## THE WAVE

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



As we commence term 2 2023, I would like to look back on term one and take the opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers and community members for the amazing support that we always receive. I would also like to thank my wonderful staff who always ensure that our students have all remained happy and are enjoying their learning. A special thank you to Mrs Nolan who was the acting Principal in my absence.

The Easter Bunny visited the school on Tuesday 4th April and presented all our students with an Easter Egg. He was certainly very popular with our students.

We had the official opening of the Yarning Circle with Bradley Jacobs a local elder performing a smoking ceremony for the official opening of the Yarning Circle. It was very special, a big thank you to Bradley, Rebecca Reid the fabulous artist who painted the seasons mural in the centre of the Yarning Circle, our parents who took part in the ceremony and to Mrs Dodds whose hard work and diligence saw this amazing project through from beginning to end.

The year 5 and 6 teachers organised a disco as a fundraiser for the respective camps. It was great fun and the students all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Melanie Fisher and Charlene Gardener our wonderful parent volunteers.

We had our annual school photos at the end of the term, a big thank you to Mrs Wagstaff who organised the day and ensured it all ran according to schedule.

A big thank you to our Students Councillors, Head Boy Blake and Head Girl Olivia for the great job they all did to ensure that our ANZAC service was very moving, a big thank you to Mrs Wagstaff for organising this for us.

A huge welcome back to Mrs Pinches who has now returned from her years leave. Welcome also to Mrs Tracy Lewis who has taken over from Ms Carrier as our Manager Corporate Services.

The Transition to Kindergarten will commence this term on 5th May a big thank you to Mrs Montes for organising this program for us.

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED



The Two Rocks P.S. Cross Country will take place on Friday 5th May at Charnwood Oval, thanks to Mr Schweda who has organised the whole event.

Our Year 6 students will be on camp in week 4 commencing 15th May. They are going to Busselton accompanied by their teachers Mr Bridgeman Mrs Kirwan and assisted by Mrs Pinches.

Next week we will be having our Mothers Day Stall if any parents wish to help please let the Admin know.

We have the School reviewers at school in week four to validate and review the processes, programs and results that we are achieving here at Two Rocks.P.S.

I would urge parents to log into my school website and check the NAPLAN results for 2022 our now year 4 and 6 cohorts achieved some very pleasing results.

Elizabeth Wildish 🖌

#### **AROUND** THE SCHOOL Yarning Circle Smoking Ceremony



On 5th April 2023, we held the smoking ceremony for our new Yarning Circle and Welcome to Country. The ceremony was performed by our local Aboriginal Elder, Brad Jacobs. Our students get to experience an ancient custom that involves smoldering various native plants to produce smoking which has cleansing properties.

This event allows our students to get a better understanding of the Aboriginal culture at the same time to be able to learn and appreciate some important value of the ancient tradition.

We would like to express our huge thank you to our lovely Mrs Dodds for all her hard works on the Yarning Circle, Mrs Rebecca Reid for the beautiful Aboriginal artwork on the circle, parents who attended the ceremony and Brad Jacobs for performing the ceremony and welcoming us to his land.



# AROUND THE SCHOOL



We held our Anzac Day assembly on the last day of Term 1 that was organised by Mrs Wagstaff. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 were on attendance. We would like to thank our parents for their support on that day.

We also would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to Ms Tracey Roberts MP for the donation of the beautiful wreath. Our head boy, Blake and head girl, Olivia represented the school to lay the wreath to honour those we lost during the war. The ceremony was completed with a graceful performance from the school choir group conducted by Mrs Terrazas.



### **AROUND** THE SCHOOL Easter Celebration

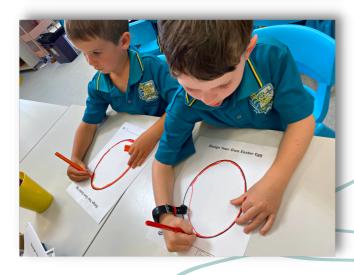


Two Rocks Primary School had a cheeky visitor to celebrate Easter, bringing chocolate eggs and smiles to the classrooms.













### AROUND THE SCHOOL Disco Night



We had our Year 6 disco on Friday (31st March 2023). Everyone had an amazing time. We had the first section for Kindy - Year 3 and the second section for Year 4 - Year 6.

