

Wirrabirra School

An Independent Public School

Moral Purpose

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27 August

Book Week Dress Up Day, Sausage Sizzle & Snack Stall

Monday 6 September

School Board Meeting
P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 10 September

Wicked Winter Warmer (PJ Day) & Snack Stall

Monday 13 - Friday 17 September

Year 6 Camp

Uniform Shop open Thursdays
9-10:30am



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



★ CONGRATULATIONS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND CHOIR

In the last two weeks Wirrabirra has been in the public eye with great performances in sport and the arts. Mr Trenberth with the support of Mrs Connolly, Mrs Melvin, Mr Dawson and Mr Jeffels, travelled to Lumen Christi to host the Interschool Cross Country event. Each year Mr Trenberth organises the event and as usual it was a brilliant success with fantastic weather and running performances. I was lucky enough to be on the finish line and saw first-hand how hard our students tried against very tough competition. We had some super standout performances that Mr Trenberth has acknowledged in the newsletter, but I was proudest of the team's efforts to represent their school and support each other. Well done.

Last Friday Mrs Connolly with help from Mrs Waller and Mrs Green, took the Choir to the RAC Arena for the "One Big Voice" massed choir performance with over 3000 voices singing together. I was unable to attend but had a special performance before they left and was so impressed with the two songs they sang for me. There is a genuine love of singing with our Choir thanks to Mrs Connolly and all reports from the event were positive with emotional responses on how beautiful it was. We are so proud of you all and look forward to hearing some of the songs on Learning Journey night and at the Markets in November.

★ PATHS AT WIRRABIRRA

As you know we operate a social emotional curriculum at Wirrabirra through the PATHS program (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies).

Mrs Spencer drew my attention to the following and I encourage you to view these next time you are in the school.

The Junior Primary have been busy with their PATHS lessons and have shared some photos and pieces of work.

These can be viewed on display in 'The Hub' window.

Thank you to the following classes for their contributions.

Jarrah 6 - A window full of flowers with Manners and student samples of the Control Signals Poster.

Sheoak 1 - Classroom photos of the students practising using the Problem-Solving Process.

Sheoak 3 - Have been learning about Comfortable and Uncomfortable Feelings. They have taken photos of their feeling faces. See if you can guess what they are feeling?

Jarrah 1 - Have been learning about their feelings through art and reading Dr Seuss "My Many Coloured Days"! Their artwork reflects the many different colours and feelings they have.

★ MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

In keeping with Education Department policy Wirrabirra acknowledges that when used effectively as a tool to "enhance learning, mobile phones can play an important role in education. A ban on their use, however, when not in direct support of education, will ensure that schools can provide a safe and productive learning environment for students in their care. The decision to ban the use of mobile phones in schools is intended to remove the potential learning distraction for students, protect the privacy of staff and students, improve social connections at school and improve the health and wellbeing of

students. While it is recognised that cyber-bullying mainly occurs outside school time, banning the use of mobile phones will allow students to better engage with their learning and with their peers, without the pressure felt when needing to respond to a mobile phone.

Wirrabirra will continue to be committed to the education of students, staff and their school community in the responsible and acceptable use of mobile phones.

There is no requirement for students to have a mobile phone at school. However, for security and safety purposes to and from school, some parents/carers have supplied their child with a mobile phone.

Wirrabirra has implemented a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day, unless under the instruction of a teacher or staff member. Mobile phones should be 'off and away all day'. This includes before school and at break times. All smart watches must be on 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. If a student brings a mobile phone to school, an appropriate storage approach or location will be determined by the school.

Consequences for Breach of Policy

- Students found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will/may be suspended immediately.
- Students using mobile phones at school will have them confiscated until the end of the school day. Parents will be contacted if students breach the policy.

If a child needs to contact a parent/carer, a phone will be made available. If a parent wishes to get a message to their child, this can be done through the office. Thanks for your support.

★ STILL TO COME THIS TERM

Book Week – Dress Up Day tomorrow. Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book or follow the theme of Old Worlds – New Worlds – Other Worlds which fits with almost any book.

Year Six Camp – The Year Six students head off to camp at Pinjarra on Monday 13 September till Friday 17 September. They are very excited and eager for the experiences ahead.

