



Wirrabirra School

An Independent Public School

Moral Purpose

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 20 November

2021 Pre-Primary Information Session 9.15am School Library

Wednesday 25 November

School Disco

Thursday 26 November

Uniform Shop open 9-10.30am

Monday 30 November

School Board Meeting
P&C Meeting—7pm
Superhero Fundraiser

Thursday 3 & 10 December

Uniform Shop open 9-10.30am

Friday 11 December

Celebration Day Excursion to Hoyts—PP - Yr 5

Monday 14 December

Year 6 Graduation & Movies

assisted us greatly.

★ YEAR SIX GRADUATION

We have just signed with a company to hire equipment to make our Assembly Area at school a great alternative venue to hold the Graduation. I think with the staging, back drops and sound we should be able to make the Graduation very special for the students. We will be starting at 9am on Monday 14 December and should finish by 10.30am. Following this the students will head off on their excursion. Students have requested to be able to dress for their Graduation but will be required to change into school uniform before leaving for their excursion. Ticket requests will be forwarded very soon so we can finalise numbers for the event.

★ PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder that this year we will still be holding a Presentation Assembly to present Book Awards and announce the Councillors for 2021. Due to restrictions with social distancing we will only be able to invite parents and carers of those receiving awards. Classes will not be presenting items other than the Graduating students who will do their Graduation item to give them an opportunity to say goodbye to the rest of the school.

★ LAPATHON

We held our Lapathon last Wednesday and it was terrific to see parents and families join us to walk in the fresh air and raise some money for our school through the P&C. The event went really well with some outstanding efforts from little and big students. It's always nice to see the positive interaction between students and staff and the supportive relationships they have. Our dedicated P&C have been in this week counting the money that has already come in and I will let Mrs Kimbar reveal the total so far in her newsletter piece. It's not too late to forward your pledges of money which given we were unable to hold the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be greatly appreciated. These and any donations will be accepted with gratitude to help make your school even better.

★ SCHOOL COUNCILLORS VISIT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Recently our Year 6 Councillors went to Parliament House as special guest of Mr Terry Healy MLA for Southern River and Mr Chris Tallentire MLA for Gosnells to enjoy a lunch in the dining room. Mrs Melvin who coordinates the Councillors accompanied them and reported back that they were fabulous ambassadors for our school conducting themselves really well in what was a very adult environment.



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



★ ONGOING THANKS

The term is rapidly closing in on us and I would like to thank you all for the ongoing support with managing the COVID-19 situation. As we see with the borders opening and what has occurred in South Australia we need to maintain our vigilance. Thank you for the social distancing being observed and being on site for short periods of time. With our additional cleaning continuing and constant reminders to wash hands we have the best chance of staying safe and your support has

71 Corfield Street Gosnells WA 6110



Year 6 Councillors visit Parliament House

★ STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are just finalising reports which we are planning to get home in the second last week of term. I encourage you to read these carefully with your children and make a time to meet with class teachers to discuss progress this year. The reports will be sent home electronically through Connect as we did last semester. We will send home some help notes to make sure you are able to open and download these successfully. If you have any problems or have not as yet accessed Connect please call into the office or see your class teacher for assistance.

★ 2021 PLANNING

We are currently in the process of drafting classes and student placement for next year and completing recruitment of teachers to Wirrabirra. We will sadly lose some staff and will be gaining new teachers to our school. I hope to give you the full staff movements in the next newsletter. Classes will not be released until the start of 2021 as we are continually taking enrolments and numbers will dictate how many classes we will have for each year. You are welcome to put requests for placements in writing to me and I will endeavour to meet your wishes but at this stage I am unable to make final decisions.

★ DISCO AND SUPERHEROES DRESS UP

Next Wednesday 25 November the students have earned a Disco as part of their PBS rewards program. These will start with the little ones at 4.15-5.15pm followed by Years 2-4 at 5.30-6.45pm & Years 5-6 at 7-8.15pm.

Then on Monday 30 November students are able to dress up as their favourite Superhero for a gold coin donation.

Regards, Steve Richards, Principal

P&C MEETING

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER
7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

*ALL PARENTS &
CARERS ARE WELCOME*



WIRRABIRRA SCHOOL

WIRRABIRRA DISCO

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Junior (4.15—5.15pm)
Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year 1

Middle (5.30—6.45pm)
Years 2, 3 and 4

Senior (7.00—8.15pm)
Years 5 and 6



☎ Entry fee is \$3.00

☎ All sessions will be held in the new undercover area.

Please note:

☎ Children only to attend the disco of their year level.

☎ Potato chips, drinks, lollies and glow sticks will be available for sale.

☎ Parents, drop off your children and allow them to enjoy their disco.

☎ Students **must** be collected from the new undercover area and not asked to meet in the car park. They will **not** be released until collected.

PLANNING FOR 2021—STUDENTS NOT RETURNING

Will your child/children **NOT** be attending Wirrabirra in 2021?

