Principal’s News

Welcome back to a new school year. Currently there are 218 students enrolled at Braeside with 18 new students and 27 Kindergarten students beginning 2017 with us. Teachers report that all children have settled well in their new classrooms and the new routines.

The Parent Information session next Monday is your opportunity to find out more about the classroom, teacher expectations and homework expectations. All class teachers are prepared for these sessions. We apologise again for the need to postpone them due to recent flood events and some parents not being able to attend.

Can I take the time to acknowledge the efforts of staff and parents given the recent flooding on Friday. The sense of community as all worked to stem floodwaters and ensure students made it home safely was second to none. I thank you all. I will be actively working with the Department of Housing and Works and the Education Department to rectify the issues and develop future plans to ensure that the recurring issues are addressed.
Fountas and Pinnell Reading

This year Braeside has started to use this program for students reading level and also as a Guided Reading program in classes Year 2-6. In previous years we have used PM Benchmarks and Lexile to determine students reading levels and a range of different programs for Guided Reading. The Fountas and Pinnell program looks more deeply at the student’s comprehension of what they read and how they respond to texts. Fountas and Pinnell levels are in letters.

We track the student’s reading growth by assessing their reading three or more times a year. Teachers and support staff also complete a reading check as part of the daily reading program. All classes undertake Fountas and Pinnell lessons for either 30-45 minutes four times a week. Support staff, Education Assistants and Admin staff are used to support the delivery of the program for Years 3-6. Early indicators show a high level of student engagement with the program as the children read books on a two day rotation. Groups I have worked with have in a week shown increasing ability to respond to indepth oral questioning about the texts. Further information and a workshop will be provided for parents as part of our Partnership With Parents series of workshops that will be conducted before each assembly.

As a school we will still celebrate the 100 nights of home reading and have organised a special school highlighter, with our school logo for students who achieve 50 nights. Those who reach 100, will again receive a book award at assembly. Mrs Tester is working with Senior teachers to organise Lexile rewards and systems, as she brings with her extensive experience with the Lexile program from East Wanneroo. We encourage you to support your child with their home reading and record it daily in their diary.

Camp Fundraising and Valentine’s day Lunch

Year 6 parents have been actively planning for a range of fundraising opportunities to support reducing the cost for students as they attend school camp. They are hosting a Valentine’s Day lunch where children can buy a plate of lunch for $3. If parents donate to the lunch, the cost is $1 per student. All parents are welcome to attend and join us for this event.

Teresa Wigg
Principal

For more information and to keep up to date remember to subscribe to our website at
http://braesideps.wa.edu.au/
Partnership With Parents Session

12.00 pm-1.30 pm: the Parent Information sessions will now be held Monday 20th February. The first session will be held by Mrs Wigg where the traffic light system used at Braeside will be explained. Parents will have input into the PBS Behaviour Expectations for 2017-2019. A light lunch will be provided.

School Council Positions and Nominations

The school council fulfills a very important role within the school community. It accepts and formulates policies, oversees school budget and contributions and helps set direction.

In 2017 we are calling for one Community Representative and three Parent Representatives.

School Council meets twice a term on a Thursday in weeks five and eight.

If you are interested in this position, please collect a nomination form from the office or alternatively visit our website on www.braesideps.wa.edu.au

Teresa Wigg

P&C NEWS

P & C AGM

The P&C Association AGM and General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd February at 6 pm in the School Library.

We are looking for interested people to take on the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three general members (usually sub-committee heads eg. grounds person, uniform shop, canteen liaison person and morning tea / disco coordinator.).

It would be great to see as many as we can as we require a quorum of at least 10 members. All people attending will need to pay an annual membership subscription of no more than $1.00.

International Rotary Dinner

This year the International Rotary Dinner will be held on 1st April 2017. The theme this year is Octoberfest. We are aiming to raise $10,000 and will be catering for 275 people on the night. We will also host an additional 40 people on a trial night which will be held on the 13th March.

This is the main fundraiser for the year and money will be going to the school to buy items not covered by the WA State Education Budget for example reading resources, sports trophies and air conditioners etc. Please keep a look out for a note that will be sent home soon with your children as to how you can help & contribute to the event.
Back to school!

As the school year begins, starting a new school, moving schools, changing classes, finding new friends and meeting new teachers will be top of mind for lots of young people in Australia. It’s normal for young people to feel nervous when beginning a new school and there are many things that young people can do to make the transition easier such as remaining in contact with old friends via emailing, social media or meeting up after school and weekends, finding ways to express how they are feeling like writing a journal, playing sport or talking to someone. ReachOut.com provides fact sheets, stories and forums to help make it easier for young people to adjust to new places, new people and new friends.

