

DWELLINGUP CRIER



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"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

Mon 11 th March	Swimming
Wed 13 th March	NAPLAN
Sun 17 th March	Black Dog Ride
Thur 21 st March	Harmony Day
Fri 22 nd March	Ride to School Day
Wed 27 th March	Assembly
Thurs 28 th March	Newsletter
Thurs 28th March	Last day Term 1
Sat 6 th April	Pumpkin Festival & Log Chop
Mon 15th April	Term 2 starts
Wed 24 th April	School ANZAC Service
Thur 25 th April	ANZAC day
Fri 26th April	Teacher Only Day



Hello.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful warm welcome to Dwellingup. In my short time here, It has become evident how important the school is to our community. This closely fits with my belief that the school belongs to the community and it is the responsibility of all to raise our children. If you have any concerns about your child's development please feel free to come and see me. I am also open to discussing and supporting community events.

About me:

I am a kiwi who has lived in WA for 27 years now. I started teaching in 2010 and have taught at Medina PS and South Lake PS, was Deputy Principal at Midvale PS and then Principal at Cue PS for the last three years. When I left Cue, we had grown to be of similar size to Dwellingup PS. My wife Mel and I have seven children between 26 and 20 and an English Bulldog – Tank. While we don't live in Dwellingup, we have a small section in Lake Clifton which is a close and beautiful drive from here.



TANK

I look forward to meeting everyone.



Students will receive two 40 minute lessons each day and will participate in classroom activities while not swimming. You are welcome to come and watch but we ask you not to distract with your child/children are in class. Thank you.

Students will eat recess at the pool but will have lunch when we return at approximately 1:30pm.

Assembly: Wednesday 28th February

Last week Phascagale Room (Y4/5/6) hosted our first assembly and told a narrative about how the twelve Chinese years came to be. I was very impressed with their delivery and public speaking and look forward to Blue Wren Room's assembly on Wednesday 27th April. It was also fantastic to hear the school song for the first time and it's acknowledgement of a DPS legend in Mr Warren.



Merit Awards were presented to Foxy, Archie, Heath, Arlo, Lily and Breanna. Congratulations and we appreciate your hard work.



Open Classroom Wednesday 28th February

After our Assembly we opened our classrooms for parents to wander through and see what their children are doing in class and learn about the routines in place. All our staff were on hand to show and explain before we had a sausage sizzle. We thank Pinjarra Butcher for supplying the sausages which were delicious.



BLUE WREN CLASS - YEAR 1/2/3

ASSEMBLY

2:30PM WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL

Kindy and Pre-Primary

The Kindy and Pre-Primary students have had an exciting start to the new school year. We welcomed 'Bob the Bee' and the children helped to organise a party to celebrate his birthday. We brainstormed party food and game ideas, wrote a shopping list, made birthday cards and paper flowers, cooked birthday cupcakes and created wonderful party crowns. Mrs Pook even came to join in with the birthday celebrations. We all had so much fun!



Blue Wren class – Mrs Morgan

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for welcoming me into your lovely school and community. I feel truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to teach your wonderful children here at Dwellingup Primary School. Having taught for 33 years at a number of public and private primary and high school settings, I am very happy to be teaching once more in a junior class in such a beautiful setting.

Secondly, a little background info: I was born in Busselton, grew up in Kalgoorlie and Mount Helena, met my future husband in Kellerberrin while teaching, and have been married for 32 years with two daughters and a son in law. (no grandchildren yet) I am a member of The Salvation Army and am a Primary K-7 qualified teacher with specialisation in music and literacy. I was last employed at Gilmore College in Orelia, teaching library skills, music classes, brass band, voice and choir, and targeting low literacy.















Thank you for the Kind support you have shown me so far this term. I hope to get to know you more throughout the year as I teach your children to aim for excellence in all they do.

Activities

Week One began with the students introducing themselves, declaring their likes and dislikes, divulging their holiday antics (both good and bad), and revealing their favourite foods. Of most interest to all students, however, was the sharing of their most loved toys. From the scariest to the most well dressed, many adjectives described these special friends.

