “big school”.

We congratulate the students for demonstrating such a positive attitude to their learning journey.



Above: Theodore, Dylan, Byron, Tahni, Logan and John

Welcome Year 4s to the Senior Room

Mr Carter and the year 5 / 6 students welcomed the year 4 students to the senior room.

Mr Carter has reported that the students have settled in quickly and efficiently.



Above: Wesley, Alby and Ambrosia

Year 6 - Senior Students



Above: Nate, Capri, Lennie, Indi, Luca and Logan

I'm sure that the parents of our year 6 students are amazed that their children are off to secondary school next year. Year 6 students take on a range of leadership roles around the school.

The students are already talking about camp and graduation! There will be a meeting of parents soon to discuss the camp which takes place in Term 4.

Off to Secondary School

We wish Rohan and Deegan, our graduates from last year all the best at Pinjarra S.H.S.



Above Deegan, left, waiting to catch the bus on his first day. He is joined by former Dwellingup Primary School students. (Rohan absent).

Back row: Hemi, Eve and Karly.

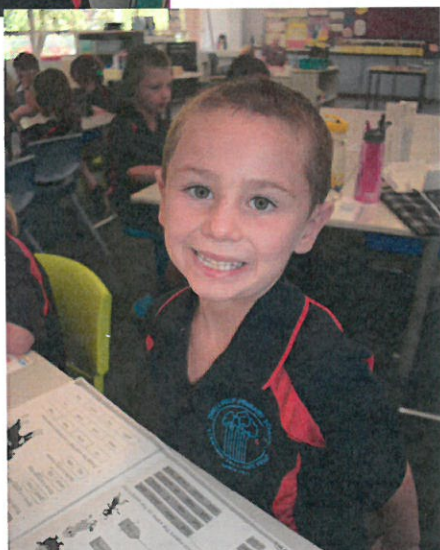
Front row: Deegan, Jarrad, Holley and Cameron.

Welcome New Students and Families



Left: William ~ pre-primary.

Right: John ~ year one.



Parent Meetings / Queries / Concerns / Feedback

I strongly encourage any parent to contact their child's teacher or myself if you have any queries or concerns **at any time**. The school number is **9538 5100**; my mobile number is **0488 225 888**.

No matter is ever considered too trivial, and we are here to listen and respond.

Your feedback / opinions / ideas are welcomed and are extremely helpful.



Student Drop Off / Pick Up

We request that all students arrive between **8.30 and 8.45am**. Teachers / staff are preparing for the day's lessons before this time and this requires them to leave their classrooms to complete photocopying and to obtain resources from other areas. We are required by law to provide a Duty of Care to our students so we cannot leave children unsupervised at any time. We do not have staff available for the supervision of early arrivals. Even if staff are in their rooms, they are focussed on planning for the day ahead and their 'headspace' should not be distracted to greet early arrivals. In addition, staff may be discussing the learning needs of individual students, so confidentiality is necessary. There can be no exceptions to this as we treat all students equitably.

Please also be prompt in picking up your children at the end of the day. This is a time when staff have informal and formal meetings and other commitments. Again, we cannot leave students unsupervised.

We understand that there can be extenuating circumstances and we accommodate requests. Please contact me (**Colleen 9538 5100; 0488 225 888**) to discuss these if they arise. Students have been told to report to the office if no-one arrives to collect them. (We all know about being caught behind slow trucks coming up the hill!)

Our Wonderful Staff

Mr Carter is our years 4/5/6 teacher. He will be teaching the class 4 days per week. **Mrs Shani Holster** will be teaching the year 4/5/6 class on Wednesday and providing Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT) relief in the years 1/2/3 class. I will also be providing DOTT relief in the senior room.

Our EAs take on roles outside their Job Descriptions in the classrooms: **Mrs Bell**, **Mrs Van Elst – Arts**; **Mrs Lamb "Talk for Writing"** **Mrs Wagenaar – Learning Support / Intervention**.

Sign In / Sign Out

For the safety of all concerned, it is essential that we know who is on our school site at any given time. All visitors to the school grounds including parents need to sign in at the front desk when visiting the school. This is mandated by the Department of Education.

