



## BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER #8 – 2024

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been incredibly busy with EduDance, excursions, incursions, Kindergarten orientation, high school transitions, celebration night, graduation, and yesterday's family picnic.

The staff have been working hard teaching and assessing the curriculum. On Monday the Semester 2 reports were emailed out. Please take the time to discuss your child's report with them. I would like to congratulate the students on their achievements and the staff for their tireless dedication and professionalism. This year the reporting component for teachers was modified based on Department policy with a general comment only.

On 30 November the Fathering Project their annual camp out on the oval. This was attended by 35 families, both the dads and the children had lots of fun and made new friends and connections within our community. Thank you to the P&C, Martin Lau, Brian Tanner and Henry Li and all the champion Dads for supporting this event.

Thank you to the P&C and the School Board for your valuable contributions you have given to the school throughout the year. The administration team, staff and students are grateful for your ongoing support and commitment. personal thank you to Tahmina and Edris for kindly supplying staff with lunch this week. Your kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated.

This term we have a few staff farewells, and the outgoing staff will be missed by all. Next year we wish Mr Pascoe, Miss Lai, Mrs Pateman, Mrs Cosford happiness at their new schools. We welcome the following new staff to Bull Creek Primary School in 2025: Ms Stella Toh, Mrs Natasha Pinto, Mr Alec Richardson, Ms Joey Chan, Mr Paul McDowell and Ms Jane Mangan. Mrs King, Mr Hofmeester and Mrs English will be on leave for 2025.

Camp Australia will be hosting the Rocketeers Holiday Program at school running from 16-20 December 2024 and 6 January-4 February 2025. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

I wish the Year 6 graduates every success as they transition to many different high schools. I know you will embrace your new educational journey with rigour and continue to uphold the Bull Creek values in 2025 and beyond.

In line with Department and Union policy and approved by the School Board next year the school finish time will move to **3pm** instead of 3.05pm.

Recently we had a few concerned parents and community members bring to our attention issues at the local skate park. Please be mindful to ensure your children are safe over the holiday period that they do not spend lots of unsupervised time at the park. The skatepark is often attended by high school and older students and sometimes this can create problems with who is using which space or ramps.

Lastly, I would like to thank the entire Bull Creek staff, students, and families for being very supportive throughout the busy year. I have been impressed with your kindness and your continuous strive for excellence.

I would like to acknowledge and thank families who are leaving over the holiday period. I hope everyone enjoys the festive season and a well-deserved holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Mrs Sharon Marchenko  
Principal



## Year 6 Graduation Award Recipients

Award	Recipient/s
Sport	Jake Stott
Sport	Riya Krishnan
HASS	Vivaan Bhatt
HASS	Curtis Rogers
Mathematics	Claire Jia
Mathematics	Ruben T
English	Jamie Lim
English	Pratibha Mandhan
Endeavour	Ashlee Jarvis
Endeavour	Natalie Curnow
Academic Excellence	Sophia Di Perna
Academic Excellence	Alex Cheng
Dux	Joanne Lee
Dux	Clarice Lau
Citizenship	Sriswati Soundararajan
Citizenship	Eva-Louise Farrell
Science	Morrie Goodsell
Science	Alex Cheng
Visual Arts	Chanuki Weddikkaarachchi
Performing Arts	Angela Wu
Languages Award	Lukas Iglauer
Languages Award	Dia Soman
Student Leadership Award	Curtis Rogers

# Act Belong Commit

What an amazing fun filled end of term it has been! I can't believe the year is over. As we reflect back, there is so much to be thankful for. For those who have had a tough year, I hope you are being kind to yourself and that 2025 is a year of hope, peace and good health.

My term 4, year 3 friendship group met with me during lunch time and were keen to choreograph a dance. So, we all used out team work and perseverance skills and I am happy and very proud to say, they presented their amazing dance to the Wattle Block last week. Some big nerves were overcome and some huge smiles were achieved after the performance.



## Holiday fun

Here is a link to search put some fun things to do with the kids over the holidays. Remember... [Summer School Holiday Activities Perth \(Dec 2024 - Jan 2025\)](#)

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and holiday season.



