

NEWSLETTER 8

Bluff Point Primary School

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2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Office Opens
Tuesday 27 January
8:30am - 3:30pm

Students Commence Term 1
Monday 2 February

Kindy Students Commence
Tuesday 3 February

Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 11 February
5:30pm - 7:00pm

P&C AGM
Wednesday 11 February
7:00pm ~ All Welcome

School Assembly
Friday 27 February, 2:10pm

Labour Day Long Weekend
Monday 2 March

Harmony Week Begins
Monday 16 March

School Assembly
Friday 27 March, 2:10pm

Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 3 April



As we conclude 2025 with our final school newsletter, it is a timely opportunity to reflect on a busy and productive term. We also celebrate our Year 6 graduates and congratulate our end-of-year award recipients on their achievements.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the dedicated staff of Bluff Point Primary School. Your commitment to supporting our students and achieving the best possible outcomes is greatly appreciated.

Planning for 2026 is underway, with an anticipated 9 classes. As enrolment numbers may change, minor adjustments to class placements may occur within the first few weeks of Term 1 and will be managed carefully to minimise disruption. Families are reminded that student attendance by Census Day in Week 2 is critical, as school funding is determined on this day.

From the start of next year, we will be adjusting our school bell times for recess and lunch breaks. These changes have been made to support student wellbeing and to ensure students are well nourished and ready to learn during our core instructional periods.

New Bell Times:

School Begins:	8:50am
Lunch Play Time:	11:00am – 11:20am
Lunch Eating Time:	11:20am – 11:40am
Afternoon Recess:	1:40pm – 2:00pm
School Finishes:	3:00pm

By adjusting our break times, we aim to better support students' energy levels and concentration throughout the day. Crunch and Sip will continue to be incorporated, ensuring students have regular opportunities to refuel. To assist with a smooth transition, the new bell times have been trialled with students. We thank you for your ongoing support.

This year, we farewell Room 15 teacher, Mr David Konchiwskyj, and Room 16 Teacher, Mrs Elayne Wyatt. We thank them both for their valued contributions to our school community and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

To the families leaving Bluff Point Primary School, we thank you for your involvement and wish you all the best. We also sincerely thank our families and Bluff Point P&C members for their continued support throughout 2025.

As the school year comes to a close, I wish everyone a safe, relaxing break, a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming you back in 2026.

Warm regards,
Celine Bellue
Principal



Book Lists

SCHOOL HOURS
8.50am - 3.00pm
Monday to Friday

Book Lists for 2026 have been sent home with students. Lists are also available from www.bluffpointps.wa.edu.au/our-school/booklists/.

2026 Class Lists

Class Lists will be displayed out the front of the Office Friday 30 Jan from 12:00pm -3:30pm and Mon 2 Feb from 8:00am. Class lists may be subject to change.

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Administration Notices



Planning for 2026 Enrolments

To assist with our planning for next year, we kindly ask that any families not returning to Bluff Point Primary School in 2026 (excluding Year 6 students) notify the office as soon as possible.

New Enrolments

Enrolment applications are still being taken for 2026, with spaces available from Kindergarten to Year 6. If you have younger children ready to start school, or know of families in our area looking to enrol, please get in touch or come in and see our friendly office staff for an application.

School Reports & 2026 Booklists

2025 School Reports and Booklists for 2026 have now been sent home with students. Digital copies of the Booklists for each year group can also be found on our website:

<https://bluffpointps.wa.edu.au/our-school/booklists/>

Contributions & Charges

The Bluff Point Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2026. A copy can be found our school website.

Back to School Project 2026

(Providing stationery packs and uniform vouchers for families in need, facing financial crises, or living on low incomes.)

Dates: 27 - 29 January 2026
Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm
Location: Centacare Family Services
1 Maitland Street



Required!

- Health Care Card/Concession Card
- Family Income Statements or Pay slips
- \$2 admin per child (cash only)

The BSP Project is subjected to a brief assessment to identify individual family needs.

