

# Wirrabirra School

## An Independent Public School

### Moral Purpose

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 22 February**  
Yr 4–6 Swimming Lessons

**Wednesday 24 February**  
Parent/Teacher Meeting

**Monday 1 March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Monday 8 March**  
PP–Yr 3 Swimming Lessons



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



#### ★ START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Unfortunately, we had a disrupted start to the year with COVID and missed the first week of school. Following two days of meetings and professional learning our teachers and staff were well prepared and quite excited to get started. They have carried this into our first week just completed and the start to the year was very smooth and productive. Our new staff have all settled in to their roles and all classes are finalised and working on the Guaranteed Curriculum plans set.

We have 16 classes including our two Kindergarten groups with a total of 382 students as at Census last Friday. At the last Census in August 2020 we had 392 students.

#### ★ BUILDING WORKS

All building works to ceilings and lighting in Jarrah, Marri, Teacher Resource room and Staffroom was

completed on time but required considerable work by teachers to set up classes ready for their students. The boy's bathroom in Marri Block is complete which leaves only the Marri Block girls bathroom the last to upgrade in the school. I will be lobbying for funding to have this completed this year.

#### ★ SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming for Years 4 to 6 starts next week and runs for two weeks. Pre-Primary to Year 3 swimming follows in weeks 6 and 7 starting Monday 8 March. Please make sure you return permission slips and money as soon as possible. All students should attend swimming as part of their physical education program and general water safety for life. The notes for Juniors will be coming home soon so look out for these.

#### ★ CLASS PARENT MEETINGS

Class parent meetings have been set for next Wednesday 24 February. These will occur between 5pm and 6.30pm. These are an opportunity for teachers to outline to parents and carers the learning program for the year and classroom processes and procedures. These are not the right time to discuss your child's progress as it will be a public forum but a good time to meet the teacher and set up a follow-up meeting if required.

#### Class Meetings - Wednesday 24 February 2021

Times	Classes
5pm to 5.30pm	Jarrah 1, Jarrah 3, Jarrah 6, Sheoak1, Sheoak 4
5.30pm to 6pm	Jarrah 2, Jarrah 4, Banksia 2, Banksia 3, Marri 6, Marri 1
6pm to 6.30 pm	Marri 2, Marri 3, Marri 5

#### ★ NAPLAN

The 25 March is a NAPLAN practise day when students in Years 3 & 5 are made familiar with the ICT platform in preparation for testing in Week 4 next term.

#### ★ SCHOOL REVIEW

Wirrabirra will be participating in our first School Review under the new format on 16 June 2021, which is Week 9 in second term.

Prior to this day we will continue our own self-assessment and lodge evidence to support our evaluation in 6 domains. On the day of the review I will invite groups to

meet with the reviewers. This will include P&C and School Board members.

### ★ STUDENT THIRD PARTY PERMISSION FOR COMPUTERS

It is most urgent that all children have a signed 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Permission form returned to school from a parent or carer. All students in all Government Schools are required to have permission to access approved programs and websites we already use. All programs that our students access are screened and approved prior to being introduced, however we still require your signed permission to proceed. Until this is received we are unable to allow your child to use the computers for these programs. If you have misplaced your permission slip, please request another through the office or your child's teacher. Thank you for helping us to maintain our ICT learning.

### ★ ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE

As you are aware, we have a State Election on Saturday 13 March and Wirrabirra is a Polling Station. The P&C is very keen to hold a Sausage Sizzle to raise some much needed funds for our school. These have proved very successful in the past especially when families offer support in the following ways;

- Volunteer some time to help on the day. An hour is good.
- Donate some cans of soft drink
- Donate sauce, mustard, napkins, the loan of an esky or bags of ice
- Time to help set up or pack up

Keep an eye on the P&C notes to see how you can support your child's school and learning.

*Regards, Steve Richards, Principal*

## PBS FOCUS

### 5 Star Transitions



### 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

## CANTEEN CORNER

Hello and welcome to term 1. Our new menu has been sent home. Sadly, we have had to increase the prices a little due to increases in the cost of our supplies. Don't forget you can order online, simply 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 also still accept cash at the canteen.

**We are open Tuesday to Friday every week. If you would like to help in the canteen please come and see Bek. If you help for 3 hours or more, you and your child get a free lunch.**

*Rebecca McBride*  
Canteen Manager

## Chaplain's Chat

Hello Everyone

A warm welcome to 2021 at Wirrabirra. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and families. I wish you well in settling into the school community. My core role at Wirrabirra is to assist with the pastoral care of the whole school. If you would like to know more about Chaplaincy, please feel free to visit the Parent Information Centre (next to uniform shop) and we can talk further. I am available from 8.30am to 4.00pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Meanwhile, I wish you all success with the new school year and with your plans and dreams for a Covid-free (we hope and pray) 2021.

