



Woodbridge PS Newsletter - Issue 7

The Magpie - Friday 2nd August 2024

A message from the Principal



Welcome to the first official edition of our newsletter for this term.

There are many exciting events being held that support our teaching and learning programs this term. Such events include our senior sports program for selected students, as well as incursions and excursions that have been planned across the school. Whilst some of these are free, we understand this may impose additional costs for families. Please be assured these have been carefully considered and we have remained well under the advertised limits set in our fees and charges, for 2024.

Assembly

Our leaders were presented with their badges on Wednesday and will perform their leadership duties as leaders around our school this semester. Responsibilities include one leader representing each class across the school and meeting with them to gather information for student council meetings. In these meetings the leaders meet with me to discuss aspects of school operations that are working well and those that can be improved. They have been heavily involved in our introduction and consideration of PBS initiatives. We had two special guests at our assembly on Wednesday, representing organisations from the wider community. They were from Swan Active and The Smith Family. Both organisations approached me after the assembly to acknowledge the amazing public speaking skills of our student leaders and the wonderful behaviour of all students in the audience. Well done to everyone here!

Our next assembly will be held next Wednesday 7th August and will be hosted by Miss Berry's Year 4/5 class. We look forward to Room 5 launching a new initiative for the school!

State Soccer

Last Friday selected senior players represented the school in the WA Sports Primary Open Football Championships. Congratulations to our players who, as a team, won 2 of their games and drew one, placing them in second place for their group. More importantly, they represented the school in an extremely positive manner. Well done team!

A big thanks to Mr Noakes, Mr Gander and Mr Guy for their efforts to train our students every Tuesday morning before school, and coach and support the team on the day.

Interschool Sports

Our senior students have been training on Monday afternoons for Soccer, AFL, Netball and Volleyball. Selected students have played their first competitive matches in these sports against Midvale PS today. Thank you to our upper primary staff who have prepared students for these events, and to Mrs Bond who coordinates our involvement in this initiative, providing our students with real-game experiences.

Book Week 2024

Mrs Ganaway's and Mrs Wedge's Year 5/6 class will host our annual Book Week Parade on Friday 23rd August. This year's theme is 'Reading is Magic!' We look forward to seeing the wonderful costumes at this whole-school event, with a gold coin donation towards the Year 6 Graduation.

School Board Update

We held our first Board meeting for Term 3 on Wednesday night, reviewing our Resources Operational Plan and presenting our very successful Financial Compliance Report we received last term, in which we received 'good' and 'excellent' ratings across all areas. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 4th September at 6:30pm in our library** and is an open, public meeting. We welcome parents and community members who might like to gain some insight into the purpose and operations of the School Board at Woodbridge PS. If you would like to attend the open meeting, please RSVP to Deborah.taylor3@education.wa.edu.au .

Staff Personality Profile

Kirstie Wedge



This Newsletter our spotlight is on Mrs Kirstie Wedge, who is one of our Room 14 Teachers here at Woodbridge PS.

Some fun facts about Kirstie:

What is your favourite food: Chocolate.

Where is your favourite holiday destination: Jurien Bay.

What do you do in your spare time: I spend all my free time running around after my 3 children. We enjoy spending time at the playground.

If you were an animal, what would you be?: A bird so I could fly.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be: Princess Belle, so I could read all day and have the furniture cook and clean for me.

What do you love most about your job?: I love coming to school and seeing all the happy faces of the children I teach.

School Absence Reporting

Please ensure that the text includes the student's name, date of absence and reason for absence. Do not call the number as it is an automated system, which is not manned by a person. Sample SMS Reply Message: Jane Citizen, 11 Feb, sick.

For School Absence Reporting - Please text 0447 934 132

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already paid their 2024 voluntary contributions, we really appreciate it. One of the many things that your contributions go towards that benefit all of our students is online subscriptions. These include; Literacy Pro, Maths Online & Maths Seeds.

Please be reminded that the current contributions have been set at \$60 per child per year and to a maximum of \$120 per family for the year. Payment can be made in cash or EFTPOS at the office, or electronically directly into the school account:

Commonwealth Bank

BSB 066 040

A/C No: 19907195

Facebook Page

Our new Facebook page has been very successful. If you haven't already please click on this [link](#) and follow us for regular updates on what is happening around our school. Thank you to everyone who has followed us so far.