And remember...



Pauline Hough  
Chaplain

The Bull Creek Chess Club was a great success this year. The club was extremely popular with close to a hundred children being involved. Social chess games were held each Monday, and the school would like to thank Kathryn Hardegen and Candy Tam for their knowledge, time and weekly support.

In Term Four this year the children had the opportunity to participate in their first tournament. There was great interest with approximately seventy-six children entering their first tournament at the school. The numbers were large and the participants very excited. Chess games have been played most of this term on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and the library at lunch time has been busy with healthy competition.

Chess Club and a variety of other clubs are part of the Bull Creek Health and Wellbeing Operation Plan. Sportsmanship plays a vital role in chess, teaching valuable life lessons in respect, humility, and resilience. Whether you win or lose, it's important to remain gracious and respectful toward your opponent.

In competitive environments, chess encourages players to accept outcomes with grace, understanding that every loss is an opportunity to learn and grow. Learning to analyse mistakes, congratulate your opponent, and move forward with determination builds emotional intelligence and fosters a positive competitive spirit.

The Bull Creek Brain Box Chess club are proud to announce the results of the 2024 chess tournament.

The top three for each age division are:

<b>Year 5 &amp; 6: First: Matthew Unipan</b>	<b>Second: Lukas Iglauer</b>	<b>Third: Ayaan Adav</b>
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4: First: Jayden Lin</b>	<b>Second: Aaron Ow</b>	<b>Third: Tom Britza</b>
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2: First: Mason Chye</b>	<b>Second: Afeez Mukarram</b>	<b>Third: Ryan Chow</b>

Sue Bolton  
Teacher





# School News

## School and Office Hours

The school office is open from 08:30am to 3:30pm.

Classroom doors open at 08:40am and the bell to start the school day is at 08:50am. Children must not arrive before 8:30am unless they are doing a leadership role or Thursday fit club.

Parents can use the services of Camp Australia to arrange before and after school care to accommodate for working hours.

## Change of Address

Please ensure that your physical address is kept up to date with the school and that you notify the school office if you have moved.

## Medical Needs for Students

It is very important that families inform the school of any medical needs for students. This includes asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis and any other conditions that may affect the wellbeing and safety of a student during the school day. If your child has a current medical condition or develops one throughout the school year, please obtain the medical forms from the front office and return them with updated medication as required.

## Mobile Phones Policy

Between the hours of 8:30am-3:05pm mobile phones will not be used by students for any communication purposes. Smart watches must be placed into 'aeroplane mode' and mobile phones are to be handed in to the office, for safe keeping, when students arrive at school and collected at the end of the day.

## Parking Around the School

Some of the parking in front of the school is a pick up and drop off zone only (Kiss and Drive). For the safety of all of our children, please do not park and/or exit your vehicle in the marked out green parking area on Francisco Crescent. If you are early, please continue to move around the block in a clockwise direction until your child is ready at the Kiss and Drive collection point.

It is illegal and dangerous to double park anywhere along the school boundary roads.

When collecting from the classroom, please find a safe parking space around the school. Parking is also available on Darley Circle with laneway access onto the school grounds.

Parking is not permitted in the staff car parks at all times and for safety reasons, please do not walk through the staff car parks before, during or after school.

**Unfortunately a number of families continue to park in the City of Melville NO PARKING ZONES around the school. If you spot someone doing the wrong thing, to help keep our community safe, please report it to the City of Melville via the below link.**

[Report Local Issues to Councils | Snap Send Solve](#)

## Absentees

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 6216 4400 or email [bullcreek.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:bullcreek.ps@education.wa.edu.au) as early as possible to advise of the reason for absence.

## Late Arrival / Early Departures

Students arriving to school after 9am must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian before entering their classroom.

Students leaving school early, must be signed out at the office before the student is collected from class.

## NO Parking or Walking Through Staff Car Parks

Staff car parks are strictly a no parking area. Please do not walk through the staff car parks, it is dangerous as we have workmen, deliveries and the FLDC bus using the staff car parks.

# IMSS Band Workshop

We were let into Leeming Senior High School and were given a sticker with our name on it. We were then taken into the Performing Arts Centre and set up our instruments and given places to sit.