Learning Journey – We have our Learning Journey on Wednesday 22 September in the last week of school between 5 and 7pm. This is a great time to visit school and see where your children learn and play. Your children will take you on a journey to their different teaching areas and give you the chance to meet teachers and view work and facilities.

Year 5 students are ordering Graduation shirts for 2022. Please get these in by 16th September.

Regards, Steve Richards, Principal

PBS FOCUS

We deal with disagreements positively



WINNERS!

COUNCILLOR AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 6

Tidy Class - Jarrah 5

Uniform - Banksia 3

Most Quinnies - Sheoak 4



FRIDAY 27 AUGUST

Book Week Dress Up Day

Students can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book!



& Sausage Sizzle

Sausage in a bun \$3.00 - must have been pre-ordered

Drinks will be on sale for \$1. Lolly bags are 50c or \$1 and can be purchased tomorrow in the undercover area.

P&C AGM

MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

ALL PARENTS & CARERS ARE WELCOME

ESC NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

We are amazed at how quickly the term has been flying by. We are past the half way point and have been reflecting on our term. Firstly, thank you to all the families who took the time out to attend their child's IEP meeting. The teachers find it highly valuable to meet with families and discuss goals and ensure we set things up to have the school and home working as one. When we work together the child is more likely to experience success. Please also remember that you do not need to wait for an IEP meeting to discuss your child's program or progress. Your child's teacher is happy to discuss these things throughout the semester. You may just need to coordinate a time with the teacher to do this if it's not a quick general chat at drop off or pick up time. Emailing the teacher or having a phone chat on their DOTT day is always another alternative.

Our Soccer program has been progressing well. The students are enhancing their skills and we are seeing improvement. We have a secret hope that we can use all these improved skills to our advantage when we participate in the ESSN soccer carnival next term. For any families who are interested in perusing soccer as an out of school sport Football West have an equal footingball division which caters for everybody and all abilities. More information can be found at [Equal Footingball Division | Football West](#) I am told that Lynwood United Football club have a very successful Equal Football team with a fantastic coach.



Don't forget tomorrow is the pinnacle of our book week celebrations with the dress up as a book character. The theme this year is old worlds, new worlds, other worlds. We will be having a parade and there are prizes to be won. There will also be our sausage sizzle fundraiser happening along with a stall selling sweet treats at recess and lunch time.

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm on Wednesday. Once all the students leave the ESC, staff participate in Professional Learning. Can I please ask families be prompt in collecting their child on these days so the sessions staff participate in are not delayed or interrupted due to students being collected late. Thanks for your support.

Our Year 6's are getting very excited and will be heading off to camp on 13th September for the week. Four of our students will be joining the Year 6's from M2 and M3 for a fun filled extraordinary week. This year we will be heading to Fairbridge in Pinjarra.

Kind regards

Julie Dawson

Principal

Wirrabirra Education Support Centre

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 13th August, select students from Years 3-6 travelled to Lumen Christi College to compete in an interschool cross country event versing 9 other local primary schools. The Wirrabirra runners showed a lot of character pushing themselves in every race and creating an environment back at the runner's base of support and encouragement.

Results wise our school performed very well, Wirrabirra is the 8th sized school in the district but was able to finish 4th in the overall standings. Well done Huntingdale PS for winning the overall shield. Once school numbers were taken into account and scores adjusted Wirrabirra finished in 2nd place, congratulations to Bramfield PS for winning the number adjusted shield.

TOP 5 in each category are as follows:

OVERALL SHIELD			NUMBER ADJUSTED SHIELD	
School and student numbers	SCORE		School	ADJUSTED SCORE
1 st : HUNTINGDALE (299)	560		1 st : BRAMFIELD	252
2 nd : YALE (236)	464		2 nd : WIRRABIRRA	238
3 rd : SOUTH THORNLIE (210)	445		3 rd : SOUTH THORNLIE	211
4 th : WIRRABIRRA (185)	441		4 th : THORNLIE	203
5 th : BRAMFIELD (159)	401		5 th : YALE	196