Positive Behaviour Support

Positive Behaviour Support WA (PBS) is a framework to help guide the implementation of evidence-based practices to improve student academic, behaviour, and social and emotional learning outcomes. In 2022 we started the exciting journey to implement Positive Behaviour Support at our school with 100% of staff supporting this initiative. In 2023 a team of staff representatives were established who continue to guide our journey and the implementation of PBS. We have developed 4 expectations for behaviour, and a magpie caricature that will be the face of this initiative. Our expectations are:



Sports News

Last Friday, the school soccer team participated in the Eastern Regional finals of the School Sport WA State Soccer Championships. A squad of 14 players played 5 games against very capable opposition under the leadership of coaches Mr Noakes and Mr Gander. Mr Guy and Mr Taylor were also on hand to support the players during an exhausting day. The team played with resilience and a skillset

that belied their lack of experience playing together. They came away with 2 wins, 2 draws and only 1 defeat; to the eventual winners on the day. Finishing second in their group of six was an outstanding achievement. Well done to all those involved, who did themselves and the school proud.

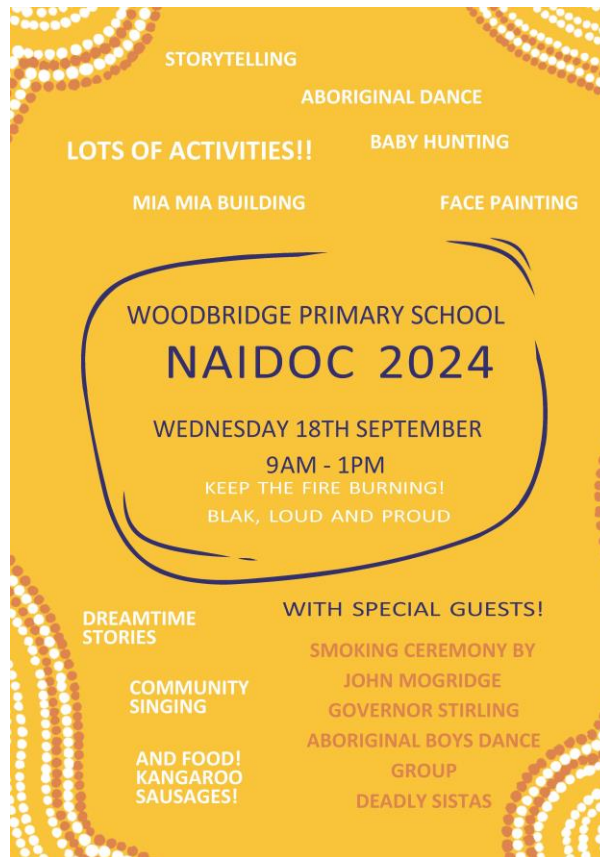






RAPS News

Our NAIDOC celebrations will culminate on Wednesday 18th September with a whole school special assembly and special activities throughout the day. Mrs Galley, Mrs Williams and Mrs Condo are busy organising this very special event. Please refer to the poster for more information.



Kitchen Garden News

Within the last few weeks we have been busy planting more carrot and radish seeds and lettuce seedlings. The snow peas and sugar snap peas are starting to ripen and students have enjoyed picking and eating them.

In Grub Club we have been using our school grown beetroots (along with carrots and apples) to make tasty juice to drink. We also had fun making chocolate beetroot cake.

Students also loved baking kale crisps with the bundles of kale we picked from our school garden. It was great to see them gobbling up these crispy, green leaves straight from the oven.