Please contact the school office asap on 9234 6800 or email

Wirrabirra.ps@education.wa.edu.au

ESC NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy few weeks with lots of things happening in and around the Centre. Last Thursday, the Centre had the school visit for our review. Mrs Kim McCollum and Mrs Margaret Keen spent the day validating the information the school had supplied to them. Both reviewers had very positive comments in regard to how our school is operating and were very impressed with the programs we run and how the staff conduct themselves. I have not received the report as yet but should do in the next couple of weeks. Our next school review will be in three years.

On Friday 30th November our students attended the ESSN Soccer Carnival. This was held at Hossack Reserve and run by the Lynwood High School Soccer Academy students. They were superb in the way in which they supported our students and ran a very successful carnival. Even though we had a very hot day the students were outstanding and displayed great sportsmanship.



Last week we had our Lapathon. Lots of action out on the oval with students running many laps. Mark even made sure we clocked up 15 laps together and certainly kept me on my toes during the event. Please make sure you get your donations in to make sure you go into the draw for one of two scooters which have kindly been donated by Terry Healy. All funds raised go to the P&C to help purchase some extra trees to be planted on the oval. This will help provide more shade when doing activities out on the oval.



On Friday at the WAESPAA Award Night several staff celebrated Mrs Marie Lebon receiving an award for the outstanding work she does at Wirrabirra. Congratulations to Marie for this well-deserved award.



We are currently working through and finalising many things for 2021. Class placements are in draft and we are still waiting for a couple more enrolments before it can be finalised. Booklists have been sent home. Please check with your child's class teacher for any surplus supplies from this year before purchasing the items requested for next year. We are currently working through some staffing recruitment processes. These should be finalised over the next few weeks and I will be able to inform families of the outcome of these in our next newsletter.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 25th November – Disco (Notes sent home today)

Monday 30th November – Super hero dress up day fundraiser (gold coin donation) There will also be treats available to purchase at recess and lunch time.

Friday 11th December – Celebration Day - Movies

Monday 14th December – Year 6 Graduation

Kind regards, *Julie Dawson*, Principal,
Wirrabirra Education Support Centre

PBS FOCUS

Making Friends



WIRABIRRA SCHOOL

SUPERHERO DAY

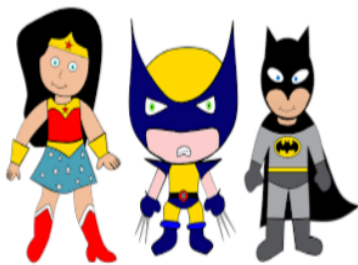
Monday 30 November

For a Gold Coin donation students can come to school dressed as their favourite superhero.



Treats will be available for purchase at recess and lunch.

Please note that appropriate school footwear must be worn.



P&C REPORT

Hi everyone

Lapathon

Thanks everyone who took part in our Lapathon and supported us by donating. It was a fun afternoon and luckily not too hot (or raining!) This year we are raising money to purchase more trees for around the oval. Your support is greatly appreciated. You helped us raised over \$1400 which is an awesome effort!! Thank you. The winners of the scooters and canteen vouchers will be announced by Southern River MLA Terry Healy when he visits the school soon. He has kindly donated the two scooters to the P&C to use as prizes.

Sausage Sizzle

It was very disappointing that we had to cancel our planned sausage sizzle at Bunnings on 7 November because we did not have enough volunteers. There was a strict requirement to have five people at the sausage sizzle per shift throughout the day and we did not have enough parents or carers volunteer some time. This meant we lost the opportunity to raise a potential \$1500 for the school. We need support from the school community to carry out our fundraising activities; we can't rely on the same small group of parents to help every time. They too have jobs and lots of kids to ferry everywhere. Next time we hold an event or put the call out for helpers, please consider volunteering some time to help make the event a success. The more helpers we have, the more fun events we can hold and the more money we can raise. It is a group effort.

Book Club

We have distributed the last book club orders for the year. Thanks so much to everyone for supporting it this year. We have raised around \$800 in rewards this year for the school to purchase books and resources. We will definitely be running Book Club again in 2021!

Uniforms

Our uniform shop has been fully stocked so don't forget to get your summer uniform orders in. The uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 9am – 10.30am for purchases (except on the last week of school when it will be open on Wednesday 16 December), or you can leave your order form and payment in the school office.

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 30 November in the staffroom. We hope to see you there.

☺ *Sonya Kimbar, Wirrabirra School P&C President*
wirrabirrapandc@gmail.com



Wirrabirra Family Playgroup

Restarting 2021



WHEN: Tuesdays (starting term 1, 2021)
TIME: 9:00-10:30
WHERE: Wirrabirra Primary School

At playgroup you can have fun playing with your child, meet other parents and familiarise your child with the school environment ready for future school years.

Playgroup at Wirrabirra PS is a family-run playgroup for children 0-4 years and their parent/caregiver. Come along for a **free** trial and some fun!

For more information and to register your interest please contact:
Wirrabirra.PS@education.wa.edu.au



WIRRABIRRA PS WINS THE CANNING CUP

On Thursday 5th November our Interschool team competed in the A division Sothern River Sports Association Athletics Carnival at Langford's Athletics Centre. Wirrabirra competed well across the board and the dedication of the athletes shone as we ran out the 2020 Canning Cup victors. With a vast array of different sized schools in our area the Canning Cup calculates a school's performance compared to their student population.

