



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

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### From the Principal's Desk



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Dear families,

This Friday is one of our scheduled School Development Days. Staff will spend the day reviewing our current Business Plan and begin the process of planning for the next Business Plan. Staff will also participate in a Self Regulation and Social Cognition professional learning session that will provide strategies to improve students social and emotional learning. **Families, please note students no not attend on Friday.**

#### **Reporting to Parents Interviews**

The Director of Education and our School Board have again given approval for the school to close for half a day for Reporting to Parents Semester One Interviews. For your advance planning, please be advised the school will close at 11.40am on **Tuesday 27 June** for all students (Kindy to Year 6) so teachers can spend the afternoon meeting with you and your child to discuss their Semester One Report. **All students will need to be collected at 11.40am.**

#### **Lates**

We are having a number of families regularly arriving late. This can be very disruptive not only for your children but also for the rest of the students when your child enters the classroom. Lessons start at 8.35am, and teachers share important information at this time of the day. Being punctual is a life skill that shows respect for time; yours, and that of others. Please ensure you allow enough time in the morning to have your children at school, in class and ready to learn by 8.35am.

#### **Homework policy**

At Bramfield Park, staff and our School Board have developed and endorsed a Homework Policy that sets out our expectations for students once they leave school grounds. Our policy outlines three ideas:

**Read or be read to every night.**

**Get outside and play (reduce screen time).**

**Get a good night's sleep.**

Teachers seem to be having many conversations with students and parents about the increasing amount of time students are spending on screens before and after school.

#### **Screen time**

There is no magic figure of how much screen time your child should have. The right amount can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine.

It can be easy to focus only on the clock, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement, are just as important. Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing. For example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child. For more information please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter or the following link on the eSafety Commissioner's website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/screen-time>

#### **School Board**

Our School Board met last week, and I would like to welcome our new community member, Ainsley Marr. Ainsley is a member of staff at Yule Brook College and is keen to build and strengthen links between Yule Brook and Bramfield Park. Minutes of our meeting are available on our website.

**Thoughts for the week:** *High expectations* are the key to everything. Sam Walton

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with *high expectations*. Bob Beauprez

# National Reconciliation Week

This week at Bramfield Park students will be looking at information about National Reconciliation with Aunty Josie.



**Keep up the momentum for change:  
the theme for National  
Reconciliation Week 2023 is *Be a  
Voice for Generations*.**

The theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

National Reconciliation Week – **27 May to 3 June** – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities.

In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week.

In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

In the same year, approximately 300,000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week-and subsequently across bridges in cities and towns-to show their support for reconciliation.

Check out our factsheet on [National Reconciliation Week](#).

Today, National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in workplaces, schools and early learning services, community organisations and groups, and by individuals Australia-wide.

## Term 2 Story Dog!

This term the year 4s have had the opportunity to read with our resident super dog, Posy. Even students who are timid with dogs have been very brave! Each reader has a twenty minute session with Posy, who can get quite insistent on having a story read to her. Here are some highlights of our lovely year 4s with Posy.





## Reminders from the Front Office

- \* Term 2 statements have now been sent home. Payments can be made by cash or card at the office.
- \* Old McDonald Farm Incursion notes for Kindy & PP's are now due
- \* Barking Gecko Excursion notes for Years 4– 6 are now due
- \* Did you know that you can SMS the school if your child is going to be absent? Just send an SMS to 0438 937 335. Alternatively, you can call the front office or send the absence through on Connect.



## Coming Up

1 Jun	National Reconciliation Unstoppable Me
2 Jun	Pupil Free Day
5 Jun	WA Day Public Holiday
6 Jun	Unstoppable Me
7 Jun	Breakfast Club
8 Jun	Unstoppable Me
9 Jun	Breakfast Club Playgroup Unstoppable Me
13 Jun	Unstoppable Me School Board Meeting
14 Jun	Breakfast Club

## Message de Madame Dye,



Bonjour tout le monde,

### French Club

French Club is on every Friday this term at first break after eating time. All students learning French are welcome. Monsieur Rambourg has had students researching cities, monuments, geography of France and foods of different regions and putting all this information onto a large map of France. The map is looking fantastic. Come along and be a part of this very interesting project.

### French Vocabulary Challenge

It is very exciting to announce that Emeri Fruelda in Year 3 was our very first student to successfully complete and pass the Bronze French vocabulary competition in the first round!! Fantastique!!

Annahitha, Panvi, Mayumi and Alexis in Year 3 have passed their Bronze level in the second round which is also great! Bravo les filles! J

Students can continue trying to pass the level and we give them the opportunity to do this at the end of their French lesson every few weeks. Monsieur Rambourg has made a vocabulary sheet for students to take home and practise.

### Languagenut

Don't forget to keep doing Languagenut to practise your French and be in the running for some prizes! The results for Languagenut this week:

***Our school ranking is 1028<sup>th</sup>! We need to bump our ranking up!!***

### Student ranking:

Deon- Room 9- 123800 points  
Shreyas Room 9- 115300 points  
Zahra.A- Room 9- 83600 points  
Justine- Room 9- 71400 points  
Mansib- Room 9- 55800 points

### Class ranking:

Room 9 Year 5/6  
Room 10- Year 5/6  
Room 3- Year 1/2

Congratulations to these students and classes. Well done to Room 9!! They have earned the Eiffel tower award for their excellent Languagenut results!! Bravo!

