

Wirrabirra School

An Independent Public School

Moral Purpose

Wirrabirra is a connected and future focused community, dedicated to achieving student excellence

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 7 September
School Development Day -
students do not attend

P&C Meeting - 7pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday 8 September
Dental Screening for
students in Years 3 & 6



Wirrabirra School is an **ALLERGY FRIENDLY SCHOOL**. What does this mean? It means that we will respect the individual needs of students who have identified allergies (with care plans) to such products as nuts, milk and eggs to name a few. In particular, food products that have nuts or are made from nuts should **NOT** come to school - ie: peanut paste, Nutella and nut bars. Our canteen is "nut free" to accommodate individual students with special needs.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and School Community

★ PARENT ACCESS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SCHOOL

Parents and carers are currently allowed to enter the school grounds to drop off and pick up their children from the time gates are opened in the morning and afternoon. Corfield Street, Jenkinson Street and the oval gate closest to the Richard Rushton Centre are opened in the morning from 8.15am and in the afternoon from 2.40pm. On Wednesday which is early close the gates are opened at 2.15pm. It is not necessary to be waiting outside classrooms prior to the siren time and important for the safety of children and staff that you spend as little time on the premises as possible while maintaining social distancing at all times. I encourage you to continue the practice of dropping children at the gate which was developed earlier in the COVID-19 situation and worked well. I would also ask you to please not

enter the school through the staff carpark prior to pick up times. We are working diligently to maintain the safety of your children and ask you to work with us to keep all children and staff safe.

★ STANDALONE BUSHFIRE PLAN—INFORMATION ONLY

Pre-emptive (planned) school closure during the bushfire season

Wirrabirra School has been placed on the Department of Education bushfire zone register as it is located in a designated bushfire risk area.

If a 'Catastrophic' fire danger rating has been declared for the City of Gosnells, the school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure. A 'Catastrophic' fire danger rating poses a significant threat to the school as if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

Parents will receive a text message or Connect message to inform them of a possible pre-emptive closure of the school.

The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. If the forecast changes after the 4.30pm deadline, the school remains closed to limit confusion within the school community.

Parents will receive a text message or Connect message to either confirm or reverse a pre-emptive closure of the school.

Typically, schools will only be required to close for a day at a time. However, this will depend on changing weather conditions. Parents will receive a text message or Connect message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure, or whether it will remain closed.

Parents are encouraged to monitor official bushfire information sources for current information about fire danger ratings:

1) Emergency WA website -

<https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>

2) Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Information line – 13 33 37

Twitter - https://twitter.com/dfes_wa

3) Local radio

[ABC Emergency WA](#)

ABC local radio

6PR

71 Corfield Street Gosnells WA 6110

Please contact the school on 9234 6800 with any concerns relating to pre-emptive closures during the bushfire season.

★ INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners and Mr Trenberth for their fantastic effort and organisation in hosting the Interschool Cross Country. I know I have sighted this in a Connect notice but being super proud of all concerned I wanted to congratulate them again. Our students acquitted themselves really well against very strong competition and represented their school with commitment and determination.

★ POINT PERON CAMP

Our Year 6 Camp at Point Peron again proved to be a real highlight for our graduating Year 6 classes and I would like to thank all those staff who attended to make it very special for the students. A considerable amount of work and commitment is required to organize a camp and ensure all students achieve the best outcomes from the activities and learning including the social emotional challenges presented. This is the first year for many years that I have been unable to share the experience with the students. From the discussions I have had, the camp proved to be an outstanding success enjoyed by all. The students I have spoken with have rated it as fantastic and an absolutely wonderful week. Thank you to the students for demonstrating our expectations so well and to the following staff who left their families to support the students; Mr Burley, Mr Knight, Mrs Melvin, Mrs Dawson, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Green, Miss De Mol and Mrs McKellar.

Well done everyone and please make sure you look at the fabulous photos Mrs Nikolic has taken of the students in action on camp.

★ 2021 ENROLMENTS

I have commenced planning for 2021 and rely on enrolment numbers to determine projected funding, enabling me to structure classes and learning programs for the coming year. If you know you will be moving or have a Kindergarten or Pre Primary child not yet enrolled, please contact the front office. If you know of any families who are yet to enrol their little ones for Kindy and Pre Primary, please encourage them to call into the office. From the Kindy enrolments we are planning a transition program for these children to help them transition successfully to school in 2021.