We got our first sheet of music that had a warm-up piece called Rhythm Practice. It was, like the name says, to practice our rhythms. They had all different beats for us to practice all together.

We were then given our first song, Latin Magic. Each piece has different instrument notes for our given instruments. My instrument is clarinet. Other people in our school also had clarinet, trumpet, baritone and trombone. We practiced Latin Magic a few times until we moved onto Beatnik Blues. In this song there were different harmonies. I got Harmony 1. There were only 2 Harmonies. Then we moved on to Power Rock. It consisted of two well known songs, "We Will Rock You" and "Another One Bites the Dust". Our final piece was Donut Factory. It had some slurs in it, which are notes that you play flowing instead of quick, sharp ones. We then had our lunch break and by then, our hands were hurting.

After we had finished lunch, we separated into our instrument groups. Angela, Clarice and a couple of others from our school and I followed the Clarinet group. Maddy followed Trombone, Sarah followed Baritone and Ella, Molly and Lara followed Trumpet. We ran over the songs a couple of more times in our groups and went over the bits that were hard until finally, it was time for the concert.

We played all the songs again to all our parents and carers and did a very good job. It sounded amazing with all the flutes, clarinets, trumpets, baritones and trombones. There was even an adult playing tuba. We were then collected and went back home after the concert.

Mr Tim Marshall  
Music Specialist



# Wattle 6

We have had a very busy Semester. The highlight for the students was Messy Mud Time. We all moved around and took part in all the activities. The mud was fun because we could make fake cookies, build sandcastles or make cakes of different sizes and weights. With the water games, we joined pipes together and made the water go in different directions. Sticks were used to build a cubby, but no-one wanted to sleep in it because if it rained they would get wet.

Almost everyone had a turn at talking on the microphone for our Assembly. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Perrero come on stage and show everyone how to use their five fingers to practise breathing and also to use our belly for breathing to calm us down if we are feeling too excited or if we are feeling anxious. She came into our class and taught us them before the Assembly. We loved the song and learning the actions. We kept asking Ms Pratt to put the song on for us to listen to any chance we got.

It was great fun learning to do the movements to the tune for 'Boogie Shoes'. Miss Green was a great teacher and looked forward to seeing us each week. We were super pleased to show our groovy moves to our parents on the Celebration Night.

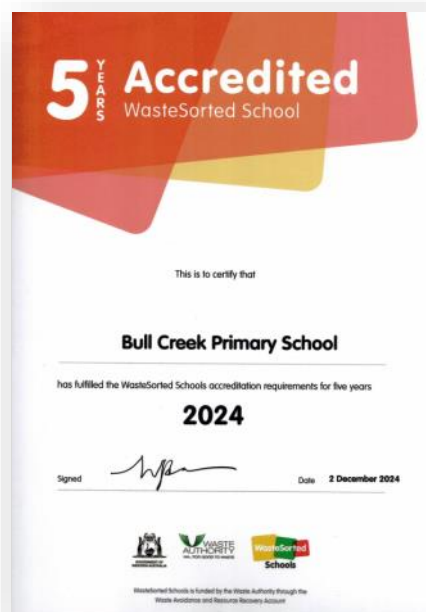
Ms Pratt  
Wattle 6 Teacher

# Sustainability

A big thanks and congratulation to all the students who helped make our school reach 5 years of being an Accredited WasteSorted School. We look forward to another year of positive sustainable actions and improvements across our school. The images below show the changes that have occurred over a year because of the funding from the Waste Authority/WasteSorted and Woolworths. The students learning the how to grow and manage fruit and vegetable crops and the staff, parents, P&C and volunteers who helped in building and supporting this project.

We look forward to the growth and sustained productivity of our gardens and will continue to foster sustainable endeavours at Bull Creek Primary. The 5 areas of Sustainable Schools WA Ecological Footprint:

- Transport and air**
- Water**
- Purchasing and Waste**
- Biodiversity**
- Energy**



Have a fantastic summer and enjoy your gardens!

