

THE WAVE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to the 2023 school year, a warm welcome to all of our new families, we hope you will be very happy as part of the wonderful Two Rocks Primary School family. Please remember that myself, Mrs Nolan and Mrs Wagstaff are available should you have any queries or need any assistance. I would also like to give a very big welcome back to Mrs Croker, Mrs Potts and Ms Wright.

The term has started well, with all students settled into the school routines. Our new Head Boy Blake and Head Girl Olivia, together with the Student Councillors, IT Leaders and Faction Captains have all settled into their roles and are displaying excellent leadership qualities already.

The staff have all held parent meetings in each classroom to introduce themselves and explain the class and school routines. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher and they will provide you with the information booklet.

Please ensure that your children have the appropriate books and stationery to ensure that they are able to properly access the class lessons. If you have not yet paid, please do so or see our MCS who can assist you with a payment plan.

This term will include NAPLAN testing, which has moved from term 2 to ensure that the results are available earlier. There is also our PAT testing and On Entry testing the results of which are used to inform our planning.

There was a cake stall yesterday to raise funds towards the Year 6 camp. A big thank you to the parents for supplying some delicious goodies to support our Year 6 cohort.

School photos are in week 10 of this term, as is the ANZAC service, making it a very busy term.

Whilst the internet has assisted us in so many ways, there are unfortunately a people who use it to bully intimidate and groom students. I urge all parents to monitor closely the "friends" that are in communication with your children.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED



I have been made aware that some of our students are sharing clips of themselves on Tik Tok which is totally innocent but that some of our students are wearing school uniform. Unfortunately, there are predators on the web who troll it looking for victims and could use the school uniform to identify your children. Parents please be very vigilant.

Our Dolphin has had a makeover which compliments our Faction totem poles and finishes the space off beautifully. A big thank you to Mrs Wagstaff for coordinating these improvements.

Once again thank you to all of our Parents and Carers for all your support so far this year, we really appreciate and value you all.

I am on Long Service Leave from 27th February until the 27th March. The very capable Mrs Nolan will be the Principal during my absence.

Elizabeth Wildish

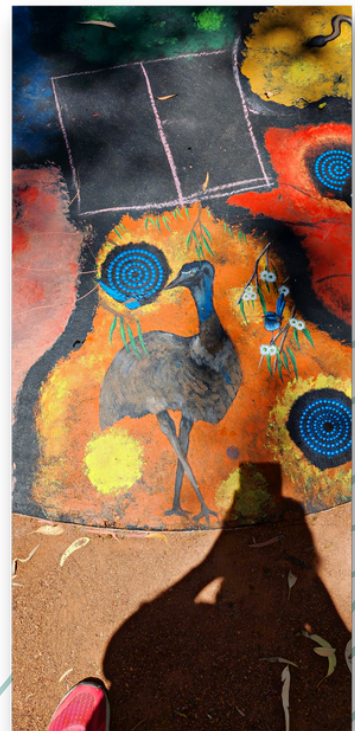


AROUND THE SCHOOL

Bush Tucker Garden

The students have enjoyed going back to the Bush Tucker Garden and seeing how the plants have grown over the summer break. We have been learning all about the Lemon Myrtle plant and have been looking into the Noongar seasons. The students have loved learning about 'Bunuru' which is the Noongar season that spans February and March and have discovered what animals and plants were available to the Aboriginal people during this period.

We are all very excited as the Yarning Circle nears completion. The Noongar six seasons are almost finished and it is looking absolutely wonderful! Our artist Mrs Rebecca Reid has done the most amazing job and the whole school cannot wait to start using it.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

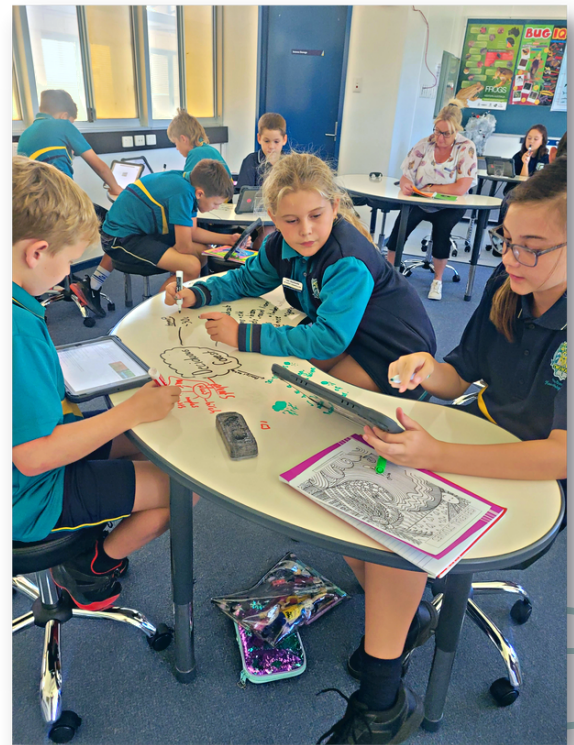
Year 6



We have had an action packed start to the school year.