Parent Contact Details

It is imperative that we have up to date parent contact details in case we need to contact you at any time. Student information forms were sent out on Friday. Please ensure that all details are correct.



Please inform us immediately if any of your details change throughout the year.

Contributions

These funds support your child in the school and are used to purchase items such as sporting and art equipment. Thank you to those parents who have already paid their contributions.

Contributions are **\$50.00** per student. Arrangements can be made to stagger payment if this helps.

Punctuality

Attendance

For students to achieve success at school, they need to attend regularly. Punctuality is also vital. If children arrive late the rest of the class are settled and working and the late child has the stress of not knowing what is going on. In addition, other students are then disrupted whilst the late child catches up. Regular attendance is vital ~ the table below highlights the cumulative effect of non-attendance. Your child's attendance rate is indicated on their report. School should not be missed apart from medical and other essential reasons.



Attendance Rate	If you miss...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school, that's...
80%	1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
60%	2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years

School Uniform

All of us were incredibly impressed with the way all parents presented their children to school this week. Wearing of school uniform indicates pride in the school, reduces competitiveness and 'brand envy' and ensures that our school maintains a good reputation in the community.

Please forward any uniform items at home that your child has outgrown. Happy homes can be found for them. We are seeking the services of a volunteer to co-ordinate uniform sales. Please contact me if you are interested.

Volunteers

We rely on volunteers to support the learning of our students. We appreciate the people who give of their time and talents for the benefit of our students.

Mrs Pam Laird Pam has spent hours covering books this week and will be back next week.

Mrs Laine Vanelst Laine has resumed hearing reading in the 1/2/3 room in the morning and supports the years PP – 3 Arts program.

Lunches

Please note that we have an arrangement with the shop to provide lunch orders on **Thursday and Friday**. Please note that lunch orders are no longer available on Wednesdays. The reason for this change is that a staff member needs to go to the shop to collect the lunch orders. Most staff members are on lunch duty four days per week as it is. An unnecessary trip to the shop can result in someone missing their lunchbreak. In addition, lunches packed by parents are generally healthier and sugary drinks are not provided.



New parents, the lunch menu is on the table outside the staffroom door. Orders are placed in the letterbox there. Lunches can also be ordered at the General Store and we then collect them and bring them to the school. We have a Healthy Eating policy so request that soft and energy drinks are not purchased.

Home Reading / Times Tables

I cannot emphasise the importance of home reading enough. Your child needs constant practice to embed concepts into their long-term memories.

Home reading need not be an onerous chore. It can be a special one –on- one time for you to spend with your child. If your child is tired, you can read the book to them. They are hearing the vocabulary, language patterns and other concepts.

As you would remember from when you were at school, embedding times tables can only be achieved by practising them ~ over and over and over again! A times tables chart on the back of the toilet door or in your child's bedroom is a good idea.

“Crunch and Sip”



A Crunch&Sip School

“Crunch & Sip” is a program that supports parents in ensuring that children eat the recommended number of vegetable and fruit serves in a day.

National and state data tells us the consumption of vegetables is far below recommended levels with 5 out of 6 children aged 4-11 years not getting their daily recommended amount. A hand-out accompanies this newsletter providing suggestions for vegetable servings for “Crunch & Sip”. As students are all eating together, this is a great opportunity for your child to consume an extra serving of vegetables.

Aussie kids are eating an excess of energy-dense, nutrient poor foods which is setting up poor habits which could lead to a lifetime of poor choices. Sweetened and savoury foods train palates to reject the healthy options. The recommendation is 5 serves of vegetables and two serves of fruit each day. The “Crunch & Sip” program supports the achievement of this target.

Please ensure that your child has a serve of vegetables or a piece of fruit for our morning scheduled “Fruit Break”.

Containers for Change

Mr Warren, on behalf of Dwellingup Primary School, has placed container collection bins around town. Mr Warren and his helpers collect these bins regularly.

At school the contents are sorted and the containers are placed into our large skip bin that we have been provided with through this program. We now place bins at the Marrinup townsite as well as receiving donations from the community.