*"Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end"*

*Blessings*

*Helen Ivatts, School Chaplain*



## P&C REPORT

Hi everyone

### Election Day

On Saturday 13 March, Wirrabirra is a Polling Station for the State Election. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle and would appreciate your help and support. As of Monday there will be a roster for the sausage sizzle in the front office.

☺ *Sonya Kimbar, Wirrabirra School P&C President*  
[wirrabirrapandc@gmail.com](mailto:wirrabirrapandc@gmail.com)

# ESC NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. After the delayed start the students have settled straight back into routine working hard towards achieving their goals. We have several new families within our community and would like to welcome Rhys, Vera, Balaji and Aril to B4; Mehrab, Iman and Jeremmy to B4; and Lila to B1.

We also have several new staff and I would like to welcome Rebecca Sullivan who is teaching in B5 3 days a week. Mrs Danni Zhang (B5), Ms Sanya Nikolic (B4), Mrs Kristy Parker (TLC) and Mrs Megan Bailey (TLC ) are new education assistants to the school back filling various positions. If you have popped into the office you may have noticed a new face. Ms Bec Day is our new permanent Manager of Corporate Services. Please see Bec if you have any queries about payments or timelines of things happening in and around the school. Our new staff are all highly skilled and have slotted in with ease and we extend a warm welcome to both new staff and new families.



You may have heard your child mention something about Quinnys. Quinny Quenda is our new Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Mascot. Students will earn Quinnys throughout the week for following the expectations. Each Quinny is a point for their faction and goes into the barrel for a chance to be drawn at our PBS assembly. If they are lucky enough to be drawn out of the barrel, students spin the wheel and then select a prize from different categories determined by the spin result. Our PBS focus for the next three weeks is 5 star transitions.

Miss Kate is back with her wonderful Infinite Limits Dance program. The students are enjoying the physical routines. Miss Nikki posted some fabulous photos of students participating in the dance session yesterday so if you haven't already liked our Facebook page please make sure you do. Photos will also be uploaded to our Web page but this generally takes a little bit longer before they appear. [www.wirrabirra.esc.wa.edu.au](http://www.wirrabirra.esc.wa.edu.au)

Students doing therapy during school hours away from school will need documentation to be filled in by the school, the parent and the therapist. Several families have already enquired in regard to this. If you need the form to be sent home or any explanation about doing therapy away from school during school hours, please do not hesitate to contact us. Families who would like to have their therapist conduct Therapy at school will need to have the therapist contact their child's class teacher to coordinate a suitable time for the school to allow the therapy to happen.

Don't forget if your child is going to be away from school please notify the class teacher. Alternatively, you can use our message system 0438 960 869 to send a text through. Please ensure you do not use emoji's when sending messages through as the computer program it uses does not recognise them and sends through a blank message. The school will use the message system to send reminders and messages through to parents as well. Please also remember you can phone the school at any time to ask questions or pass on information. If you need to speak to the class teacher, we may not always be able to put you through to the class, however we will take a message and get the teacher to call you back at a suitable time that does not interrupt their teaching time.



B1 and TLC start swimming next week. The two classes are scheduled to leave school at 8:50am so please make sure your child is here on time to avoid missing the bus. We request Students come to school wearing their bathers under their uniform. Students may wear thongs or slippers to school however must bring their normal school footwear to change into after swimming. Don't forget to pack underwear with their towel in a swimming bag including a plastic bag to put their wet bathers and towel in. B4 and B5 are scheduled to start swimming on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Notes will be sent home shortly.

IEP meetings will be happening over the next couple of weeks. If class teachers haven't already they will be in touch shortly to schedule a time to meet. Please ensure you turn up to your meeting time as teachers are often released from class in order for the meetings to take place. Hopefully I will see many of you when you attend your meetings and have a chance to say 'Hi' and check in.

Remember we are here to help at any time and all families are more than welcome to contact us to have a chat, ask any questions, seek clarification or voice concerns if needed.

Kind regards

*Julie Dawson, Principal,*  
Wirrabirra Education Support Centre

## GROW AWARD WINNERS

Abuk, Kiahn, Taylan, Lily, Lennox, Malika, Jake, Shayla, Jaylani, Jeremy, Austin, Ishaan, Jonathon, Chanelle, Tyson, Mark



## LEARN AWARD WINNERS

Tyler, Subiksha, Archie, Bob, Laon, Ryken, Zahra, Shafee, Alisha, Henry, Raveena, Abigale, Trinity, Korday, Grace



## CARE AWARD WINNERS

Clare, Ishika, Annabelle, Yazan, Mitchell, Marley-Jade, Serene, Layla, Laylah-Rose, Aya, Sanday, Ishmael, Charlee, James