See if you can match the adjectives below to the students and their beloved toys.

invisible slithery well dressed heaviest softest clingy
biggest floppy bouncy colourful flippy flattest
clever spotty adopted cuddly

			
Arlo	Arli	Byron	Freddy
			
Indi	Matilda	Vinnie	Evie
			
Lavinia	Heath	Tahni	Mia
			
Cedar	Bella		

Over the past three weeks, students have focused on completing spelling, reading and maths tests to establish ability levels, with the able assistance of Mrs Wagenaar. **All students are now receiving reading books and spelling lists to practise at home every night.** It has been wonderful to see most students returning folders and showing evidence of reading and spelling practice at home.

Maths groups have been established and students will be completing mental maths questions each day to reinforce skills learnt in lessons. **If you would like extra maths tasks for home practice, please let me know and I will happily prepare some for your child.**

News days have been allocated for each child, including Pre Primary children, to allow students to practise speaking and listening skills, responding to and asking questions, and increasing vocabulary. **A News Roster has been placed on the classroom door** and will be changed each term. A terrific addition to our Daily writing has been the inclusion of students' news items. **Please feel free to read your child's Daily Writing book for exciting updates!**

Timetable for Year 1/2/3

Mondays – Library Day. Students to bring library bags to ensure they can borrow and return library books in good condition. **Early closure at 2.30pm.**

Tuesdays – Yr 3s Indonesian class. Design and Technology, Science and Sport with Mrs Holster. (Remember to wear good running shoes for safety)

Wednesdays – Art with Mrs Holster. School assembly at 2.30. Twice a term as notified.

Thursdays – Yr 3s Indonesian class.

Fridays – Digital Technology with Miss Fisher. Music with Mrs Morgan.

Please let me know, in advance if possible, if you wish for homework tasks during your child's future absences from school. It is very important for your child not to miss any opportunity for learning during his/her formative years.

Thank you

Mrs Heather Morgan

Phascogale Class – Miss Fisher

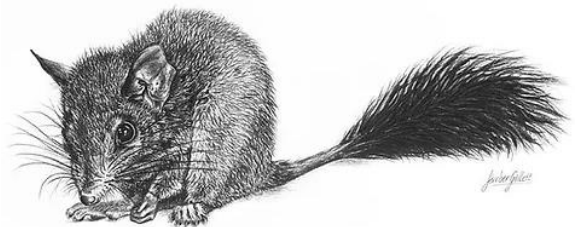
Hi parents and carers,

It was so lovely to welcome all our students back this week for the start of the 2024 school year! I thoroughly enjoyed 2023 at Dwellingup Primary School and I am looking forward to all of the fun and learning that we are going to do together in 2024!

Thank you to all who came to our Parent Meeting on Wednesday. It was lovely to catch up with everyone. If you were unable to make the meeting, I have made the notes available.

We have been busy setting routines, getting to know each other and getting back into the swing of school. So far this term we have focused on:

Talk 4 Writing: This term we began our class unit on Persuasive Texts. We have been debating the positives and negatives of Zoos. Following this unit, we will do a quick refresher on Narrative Writing before NAPLAN in Week 7.



Maths: In Room 2 we will be structuring our Maths lessons in rotations. These will include an explicit lesson for each year group, independent practice of the skill and daily mental maths. This week we have started to put into practice some of the topics we have learnt so far with a Maths investigation.

Civics: This term, in HASS we have focussed on Civics and Citizenship. The Year 4s in have been investigating the services provided by local governments. Our Year 5 and 6 students have been looking at democracy, democratic values, and laws.

Some other highlights from the first 5 weeks of the year have also included Mrs Lamb's daily reading of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, learning about Chinese New Year in preparation for our Assembly, creating art pieces all about ourselves and cracking codes in Digital Technologies lessons.

We are looking forward to the next five weeks of term including swimming lessons, NAPLAN and our Sculptures by the Sea excursion next week!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in and say hello in the mornings or after school or drop me an email at stephanie.fisher@education.wa.edu.au

Have a fantastic long weekend!

Miss Fisher

Thanks to Trish & Victor for bringing in some new season apples for us to share. Yum!!



A Word from the Chaplain

Hi Everyone,

It is great to be back at Dwellingup Primary for 2024. I have enjoyed meeting the new staff and catching up with existing staff. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces and happy children around the school. One thing that stands out for me at Dwellingup Primary is that children from all year levels interact and play together, and apart from the occasional disagreement or conflict in the playground everyone gets on well. Keep up the great work and remember if you think another child needs a friend take the time to be their friend.



Please note the Chaplain will be at Dwellingup Primary every Wednesday and every second Tuesday. Parents if you would like to have a chat or need support for yourself or your child, please contact the school to make an appointment.