We have committed fully to our responsibilities as school leaders and have completed our jobs as Faction Captains, ICT Leaders, Student Councilors, Head Boy and Girl to the best of our ability.

In Literacy we have been working on persuasive text, which we excel at. In Mathematics, we have been revising multiplication and division. We have been working collaboratively in science using our amazing whiteboard tables. We are so excited for the year to come.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Year 5

The year 5 students are settling in well to the new routines. We have started Biological Science in which we are learning about animal and plant adaptations. In maths the focus is place value and in Literacy we are exploring our sounds, spelling, V.C.O.P and Fantasy Writing. Our novel this year is Charlotte's Web. We are excited to read about the new characters.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Year 4

The Year Fours have had a wonderful start to the year! We are super excited to be in upper primary now which means we get to participate in Senior Sport on Friday afternoons. We have spent our time getting to know each other and setting up our group routines and expectations.

In Math, we have been focusing on Place Value by reading and writing numbers up to one hundred thousand. In English, we have been focusing on setting up our VCOP wall and have started looking at Narrative structures. The students have loved participating in science rotations where they are learning about the biological science of living things. Another highlight has been learning about the geography of the world and singing The Continent Song!



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Year 3

This term has been so busy already! We have had PAT testing and getting to know our new classmates and expectations in Year Three. This year we get to use the kitchen garden which we are absolutely loving. In the garden we have been weeding and filled a whole bin in about 20 minutes. We really enjoy trying to find who can pull a weed out with the longest roots. In the kitchen we are working on our cutting skills. Mr Mercer and Miss Mott have no doubts that we will all be on Master Chef in the future particularly because we are so enthusiastic!



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Year 2

In Year 2 we have had a great start, with lots of learning fun.

In Literacy we have enjoyed descriptive writing and learning new vocabulary.

Maths has been about revising place value and we are now beginning work on addition.

In HASS we are learning about the equator and hemispheres and in Science we are discussing growth and change in all living things.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Year 1

The Year One's have had an amazing start to the year! In Literacy we are learning how to write recounts and have been learning lots of wonderful vocabulary such as dart, hurtling, cozy and snug. We have also been learning all about the Main Idea and that it is what the story is mostly about. In Grammar we have been practising our verbs and loved getting up and moving to verbs such as run, jump, hop and skip!

In Maths we have enjoyed starting the new program Mental Maths and we are getting really good at answering the questions. We have also been learning all about place value and love doing hands on activities with the MAB blocks.

In Science we are studying Biological Sciences and have learnt all about animals and how their external features help them to survive in their environment. We have loved learning all about sharks, turtles, fish, kangaroos, emus, lizards and wombats.

In Health we have learnt about 'early warning signs' and enjoyed making pipe cleaner spiders! In Hass we have learnt all about Hemispheres and the Equator.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Pre Primary

We have had a fantastic start to Pre-Primary and have worked really hard to learn the rules and routines of the big school. Our fantastic behaviour has meant we have already achieved our first whole class reward of a Zoopah Doopah and some extra outside play. We loved it!

In English we have been learning the sounds made by letters of the alphabet and have been using them to make words. We are working hard to blend sounds together to assist us with learning to read.

In Mathematics we are focusing on reading, writing and making sets of items up to ten. We learnt to identify similarities between objects and use it to sort them into groups. We have been busy enjoying lots of hands on activities to consolidate our learning each day.



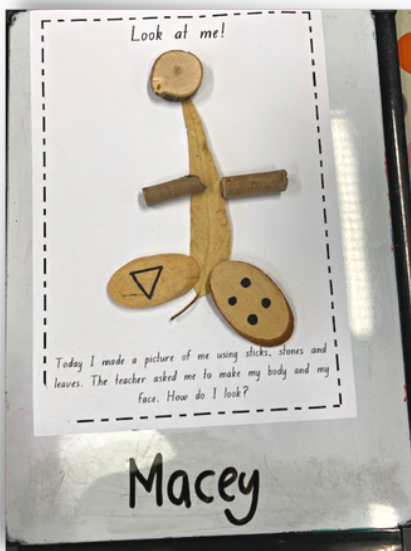
CLASSROOM UPDATES

KinderGarten

We have had a busy and exciting start to the year in Kindy and it has been so much fun! We have been busy making friends and learning to work together as a team. We are learning to recognise our emotions and express what we feel using our amazing words that we know.