All students competed hard and earned valuable points for our school. There were 30 students in each race, special mention to the following students who received ribbons for finishing in the top 4;

YEAR 3 GIRLS 1st Verity

YEAR 4 GIRLS 1st Sophie

YEAR 4 BOYS 4th Korday

YEAR 6 GIRLS equal 1st Sanday

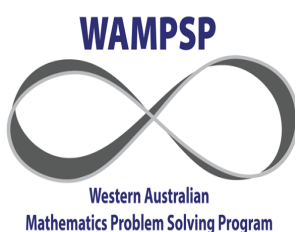
YEAR 6 BOYS 4th Ryan



Special thanks to all the staff and teachers who assisted in training the students and helping the day run smoothly. We now turn our attention to this years Athletics season with our carnival set for October 15th.

Thanks all,

K. Trenberth
PE Teacher



Do you have a mathematically able child who loves problem solving? With applications open for Years 4 to 10, The WA Mathematics Problem Solving Program (WAMPSP) provides them with challenge that enriches their learning experience outside the classroom.

Whether your child is looking to stand out as a student, or aspires to reach the Olympiad program, WAMPSP provides the pathway for these opportunities. Just scan the QR code, fill in the form and we will send you a free application. For further information about the program please see Kate Doepel or Ann-Maree Melvin.

LEARN AWARD WINNERS

Layla, Elaina, Ashton, Rihanna, Lennox,
Ishika, Rakei, Haniya, Sharon, Olive,
Indiana, Ishmael, Liam, Mackenzie (not pic-
tured), Sreshta (not pictured)



GROW AWARD WINNERS

Cooper, Ethan, Kyle, Sabrina, Chloe,
Savannah, Ammar, Vikash, Rufaro,
Stevi, Charlie, Caleb, Sappharie,
Harrison, Jasmin, Michael, Jessica-Rose
Declan (not pictured)



CARE AWARD WINNERS

Ayaan, Kataleya, Isaiah, Tyson, Dhiraj,
Perry, Piper, Konnor, Gabriella, Ali,
Mekides, Alysah, Olivia, Abigale, Grace (not
pictured)



P&C REPORT

Hi Everyone

Fathers Day raffle tickets and payment are due in by Wednesday 1st September, and raffle drawn Thursday 2nd September, so get your tickets in quick and good luck! A very big shout out and thank you to Bunnings Cannington for donating our amazing 1st and 2nd prizes and also Sanitarium for donating goods for another prize!



Uniform Shop

2022 Graduation Shirt order forms have been sent home with Year 5 students and are due back with payment no later than Thursday 16th September.

The first order of Faction Shirts will be delivered the week of the 20th September and the second order will be delivered Week 1, Term 4 in time for Sports Carnival. It would be great to see EVERYONE in their faction shirts.

Our **Moonlight Markets** planning is on its way, its not too late to put your hand up to help. We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year as we were not able to last year due to covid restrictions.

Sausage sizzle pre-order forms for Sports Carnival will be going home with your child next week and will be due back with payment on Thursday 23rd September.

We need donations of water, cans of soft drink and sauces for our sausage sizzle and volunteers. It can not run without parent helpers. There is a roster in the office for you to put your name down next to a time slot. We will also have a coffee van at the Sports Carnival available from 8am-11.30am.

Thankyou

☺ *Kylie Sharp, Wirrabirra School P&C President*
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School Photography

Access Code

WPS263

Don't forget, Sports and Special Photos are available online for a limited time only. To view and order go to www.fotoworks.com.au

order online



Sports & Specials

WICKED WINTER WARMER

Friday 10 September

Come to school dressed in your pyjamas for a gold coin donation. There will also be a snack stall on the day so please bring some extra coins for a tasty treat!



5.30PM WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021

What parents and students need to know about the new 2022 high school transition

Timeline of Events

- 4.45pm - 5.25pm - College Tour
- 5.30pm - 6.15pm - Parent Evening
- 6.30pm - 7.00pm - Inspire Program Information Session

There will be musical performances by Gozzy Awe (the local Primary School bands) & our Inspire Music students from 4.00pm. Sausage Sizzle available for purchase from 4.45pm.

