



Produced by Dwellingup Primary School

April 28th 2023

Established 1911

"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

Wed 3rd May: Kids Against Violence

Fri 5th May: Year 6 PSHS Transition Visit (at DPS)

Fri 12th May: Blue Light Disco 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Sun 14th May: Mothers' Day

Mon 15th May: Indonesian Incursion Years 3/4/5/6

Tues 16th May: K/PP Assembly

Fri 19th May: Walk to School Day

Fri 19th May: P & C Day

Wed 24th May: Nat. Simultaneous Storytime K/PP

Fri 26th May: Olden Day Dress Up Day

(Dwellingup Hospital Centenary)

Sun 28th May: Dwellingup Hospital Centenary

Tues 30th May: Years 4/5/6 Assembly

Wed 31st May: Bindjarep Park – Aboriginal Cultural Excursion K – 6

Thurs 1st Jun: Football Clinics Years PP – 6

Thurs 8th Jun: Football Clinics Years PP – 6

Tues 13th Jun: Years 1/2/3 Assembly

Mon 5th Jun: W.A. Day Holiday

Fri 30th Jun: Term 2 ends.

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Weekly Events in Dwellingup:

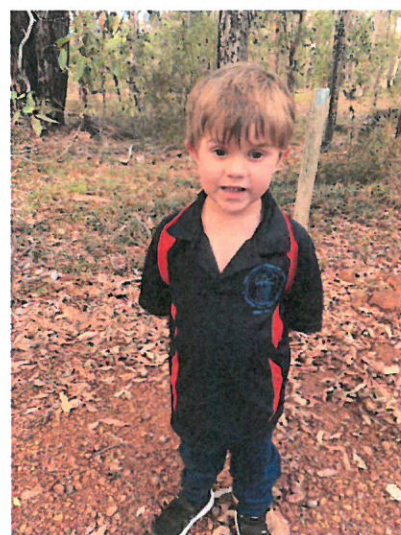
Sat: "Bush Riders" 9.00am "Waypoints Cafe"

Mon: Bike Skills Oval 3.00pm

Tues: Playgroup 9.00 – 10.30 am

Welcome Freddy

We welcome **Freddy** to the K/PP class. We welcome his mum **Morgyn** and dad **Ben** and little brother **Rupert** to our school and community.



Right: Freddy has settled into our school quickly and is a kind and happy friend to all.

Congratulations Rhonda and Dean

Mrs Cunningham and Mr Carter were 'acting' in their positions due to Mrs Dawn Bosanac and Mr Jason Jones holding these positions substantively. Dawn and Jason obtained permanent positions elsewhere and so we then needed to advertise their positions. The Department of Education has a very stringent and fair process for staff selection. Due to the 'conflict of interest' nature of working in a small school an external selection panel was utilised. **Rhonda and Dean** were the successful applicants. In both cases the field was extremely competitive, and the selection result was very close. We are extremely fortunate to have such competent, dedicated and genuinely nice people join our staff.

It is a pleasure for me to come to work each day because the individuals that make up "Team Dwellingup" are all so competent, dedicated, positive and so highly supportive of each other.



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. 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 |

Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic attendance.

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| 100% | Lara Goncalves Alby Hughes |
| 99% | Alby Birmingham |
| 98% | Cedar Birmingham Archie Myles Otis Hughes Lena Johnson |
| 96% | Bella Coxon William Wallace |
| 95% | Adrian Vellacott Logan Every Jackson Hanstrum Nate Fort |
| 93% | Vinnie Bell Milla Coxon Victor Barton Anika Vanelst |
| 91% | Bronte Alers Wesley Holster |
| 90% | Macy Rickard-Hall Ambrosia Sheridan |

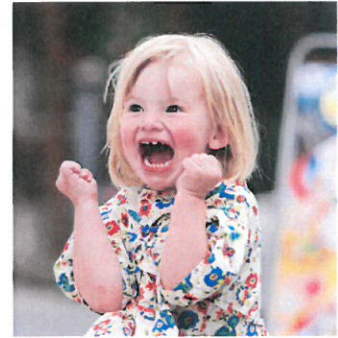
In 2021 attendance at Dwellingup P.S. was 84.8%. Like school's attendance was 91.6%. Last year our attendance was 82.5% and like schools were 86.4%.

Virtue: Enthusiasm

"I am full of enthusiasm. I look on the bright side. I give 100% to whatever I do. I use my imagination. I think that every day is full of potential positives."

You are practising enthusiasm when you...

- Let yourself enjoy looking forward to something.
- Think of imaginative ways to get things done.
- Put 100% effort into all tasks.
- Smile, laugh and enjoy life.
- Look for what is wonderful about life.
- Are positive.



