

NEWSLETTER 2

Bluff Point Primary School

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March 20, 2024

Term 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Disco Thursday 21 March

School Assembly Friday 22 March, 2:10pm

Autism Awareness Day Thursday 28 March

> Last Day of Term 1 Thursday 28 March

Term 2 Begins Tuesday 16 April

Start the Dream Program Recommences Monday 22 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday Thursday 25 April

SAER Parent Network Day Friday 26 April

> **EA Appreciation Day** Tuesday 30 April

School Assembly Friday 10 May, 2:10pm

National Sorry Day Sunday 26 May

Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

WA Day Public Holiday Monday 3 June

School Assembly Friday 14 June, 2:10pm

Freo Dockers Mixed Football Carnival Friday 14 June

NAIDOC Week School Celebrations 24 - 28 June



SCHOOL HOURS 8.50am - 3.00pm Monday to Friday



City of Greater Geraldton Mayor, Hon Jerry Clune, recently visited our School to thank students who created an array of artworks for the Spalding Revitalisation Project.

Students were presented with a certificate of thanks and their artwork designs featured throughout AMC Park were also made into badges which they are wearing proudly. Thank you to Art Teacher, Mrs Cooney, and her students for their efforts with this project.

The Spalding Revitalisation Project Stage Two is part of a large urban renewal project in which the City partnered with the Department of Communities and Lotterywest to develop and deliver a plan to improve community sustainability by rejuvenating the heart of the Spalding community, creating a safe, inclusive, accessible, well connected and sustainable central hub, where the community can come together to learn, recreate and celebrate in a beautiful parkland setting.



The AMC Park Masterplan, developed and endorsed by local community members of all ages and backgrounds, including Bluff Point Primary School students, has completely transformed the look and feel of the park and how the Mitchell Street Community Centre is used.



to our 2024 School Leaders!

The following students were elected by their peers and staff to represent Bluff Point Primary School in 2024. Well done! We know you will do our school proud, be outstanding role models and always Strive for the Highest!

** HEAD STUDENTS: Sophia L, Ayden S, Hazirah I, and Lavarna-Lee B



Hartog: Jayda-Leigh D and Alex M Houtman: Dylan B and Nazaliana S Pelsart: William S and Chris Y



Download the **Seesaw** App and follow us on **Facebook** to keep up to date with school information.





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Administration Notices

Attendance

At our school, we want your children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance. We have included some tips on page 5 of this Newsletter to assist families.





Going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills they need for future learning.

Absentees

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school on the day or respond to the MGM message sent to your registered mobile phone number.

Arriving at School

School hours for students are between 8.50am and 3.00pm. It is important for children to arrive at school before 8.40am everyday. This allows them time to get settled and organised, take part in important learning activities and learn about routines and commitment.

Students are not to arrive at school any earlier than 8.15am as staff do not provide duty of care to students until this time. Students who arrive after 8.15am are to wait on the benches outside the office until released to their classrooms at 8.30am.

Family Communication

It is great to see so many families active on our **Seesaw App**. Seesaw connects families with teachers, providing classroom updates and information regarding teaching and learning.

Seesaw is used for:

- Parent/teacher communications
- Sharing classroom learning
- Important administration notices

We encourage parents and carers to download Seesaw and connect to their child's account as soon as possible.

The app is free and can be downloaded to your phone or device. You will need a unique QR/login code to connect to your child's class. Please see your child's teacher or phone the office on 9923 6650.



Bluffies' speed to 2nd place in the 2024 Synergy Schools Solar Challenge!

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were selected to represent Bluff Point Primary School in the Year 6 Midwest Grand-final.

The challenge required students to work as a team to build and race a solar car within 45 minutes, and their creation 'Sun Spot' didn't disappoint, speeding to the finish line to take second place!

Thank you to Mrs Clifton and Mrs Bibrlik for preparing the team with lots of training in the lead up to the competition.





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LEADERS & FACTION CAPTAINS



Assembly: 1 March 2024

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Room 18 Milah S Finn H

Room 19 James H

Finn T

Room 7 Maresa P Jayce H

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Room 8 Cora C Aiden M

Room 11 Lola MH

Levi D

Room 14 Rose B

Dakota W

Room 15 Deegan R Patrick R

Room 16

Molly J Raizza A

PP1 Brandan M

Ashley T









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Congratulations to our 2024 Student Council Representatives!

The Student Council are chosen from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes and have various leadership responsibilities. Representing the students of Bluff Point Primary School, they work alongside Mrs Jackson, to bring things of attention to be addressed.

Student Council make nominations for Aussie of the month, which they then discuss and select the most worthy recipient and present the award at each assembly. They also run the 100 day skip-a-thon, on occasions doing puzzles and reading with Pre-Primary students, and other activities that benefit students.

We wish our Student Council the best of luck for a successful year ahead.

Wear your brightest colours on the 28th March.



World Autism Acceptance Week is always planned around World Autism Acceptance Day, which is on 2nd April.

The theme for "World Autism Acceptance Week 2024" is COLOUR.

We will be celebrating on the 28th March, so wear your brightest colours to school for a "GOLD COIN" donation. All proceeds going to the

"Autism Association of

Western Australia".