To attend, registration is compulsory to comply with COVID-19 requirements.

- Register online via our website www.southernrivercollege.wa.edu.au OR
- Phone Rachel Blundell (Enrolments Officer) on 9391 6500.

What Happens Now?

ENROLMENTS

2022 first round acceptance letters have been posted with subject selection forms.

If you haven't enrolled, **ACT NOW**, collect an Enrolment Pack from:

1. Your Primary School OR
2. Southern River College OR
3. Enrol online via our website.

Inspire every child, every day, in everything we do

SOUTHERN RIVER
COLLEGE

YEAR 7 2022 INFORMATION EVENING

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nightmares



Knowing what to do when you find your child upset after a nightmare or thrashing around during night terrors can be difficult.

This workshop provides:

- An understanding of what nightmares and night terrors are.
- Suggestions to help you teach your child to settle after waking.

Date: Monday 30 August 2021

Time: 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre Gosnells,
173 Hicks St Gosnells (access from Clara St)

To register: Call 9398 8720 or Email: CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au

Crèche Available
Bookings Essential

Dads and Kids

Celebrating our Fathers, Father figures, Uncles and Grandfathers

UP COMING EVENTS AT CPC GOSNELLS

Ready...Set...Experiment and Play

Dads, kids and mums are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun experiments, games and sports.

Venue: Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells,
173 Hicks St, Gosnells
(access from Clara St)

Date: Tuesday 31 August 2021

Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm

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

Being Dad

Join other Dads for some pizza, the opportunity to share experiences about being a dad and watch some short videos on different aspects of fathering.

Venue: Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells,
173 Hicks St, Gosnells
(access from Clara St)

Date: Tuesday 31 August 2021

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

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

UP COMING EVENT AT CPC EAST MADDINGTON

Father's Day BBQ & Games

Dads, kids and mums are invited to join us for a BBQ and games.

Venue: Child and Parent Centre - East
Maddington, 79 Pitchford St, Maddington
(access from Westfield St)

Date: Thursday 2 September 2021

Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm

To Register Call: 9452 7882 or
Email: CPCEastMaddington@centrecare.com.au



Fussy Eaters



Do you feel like mealtimes have become a battle, due to your child not eating or behaving?

This Triple P Mealtime Problems workshop will give you some ideas to help make family mealtimes manageable and help you encourage your child to develop good eating habits.

Date: Monday 13 September 2021

Time: 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells,
173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (access via Clara Street)

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

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GOS TALKS Free Parenting Event

Building Courage and Resilience in Children

How to help your children navigate anxiety and find their 'brave'.

Courage and resilience are vital qualities that help children adapt in the face of adversity and challenge, with their hearts, minds and spirits intact. Both courage and resilience are qualities that can be cultivated in any child, and parents are in the perfect position to do this. In this transformational session, we will explore why resilience is so important and how to nurture these essential qualities in our children.

Thursday, 9 September 2021

Entry from 6.00PM

6.30PM to 8.30PM

Don Russell Performing Arts Centre
Lot 13 Murdoch Road
Thornlie

P | 9251 5777

E | parentingcommunicare.org.au

Registrations

<https://DRPAC.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/15405>



CITY OF GOSNELLS



COMMUNICARE
CREATING FUTURES



Patrick, Paige and Pete Possum invite you to join them to celebrate their inaugural annual reading day event.

Park Play
Songs
Craft
Storytime

Possum Play @ Mills

Family FUN
Wednesday 8 September
9.30am - 11.30am
@ Mills Park
Brixton St, Beckenham

Patrick, Paige and Pete encourage you to talk, read, sing, rhyme and play with children every day.

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Paint the Highway READ

Paint the Highway READ is a collaborative community initiative across the Albany Highway that helps children get ready for reading and writing at school. It aims to develop healthy brains and create lasting attachments. #ptgrg

Gosnells Hawks Baseball club

Registration is now open

Junior players Date of Birth: 1st September 2005 - 31st August 2015

Please read Information for dates, venue and cost on our website: <https://gosnellshawks.weebly.com>

Contact the President Caroline Adamson 0412 863 125 or email gosnells.hawks@gmail.com for any questions.