Aboriginal Season ~ Djeran (April – May)

This intermediate season linked to Bunuru and Makuru and was used to build and repair mia-mias (tents) for protection during the cooler weather and south-westerly winds in April and May.

Family groups began to travel inland to avoid heavy coastal rains and damp conditions and group fishing occurred at inland lakes, estuaries and wetlands with cobbler and mullet being speared in the river. Hunting was focused on kangaroos and kangaroo skins were prepared for winter.

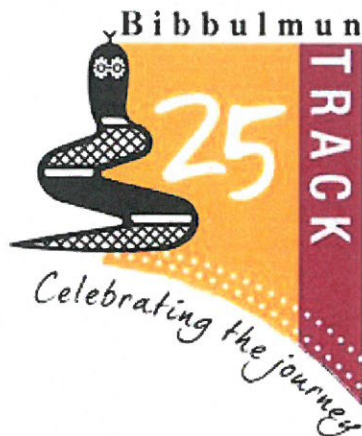


Aboriginal Culture

The school successfully applied for a \$1500 PALS (Partnership Acceptance Learning Sharing) grant recently. These grants enable WA schools to promote and advance reconciliation. An Aboriginal Cultural excursion to the **Bindjarep Park** in Pinjarra has been planned for the 31st May. More details will be provided later. Staff are completing Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Professional Learning at the park this term.

Bibbulmun Track 25th Anniversary

This year is the 25th anniversary of the opening of the 'new' Bibbulmun Track. The Track was significantly realigned, extended from Walpole to Albany and upgraded with the addition of timber shelters at campsites in 1998.



To celebrate the milestone, a group of hikers will walk the 1000 kilometre track end-to-end commencing in Kalamunda on the 14th July. A community celebration will be held in each town as the walkers progress along the track. The Shire are supporting this event and have exciting plans!

The **Bibbulmun Track Foundation** have invited schools to take part. The walkers will arrive in Dwellingup on **Tuesday 25th July** (next term).

Our students will be involved by participating in the following activities:

- A group of students will join the walkers for the final leg as they approach Dwellingup.
- A walker will display and explain about the contents of their backpack.
- Students will complete a 1000-kilometre run! (Each Tuesday to Friday they will run around the cross-country track and record their laps.) This will start next week. Parents will be invited to join in and record their laps!

Dwellingup '100' UCI Event



You all would have heard about this exciting event being held in September. The school is planning a range of activities to celebrate! We are in the process of linking ideas from students and staff to the curriculum and after consultation with parents via the School Council and the P&C, our plan will be shared.

"Talk for Writing" What is Talk for Writing?

"Talk for Writing is an engaging teaching framework developed by Pie Corbett, supported by Julia Strong. It is powerful because it is based on the principles of how children learn. It enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version."

The program is endorsed by the **Dyslexia Speld Foundation**. This term **Miss Fisher and Mrs Lamb** will be completing two "masterclass" Professional Learning sessions. The sessions are titled, **"Talk for Writing Early Years in Greater Depth"** and **"TFW Digging Deeper into Innovation"**. This means that our program will be even more amazing than it already is, and student outcomes will be even better!



Left: Years 1/2/3 students are studying the model text "Alfie's Star" where they will be

exploring journey stories. They will also explore how stars are used in art and literature.



Left: The theme for years 4/5/6 is "Down the Rabbit Hole" where they will explore adventure stories using "Alice in Wonderland" as the focus.

"Dirt Matters"

As you know our school values caring for the environment. We already have programs in place to embed sustainability. We are in the process of updating our "Sustainable School's Plan" to further improve our practice. One change is to include the years PP/1/2/3 students in environmental activities.

Below: On the way to the Library the K/PP students completed a detour through our beautiful grounds. They were amazed about the number of different coloured leaves they could find on just one tree!



Yesterday students in years PP/1/2/3 learned more about the jarrah forest and the different trees that are found in it. Students went up to the bushland and identified some different trees that grow in the jarrah forest and then drew the zig-zag leaves of the bull banksia.



Left: Arlo, Vinnie, Freddy and Jackson in front of a bull banksia.

Students in years 4/5/6 spent 20 minutes in the bush last week looking for wildflowers. We are going to make a 'flower' wheel showing flowers that grow in each of the Aboriginal six seasons. It was a bit sad that three weed flowers were found but only one endemic species.

In the last newsletter you would have read the "Two Stars and a Wish" list devised by the years 4/5/6 students. The staff have included the following ideas into our plan:

"I think the school should have a place at lunch where you can make things."

"We need nature classes."



Left: Alby deconstructing a speaker. He is learning that there are many components in it that can be recycled.