Ben Tisdale  
Science and Sustainability Teacher



# Fremantle Language Development Centre

On Wednesday we held a Reward Day for all the children from Banksia 1, Banksia 2, Banksia 3 and Wattle 9 who have tried hard to follow our classroom and school rules this year.

It was a great success despite the hot weather. The children from all 4 classes joined together to take part in fun activities and to eat a pizza lunch. It was so lovely to see the children joining together, sharing and working as a team.

Enjoy your holidays everyone! We will see you back at school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.







# BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TERM DATES for 2025

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday, 5 February to Friday, 11 April 2025
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday, 29 April to Friday, 4 July 2025
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday, 22 July to Friday, 26 September 2025
<b>Term 4</b>	Tuesday, 14 October to Thursday, 18 December 2025

## Public Holidays

Labour Day	Monday, 3 March
Good Friday	Friday, 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday, 21 April
Professional Development Day	Monday, 28 April
ANZAC Day	Friday, 25 April
Western Australia Day	Monday, 2 June
Professional Development Day	Monday, 21 July
King's Birthday	Monday, 29 September
Professional Development Day	Monday, 13 October

# BCPS P&C NEWS

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BullCreekPrimarySchoolPC](https://www.facebook.com/BullCreekPrimarySchoolPC)

## AND THAT'S A WRAP!

What a fantastic year 2024 has been! The P&C successfully held several community and fundraising events, raising over \$40,000 and contributing over \$30,000 back to the school. Some contributions include classroom jellybean tables, bag racks, an electric keyboard for the music room, iPad covers, bike racks, a BBQ and a relief teacher app to support administration staff seeking school relief teachers.

As always, we welcome any new families willing to get involved, it's a great way to connect with other families while supporting our school community. In 2025, we would love to see some new faces at our meetings or events, as some of our existing families are stepping down or leaving the school.



## DADS AND KIDS CAMP OUT – Always a treat!

Dads, carers, mums, and legal guardians 'camped out' at the school oval for a night of fun and socializing on Saturday November 30.



This event has become a regular on the school calendar and as always, it was a fantastic evening, with 36 tents braving the overnight heat.

Special thanks to Henry for organising delicious dinner from Java Stix, to Lady Bee ice cream for donating 10% of their sales back to the P&C and to Sukii for her coffees. Thanks also to Rupesh for the ham & cheese croissants and Justin & Alex for the tasty breakfast.

As we know, it takes a village and this is such a fantastic and inclusive village to be a part of. We look forward to more 'dads' events next year!

## WHATS ON FOR 2025?

We've got a busy year planned, with BCPS turning 50! The school is hoping to hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete, if you're interested in supporting our cause in any way, please reach out to [bcpspandc@outlook.com](mailto:bcpspandc@outlook.com).

Other events planned for 2025 include a Busy Bee in addition to the usual Easter colouring competition, the Laternenlauf and hopefully another ColourExplosion fun run!

Come join our P&C and be a part of something special. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our children and the entire school community

Just One Thing to be sent out Term 1, 2025

Email: [bcpspandc@outlook.com](mailto:bcpspandc@outlook.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/BullCreekPrimarySchoolPC>  
or come chat to one of our friendly P&C members!





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## UNIFORM SHOP

We're fully stocked ready for 2025! Please remember, the start of the school year can be incredibly busy for our very small, voluntarily run shop, so be patient while we attend to all new starters. If you haven't ordered your school uniforms for 2025, you can do online at [www.spriggyschools.com.au](http://www.spriggyschools.com.au) and they will be available during the first week of term 1. Any uniform enquiries should be emailed to [Lisa.millar@bullcreekparents.org.au](mailto:Lisa.millar@bullcreekparents.org.au).

Remember we always accept old uniforms your children have outgrown, as we on-sell them at a discounted cost to raise more money for our school.

## LET'S GET FIT BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Fit mums club will return in 2025, we look forward to seeing you there!



**Join us**  
FIT MUMS CLUB

Celebrate your body | Training run by Lee Finsterwald  
Thursdays 9 - 10am | Commencing 26th July 2024  
BYO yoga mat, big dumbbells & water bottle  
John Creanley Reserve | Kids welcome to play in the ghetto  
playground next to training session.