Jean Muthukumaraswamy

Kitchen Garden Coordinator











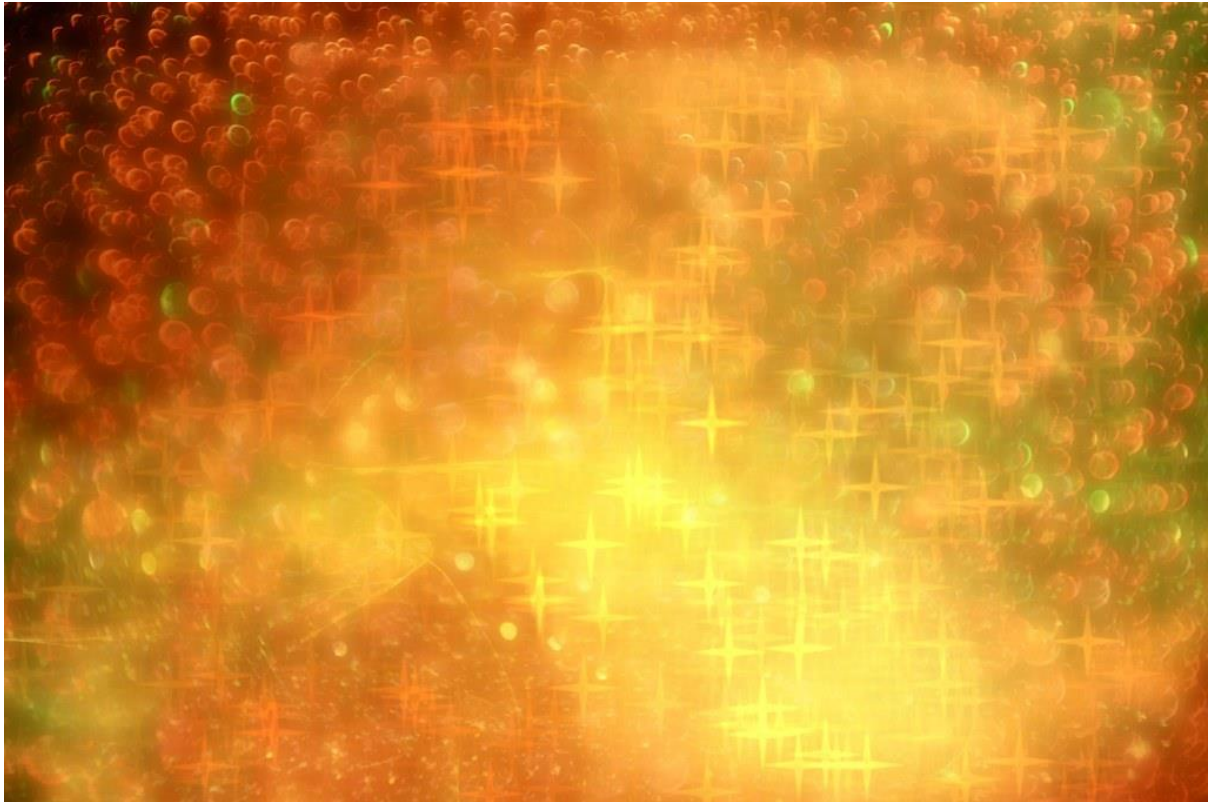


WasteSorted Schools Grant

Thanks to a successful grant from WasteSorted Schools, we will be installing colour coded bins in classrooms and eating areas, as part of our commitment to provide infrastructure and education around waste management.

Room 5's Assembly in week 4 will provide further information on sustainability leader roles, and an incursion has been booked to support our students in learning how to sort waste into the correct bins! Our colour coded bins align with the roll out of FOGO and Containers for Change, so hopefully, these new behaviours will become positive habits that continue at home and in the wider community. There is lots to check out on the WasteSorted Schools page: [WasteSorted Schools | Waste Authority WA](#)