★ SCHOOL BOARD - PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

In the last newsletter I called for nominations for Parent Representatives on the School Board. Thank you to those who have nominated. One of the nominations did not have a name printed and I am unable to decipher the initials in the signature. If this person could give the office a call it would be greatly appreciated. I would hate to lose an interested parent.

★ SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY AND LEARNING JOURNEY

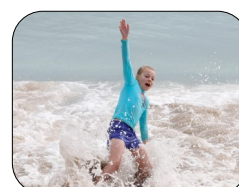
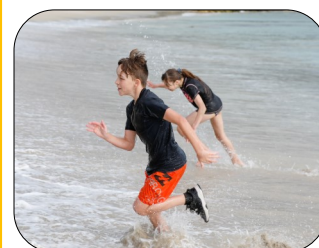
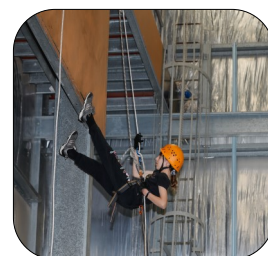
- Just a reminder that Monday 7 September is a School Development Day and **students do not attend school**.
- Our Learning Journey that was scheduled for Wednesday 16 September will not go ahead given Phase 4 restrictions have been extended.

Regards, Steve Richards, Principal

PEAC TESTING FOR YEAR 4 STUDENTS

There has been a delay this year however we have been assured that the Year 4 students will get the opportunity to sit the PEAC test.

YEAR 6 CAMP AT POINT PERON



ESC NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 Camp at Point Peron. I am happy to report it was a very successful week with all Year 6's enjoying the week and gaining lots of learning experiences they would not normally have the opportunity to do. The teamwork and support the students displayed and offered each other was outstanding. Alexis, Nirvana, Sam, Zak, Brodie and Hami from TLC all participated in the week long camp. These students rose to challenges presented to them and enjoyed exploring activities such as archery, abseiling, rock wall climbing, orienteering, beach games, ladder climb and raft building. They also helped out with setting up for breakfast and dinner which included cleaning up and dishes at the end of the meals. A special mention must go to Mrs McKellar, Miss De Mol and Mrs O'Conner who gave up their week at home to attend camp to support the TLC students. Without their support the students could not have attended. Also a big thank you to Mrs Nikolic who attended every day to take photos and videos so the week was documented for the students. Thanks to Mr Knight and Mr Burley for their fantastic planning and organisation of the week along with Mrs Melvin and Mrs Green for their support while on camp.



In the last newsletter we mentioned our Learning Journey would be taking place on Thursday 16th September. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions with the delay of phase 5 until October, we are required to postpone the event. We need to adhere to the square metre ruling and we are unsure we can adhere to that with parents in the classrooms. We are hoping to reschedule in Term 4 once government announce the implementation of phase 5.



Monday 7th of September is our next School Development Day. The staff will be working on documentation for our school review which will be happening in Term 4. I am unsure of the exact date of the review but will let the school community know when we are informed.

Parents of students attending high school next year will need to put a new bus application in if they would like to utilise the service for high school. Even if you are currently using the service, a new application needs to be placed. Parents who are not utilising the service and would like to for next year can also put an application in at any time. Applications are made online at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au click on the 'Parents' section and select the 'how to apply' section. If you need support, we are happy to help here at school. If you would like a brochure with details of how to apply, please let us know and I will send one home with your child. If you are currently on the bus and there are no changes for next year you do not need to do anything.

Dates to remember

Monday 7th September – School Development Day - students do not attend

Friday 25th September – Celebration Day

Tuesday 13th October – First day of Term 4

Friday 16th October – Faction Carnival (First Friday Term 4)

Kind regards

Julie Dawson

Principal

Wirrabirra Education Support Centre

P&C REPORT

Hi everyone

Fathers' Day Raffle

Don't forget to hand in your tickets and money to the office for the Fathers' Day raffle by **Monday 31 August**. There is \$500 worth of Bunnings gift cards to be won. First prize is a \$250 voucher, we also have 2 x \$100 vouchers, and one \$50 gift card. These were generously donated by Maddington Bunnings when we had to cancel our planned sausage sizzle because of coronavirus. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards purchasing new uniforms for the school choir and ensemble so they look the part when they perform. Our target is \$1300 so please help us to sell as many tickets as we can so we can reach this. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 2 September. If you have lost your ticket sheet or need more, you can get one from the office or download one from the school website. Good luck everyone. The more tickets you buy, the better chance you have to win!!! Tickets are \$1 for three tickets or \$10 a sheet.