Keep up the great work. The top 5 students will get a faction card and a raffle ticket.

*Au revoir! À bientôt!*

**Madame Dye**

# Chaplain's Corner

Who are you really interacting with on the other side of the computer?

I'd like to think that the online world is safe for our children but I often find myself having cyber safety talks with students who seem to think it is quite ok to chat and interact with strangers online. We have done a great job of teaching stranger danger in the physical world. It is harder to get students to understand the dangers of the online world.

Sharing information and pictures of themselves seems to be quite normal for them. They do not see the danger in speaking or chatting with strangers online and sharing information about their lives. Whilst many interactions are safe and innocent there are many students playing online games and spending many hours interacting with people they don't know. If a gamer says they are a 12 year old boy children automatically believe them but it could be anyone.

Children do not grasp the importance of keeping their personal information private. They also do not seem to grasp that it may not be a 12 year old boy on the other side of the computer. Parents we need to be vigilant. Please make sure you know what sites and games your children are on and how much information they are sharing with the world. But more importantly what information is being shared with them.

It is important to be cyber smart and look after ourselves online. Remembering to treat others with respect just as we do when we are with them in person. Cyber bullying can be very hurtful. So if you are having trouble online find an adult you trust to talk to.

From Rebecca Birch

School Chaplain

Before you...



# THINK!

**T** = Is it True?  
**H** = Is it Helpful?  
**I** = Is it Inspiring?  
**N** = Is it Necessary?  
**K** = Is it Kind?

# Premier's Reading Challenge 2023

The Reading Challenge is on again for 2023!!

We encourage all students to sign up for the Reading Challenge at the following website.

<https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/students>

Students need to read and log 12 books by the 8<sup>th</sup> September to participate in the Challenge. These books can be in any language.

The State Library of Western Australia has a wide and growing range of electronic resources available for use by members and visitors.

These include eBooks, online journals, audio books, eMagazines, current and historical newspapers and content services such as Ancestry and Kanopy. Resources for children and families include games, comics and movies.

Many of these are available from home and are free. To join, visit the State Library of WA (<https://slwa.wa.gov.au/how-do-i/become-member>).

You can also access electronic resources with your local Public Library membership.



# Sports Shorts with Mr Huston



Hello everyone and can you believe the term is already more than half way over? Amazing how time flies! With the Winter Carnival fast approaching the various coaches ( soccer, A & B hockey and B & C netball) are making their final selections for this year's teams.

The carnival will be on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, with the netball at Langford Park Sport Complex and the hockey and soccer at Sutherlands Park Reserve once again.

The players and coaches have been working hard in preparation and are sure to field competitive teams in all divisions. Hoping that lots of parents will be able to make it on the day to support Bramfield Park.

\* If any parents are free to lend a hand in hockey and/or netball umpiring please let me know!

Last week (Week 5) the WA Golf Academy, with coach Scott Mclean, came out to Bramfield Park for the first of three weeks of golf instruction for the Year 4,5 & 6 students. The kids had a blast and has certainly sparked a lot of interest in the game now..... a few students had pretty good swings so we may see some budding stars in the years to come!

The second Beep test will be conducted this week for the lower primary and in Week 8 for the upper primary.

Thanks for your time and will be in touch again soon.

Kelly Huston  
PE Coordinator

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**FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022**

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an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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National  
Road Safety  
Week 2022  
15 - 22 May

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WOW what a fantastic Walk Safely 2 School Day we had on Friday 19 May. This year had the most walkers and active travellers than in previous years. What an amazing achievement!

2021 - 138 students (56% of total attendance) our first year

2022 - 153 walkers (62% of total attendance)

2023 - 188 walkers (65% of total attendance) WOW!!!

The YMAT were hoping to reach the target of 200 walkers on the day. We almost got there with 188 walkers. BUT... we did have 206 active travellers on the day that included our bike riders. Well done Bramfield Park Primary School!

We had a **Dress Up Your Shoes** competition. Here are some of the fancy shoes!



A big thank you to the YMAT leaders, who did an amazing job of promoting the event and organising the day. Congratulations to all active travellers, not only on Walk Safely to School Day but every other day they walk, ride or scoot to school.





# Community Notices



**Lynwood**  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## **SOCCER ACADEMY SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

Lynwood Senior High School **Soccer Academy** is holding trials for Year 6 students only on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023** in Term 2.

We welcome interested Year 6 2023 students to apply.

Parents/Carers can find our application through our website [www.lynwood.wa.edu.au](http://www.lynwood.wa.edu.au) under Specialist Programs.

***All applications can be emailed to [Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au) along with the student's most current school report.***

## **SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

Lynwood Senior High School **Environment and Life Science (EaLS) Program** is holding testing on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023** of Term 2

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