The butterfly was introduced to provide an alternative symbol for people who may feel uncomfortable with the symbolism of the puzzle piece. The butterfly is a symbol of the beauty of change and continual development.

Make sure to see our acknowledgement of Autism Awareness Week with our fence line of colour and butterflies.









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We are a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) School.

Our School masot **Bluffy** promotes our four school values of:

Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe, and STRIVE!

This year we will be introducing friends for Bluffy to continue supporting and reinforcing our students' learning of these important values.



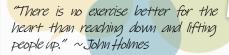


"Be Responsible -Line Up Nicely".





Chaplains Chat By Mrs Jackson



"Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life." ~ Jackie Chan

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." ~ Leo Buscaglia

The values Bluff Point Primary are promoting this month are "Care and Compassion".

As parents, teachers and care givers the value we place on being kind and considerate promotes this valuable quality in the children around us.

When I visited the Pre Primary recently we talked about using kind words, taking turns with the equipment and considering other people.

Our newly chosen Student Council also as role models are encouraged to look out for others as they go about the school. We can all make the world a better place by using compassion and care.



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Information for parents – Attendance at primary school

Going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills for future learning. At our school, we want your children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance.

What can you do to help?

- Have a set time for your child to go to bed at night and get up in the morning.
- Have their uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Have a set time for breakfast.
- Set a time for daily homework activities.
- Talk about school positively.
- If running late, encourage your child to still go to school and reassure them that you will let the school know.
- Organise for your child to meet a friend before school so they can arrive at school together.
- Get involved at school through volunteering or participate in school programs, events or join the Parents and Citizens' Association.

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

- Yes, you need to let office staff know that your child will be absent from school and the reason why as soon as possible.
- Having information about why a child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and to work out whether we can provide any further help to you.
- What will staff at our school do to help?
- Offer developmentally, socially and culturally responsive learning opportunities to engage students.
- Monitor every student's attendance and work with parents to overcome problems affecting attendance.
- Provide predictable routines to help students know what to expect to reduce anxiety about going to school.
- Talk with you about involving support staff such as and other agencies or organisations to help.
- Talk with you about local services that may also be able to help such as Headspace, Youthline and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).
- For more information you can contact the school to arrange for an interpreter.



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Community Notices





LAW WEEK ART COMPETITION

Produce an artwork with the theme: LAW AND THE HOMES WE LIVE IN

AGE GROUPS:

Prize: \$750 Junior - under 12 years Sponsored by:

Prize: \$1000 Senior - 12 to 17 years

Sponsored by:

Prize: \$1500 Open - 18+ years

Sponsored by:

DEADLINE

Submit entries to Regional Alliance West's Geraldton or Carnarvon office no later than

4 pm THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT: REGIONAL ALLIANCE WEST

114 Sanford Street Geraldton 7 Stuart Street Carnaryon (08) 6234 8228

Or email: legal@raw.org.au

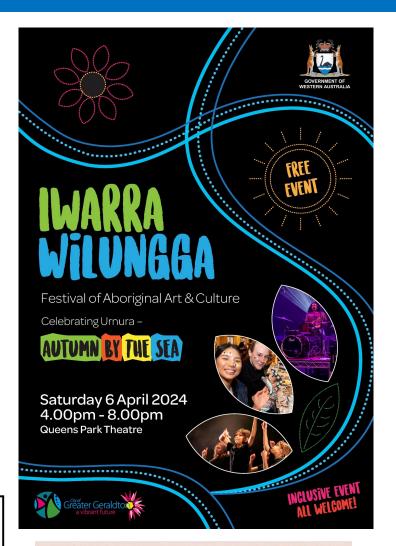


CELEBRATE **LAW WEEK**



AWARD **CEREMONY FOR** ARTISTS **ON THURSDAY** 16 MAY 2024









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1-Day **DV-aware** Workshop

For the general public

In attending our 1-Day DV-aware Workshop, you will:

- know how to lidently the different signs and forms of abuse that constitute domestic and family violence learn about the Cycle of Violence and the Power and Control Wheel (The Duluth Model) reflect on and share what you can do if you know someone who is experiencing domestic and family violence.

 have an opportunity to network with other individuals receive tools and references for domestic and family violence.

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our 1-Day DV-aware Workshop provides a safe space to learn, connect and be

- Anyone living in Australia Minimum age: 18-years-old Also suitable for organisations.

This workshop is free for adults

For further enquiries contact: training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au

Delivery of training and assessment on behalf of Lifeline Australia (RTO 88036) Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social S Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Date: 10 May 2024

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Venue: Geraldton

Universities Centre, 33 Onslow Street, Geraldton WA 6530

Enrol:



@Lifeline

Auslan for **Families**

2 Day Workshop with Nobuo

Geraldton

Saturday 23rd March Sunday 24th March 10am - 3pm

2 DAY WORKSHOP

- Focus on FNG Families
- **Beginners Level**
- Family Friendly -**Regular breaks**
- **Includes Deaf Awareness Training**



Check out the booking link or QR Code for more information

www.trybooking.com/CONCA

Bookings Close: Monday 11th March 2024 Queries? jenellem@wafdc.org.au or 0423 646 741 SMS