Online Ordering

Did you know the canteen now offers online ordering? Save yourself the hassle of searching for cash in the morning and log on to www.quickcliq.com.au to place a recess or canteen order. It's super convenient and the same menu is available online.

Facebook

Don't forget to follow Wirrabirra School P&C Association on Facebook to keep up with the latest P&C news.

☺ *Sonya Kimbar, Wirrabirra School P&C President*
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IS YOUR CHILD TURNING FOUR OR FIVE BEFORE 1 JULY 2021?

Registrations are now being accepted for:

Kindergarten - children who were born 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017

Pre-Primary - children who were born 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016

Wirrabirra is a local intake school and priority will be given to children within boundaries.

Please contact us for a form by calling 9234 6800 or emailing wirrabirra.ps@education.wa.edu.au



P&C FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE DRAWN WEDNESDAY

PLEASE RETURN TICKETS BY MONDAY 31 AUGUST

P&C Association Father's Day Raffle

Win a \$250 Bunnings Voucher

Proceeds will go towards purchasing new uniforms for the school's choir and ensemble.



1st prize	\$250 Bunnings voucher
2nd prize	\$100 Bunnings voucher
3rd prize	\$100 Bunnings voucher
4th prize	\$50 Bunnings voucher

Ticket sheets have been sent home, or are available from the office or school website. 3 for \$1. Please return them with the money by Monday 31 August.

Drawn Wednesday 2 September 2020, just in time for Fathers' Day.



MUFFIN KITCHEN

We have primary school students coming every week to assist our ESC students, they are doing a fabulous job. We love having them!

Thank you to their teachers for allowing them to help us.

Mrs Walker



EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Perry, Phoebe, Korday, Cassius,
Jasper, Shafee, Raven, Henry,
Ryan, Ayaan, Lollie, Arshiya,
Kareem, Bob



CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Diya, Tyson, Anica, Jacqueline,
Sabrina, Meekah, Jonathan, Addison,
Ali, Olivia, Alice-Rose, Verity,
Mitchell, Amelia, Shiloh, Michael,
Gabriella, Hunter



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Elina, Audrey, Madison, Wyatt, Elaina,
Hafsa, Nura, Joel, Jeremy, Jaylen,
Cooper, Charlie, Baaj, Taylan, Subiksha



PBS FOCUS

**Put your hand up to speak
and stay in your seat**

P&C MEETING

**MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM**

***ALL PARENTS &
CARERS ARE WELCOME***

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GOSNELLS OLYMPIANS LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB



COME AND TRY

FREE SESSIONS: 4:30-5:30 TUESDAY

1ST SEPTEMBER AND

4:30-5:30 THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

WIRRABIRRA PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2020/2021 SEASON

\$220 FIRST AND SECOND CHILD

\$200 THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT CHILDREN

**WE ACCEPT KIDSPORT VOUCHERS GO TO
RESULTSHQ.COM.AU TO REGISTER**

ENQUIRIES: NIKI 0433 713 398

**TO FINALIZE REGISTRATION, NEW ATHLETES WILL BE REQUIRED
TO PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE EG. BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR
PASSPORT**



Year 7 2021 Music Scholarships now available

Applications are now open for our 2021 Music Scholarships for students commencing Year 7 in 2021.

Applications close Friday, 11 September. Visit lumen.wa.edu.au for more information.

LUMEN + CHRISTI
CHRIST MY LIGHT

LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE

2021 RUGBY ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP TRIALS

WHEN: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

TIME: 8.15am Registration

TRIALS COMMENCE: 8.30am – 10.30am

WHERE: Thornlie Senior High School Gymnasium
2 Ovens Road Thornlie WA 6108

THORNIE SHS
RUGBY ACADEMY

To register your interest in the upcoming trials please contact Carly Smith on 9376-2100 during office hours before the 21st August 2020

Thornlie Senior High School Rugby Academy 2021 Brochure and Application forms can be found at
<http://www.thornlieshs.wa.edu.au/courses/specialist-programs-selection/rugby/>

COME & TRY DAY

GOSNELLS LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Register your interest or for more information:
Gosnellslac@gmail.com

WHEN
Sunday, 8 September

TIME
2.00-4.00 pm

WHERE
Langford Oval
Langford WA 6147