Enquiries: 9921 1433



Spreading Christmas Cheer! 🎄 🎄

Our students were delighted to take part in this year's **Christmas Card Drive**, creating festive cards and heartfelt drawings to bring smiles to the residents of **Juniper & Nazareth House**.

This heartwarming initiative gave our students a meaningful opportunity to connect with our cherished seniors, sharing creativity, kindness and the true spirit of Christmas in every card.

A big thank you to **Centacare Family Services** for the opportunity to help spread joy and goodwill this Christmas season.



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We are excited to share the success of **Bluffy's Breather Zone**, an initiative designed to support our students' health, wellbeing and love of learning.

This project aims to help students learn about wellbeing, encourage healthy habits, support students to feel happy and confident, and create a school environment that promotes healthy living.

We have been fortunate to receive a **Lotterywest Healthway Grant**, which has enabled us to begin bringing this vision to life. The first stage of the project involved allocating \$3,050 to create a welcoming space where students can read with an adult before school. Our students proudly named this program 'Bluffy's Book Buddies'.

Currently, 77 students participate in the program, with as many as 35 children reading in a single morning. This has been a wonderful opportunity to build a strong sense of community while supporting our students to improve their reading skills, build confidence and develop a genuine love for reading.

In 2026, there are even more exciting developments planned as part of Bluffy's Breather Zone, with further opportunities to support students' social and emotional wellbeing.

A heartfelt thank you to Healthway, our parents and carers, and our dedicated staff for supporting our children to become confident readers and lifelong learners.

Chaplains Chat
By Mrs Jackson



To understand another is to walk alongside them in their journey.

Tolerance isn't about not having beliefs. It's about how your beliefs lead you to treat people who disagree with you." - Timothy Keller

This month's values, Understanding, Tolerance, Inclusion

Recently the Year 5 students had their Leadership Training, giving them skills to help them as they transition into Year 6 at Bluff Point Primary. One of the important things they learnt was the importance of working together, problem solving, showing respect and supporting others in order to achieve goals.

The Rhythm and Groove Crew have been working hard together, to be ready for the Year 6 Graduation ceremony. They have had to be flexible in changing the kind of drums available to them for this concert, and have shown respect in adapting to the changes.

As the fire over last weekend and early week affected many families, I have been impressed with how resilient students have been considering the closeness of the fire to their homes, and how many had to evacuate as a result.

For all 3 groups of people, understanding, tolerance and consideration of others has taken place ~ Well done.



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GRADUATION AND PRIZE GIVING 2025

Our Graduation & Prize Giving Ceremonies, held on the 10th December, will be remembered as an outstanding success as a result of the organisation undertaken by admin, clerical, teaching, non-teaching staff and the cooperation of students. Thanks go to all parents, family and community members who attended.

Year 6 Dux: Peter (PJ) F Year 6 STAR Award: Raizza A

Year 6 Edith Dircksey Cowan Award for Civic Leadership: Marcus O

Year 6 STRIVE Award: Darcie C Geraldton Universities Encouragement Award: Kencho P

Year 6 Indigenous Encouragement Award: Paige S Year 6 Sports Award: Maryam O

Year 6 Art Award: Helen D Year 6 Science Award: Bailee M Year 6 Apex Award: Marley J

ROOM	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	STRIVE AWARD
Unit 1	Aara Ahmad JF	Mubasir F
18	Brandan M	Dechog Z
19	Lucas T	Hannah G
7	Angela G	James H
8	James G	Koby LW
10	Eliana B	Ella'Rose DI
14	Rose B	Sarah Rigney T
15	Eleanor G	Jayne J

The School Community extends its thanks and appreciation to the sponsors of the 2025 Awards

Parents & Citizens Inc. Bluff Point Primary School – Dux Award Ms Melissa Price MP – STAR Award

Mrs Kirrilee Warr MLA – Edith Dircksey Cowan Award for Civic Leadership Bluff Point Primary School – STRIVE Award

Geraldton Aboriginal Sporting Corporation- Sports Person Award Mr Steve Martin MLC – Science Award

Geraldton Universities Centre – Encouragement Award Geraldton Senior High School – APEX Award

Ms Sandra Carr MLC – Indigenous Encouragement Award Phil Doncon's Paint Storm – Art Award



**Merry Christmas!
from Bluff Point Primary School Staff**



Thanks from our P&C...