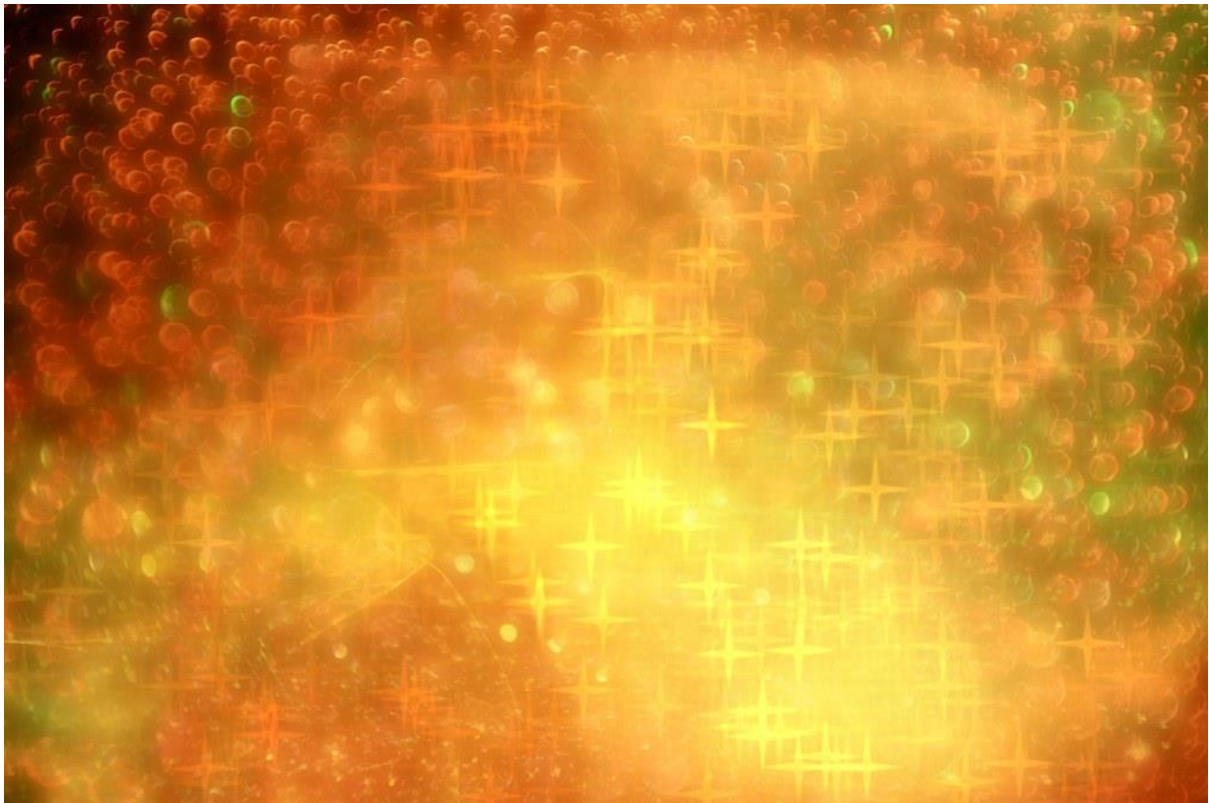
Honour Certificates



- Room 1 Alex, Harvey
- Room 2 Hairder, Alice, Ruby
- Room 3 Ibrahim, Lillyanah
- Room 4 Mason, Darlene, Mia
- Room 5 Isabella, Romeo, Freya
- Room 6 Jack, James
- Room 7 Marine, Arjun, Aurora
- Room 8 Delilah, Leo
- Room 9 William, Oscar, Teagan
- Room 10 Aesha, Autumn, Ibrahim
- Room 11 Ella, Skylah, April
- Room 12 Taariq, Isabella
- Room 13 Anabelle, Charlotte, Ashley
- Room 14 Aarov, Kolby
- Room 15 Ned, Patricia, Isla