Scan QR for location  
Join us on Whatsapp chat

**ALL FITNESS LEVELS & ABILITIES WELCOME**  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C



**UNIFORM Shop**

Did you know the uniform shop is entirely run by volunteers? All money raised from the sale of new and used uniforms goes directly to the school via the P&C

Please consider donating outgrown uniforms back to the school for resale

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY**  
**OPEN 9.00 - 9.15**

ALL ORDERS ONLINE VIA SPRIGGY

[Lisa.millar@bullcreekparents.org.au](mailto:Lisa.millar@bullcreekparents.org.au)

WISHING ALL BCPS FAMILIES A FABULOUS SUMMER HOLIDAY BREAK!

SEE YOU BACK IN 2025.





# BCPS P&C NEWS

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It was the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the dads and kids camp out!

After the warm and windy conditions last year, we were blessed with a near perfect weather this time around.

There were 36 tents pitched overnight – some families even shared large tents – and many more families and kids joined us for a festive evening.

The kids enjoyed fast-paced dodgeball (thanks to Tom and Luke for supervising), classical cricket and the perennial favourite: gang-up. However, the crowd's favourite will always be the inspiring 'throw it' chants (led by Mark) and the mesmerising sight of glow sticks flying through the sky! Thanks to Harveen, Craig and Daniel for the glow sticks.

I would like to thank Henry for organizing the sumptuous dinner from Java Stix (which received countless great reviews), Lady Bee ice cream for their generosity in donating 10% of their sales to the P&C, and the ever-smiling Sukii with her Bee Delighted coffees. Special thanks to Rupesh (the organiser of the ham & cheese croissants) as well as Justin and Alex for the delicious breakfast.

Most importantly, thank you to all the dads and guardians for making it a special event for the kids and the community. I hope to see even more of you next year!





## Community Pages

# Kindergarten Enrolments 2025



Limited places still available!



Application forms are available at  
[bullcreekps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:bullcreekps@education.wa.edu.au)  
or from the school office.

For further information, please call 08 6216 4400

## Gifted and Talented Applications are open!



FREMANTLE  
COLLEGE

Applications for Year 7 2026  
close Sunday 9 February 2025

Provide your child with the opportunity to study in a learning environment that will challenge, inspire and empower them to excel!

Our Gifted and Talented program offers an enriched curriculum with opportunities to travel on inter-state tours, participate in project-based real world learning opportunities and compete in national and international competitions.

Our first graduating GAT Cohort earned a  
Median ATAR of 91 in 2023

Find out more at :

<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/programs/gifted-talented-program/>  
or speak to our Gifted and Talented Coordinator,  
Ms Susan Fahey on 9338 8900

Strength

Respect

Success



## Holiday Camps

## Keep your kids entertained during the school holidays with our fun and active camps throughout the year.

Willetton Basketball runs fun and active camps during the January, April, July, September, and December school holidays each year. Our camps are open to all school-aged kids from six and over. Not only are our holiday camps a great way to keep your kids entertained during the holidays, but they are an active, enjoyable and social environment for your child while they are off school.

### Dates & Pricing

## JANUARY 2025 HOLIDAY CAMP

### Week One – 6-9 year olds – 5 Day Camp

Monday 20th January – Friday 24th January 2025

Camp runs 9:00am – 3:30pm daily.

Cost: \$300

### Week Two – 9 years and over – 4 Day Camp

Tuesday 28th January – Friday 31st January 2025

Camp runs 9:00am – 3:30pm daily.

Cost: \$240



**WILLETTON**  
**BASKETBALL**

For further information and registrations, please visit

[www.willettonbasketball.com.au/programs/holiday-camps/](http://www.willettonbasketball.com.au/programs/holiday-camps/)



# Creative Kids Art Club

*Enrolments now open for the  
December School Holidays!*

Mon 16 - Thur 19 December 2024

After School Term Classes, Holiday Workshops,  
Art Parties for Kids 4 to 14 years



Ph 0476149696. Visit the website for more info and to book!

[www.creativekidsartclub.com.au](http://www.creativekidsartclub.com.au)