

# Wirrabirra School

## An Independent Public School

### Moral Purpose

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


### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Friday 11 December

Celebration Day Excursion to Hoyts—PP - Yr 5

**Student Reports will be available to view on Connect in the afternoon**

#### Monday 14 December

Year 6 Graduation & Movies Excursion 

#### Wednesday 16 December

School Councillor Lunch

Uniform Shop open—second hand sale 9-10.30am

#### Thursday 17 December

Last day for students

Presentation Assembly (invitation only)  
Canteen closed

#### Friday 29 January

Uniform Shop open 8.30am-1.30pm

#### Monday 1 February 2021

First day of Term 1 for students



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

The end of the year has come so rapidly and there is still so much to do. Before I tell you everything that is happening I would like to thank you again for your understanding and support with the many changes brought about by the pandemic this year. We feel we have kept the academic year as normal as possible if not a little more focused on core learning for all students. I think our students have shown improved independence and care to others while striving to do their best with their learning and this is reflected in the reports I have been reading. To this end I would like to

congratulate our teaching and non-teaching staff who have worked diligently and passionately with a student focus on academic achievement and guiding them through a year that none of us have experienced before.

We have a number of staff changes for next year and to those leaving I thank them sincerely for their effort, commitment and professionalism in all they have done. Their impact on our students has been genuine and heartfelt and they should all be proud of the way they have touched the lives of so many children. The following teachers are leaving at the end of the year to take up positions at other schools; Miss Ancliffe, Mrs Tennent, Miss Dimer and Mrs Marsh. Mrs Locke (nee Mohr) and Ms Jukes will be on parental leave next year. We wish them the very best knowing they will return to us in the future. They will both be fabulous Mums and I can't wait to meet their little ones.

Mrs Meredith and Mrs Barclay are retiring from the start of next year and I extend a warm thanks to them for the many years of service to our school and the many teachers and thousands of students they have worked with and supported over the years. In their role as Education Assistants they have been so instrumental in working alongside teachers to meet the needs of all students and adding so much to our school. I wish them the very best in all their pursuits away from work.

I would like you to join with me and thank all those who are leaving Wirrabirra with just a few kind words when you see them before the end of the year. They have all added so much to our school.

### ★ STEM CHALLENGE

Earlier this week Miss Cranley organised an excursion to Southern River College for the Year 5 students to take part in a STEM workshop (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). It was a great opportunity for the students to visit the high school and to get a feel for the learning that is ahead of them. The reports from the students were very positive and I thank Miss Cranley and Mrs Pratt who accompanied them.

### ★ P&C AND SCHOOL BOARD

Recently we held the last P&C and Board Meetings for the year and took the opportunity to come together as one between meetings to acknowledge the work and support both groups have given our school in 2020.

Your Wirrabirra P&C operates really well under the leadership of its President Mrs Kimbar, and with her executive and members, they have provided support and direction for our school. The Canteen and Clothing Pool are two main functions of the P&C and have given outstanding support to families and the school this year.

In addition, the funds raised from events have made a significant impact in our school. Their support in purchasing the electronic sign allowed us to achieve a long held wish and provide up to date reminders at a glance while promoting our school to the public.

The School Board has met regularly and maintained a strong focus on the direction the school is taking in Business Planning, how funding is allocated and the development of policy in addition to being a sounding board for Mrs Dawson and I to discuss direction and focus in our schools. Mrs Kehoe, the School Board Chair, has stood down from the position and I would like to thank her for her diligence and commitment to the Board and school. Mrs Kerensa Dodds has been elected as Board Chair and we look forward to working with her and the Board to progress our school next year.

### ★ POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR ASSEMBLY

Yesterday we held our final PBS assembly for the year to draw prizes and celebrate the many positive behaviours demonstrated by students. The PBS Committee have recently revised the Student Expectations for next year, designed a new logo based on the Quendas we have around the school and redesigned new certificates to acknowledge work and behaviours under our Learn – Grow – Care motto. Mr Terry Healy MLA for Southern River joined us to present 2 scooters to raffle winners from the Lapathon. Mr Healy is always keen to support our school and we enjoy the link with government to discuss matters that affect us and the community. The P&C also provided a lunch voucher for each class following the Lapathon. Of course, our big celebration for the students is the movies tomorrow and I congratulate them all on a fantastic year of success and improvements.



### ★ HOLIDAY BUILDING WORK

The school will be undergoing some major improvements in the holidays and you will see lots of workers coming and going. All the ceiling panels and lighting will be changed in Jarrah and Marri Blocks along with the Teacher Resource and Staffroom.

In addition, the boy's toilet in Marri Block will be refurbished and upgraded. This is starting tomorrow and will cause some disruption for the last week but ensure the entire scope of works is completed for our return to school in 2021.