# WIRRABIRRA SCHOOL STAFF 2021

ROOM	YEAR	TEACHER	EDUCATION ASSISTANTS
Jarrah 1	Year P/1	Kate Doepel	Jo Tomlinson, Leanne Culver
Jarrah 2	Year 1	Sheri Cheeseman & Grace Hall	
Jarrah 3	Year 2	Kamilla Theyagarajah	
Jarrah 4	Year 2	Madison Grant	
Jarrah 6	Year 1/2	Nicole Somers	
Banksia 1	ESC Year 4/5	Prithi Dias & Rajpal Rikhranj	Wayne McGill, Grace Dillon, Kelli Johnson, Alyson Walker, Sylvia Edwards
Banksia 2	Year 3	Kate Cranley	
Banksia 3	Year 3	Lee-Anne Bartlett	
Banksia 4	ESC Year 2/3/4	Clare O'Brien & Rajpal Rikhranj	Anna Meyer, Mikayla De Mol, Sanya Nikolic, Marie Lebon, Brenda Gamble-Almstrom
Banksia 5	ESC Year K/PP/1	Rebecca Sullivan & Sarah Taylor	Naomi Teichelman, Zoe Hunkin, Karlee O'Farrell, Danni Zhang, Jodi Belton, Gorana Nikolic
Marri 1	Year 5	Katherine Duncan	
Marri 2	Year 5/6	Sam Burley	
Marri 3	Year 6	Ben Knight	
Marri 5	Year 4/5	Danielle Crilly	
Marri 6	Year 4	Helen Waller	
Sheoak 1	Pre Primary	Jennifer Matthews	Julia Parker, Leanne Culver
Sheoak 3	Kindergarten	Megan Rollins & Rachel Bailey	Andrea Bilich
Sheoak 4	Pre Primary	Hannah Lahne	Denise Meason, Leanne Culver
TLC	ESC Year 4/5/6	Jenny McKellar & Sarah Taylor	Michelle Bormolini, Marie O'Connor, Sharon Millson, Kristy Parker, Renea Goodall, Megan Bailey

<u>SPECIALIST AREAS</u>		<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMIN / OFFICE</u>	
Music	Belle Connolly	Principal	Steve Richards
Physical Education	Kris Trenberth	Deputy Principals	Linda Sparks
LOTE - Indonesian	Terry Lucich		Ann-Maree Melvin
ICT	Michelle McDonald, Lisa Spencer, Shamelle Pratt	MCS	Josie Askwith
Behaviour Support	Shamelle Pratt, Lisa Spencer	School Officers	Tammy Jensen
LSC/Support	Terri Sommer		Fiona Gillis
Special Needs EA's	Desley Green, Julia Parker, Erin Heathcote-Bradley, Michael Dawson	Library Officer	Jessie Tait
MiniLit Program/Support	Sara Hewitt	Chaplain	Helen Ivatts
Class Support	Hazel Van Dalen	School Psych	
Gardener	Glen De La Motte	Marketing/Media	Gorana Nikolic
Cleaners	Tracy Denham, Jacqui Bengel, Minyoung Shin		
Canteen Manager	Rebecca McBride	<u>ESC ADMIN/OFFICE</u>	
School Nurse	Tendai Chovunoita	Principal	Julie Dawson
		MCS	Rebecca Day
		School Officer	Fiona Gillis
		School Psych	Kathleen Purser
		Speech Program	Jo Sutton
		IT Program	Tash McFarland
		Learning Support	Zoe Hunkin
		Marketing/Media	Gorana Nikolic
		Resourcing	Karlee O'Farrell
		OSH Medical/Induct	Sharon Millson

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CITY of GOSNELLS**

## Safer School Parking

Where you park matters

Parking on verges or footpaths puts children at risk

City of Gosnells Rangers are working to keep your children safe by monitoring parking at local schools.

**RoadWise**

**HUNTINGDALE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

## OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021**

11.00am – 1.30pm

Sutherlands F Reserve

Corner Gay & Balfour St, Huntingdale

- \*Auskick Registration Assistance
- \* Clearance/Transfer Assistance
- \* Fee Payments (Eftpos or Bank Transfer Only)
- \* Uniform and Merchandise Sales and Ordering

Website: <http://hjfc.net.au>

Catering for Junior Aussie Rules Footballers from Pre Primary – Year 12

Dedicated Female Teams in Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8, Year 9/10

Auskick Registration Tab – Pre Primary/Year 1/Year 2

Year 3 – Year 12 Registration Tab (Boys & Girls)

**\*\*2019 – AFL GOLD QUALITY CLUB\*\***

**\*\*2019 – PERTH FOOTBALL CLUB COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD\*\***

**\*\*2021 CITY OF GOSNELLS COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR\*\***

**Scouts AUSTRALIA**

Confidence, Resilience, Leadership, Adventure!