Lisa Ferraro

Year 6 Report by Anika Vanelst

The year 6's excursion was to the Shire of Murray in Pinjarra. While we were at the place all the schools had to brainstorm some ideas for this April's holidays. We were given a budget of \$5,000, although all the ideas were amazing, North Dandalup did win with Pinjarra Primary coming second and Austen Cove coming third. But in the end all the ideas were combined into the event so everyone got a say into what went into the holiday event. Lunch was provided by the shire along with morning tea and snacks.



As Principal, I also attended this event and I was so impressed with our students. They by far had the best presentation and realistic costing of any school. All of our ideas were incorporated into the final plan. I hope they get a chance to participate when it happens.

Murray Youth for Youth Festival, Yonderup Adveturescape 7th April 2024

This is also a great Facebook page to follow as they will be running youth events in Dwellingup this year.

Voluntary Contributions

Contributions are **\$140.00** per student. Thank you to the parents who have already paid these. Funds collected are used for learning resources for your child.

Facebook

Dwellingup Primary School has started a new Facebook page (rather than a group) which will be the main point for what is happening around the school. On this page you will find information about upcoming events, reminders and celebrations. We will also include community events and activities important to social needs in town. Student surnames will not be used unless specific permission is obtained from you, the parent.

This page will promote the school to the wider community.

Playgroup News

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:30

We are a friendly group and we welcome pre-kindergarten aged children and anyone who has the care of them.

The children who attended enjoyed exploring the new surroundings, meeting some new friends, painting pink pigs and sticking yellow 'feathers' on paper ducks. They also enjoyed squishing and moulding play dough and then finished off with some outdoor fun in the sand-pit.

I sincerely thank **Lainee Vanelst** for spending hours setting up and tidying up afterwards every Tuesday.



School Newsletter

Our web address is: This is our first edition of the school newsletter for 2024 and as you can see there are several pages that cost a significant amount to print and take down a few trees as well. The next newsletter will be available online at our web page (www.dwellingupps.wa.edu.au/), published on our new facebook page and available by email. If you require a hard copy, please contact the front office.

Dwellingup Parents & Citizens Committee (P&C)

Our P&C is been a fantastic organisation who has supported the school in so many ways over the past years. It is also a great way to meet other parents while further supporting our students. On March 17th, the Black Dog Ride [Black Dog Ride](#) (For depression & suicide awareness and fundraising) will finish on the school oval and our P&C is providing lunch. All money raised by the P&C will go toward the Year 6 camp later in the year and we really need the help of volunteers to make it work. Please contact the school or Lucinda Sellenger if you can help on the day (approx. 11:30am – 2:30pm). The Year 6 students will be selling ice creams as well.



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.



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 are disassembled, metals were identified, sorted and sold for scrap instead of ending up in Landfill. Please contact the school if you have any items to donate. We particularly chase non-ferrous metals such as aluminium and copper.

Mr Warren has POWER! Thanks, cash for cans.

This week the long wait for lights and power to be connected to the gardeners shed is finally over. Mr Warren and Mr John Laird had dug the trenches required late last year, so it was all ready to go.

Cris from Easy as Electrical came and added 2 power outlets and 2 lights to the shed where Mr Warren and students recycle the cans and assorted metals.

This was paid for by the funds received from Containers for change, what a great effort!

Many thanks go to all that have donated cans and to the continuing hard work of our volunteers, Nola and Joe Kinal, John Laird, Colleen Sing and Mr Warren have put in collecting cleaning and sorting the cans.

If you would like to donate your cans to the school, they can be placed in the bins outside the shed on Church St.

Community News

ANZAC Day

RSL Hall
Thursday 25th April
10.30am



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



Dwellingup Physio

Wednesdays: from Feb 28th
Dwellingup Health Hub: 2510 Del Park Rd
Book online: <http://tinyurl.com/yw67fhu8>
Contact Steph at:
hello@adventure.physio or 0416 413 531
www.adventure.physio
HICAPS Health Insurance, Private Patients, Aged Care Plans, NDIS, GP Care Plans (EPC) all accepted



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NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 22 March 2024

IT'S SO FUN!

**Bacon and
Egg Muffins**
for all those who ride to
school.

Be at school
between 8:15 and
8:30 to be fed.
Parents welcome to
ride as well.

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