We are singing along to our Literacy and Numeracy songs and learning to sit on the mat for warm-ups. We have been listening to some amazing stories and sharing our favourite parts of what we have heard, Pete the Cat is our favourite so far. We are learning to count and recognise our numbers to twenty. We were very excited to recreate ourselves using items that we can find in our natural environment.

Our teachers are very proud of us for being so amazing!



SPECIAL Announcement

\$500 towards you or your children's education



saverplus

Saver Plus is a free financial education program that matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

What can the \$500 be used for?

 Laptops & tablets	 Lessons & activities
 Uniforms & shoes	 Books & supplies
 Vocational education	 Camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

*Many Centrelink payments are eligible

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

To find out more:
Enquire online at saverplus.org.au
Email saverplus@bsl.org.au
Call 1300 610 355

Delivered by:
The Smith Family
Learn today, change tomorrow.

SAVER PLUS – To be eligible, you must have all of the following:

- A Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- Have a child in school (can be starting school next year) OR be studying yourself
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- Be 18+ years old

MAWA MATHS EXPO – Now that's something different!

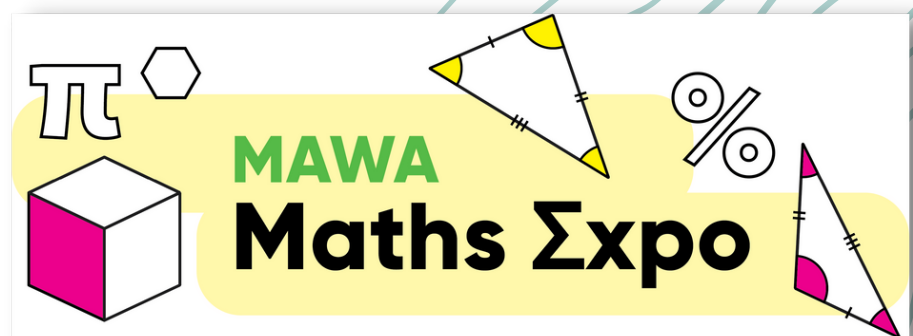
- The expo is targeted at families in the aim to provide support to parents and students with mathematics learning at home by showcasing interactive resources.
- One of the many games featured at expo is MULTI and MAWA is the only distributor in Australia.
- It will be a fun, interactive day with lots of opportunity to see a variety of resources that make learning fun, and there are prizes to be won on the day!
- Every family that attends will receive a \$10 voucher to use at the MAWA stand.

Hope to see you in March 2023!

Expo Registration

Members: \$10 per family

Non-members: \$15 per family



SPECIAL Announcement



NOONGAR LANGUAGE SINGING WORKSHOPS WITH GINA WILLIAMS AND GUY GHOUSE

In these vibrantly engaging and heart-warming singing sessions, Gina and Guy will teach songs from their catalogue and take audiences on a journey through the four principles of Koort (heart), Moort (family/community), Boodja (land) and Koorlangka (children/legacy).

All workshops focus on the importance of keeping Noongar language and culture alive as well as learning original Noongar language songs. Expect to laugh, sing and learn!

Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse are multi award winners of the WA Music Industry (WAMI) Indigenous Act of the Year. They have brought their music to audiences across the world.

As this is a free four-part workshop series, we respectfully ask that you only sign up if you can make all four sessions, as places are limited and demand will be high. The program runs for four Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 19 April through to Wednesday 10 May.

Program details:

Time: **6.30pm to 8pm**

Four Wednesdays: **19 & 26 April, 3 & 10 May.**

Address: **Oldham Park Clubrooms, Oldham Park Reserve, 91 Lagoon Drive, Yanchep**

Booking (after 9am, 27 Feb): **<https://wannnoongarlangsinging.eventbrite.com.au>**

These workshops are aimed at adults (and older children), but we are a family friendly venue. Please let us know in your ticketing if you're bringing children so we can make our venue comfortable and welcoming for everyone.

This Australian Heritage Festival event is being held in association with the North Coast Community Arts Festival.

SPECIAL

Announcement



Staff Development Day

A reminder that **Friday (3rd March 2023)** is Staff Development Day. Students will not attend school on this day.

School will resume on **Tuesday, 7th March 2023**



Labour Day

A reminder that **Monday (6th March 2023)** is Labour Day. Students and staff will not attend school on this day.

School will resume on **Tuesday, 7th March 2023**



Photo Day

Our school photo day is scheduled for

Monday (3/4/2023)
and
Tuesday (4/4/2023)



SCHOOL

Informations



Operating Hours

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8:00AM - 3:30PM (WEEKDAYS)

SCHOOL START TIME

8:30AM

SCHOOL FINISH TIME

2:45PM

Library Day Term 1, 2023

LIBRARY TIME TABLE

Monday

Pre-Primary

Year 3

Year 5

Tuesday

Year 2

Wednesday

Year 6

Thursday

Year 4

Year 1