Our main aim is to save rubbish from landfill and promote recycling, but an added bonus is certainly the cash that is being deposited in our school bank account! These funds are used for Mr Warren's exciting projects. You will have noted that the mural behind the hanging baskets in the hall has been completed and that there is an interesting construction going on at the front of the school.

A big thank you to Geoff Warren for co-ordinating the program. Thank you to Geoff Warren, John Laird, my mum Shirley and sister Julie for collecting and sorting the bins over the holidays. Over 6000 containers were collected (\$600)!

Please bring in your containers. They can be left at the shed at the oval end of Church Street or contact the office.

We thank all of our parents / community members who are dropping off containers for us. We also thank the families who are supporting this initiative by collecting containers at home.



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.



Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more

Wonderful Mr Warren!

A reason that it would be difficult for any child at Dwellingup Primary School to be bored is that our grounds are so magnificently child friendly. Of course, we have **Mr Warren** to thank for that.

In addition to Mr Warren's contribution to Sustainability, every time we come back from holidays he surprises us with yet another fabulous addition to our already stunning school grounds. We are extremely fortunate to have such a beautiful place in which to work / learn. Keeping gardens alive over the holidays is a difficult task. In addition, Mr Warren kept the giant pumpkins alive that were planted by students, contended with our bore pump ceasing to work and waiting for a new one (reasons our lawns are dead), rescued fruit trees from crates that were dying in the main street as well as working on his next exciting project!

*"Mr Warren is our gardener,
We thank him every day
For making our grounds the best in the west."*

(From the Dwellingup Primary School song)



Above: Mr Warren creating some mystery objects.

Recycling / Charities

Please bring in obsolete mobile phones (recycling); batteries (safe disposal); stamps (Rotary sell them for charity and have raised \$90 000 in 23 years); toothpaste tubes and old toothbrushes and chook scraps. There are collection bins in the passage.



Recycling

In 2021 **Mr Warren** commenced an educational and very worthwhile sustainability project with our students. For many students, this activity was the highlight of their week. Old electrical items were disassembled, metals were identified, sorted and sold for scrap instead of ending up in Landfill. Please contact **Colleen Sing 0488 225 888** if you have any items to donate.

A Word from the Chaplain

Hi everyone,
welcome back to Dwellingup Primary for 2023. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and lots of fun with your family and friends. It has been wonderful to catch-up with students, staff, parents and caregivers after the holidays. Thank you all for your warm welcome, and kind words. I would like to remind everyone that this year I will be at school every Wednesday and every second Tuesday. In Term One that will be:

Tuesday the 14th February

Tuesday the 28th February

Tuesday the 14th March

Tuesday the 28th March

As a YouthCARE chaplain I am here to listen and provide a supportive place for students, staff, parents and caregivers to talk. Chaplains offer confidential, non-judgmental pastoral care and programs based on respect, compassion and service. Our aim is to support young people and their communities who may be facing challenging personal and social issues. We listen, understand and refer to extra help, if it's appropriate. Please call the school to make an appointment to see me if you have any concerns for your child or yourself or if you just want to have a chat with me.

I hope 2023 will be an amazing year filled with fun, laughter and learning for the staff and students at Dwellingup Primary.

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."

Quote from Malala Yousafzai Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate.

Lisa Ferraro

Chaplain



School Web Page / Newsletter

Our web address is:

<https://www.dwellingupps.wa.edu.au/>

If you need to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please contact the front office.

Dogs / Animals on School Grounds

It is a Department of Education ruling that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. The Department of Education's insurance policy does not cover injury caused by dogs, therefore, it is my responsibility to ensure that dogs do not come onto the school grounds.

I am a great believer in exercise for people and dogs. However, I am required to place the safety of students first. Please tie your dog up on the boundary fence.

Students love seeing baby animals so if you want to bring them in for news, please arrange this with your child's teacher. This is essential as some children may have allergies, phobias etc.



Parent Participation / School Council / P&C

Our parent body is represented by these two organisations. Both organisations enable parent participation in the school. The P&C raises an amazing amount of money and we can afford resources that our school grant would not cover.

The **School Council** has many functions including having input into school policy and programs, ratifying the school budget and approving fees and charges. Parent / community representatives are **Shani Holster, John McCooke, Christine Reid, Pam Laird and Anne Sinclair**. I am a staff representative.