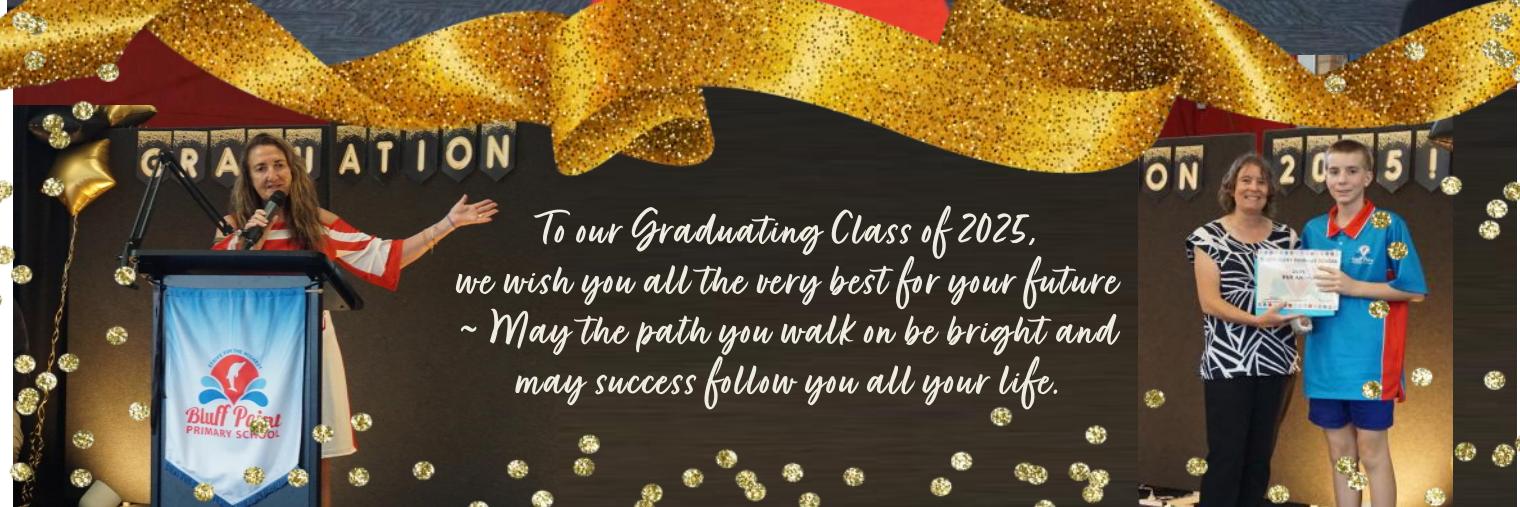
The Bluff Point P&C Committee would like to thank parents and caregivers, students and staff for helping us achieve some amazing Fundraising goals this year.

Our P&C AGM will be held on **Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. The AGM will coincide with the **Welcome BBQ** and we welcome new members to our committee. As well as contributing to the education experience for your children, you will make some new friends and have lots of laughs – so don't be shy, come along!!

Merry Christmas to all our Bluff Point Families ~ see you in the new year.