Outstanding School Spirit Award



Elsie Van der Meulen - Year 5, Room 5

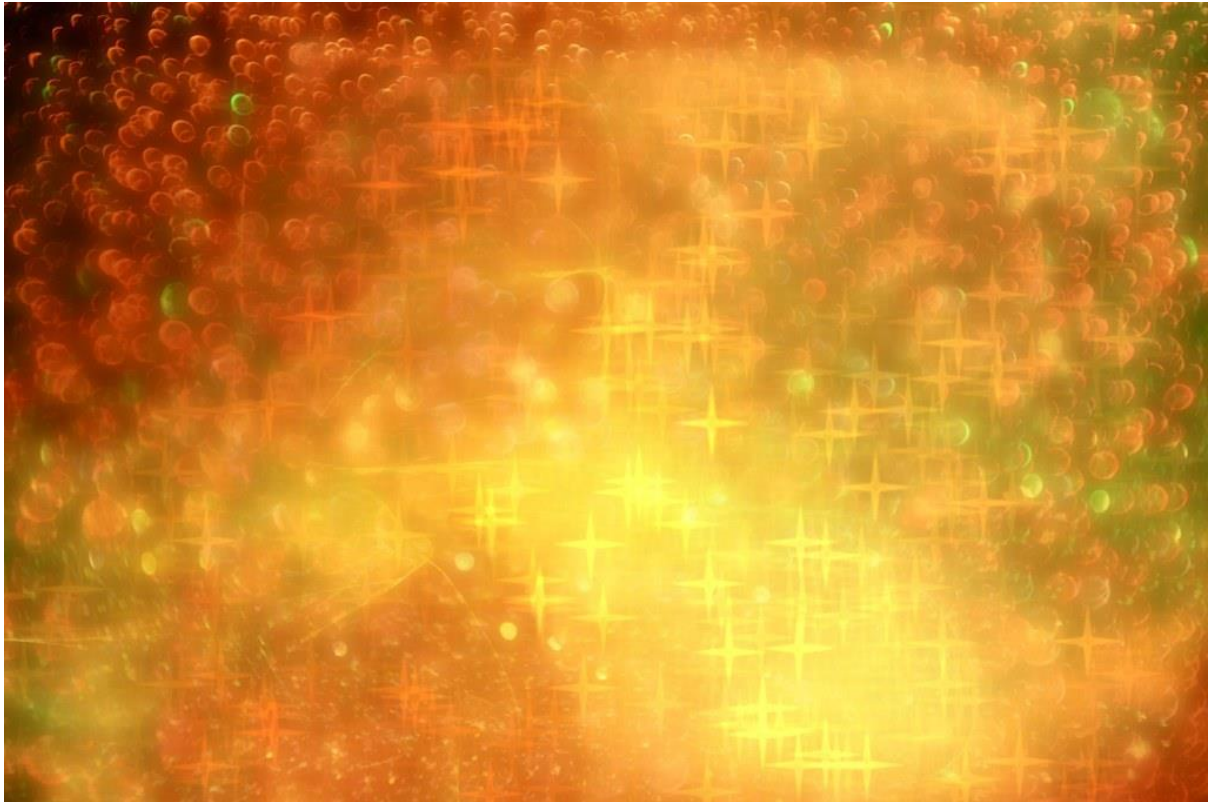


Elsie is a bright example of what outstanding school spirit looks like. She comes to school every day with a big, bright smile and a bubbly attitude. She always takes the time to help those around her and shows incredible empathy towards her peers and teachers. Whether it's offering a helping hand or sharing kind words, Elsie makes everyone feel valued and supported.

Her positive energy and dedication shine through in everything she does, from her commitment to extension dance to her enthusiasm in the classroom. Elsie's willingness to go above and beyond and her cheerful presence helps make our school a warmer and more welcoming place for all.

We are so proud to recognise Elsie with this special award. You truly are an outstanding asset to our school community. Well done!

Super Student



Vince Tyler - Year 4, Room 5

Vince Tyler is a hard-working, well-mannered and playful member of our class who demonstrates a strong passion and commitment to his learning. He serves as a daily role model, striving to uphold our PBS expectations of aspire, caring, respectful and responsible. It is an absolute pleasure to have Vince Tyler in Room 5.



Food: Noodles

TV/Movies: Captain Underpants, Spongebob

Hobbies: Watch TV or play with my toys

Books: Dogman and Story Tree House

Sports: Basketball, swimming and golf.

Future Career: Engineer

Zuha - Year 1, Room 9

Zuha is a happy, kind student who is always ready and organised to work. She tries her best across all areas of her learning. Her confidence has grown throughout the year, and she is now contributing to class discussions. Zuha is truly a Super Student.



Food: Biryani

TV/Movies: Frown King (You tube)

Hobbies: Shopping

Books: Magic Books

Sports: Basketball

Future Career: Doctor

The Smith Family

Many children will have a positive experience starting school or moving from primary to high school and despite some initial nervousness, most will settle in very quickly. However, we know some parents/carers may be very concerned about the upcoming changes e.g. buying uniforms, books or devices and that's where we can help.