In the weeks leading up to the carnival our team showed outstanding sportsmanship and focus in their training. This dedication, commitment and team work from our students was very evident in their events and throughout the day. All chosen athletes did our school proud.

The results to the carnival are listed below, we finished third overall.

SCHOOL & Student Numbers (Year 1 -6)	OVERALL SHIELD	CANNING CUP (Total points divided by students x 100).
HUNTINGDALE PS (488 students)	1 st 752	3 rd 154.10
SOUTH THORNLIE PS (330 students)	2 nd 516	2 nd 156.36
WIRRABIRRA PS (282 students)	3rd 506	1st 179.43
YALE PS (324 students)	4 th 345	4 th 106.48
BRAMFIELD PS (220 students)	5 th 200	5 th 90.91

Wirrabirra had four representatives taking home individual medallions. Well done to the following students for their accolades,



CHAMPIONS

YEAR 3 BOYS: Tyson (JJ's)

YEAR 5 GIRLS: Sanday (M2)

RUNNER UPS (equal)

YEAR 5 BOYS: Travers (M1)

YEAR 5 BOYS: Basim (M1)

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the carnival, the preparation is a large scale effort and it takes contributions from many people to get our team best prepared. Thank you to Mrs Connolly for training the Year 1 and 2's for their events, Miss Mohr, Miss Cranley and Mr Burley for training their respective Leaderball teams, Mrs Cheeseman, Miss Wishart, Miss Ansett and Mr Dawson for their assistance on the day. Further thanks to all the teachers who were flexible with the timetabling of teams practice sessions and to all the parents who supported their children and helped get our students to their early morning training sessions.

Well done Wirrabirra Athletes,

Kris Trenberth

EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Izaak, Jack, Trinity, Sabrina, Leilah, Mariam,
Sanjay, Lennox, Harveer, Mitchell, Bob,
Mushtaq, Sienna, Abyaar, Ashton, Liam,
Tyler, Kora-Hoani, Sreshta



CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Verity, Ryan, Kayla, Ebonie, Sophie, Aya,
Chase, Zeinab, Raveena, Diesel, Ajay,
Harlen, Kamran, Vincent, Mekides,
Ishika, Dean, Nirvana,
Clare



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Patrick, Jye, Isabella C, Lucas,
Jake, Suhail, Rayyan, Amirtha,
Isabella P, Sahana, Mike, Piper,
Briah, Hayley, Beren, Baaj, Malakai, Armin,
Ruvarashe, Austin, Mackenzie



COMMUNITY NOTICES



GOS TALKS
Free Parenting Event


PARENTING OUR KIDS WITH ADHD

Strategies to help them thrive presented by Lou Brown.


Parenting a child with ADHD can be challenging but it can also be a rich and rewarding experience, especially if we learn to pro-actively parent our children from an ADHD perspective using a compassionate and empowering approach.

This workshop is designed to help you really understand ADHD and the many ways it manifests in your child's life, both in their unique gifts and their individual challenges.

Wednesday 25 November | 10.00AM to 2.00PM
Don Russell Performing Arts Centre
Lot 13 Murdoch Road
Thornlie

To register:  **P | 9251 5777**
E | parenting@communicare.org.au
B | parentingkidswithadhd.eventbrite.com.au

 **ACADEMIC TASK FORCE**
Achieve Success at School

January Head Start Program

Is your child starting High School in 2021? Academic Task Force [January Head Start Program](#) helps students transition successfully in their high school studies. We offer six-hour courses in NAPLAN Preparation, GATE and Scholarship Exam Preparation, Foundations and Advanced English and Maths during the January Summer Holidays.

Build their confidence and skills to achieve success at school with a course in Learning Skills and Essay Writing to prepare them for high school.

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- ✓ Gate & Scholarship Exam Preparation
- ✓ Essay Writing
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- ✓ Advanced Maths and Intermediate English
- ✓ Learning Skills

Venues: Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS

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- ✓ Learn from WA's top teachers
- ✓ Small group classes for individual attention
- ✓ Learn time management and homework strategies
- ✓ Learn how to structure and write essays
- ✓ Foundation to Advanced Maths and English
- ✓ Build your child's confidence

Venues: Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS

Early Bird Offer: Enrol by Monday December 14, 2020 and Save 10%

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WAAPA Summer School 2021

This summer WAAPA is thrilled to be able to offer an exciting school holiday program at our campus in Mount Lawley. There are classes for students from Year 1 to Year 12 in drama, acting, screen performance, film making, music theatre and of course Shakespeare. For information about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.



ELEMENTS OF DRAMA

Book now for 2021

"The class really enjoyed the sessions each week, and it was great to see all the children participate completely"

"The class absolutely loved the drama sessions. The students loved the different activities and learnt a great deal about how to use the voices and bodies to express themselves"

Filmbites' Elements of Drama program gives students from PP to Year 6 a strong grounding in Voice, Movement, Role, Space, Situation, Character, Time, Tension, Mood and Relationships through fun and focused activities.

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