### ★ MINI ENSEMBLE AND GOZZIE AWE

Mrs Connolly has been working in conjunction with Southern River College and other schools providing some wonderful opportunities for our musically talented students to perform together and today there was a mini ensemble performance for the students to finish the year. Congratulations to you all and well done Mrs Connolly for your passion and commitment to music and our musicians.

### ★ DECEMBER REMINDERS


- ◆ Friday 11 Dec - Pre-Prim to Yr 5 Celebration at movies
- ◆ Friday 11 Dec - Reports will be available to view on Connect in the afternoon

- ◆ Monday 14 Dec - Yr 6 Graduation 9am in new undercover area (ticketed event) followed by Movies excursion
- ◆ Thursday 17 Dec - Presentation Assembly – Invitation only event
- ◆ Thursday 17 Dec - last day of school. If you plan to collect your children early, please see the office for a leave pass
- ◆ Friday 29 January 2021 - Uniform Shop open 8.30am to 1.30pm
- ◆ Friday 29 January – Class Lists posted on wall outside office
- ◆ Monday 1 February – School starts for students

### ★ HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR

On behalf of all staff I would like to wish you a safe holiday with family and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Please look out for our school as you pass by and if you see any suspicious behaviour contact School Security on 92644771 or Police on 131444.

*Regards, Steve Richards, Principal*

	
2021 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS	
Term 1	Monday 1 Feb - Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Tuesday 20 April - Friday 2 July
Term 3	Tuesday 20 July - Friday 24 Sep
Term 4	Tuesday 12 Oct - Thursday 16 Dec

## School Watch

School Watch is a partnership between Western Australia Police and the Department of Education and Training, and is closely linked to Neighbourhood Watch.

School Watch is a community-based crime prevention awareness program developed to improve safety and security in Western Australian schools by reducing theft, vandalism and arson. School Watch encourages crime prevention awareness among local school communities, staff and students to protect educational sites and resources.

**Report suspicious behaviour at schools to School Watch Security on 9264 4771 or the Police 131 444.**



# ESC NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe this is our last newsletter for the year. In a year that has been like no other we can say we successfully got through and continue to make school the norm and the constant throughout the year. The last days of term will be busy with some things looking slightly different because of restrictions we are still required to adhere to.

On Friday our Pre-Primary to Year 5's are off to the movies for their last celebration day of the year. Please make sure your child's money and form has been returned to ensure they do not miss out. On Monday morning we have graduation happening here at school. While the venue is different to previous years we can assure you the ceremony will be just as special as it always is. After the ceremony the Year 6's will be going to the movies for their celebration day.

With that I would like to acknowledge our wonderful Year 6's who will be graduating. All Year 6's have been part of some fantastic transition programs with the high schools they will be attending. Some reports we have received back from students is high school is "way cooler" than primary school. Armadale ESC is the lucky school to have Nirvana and Brodie, Cannington Community ESC are looking forward to having the fabulous Zak, Hami and Sam and West Coast Secondary ESC is where our wonderful Lexi is going. We wish all our graduating students the best of luck and just know they will continue to shine in the next phase of their schooling. Our 6 graduating students will be missed here at Wirrabirra!

As always when it comes to the end of the year we bid farewell to staff. Mrs Rebecca Scoble Wood who has been at Wirrabirra for a number of years will be leaving us to take up a position at Success Primary School, Mrs Jessica Hurley who has been working in B1 for the semester will be taking up a position at Gosnells Primary, Ms Hailey Louise has been in B5 all year is also leaving us. Ms Cassandra Zec our school psychologist will be taking a year leave to pursue another position within the department. Ms Kathleen Purser will be her replacement for 2021. Mrs Bianca Neilson's contract has ended and is leaving us, Bianca will be available for relief throughout term one before she starts her parental leave. Mrs Alicia Blunt, our Manager Corporate Services contract ends and now that Mrs Linda Trouchet has secured a permanent position in the financial services team, Ms Rebecca Day will take on the position permanently. To the staff who are moving from Wirrabirra, we wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Some of our staffing has been confirmed for next year while there are still a few that are to be confirmed. Mrs Rebecca Sullivan and Mr Darren Wilson will be our B5 teachers for next year. However, Darren has long service leave for semester one so will begin here in term 3. Mrs Sarah Taylor will fill Darren's position for semester one. Mrs Jenny McKellar has accepted a contract for 2021 and will be the TLC teacher. All other teaching staff will remain the same. There will be some changes and new education assistants for 2021 however these are currently being finalised. These will be announced in the first newsletter for 2021.

Your child's school report will be sent home on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please note, school returns for students on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The office and administration staff will be on site the week prior to this.