What is Saver Plus: Saver Plus is a free online money skills program for people on lower incomes and matched savings program. It's about strengthening financial skills, to build and develop (and keep) good savings habits.

Saver Plus encourages parents to **save \$50 a month** (for 10 months). Savings are then matched - **a free \$500 for education costs.**

Now accessible to any eligible Australian – no matter where they live.

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must have all of the following:

- Centrelink payment*
- Hold a Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in school yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner) * /Carers Payment / Child Support or Cash in hand.
- Be 18+ years old
- Not have completed the program previously.

* Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, see the [Saver Plus terms and conditions](#) for more information saverplus.org.au

If your family would like to check your eligibility and receive a call back, please send an enquiry via the following link: <https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/> or call our national number 1300 610 355 and a local coordinator will contact you directly.

Delivered by The Smith Family and funded by Brotherhood of St Laurence, ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



Take control of your finances

For every **dollar you save**, you will receive **another dollar from ANZ** to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk – and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), **ANZ will double it.**

What can the \$500 be spent on?



Laptops and tablets



Uniforms and shoes



Vocational education



Lessons and activities



Books and supplies



Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus



Be 18 years or older



Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card



Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself



Get a regular income (you or your partner)



Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355

Uniform Shop News

Orders may be placed online through the link below.

<https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

or a completed order form left with Deb Taylor in the office, with the correct money. The Uniform Shop will be open at the stated times below: -

Tuesday mornings 8.15am to 9.00am

Thursday afternoons 2.15pm to 3.00pm



P&C News

As you are all aware, later this year Woodbridge Primary School will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary. In honour of this our amazing P&C have established a 90th Anniversary Committee and they will be collaborating our yearbook.

They are seeking pictures any parents, caregivers or grandparents may have stored on their phones from 2024 events such as ANZAC Day, Sports carnival, Swimming, Assemblies etc.

They are also interested in any photos or images that paint the picture of our school's history over the last 90 years. If you have anything as such, could we please ask you to post them through the link below, on the Woodbridge Primary School 90th Anniversary Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/3du8WWoHn1oBqDgg/?mibextid=A7sQZp>

Community News


VacSwim programs

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim school holiday swimming lessons. With locations at pools and beaches across WA, they're a great school holiday activity. These fun lessons also teach children skills to help keep them safe in and around water.

Enrol now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



Murdoch University After School Program



Mathematics and Physical Sciences After School Program

FOR STUDENTS AGE 10 AND UP

Physics Primer

📅 Mondays 4:30 – 6:30pm
💰 \$225 per student each term

Students perform calculations to solve problems of motion, including gravity and then other forces in the universe. Students may also train for the Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Physics and/or the Open Universities Australia units *General Physics and/or Principles of Physics*.

Chemistry Primer

📅 Thursdays 4:30 – 6:30pm
💰 \$225 per student each term

Students perform calculations to learn about atoms, molecules, elements and compounds and progress to calculations in topics such as gases, specific heat and chemical solutions. Students may also train for the Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Chemistry and/or the Open Universities Australia unit *Fundamentals of Chemistry*.

Mathematics Primer

📅 Fridays 4:30 – 6:30pm
💰 \$225 per student each term

Trigonometry followed by Calculus and other areas when required. Mathematical topics are taught at each student's pace and students learn mathematical conventions and techniques.

The Murdoch University After School Program in Mathematics and Physical Sciences has been running since 2001.

All sessions are at Murdoch University, South Street Campus, Building 450, Floor 3, Room 001. Parking available in carpark 4.

Sessions are tailored to each individual student and students may begin at any time during the term. Refund will only be given if course is cancelled by our Program.

Classes commence the second week of each school term. All subjects require a notebook for working and will require a scientific calculator. Bottled water is permitted in classrooms and students should bring a healthy snack.

Payment may be made online: payments.murdoch.edu.au/prepCourses

To enrol

To obtain enrolment information provide the age of the student and email: AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au or phone 0427 864 740 (afternoons and evenings).

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AusBike

AusBike is a new national 'Learn to Ride' program. The fun cycling program is being run at Middle Swan Primary School by a local cycling club called X-Speed.