We always have tasks that **volunteers** can assist with. Please see me if you are able to donate some of your time. Time spent can be as much or as little as you wish. All school volunteers require a

Working with Children Check, a Confidentiality declaration needs to be signed and adhered to and there is a sign in / sign out process.

It is Department of Education policy that parents are involved in the school. Research indicates that this has a positive effect on student outcomes / well-being.

Behaviour Management / Code of Conduct

Behaviour Management in our school is underpinned by the "**Virtues**" and "**Choose Respect**" programmes.

The Virtues program explicitly teaches students a range of positive attributes such as *respect, responsibility, justice, kindness, determination, integrity, reliability and so on*. We focus on a different virtue each fortnight.

"Virtues are the very meaning and purpose of our lives, the content of our character and the truest expression of our souls. For people of all cultures, ethnicities and beliefs, they are the essence of authentic success."

Virtue means power, strength, inner quality. Virtues are the content of our character, the elements of the human spirit. They grow stronger whenever we use them. As a six year old once said, "Virtues are what's good about us."



CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Every member of our community is encouraged to **CHOOSE RESPECT**.

To **CHOOSE RESPECT** is to make a conscious effort to:

- Treat others with Respect, no matter how they treat you.
- Treat yourself with Respect.
- Forgive others who do not treat you with Respect.
- Resist your natural desire to pay back or take revenge.
- Apologise when you do not treat others with Respect.
- Support others who are not being treated with Respect.
- Ask for support when others do not treat you with Respect.

"Fostering a Culture of Respect in our community."

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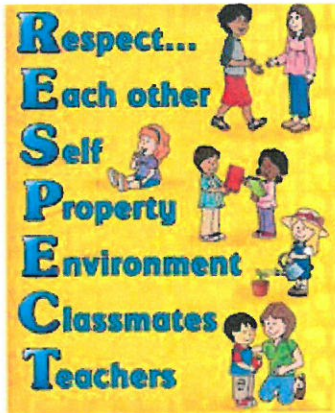
Every member of our school and wider community is encouraged to "**Choose Respect**". "Choose Respect" is a code of behaviour that guides our actions. Our world would be a happier place if all people were to behave in the following manner:

Virtue: This fortnight we are focussing on the Virtue of **Respect**.

I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of my elders and the mistakes that I may make.

You are practising respect when you:

- *Treat others as you want to be treated.*
- *Speak courteously to everyone.*
- *Take special care of other people's belongings.*
- *Are receptive to the wisdom of elders.*
- *Learn from your mistakes.*
- *Honour the rules of your family, school and community.*
- *Expect respect for yourself.*



Designated Bushfire Zone

Our school is in a designated Bushfire Zone. We are required to have a stand-alone Bushfire Policy in the unfortunate circumstance that a fire may threaten our school / town. This plan is devised with input and advice from FESA and our wonderful local Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Vital information regarding Bushfire accompanies this newsletter. **Please display this information in a prominent place.**

Please reassure your child that FESA will issue notices well before a school evacuation would occur and that parents would have had ample time to collect their children (hopefully).

Arriving At School Actively

We are very impressed with the large number of students who are riding their bikes to school or walking. It is also wonderful that many parents are accompanying their children either walking or bike riding. What excellent role modelling! We are aware that many children live too far away and it is not possible for all students to walk or ride to school. State wide, over 80% of students do not arrive at school actively. It is also wonderful to see students wearing their bike helmets.

The most effective way to teach children about bike and road safety is modelling by an adult (which many of you are doing).

Thank You Mrs Warren

We thank **Mrs Robyn Warren** for doing such a fabulous job of cleaning the school during the term and over the holidays.

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: Wednesdays

Bookings essential: **0439 746 183**

REFLEXOLOGIST: Every four weeks. Bookings essential:

Tess 0417 955 981

Playgroup News

Dwellingup Playgroup has been based at our school. In the past. We encourage this as 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. We aim to see if there is interest in Playgroup. If you are interested in Playgroup please contact **Colleen Sing** on **0488 225 888**



Room behind school Undercover Area

ALL WELCOME!