To all our families we wish you a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for the support you have given the school in what has been a very different year. We look forward to continuing working with families in 2021. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards

*Julie Dawson, Principal,*  
Wirrabirra Education Support Centre







### OPEN HOURS FOR LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL & SECOND HAND STALL

- Open Wednesday 16 December 9-10.30am. A stall will be held selling second hand uniforms for a gold coin donation.
- Closed for stocktake on the last day of school, Thursday 17 December.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND 2021 OPEN TIMES

- Open **Friday 29 January 8.30am-1.30pm**
- Open on the first day of the school year, Monday 1 February 9-10.30am
- Open Thursday mornings 9-10.30am from Term 1

Get your P&C Christmas Raffle tickets in by Monday 14 Dec to be in the draw to win one of two \$350 bike vouchers donated by MLA Chris Tallentire



**2021 PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS LISTS WENT HOME WITH STUDENTS EARLIER THIS TERM. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WIRRABIRRA PS WEBSITE.**

# P&C REPORT

Hi everyone

### Bike Raffle

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets in by Monday 14 December to be in the draw to win one of two \$350 bike vouchers donated by Thornlie MLA Chris Tallentire. What a great Christmas present for someone so make sure you get involved. Ticket sheets have been sent home or are available from the office. Tickets are three for \$1 or \$10 a sheet. The winners will be drawn on Thursday 17 December.

### Lapathon Scooters

Congratulations to Takiah from Sheoak 1 and Jeremy from Jarrah 3/4 who were presented with scooters from Southern River MLA Terry Healy at yesterday's assembly. They won the raffle by participating and submitting donations for the Lapathon. Well done! These lucky students also received canteen vouchers donated by the P&C: Adam - Banksia 1, Arjan - Banksia 2, Hafsa - Banksia 4, Aryan - Banksia 5, Leo - Jarrah 1, Marley-Jade - Jarrah 2, Nura - Jarrah 3/4, Zeinab - Jarrah 6, Brock - Marri 1, Jake - Marri 2, Ashleigh - Marri 3, Ethan - Marri 4, Jasper - Marri 5 and Kaeden - Marri 6.

### Uniforms

If you are needing to get new uniforms before school starts next year, the clothing pool will be open on the following days to help you get your kids looking the part:

- Friday 29 January, 8.30am-1pm
- Monday 1 February, 9am-10.30am
- Thursday 4 February, 9am-10.30am

Thanks to Kylie and Jody for stepping into the role of coordinators this year. They have done a fantastic job which they will continue in 2021.

### Canteen

The canteen will be closed on the last day of school, Thursday 17 December to enable Bek to pack up and clean before the holidays. Bek has done a great job juggling all the challenges and changes COVID-19 has thrown at the canteen this year so she deserves a well-earned break. Thanks very much Bek.

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

On behalf of the P&C I'd like to wish all of our Wirrabirra families a wonderful and safe holiday. This year has certainly been one for the history books and we are really proud of how our school's families have adapted to all the changes and remained positive. We have all earned a nice break, as have all the teachers and staff, and we look forward to a more stable 2021. All going well, we will be able to hold our Moonlight Markets which had been planned for this year. Enjoy the break, eat lots at Christmas and we look forward to welcoming new families to Wirrabirra next year.

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

## CANTEEN CORNER

Thank you to all our families for a great term and a massive thank you to Katie for all your help and stepping in when needed. We are winding down the stock so not everything will be available.

Next year we plan to continue with the online canteen orders, you can register at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) and order recess and lunch for your children. The cut off time is 8:30am each morning but you are also able to order ahead. We still accept cash at the canteen.

**Our last day for the canteen is Wednesday, 16th December.**  
**We will be closed on Thursday 17th.**



Rebecca McBride  
Canteen Manager

## LIBRARY REMINDER

BOOK BORROWING IS FINISHED FOR THE YEAR. WE STILL HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF BOOKS OVERDUE AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN LOCATING AND RETURNING THEM.

THANK YOU



Ph: 9398 1636

Wirrabirra Dental Clinic will be closed from 23 December 2020—20 January 2021, reopening on Thursday 21 January 2021.

For urgent care, the nearest open School Clinic will be Mount Henry Dental Clinic—9313 0552.

## Chaplain's Chat

### CHRISTMAS 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff

With Christmas nearly upon us and many end of year tasks to be completed, I pray you find time to catch your breath and prepare for this special time of year.

The message of Christmas is one of hope and goodwill. God's love to us gifted in His Son. Some of us attend church and remember the 'Christ' in Christmas; the birth of Jesus and all that it means to us. Many have other traditions, and some do not celebrate Christmas. For other people, it's the only time they catch up with family and friends or see each other the whole year and celebrating is all about togetherness, festive food and gift giving.