Starting a new School

People change schools all the time, and it can be hard to adjust to a new place. There are a few things you can do to make it easier. It helps to be patient, and to have someone to talk to.

This could be for you if you:

- Are about to change schools
- Have just started at a new school
- You want to make more friends at your new school
- Miss your old mates
- Want to talk to someone about changing schools

Changing schools

Most people have to start at a new school at least once when they’re young – going from primary to high school. Lots of people change more than once. Maybe it's because their parents moved, maybe they had problems with their old school, or maybe they/their family just decided they needed to change. Either way – at some point you have to go through starting at a new school.

A Rough Ride

It's normal to feel weird and different at a new place, and to miss your old friends. Other things that could bother you are:

- Having to learn a different school layout
- Missing your old friends
- Feeling shy or nervous about talking to new people
- Being drained from adjusting to all this new stuff
- Being bullied by people who want to pick on the new kid. (See our 'How to stop a bully' fact sheet for info on stopping bullying).
Making it easier

The first few weeks at your new school are probably going to be bumpy, just because you're new. But there are things you can do:
Do what you like. Whether it's playing music, sports, writing, drawing or anything else, there'll be someone who's into the same things as you.

Talk to people. They're curious about you anyway because you're new, so if there's someone you like, have a chat with them.

Keep in contact with your old friends – just because you're not seeing them every day doesn't mean you can't stay close.

Find an outlet. If you've got some way of expressing what's happening for you – a journal, writing songs, playing sports or talking to someone – it'll make the move easier.

Be patient. It can be pretty annoying to have to learn all of the people, places, teachers and subjects again from scratch. But things will fall into place for you at your new school if you give them time.

Find an ally
If all of the changes are getting to you, find someone to tell about it. This person could be a friend from your old school, a family member, a counsellor or a doctor. Chatting with someone who's a bit more distant from your situation can help.
If you would prefer to talk to someone anonymously give Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800) or (Lifeline 13 11 14) a call. They have counsellors available 24 hours a day.

What can I do now?

Learn how to make new friends. (http://au.reachout.com/how-to-make-friends)

Get tips on how to deal with change. Talk to someone you trust if you're having a hard time.

Positive Parenting: What is Triple P?

Triple P is an approach to raising children that emphasises the positive. It aims to promote children’s development and manage behaviour and emotions in a constructive, non-hurtful way. Braeside Primary School provides parents with the opportunity to access the acclaimed Triple P Positive Parenting Program in three sessions, free of charge later this term. Talk to Nicole Smallacombe or Louise Stade if you are interested in attending.

More information about Triple P is available through the Triple P website


The Arts

Many thanks to parents who give a continued supply of recyclable items.
This term I would like to build up a supply of coloured plastic lids from milk and juice bottles. Pizza boxes, all sizes and old towels.
I have plenty of egg cartons for now so we don't need anymore for a while.

Many thanks
Rachelle Newman
Information from the School Nurse

Night Time Bedwetting (Nocturnal Enuresis)

Bedwetting can be a highly embarrassing problem which can stop people participating fully in many of the enjoyable activities of life. It can lead to avoiding school camps and holidays and present difficulties with friendships.

Many children who suffer bedwetting have been told they will grow out of it however there are a small percentage of teenagers and adults who have not.

School Health nurses offer an Enuresis (Bedwetting) Program for children and young people from 6 to 12 years of age. This involves the use of a mat and alarm to help the person to wake when needing to go to the toilet at night. The program takes between 8-10 weeks and is free.

For further details please contact your School Nurse Deb Billing at Katanning Community Health on 9821 6280/0467 773 821.

I work in the school nurse position 2 days per week between Braeside Primary School, Katanning Primary School and St Patrick’s Primary School and am available every Tuesday, with my other day being flexible depending on the needs of the schools.

Friday Night Rollerblading

When: 10th February, 10th March AND 31st March!!
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Age: parents, children, siblings, grandparents. Bring everyone!!
Cost: $6.90 Junior (under 18), $8.00 Senior (over 18), $2.00 Blade Hire

If you have any questions, please contact the KLC on 9821 4399.

Born to Move

Starting again February 10th !!

When: Friday Morning
Time: 9:30am – 10:15am
Age: 2 to 4 year olds
Cost: $3.30 per child. FREE for Gold Members

Parents can make a difference!

P&C Training – Braeside Primary School Katanning
Thursday 23 Feb. 2017 6:30pm - 9:00pm

What is involved in being a member of your school’s P&C?

This FREE workshop covers...
+ How a P&C should operate
+ Holding effective and efficient meetings
+ Roles of P&C members

+ Your chance to ask lots of questions

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