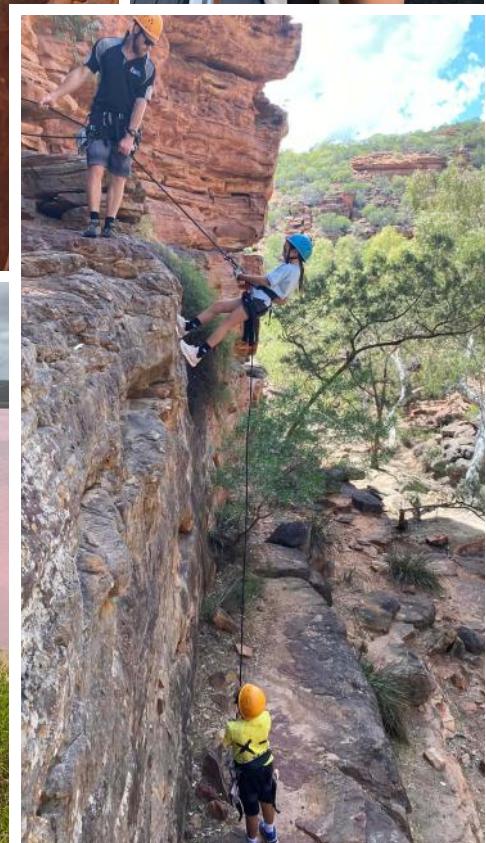


Congratulations!



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Community Notices

**PHOTO COMPETITION
OUR ESTUARIES**
COASTAL SALTMARSH - HAPPY HABITAT !

REGISTER NOW!

DEADLINE: 10 JANUARY 2026

CATEGORIES: ADULT | JUNIOR (under 18)

PHOTO - BILL BELSON



3 PRIZES

ADULT | JUNIOR | PUBLIC CHOICE

Submit up to 3 photos showcasing our estuaries, saltmarsh and/or wildlife
Please check: [BirdLife Photography Code of Ethics](#)

Send your entries (size min 4MB) to: cfrfriends2014@gmail.com

Twenty photos will be selected, printed in A3, and displayed at our exhibition in February at the Geraldton Regional Library to celebrate World Wetlands Day 2026

NACC, BirdLife Midwest, Chapman River Friends and Greenough River Friends invite you to share your best photos taken along the Chapman and Greenough River estuaries, highlighting their saltmarsh and wildlife.

This project celebrates World Wetlands Day and raises awareness of the importance of Geraldton's two rivers with Coastal Saltmarsh (Threatened Ecological Community) a precious habitat for local wildlife—especially our birdlife.

Like us



This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and NACC NRM, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.



NACC

**MINISPORT
GERALDTON**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL SIGN UP
BY DEC 1
3 DAYS \$165
5 DAYS \$250

**Ages
5-12**

SIBLING
DISCOUNTS
AVAILABLE

Geraldton Grammar School
January 5 - 9
8:30am - 1:00pm

Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Dodgeball and much more!

Coached by Riverton P.S PE Teacher Bailey Minissale (Mr Mini)

1 day \$70, 2 days \$130 3 days \$190, 4 days \$250, 5 days \$300

Register at Minisportperth.com.au or contact the Facebook page

**Geraldton PCYC
presents**



**CHRISTMAS
DISCO**



INFO

Show us your moves! Join us for a festive disco featuring DJ Kenno on the decks, plus loads of fun, music, and games!

Food & drinks provided

Prizes to be won!

WHO

Ages 6 & under, \$10 entry.
Adults are FREE.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

WHEN

Monday 22nd December
9:30-11:30am

WHERE

Geraldton PCYC Centre
105 Pass St, Wonthella

Tickets must be pre-purchased online:
www.trybooking.com/DHRZD or scan the QR Code



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
LASER TAG**



Ages 7 - 16 \$10 per person

Bookings are essential. 12 players per session.

Register NOW
email geraldtonpcyc@wapcyc.com.au

Please email through your

- Name and number
- Participants name and age
- Preferred time slot and second preference

WHERE
Geraldton PCYC
105 Pass St, Wonthella 6530

CONTACT
9921 1317
geraldtonpcyc@wapcyc.com.au



Tuesday 23/12

Session times:

9:00 - 10:30am
11:30am - 1:00pm
2:00 - 3:30pm

Wednesday 24/12

Session times:

9:00 - 10:30am
11:30am - 1:00pm
2:00 - 3:30pm