Since Covid-19 we have watched many families being reunited with loved ones and it tends to remind us of our own family connections. It also reminds us of the importance of not taking those relationships for granted because none of us really knows what lies ahead – life is precious. Lives have been lost this year due to Covid-19 and as 'scary' as that has been, many more lives have been lost due to road death, cancers, and other diseases, violence, and suicide not to mention famine, drought, fire, and flood in other parts of the world. All of which have been overshadowed by Covid-19. Death is a cruel thing no matter how it comes, and the lives left behind experience emptiness and sometimes despair in their grief.

We are all at some stage touched by death. This year in our school community people have experienced the death of a loved one. If you are grieving, I pray you find comfort in your grief and strength to continue living with purpose and a capacity to celebrate the gift of life whenever and wherever possible. And this is something for us all to remember and live out daily.

Take care over the holidays and may Christmas bring joy, peace, and a time of creating some new, happy memories with family and friends.

*Blessings*

*Helen Ivatts, School Chaplain*



## 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](mailto:Wirrabirra.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

# EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Zak, Hafsa, Addison, Juli,  
Gethi, Travers, Mahdi,  
Jaylani, Inayat, Mohammad,  
Armani, Caleb, Ijaz, Makenzie,  
Olivia, Mehran, Haniya, Agnes  
Jacob (not pictured)



# CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Taylan and Mark



# HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Harjaap, Brock, Ashleigh, Lilly,  
Brodie, Jonathon, Lakepa,  
Dylan, Michael, Kiahn, Mahdi,  
Reet, Sapphire, Ethan, Emma,  
Parsa, Arman, Gabriella, Arya





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Summer Holiday Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 January	12 January	13 January	14 January	15 January
	Paint the Highway REaD Summer Time Rhyme Time 9.30am - 10.30am Little Chefs 1.00pm - 2.30pm 		Family Day Fun Day with City of Gosnells  9.30am - 11.30am Baby Rhyme Time 2.00pm - 2.30pm	Park Play Mornings-- We're going on a Fairy Hunt Centennial Pioneer Park Playground, Gosnells 9.00am - 11.00am
18 January	19 January	20 January	21 January	22 January
Park Play Nights Sanctuary Waters Canning Vale 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Paint the Highway REaD Summer Time Rhyme Time 9.30am - 10.30am Little Chefs 1.00pm - 2.30pm 		Aussie Day Playgroup 9.30am - 11.30am  Baby Rhyme Time 2.00pm - 2.30pm	Park Play Mornings-- Loose parts and cubby building Mills Park Nature Play Space 9.00am - 11.00am
25 January	26 January	27 January	28 January	29 January
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Paint the Highway REaD Summer Time Rhyme Time 9.30am - 10.30am 	Messy and water play playgroup 9.30am - 11.30am  Baby Rhyme Time 2.00pm - 2.30pm	

### Venues:

- Paint the Highway Read Summer Time Rhyme Time, Little Chefs (Bookings Required), Family Day Fun Day, Aussie Day Playgroup, and Messy/Water Playgroup, Baby Rhyme Time : Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (access via Clara Street)
- Park Play Nights - 18 Jan. Sanctuary Waters, Alexandria Boulevard Reserve Playground, Canning Vale
- Park Play Mornings - 15 Jan. Centennial Pioneer Park Playground, Gosnells
- Park Play Mornings - 22 Jan. Mills Park, Brixton St, Beckenham

To Register Telephone: 9398 8720 or Email: CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au

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**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$130**  
**4 X 2 HOUR CLINICS (12 - 2 PM)**  
**AGES 9 TO 12 YRS**

## INDOOR SOCCER HOLIDAY CLINICS

Run by School Specialist Football Academy Coach

### LOCATED:

**CYRIL JACKSON REC CENTRE 18-21 JAN**  
**THORNIE SHS 12-15 JAN**  
**KARRINYUP REC CENTRE 11,12,13 & 15 JAN**  
**JOHN FORREST SC 18-21 JAN**

After 1st Jan cost will be \$160

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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS FOR 5-8 YEAR OLDS

**\$35 EARLY BIRD ENROLMENTS**

**CYRIL JACKSON REC CENTRE 18-21 JAN**  
**KARRINYUP PRIMARY 5-8 JAN**  
**THORNIE SHS 12-15 JAN**  
**JOHN FORREST SC 18-21 JAN**

All of our sessions follow the same times: 9-12pm  
Each day includes 2 fun sports and lots of enjoyable games

Discount for full 4 days

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## BASKETBALL FOR JUNIORS

**We Get Kids Active!**

**Only \$78 for 6 classes in Term 1 2021**

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 9 Years
- Skills based intro to Basketball
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3+4 year olds
- BASKETBALL TO KEEP!

### Location:

**Thornlie Senior High School - 2 Ovens Road, Thornlie**

### Starts

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am  
5 + 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am  
7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

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