There were a lot of delicious snacks and drinks being sold at the canteen. The money that we raised from the admission fees, the food, the bracelets and face painting on that evening, will be put towards our Year 6 Busselton Camp.

On that evening, there were a lot of fun games and music to dance to with all our fellow friends. We played musical statue and roll the dice as always with our amazing disco host, Mr Schweda together with other staff sacrificing their evening to volunteer and supervise everyone and make sure everything is safe and running smoothly.

We had a wonderful time and we enjoyed our Friday evening at the disco with all our friends and teachers.

Sincerely, Olivia (Head Girl) & Blake (Head Boy)

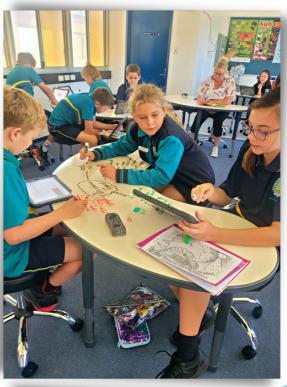




In Literacy we have been focusing on procedural texts, our students can confidently give directions to places and instructions on how to complete tasks. In Mathematics we have been working on decimal fractions and how to add, subtract and multiply them.

In Science we have enjoyed using the whiteboard desks to display our learning. We are looking forward to next term and our Year 6 Camp.









The year 5s have had a fantastic start to the school year. There have been many exciting learning experiences this Term.

From learning about Animal and Plant Adaptations in Biological Science, Place value, decimal numbers, multiplication, and number lines in maths, to making ice-cream in Cooking and tasting herbs in the garden. Next term we look forward to reading about the adventures of Wilbur in Charlotte's Web and expanding our mathematical mind maps.

Have a Happy Easter and well deserved holiday!





Term 1 has seen many highlights in the kitchen, garden, the school disco, mega reward and has been full of lots of learning. In the classroom we've been working really hard on our writing by improving our creative writing skills and adding to our VCOP display. In math, we have explored am and pm on clocks and created picture graphs.

The best parts of our term has been going to Perth Zoo to explore the African Savannah! Keep reading for a couple of our highlights from our trip.

"On the 30th of March I went on an awesome trip to Perth Zoo. I arrived at school with a huge smile and told my teachers that I had asked my mum if I could sleep with my uniform on because I didn't want to be late!" India

"We went to see the female elephant and she was honestly so funny because she was smashing a milk bottle around trying to get milk!" Skylah

"We saw the Meerkats we were mostly seen digging for sweet apples as they wanted food" Prish

"My excursion to the zoo was the best because we saw so many animals. My favourite animal was the African painted dog because I really like their colour." Leon

"My favourite was the Nocturnal House because it was dark and we got to see a sugar glider" Isla





In Literacy we have been learning how to write narratives which we really enjoy and we have also been learning how to edit our work using the correct punctuation marks and capitals in sentences.

In Maths, we are flying through this module because we are superstars at times tables! We are learning about living and non living things in Science and we have been making Keynote presentations. We were lucky enough to have the ICT leaders come and help with us.









#### We have had a busy Term 1 with lots of fun and learning!

In Literacy, we have thoroughly enjoyed our vocabulary sessions, learning great new words such as sturdy, hurtling and shudder. We finished off the unit by reading the story 'The Three Little Aliens and The Big Bad Robot'.

We have enjoyed learning about native plants we are growing in the school Bush Tucker Garden and had fun designing our own gardens including a finger lime tree.

In HASS we have learnt about the history of Two Rocks and in Science, we have learnt about kitchen gadgets and food storage.

We are looking forward to Term 2 after a relaxing holiday!





#### The Year Ones have had an amazing Term One!

In Literacy the students have become fantastic at writing recounts and are now working on learning to write procedures. They loved our unit on The Main Idea and we finished the unit with a bit of fun where they discussed what they thought the main idea of chocolate cookies was, and enjoyed eating the cookies as well! We finished our unit of Vocabulary on The Three Little Aliens and The Big Bad Robot and learnt some amazing new words - crowded, squealed, pounded, hurtling and dart.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed our unit on Biological Science which saw them learn all about the external features of sharks, turtles, fish, insects and Australian animals. They were so excited by the arrival of our new class pets – our mystery water snails and our little garden snails as well. We finished off this unit of work by learning all about plants and the students loved holding their own plants and being able to physically see the 'stem, roots, flower and leaves.' They planted them in mini plant pots and now they are making sure they have everything they need to survive – water, air, soil and sunlight. The students are super excited about going to AQWA so they can see all the animals they have been learning about all term.