The program has been designed for 5–12-year-olds who are just getting started in their cycling journey. They will learn how to ride safely, with confidence under the guidance of an AusCycling accredited coach.

We accept Kidsport vouchers for this event!

Registration link: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/91619/x-speed-australia-cycle-club>



Free online parent workshops

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free online workshops for families. The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website.

How to register:

Scan the QR code or click/type the link below into your browser:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gUzPu8xhvt>

Registration is essential to attend online workshops and will close 24 hours before the scheduled workshop. You will be sent an email with information and a link to join on the morning of the workshop. We would recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) ahead of the workshop.

If you would like to register for other Triple P workshops, please visit the [Triple P in WA](#) website and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of [Triple P Online](#) programs for free. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.



Tuesday 6 th August 7pm – 9pm	Making and keeping friends (10-16 years) Peer relationships become increasingly important during the teenage years, and parents may find it difficult to navigate and adjust to these changes in relationships. This session will provide suggestions on how to support your child to make friends, encourage positive relationships with peers, set appropriate boundaries and deal with challenges that may arise.
Tuesday 13 th August 7pm – 9pm	Raising competent teenagers (10-16 years) A challenge for parents is knowing how to encourage your teen to make the most of their time at school. This session will provide some ideas on how to help teens develop the skills they need to become competent young adults. We will cover six key ingredients: developing self-discipline, being a good problem solver, establishing routines, getting involved in school activities, following school <u>rules</u> and having supportive friends.
Tuesday 20 th August 8pm – 10pm	The power of positive parenting (under 12 years) Children of all ages need a safe, <u>secure</u> and loving environment to do well. This seminar will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, <u>interesting</u> and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent.
Tuesday 27 th August 8pm – 10pm	Promoting self-esteem (pre-schoolers, primary <u>schoolers</u> and teens) As children grow <u>up</u> they form views of themselves as a person, their value as an individual and how good they are at doing things. This view of their self-worth is called self-esteem. This session will help you encourage your child to be confident and develop healthy self-esteem.
Tuesday 3 rd September 8pm – 10pm	Learning to separate (toddlers and pre-schoolers) All children <u>have to</u> learn to cope with temporary separations from their parents. Shyness around new people and anxiety about separation from parents is common in toddlers and pre-schoolers. This session will help you teach your child to be comfortable around others and calmly separate from you, into the care of another trusted adult/caregiver.
Tuesday 10 th September 7pm – 9.30pm	Fear-Less: Supporting children with anxiety (6-14 years) Everyone feels anxious at times, even children and teenagers. But anxiety may cause distress and get in the way of life. This seminar will help parents to understand how anxiety works, how to manage your child's anxiety effectively and teach your child new coping skills.
Tuesday 17 th September 8pm – 10pm	Learning to use the toilet (toddlers and pre-schoolers) Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet. This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.

Diary of Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEKLY EVENTS	Ext. V. Arts: 2.45-3.45pm (Weeks 1 - 10)	Soccer: 7.45 - 8.30am (Weeks 1 - 10)	Woodbridge Walkers: 8.00-8.30am (Weeks 2 - 10) Chair: 8.00-8.30am (Weeks 2-10) Elizabeth (School Psych)	Story Time in the Library: 9.00-9.30am (Weeks 1 – 10) Elizabeth (School Psych) in – odd weeks	
Week 4	5 PEAC Catch Up Senior sport	6	7 Assembly – Room 5 Waste Incursion	8 Waste Incursion	9 Interschool Sport Waste Incursion
Week 5	12 Senior sport Rm 3/6 Kalamunda HV Excursion	13 Left-handers Day	14 9am Book Week Incursion	15 9am Constable Care Incursion	16 Interschool Sport
Week 6 BOOKWEEK 17th - 23rd	19 Senior sport	20 Ear Health Screening	21 6.30pm P&C Meeting	22	23 Newsletter Issue 8 BOOKWEEK Parade Rm 14 Interschool Sport

Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January - Thursday 28th March

Term 2 Tuesday 16th April - Friday 28th June

Term 3 Monday 15 July - Friday 20th September

Term 4 Wednesday 9th October - Thursday 12th December

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