Below: Students learned that olives can't be eaten straight off a tree but birds don't agree. The year 4/5/6 students are going to complete the process of preparing olives.

Below: Sienna hoeing the lettuce patch.



Mr Carter enjoys listening to educational talks and he heard that in highly successful schools in terms of student outcomes and happiness in Scandinavian countries, schools employ the strategy of including 15 – 20 minutes of nature based activities "brain breaks" such as these in the learning program. I think the photos indicate that our students think it's a great idea!

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.

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. There are collection bins in the passage.



Students who bring in items receive a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw for a milkshake. Recipient is as follows:

Week 1: Breanna Reid

Milkshakes are kindly donated by Longriders' Café.

Community News

Bike Skills

Thank you to **Harley Hanstrum** for running Bike Skills on Monday afternoons this term for adults and children.



Dwellingup Bush Riders

On Saturday a large group of mixed age riders participated in the first Bush Ride for the season. It was a perfect day and those present were very enthusiastic about enjoying some beautiful weather, being with their friends, being active and being out in the beautiful jarrah forest.

The aim of the ride is participation, enjoyment and fitness and those that participate highly recommend it. The ride culminates in participation in the 15 kilometre event of the **Dwellingup 100**, which is held in September. In the past, due to lots of training we have had children in kindy complete this distance with relative ease.

The ride caters for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. Children are grouped so older / faster riders

are challenged and younger / slower riders can proceed at their own pace.

We ride in all weather ~ riding in pouring rain is great for children's resilience and they actually love riding through puddles and getting covered in mud. It is very impressive that so many parents accompany their children on the ride.

Below: My favourite Bush Riders picture. The 'puddle challenge' happened a few years ago.



Thank you to **Harley Hanstrum** and his helpers for organising this event and in doing so promoting healthy, active lifestyle choices.

SATURDAY 9.00am
WAYPOINTS CAFE



We are very excited about riding in the UCI international event and participating in associated activities that are being planned.



ANZAC Day

Every year the **Dwellingup RSL** organise very moving ANZAC commemorations. We are very honoured and grateful that the RSL value the participation of our students. **Anika** and **Nate** read a very moving poem and students from the school who attended laid a wreath.



Above: Nate and Anika. Frank Spear (right) is R.S.L. President and Shirley Fort (rear) delivered the prayers.



Centre: The R.S.L. Hall was immaculately presented and is a credit to the members of the R.S.L.

Below: After a delicious morning tea there was action for all.



Blue Light Disco

Sergeant Jody and Senior Constable Simon are very excited to announce our next **Blue Light Disco 5pm-8pm Friday 12th of May 2023.**



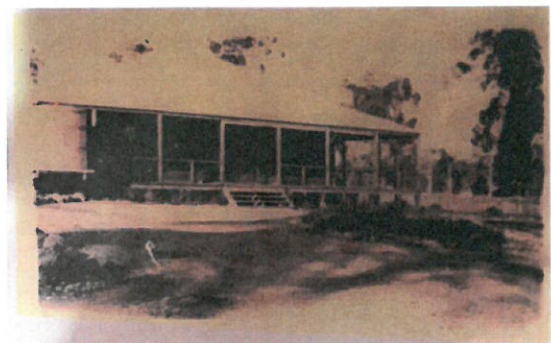
The theme is 80's Disco and we encourage everyone to dress up in their best 80's costumes. Parents, break out the leg warmers, stone washed denim and fluoro because you are welcome to stay and relive your youth (or your parent's youth!) with us.

We would love some parent volunteers too – if you are interested, please email dwellingup.pol.stn@police.wa.gov.au if you can lend a hand for a few hours. For just a gold coin donation you will be dancing, playing games and with any luck, winning some prizes.

Dinner will be provided, and the canteen will be stocked with drinks and snacks. Sadly, this will be Sergeant Jody's last Blue Light Disco in Dwellingup before she moves on to her next station at Fitzroy Crossing so she is super excited to see you all there for one last crazy dance!

Dwellingup District Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital Commemoration

Thank you to the hard-working committee who have been organising this event that commemorates an important aspect of Dwellingup's pre 1961 bushfire history. Please save this date:



**Sunday 28th May 2023
From 1.30pm
Old Nursing Post**

Dwellingup
Blue Light™
Unit presents



Blue Light™

80s DISCO

WHAT

Dress up in your best
80s outfit and join us
for an evening of music,
fun and dance!



» Dinner provided – snacks,
drinks and treats available for
purchase at the canteen

WHEN

Friday 12th May

5.00 – 8.00pm

WHO

Ages 4 – 17

Children under school age must be
accompanied by a parent or guardian

WHERE

Dwellingup Community Hall
45 McLarty St, Dwellingup

COST

Gold coin donation

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