In Health they have been learning all about being persistent when you feel unsafe, getting help, and what their early warning signs are. In HASS we finished our unit on Geography where we looked at the globe and learned about the Equator, the Hemispheres, and what the weather is like around the world, and are now learning all about words used to describe the past, present and future.



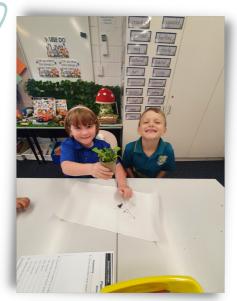
### CLASSROOM UPDATES Year 1 (Continued)





















### CLASSROOM UPDATES Pre Primary



Wow this term has flown by and we can't believe it is nearly Easter. Our fantastic behaviour has continued, and we enjoyed a second reward, decorating biscuits- yum!

In English we have been consolidating the sounds we learnt this term and have focused on writing them with correct formation. We are using our knowledge of sounds to help us begin and write simple words and have started a reading program called Lexia on our iPads, which we are enjoying.

In Mathematics our focus has been on reading and writing numbers and matching them to a number word. We have practiced counting in order and identifying numbers which come before and after a given numeral. We have also been following and giving directions using positional language and learning our left and right.



### CLASSROOM UPDATES Kinder Garten



In Kindy we have been very busy learning new things and we have continued to grow in confidence as the term has progressed.

In Literacy we have been learning o sounds and writing their associated letters. While in Mathematics we are exploring the world of numbers and what is the same or different.

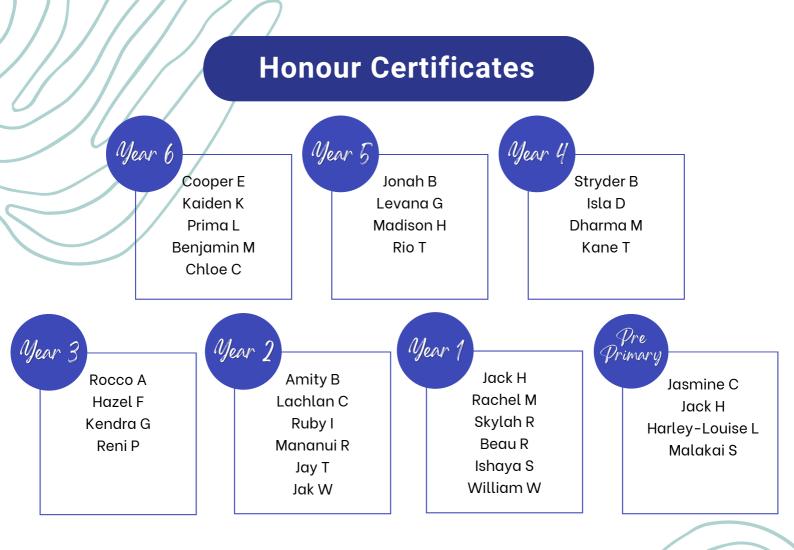
We have been learning about feelings and emotions through books and role play. We have really enjoyed playing with musical instruments particularly the triangle during our play time.

We are looking forward to our upcoming holiday before we start an exciting term 2.









#### Aussie of the Month







IMPORTANT DATES			
Event	Dates		Year Level
	Start	Finish	Year Level
Cross Country	05/05/2023	-	Year 1 to Year 6
Year 6 Camp	15/05/2023	19/05/2023	Year 6
Book Fair	22/05/2023	26/05/2023	All year levels
Year 5 Assembly	24/05/2023	-	All year levels
Transition (Phase 1)	26/05/2023	-	-



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#### **Operating Hours**

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

> SCHOOL START TIME 8:30AM

SCHOOL FINISH TIME 2:45PM Library Day Term 2, 2023

#### LIBRARY TIME TABLE

<u>Monday</u> Pre-Primary Year 3 Year 5

> <u>Tuesday</u> Year 2

<u>Wednesday</u> Year 6

<u>Thursday</u> Year 4 Year 1