Sound good? Try Scouts! Ages 5 to 25 all welcome. Prepare to face challenges with friends in one of the longest-running youth-led, adult-guided clubs in the world. Your closest Scout groups are Liddelow, at Walter Padbury ovals, and Maddington, near Maddington Village. Have a look at our website to see what cool stuff we get up to: [scoutswa.com.au](http://scoutswa.com.au).

(Prefer to talk to a person? Call Hummingbird, Liddelow's Assistant Group Leader, 0429 865 724.)

## RANFORD JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

### 2021 SEASON

WANT TO DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND SOCCER SKILLS IN A FRIENDLY, SEMI-COMPETITIVE, FAMILY ORIENTATED ATMOSPHERE?

THEN WHY NOT REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON AT RANFORD JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB! ALL TRAINING SESSIONS AND GAMES ARE HELD AT RANFORD OVAL AND WE PLAY AN INTER-CLUB COMPETITION WITH ALL GAMES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.

THERE ARE SIX TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION AT RJSC AND WE AIM TO ARRANGE THE TEAMS SO THEY ARE ALL EVENLY MATCHED!

JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR
PRE-PRIMARY, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2	YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4	YEAR 5, YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7
GAMES KICK-OFF @ 9:00AM	GAMES KICK-OFF @ 10:00AM	GAMES KICK-OFF @ 11:00AM

TRAINING IS ON EITHER A MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY FROM 4:30 TILL 5:30PM.

NEVER PLAYED SOCCER BEFORE BUT WANT TO GIVE IT A GO? RJSC IS PERFECT FOR YOU! WE WELCOME PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AND EFFORT IN A SEMI - COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

PARENTS – HAVE YOU CONSIDERED COACHING A TEAM? ITS GREAT FUN AND VERY REWARDING. WE EVEN RUN A FREE CLINIC AT THE START OF THE YEAR WITH DRILL HANDOUTS SO NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED.

**!!ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!!**

[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO THE REGISTRATION PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM, FILL IT OUT AND EMAIL IT BACK TO US.

IF YOU REGISTER BY EMAIL IT'S ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO COME BY ON ONE OF THE REGISTRATION DAYS TO TRY ON A SHIRT SO YOU CAN CHECK YOUR SIZE IS CORRECT.

**IN PERSON REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

WHEN – SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY FROM 8:00AM TILL 12:00PM  
SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY FROM 9:00AM TILL 12:00PM  
SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY FROM 9:00AM TILL 12:00PM – TBC

WHERE – RANFORD PAVILION @ RANFORD OVAL  
[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO GOOGLE MAPS](#)

**COST** – NEW PLAYERS \$190 (INCLUDES SHIRT, SHORTS & SOCKS)  
RETURNING PLAYERS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR \$140 (INCLUDES SHIRT ONLY)  
PAYMENT TO BE MADE ON REGISTRATION DAY – CASH AND EFT ACCEPTED

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Email: [ranfordjc@gmail.com](mailto:ranfordjc@gmail.com)  
Web: [www.ranfordjc.com.au](http://www.ranfordjc.com.au)  
Mobile: 0404064029

**Mathematics and science primers for primary and secondary school students**

For age 10 years and above

**Murdoch UNIVERSITY**

**Chemistry Primer** Thursdays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Students are introduced to problem solving and when older are able to study the Open University Australia subject Introduction to Chemistry. Students also have the opportunity to train for the Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Chemistry.

[media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-pupils-make-top-21-in-australia](http://media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-pupils-make-top-21-in-australia)  
[media.murdoch.edu.au/bright-minds-bound-for-russia](http://media.murdoch.edu.au/bright-minds-bound-for-russia)  
[media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-success-an-olympic-feat](http://media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-success-an-olympic-feat)

Cost: \$199/student/term

**Mathematics Primer** Fridays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Students consolidate their Arithmetic and are introduced to Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Cost: \$199/student/term

**Physics Primer** Mondays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Students wishing to study Physics must have sufficient Mathematics.

Cost: \$199/student/term

All classes are at Room ES2.059A Environmental Sciences Building, Murdoch University, South Street Campus.

Classes commence second week each school term. All subjects require a scientific calculator. Students may start any time. Bottled water is permitted in classrooms.

**ONLINE FROM MARCH 2020\***

To enrol and obtain registration forms please contact:

Adjunct Professor Jennifer Searcy  
Email: [j.searcy@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:j.searcy@murdoch.edu.au)  
Phone: 0427 864 740

Early payment to Murdoch University cashier is essential

Postal address for payments  
The Cashier, Murdoch University, South Street, Murdoch WA 6150

Payment may also be made online:  
[payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses](http://payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses)

\*Each student must email [AfterSchoolprogram@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:AfterSchoolprogram@murdoch.edu.au) at the start of each session.

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