

Congratulations to all of our student leaders, who will be announced at the Monday assembly next week, and to all students who prepared and gave a speech to their peers. The faction captains and councillors will coordinate assemblies, run the sport shed during break times, welcome guests to the school and provide



REMINDER—Our school canteen is closed on Wednesdays

Orders can be placed online through <u>Quikcliq</u> up until 9am. Orders can also be placed in person between 8.40 –9.00am. Menus and ordering info can be found on our school website <u>here.</u>

Principal's Report

We had a great start with our first combined assembly with many parents being part of the audience. Further to this our four Student Councillors have been elected and we were all proud of all the students who prepared excellent speeches for the day. A big congratulations to every one of these students.

COMPASS continues to be our mode of communication and if you have any challenges with this app. please check in at the front office as our team are an amazing support to ensure you are kept up to date with what is happening at our school.

Our ever-supportive P&C are looking to have some new members join their group. If you are interested, please let us know. Personally, I spent many years as a P&C member throughout my children's school years and thought it was such a great group to be involved with and made some everlasting friendships.

Coming up in week 5 is our annual surfing carnival and information will be sent by Nathan James to families.

Take care.

Warm regards

Lorraine Macaulay Principal

Planned Vacations in 2024

We appreciate that there are times when students will be absent from school due to planned family events.

If you have a planned vacation outside of the regular school holidays, we ask that you email us Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au at or make an appointment to speak with a member of the administration team. You will receive correspondence from us later this year if a student's attendance rate drops below 90% and we do this to ensure that families are aware of the impact on learning through missing school. This is particularly the case with regular absences that can result in students missing important steps in sequential learning.

School Development Days

These are days that are set aside for schools to provide professional learning for staff, to analyse students' achievement and to plan learning experiences that meet their needs.

We have our next school development day scheduled for Friday 1st March. After having taught student for five weeks, this is an excellent time for teachers to work together in year levels to plan learning experiences forward into the year.

The other School Development Days planned for 2024 are as follows— Monday 15th July

Monday 7th October

Friday 13th December

All of these dates are pupil free.

Merit Certificates and Award Recipients.				
Room 1 Room 1 Room 4 Room 4 Room 5 Room 5	Jarvis Twyman Cooper Chapman Lucia Young de Luca Lucy Traianos River Gonsalves Isabelle Cameron	Room 15 Room 15 Room 16 Room 16 Room 20 Room 22	Isabella Sewell Marcel Deunff Escher Plumb Bo Taylor Ruby Dronow Lennon Urquhart	
Room 7 Room 7 Room 9 Room 9 Room 10	Luke Smith Genevieve Lonnie Aria Zan Kalani Speranza	Room 22 Room 23 Room 23 Room T2	Jae Davies Skye Walters Axel Houston Jasmine Cordero Reef Donovan	
Room 10 Room 10 Room 11 Room 11 Room 11 Room 12 Room 14	Trey Quinn Noah Green Emmy Calvet Leu Lily Kinney Kai Johnstone Sophie Patterson Logan Goldsworthy	Room T2 Room T3 Room T3 Room T4 Room T4 Room T5 Room T5	Keer DonovanJasper ChrispEnid WaltersAmara GibbZac ReidLayla ThompsonAlex Griffitha	Golden Broom Award <u>Week 1/2</u> Junior Room 23 Senior Room 11

SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY THERAPY CENTRE

2 day mental health first aid course at the AMR shire

\$50 across 2 days and open to teachers, parents and other community members.

Go to the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-mental-health-first-aid-margaret-river-tickets-743947114847? aff=oddtdtcreator



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniform Concepts

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5pm

And Saturday 9.00am-12pm

9270 4663 busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au 33 Bussell Hwy Busselton 6280

Calendar events for the rest of this term. Thursday 22nd of February **Parent Meetings** Monday 26th February **Combined Assembly** Tuesday 27th February **Board Meeting** Wednesday 28th February Surfing Carnival Friday 1st March School Development Day Monday 4th March Labour Day Week 7 NAPLAN Jumping and Throwing Thursday 21st March Friday 22nd March **Athletics Carnival** Monday 25th March **Combined Assembly** Thursday 28th March Students last day for term one

Parent Meetings

Kindy–Pre-Primary	3.30pm-4.00pm
Year 1–2	4.00pm-4.30pm
Years 3-4	4.30pm_5.00pm
Year 5–6	5.00pm_5.30pm

Teachers will outline how students will be learning this year, some significant events that are coming up and how you can best communicate with them. We appreciated being able to meet with everybody in person as it is difficult for teachers to speak with you before school as they are preparing for the day ahead and the arrival of students.

If you need to speak with your student's teacher, the best way is to make an appointment by email at;

(margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au) and we will direct this to your child's classroom teacher.

School Board 2024

The school board is looking for more parents to join us. We're a friendly and welcoming bunch of parents and teachers who meet seven times across the year. This is an opportunity to get involved in your children's education by bringing your ideas and expertise to help shape the direction of the school. We have a big year coming up with a new principal so it would be fantastic to see some new faces around the table. We want the school board to represent the diversity of our community so it doesn't matter where your skills and experience lie – everyone has something valuable to offer. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email me at <u>wardellie@hotmail.com</u> or contact Lorraine Macaulay on 9757 8500. Hope to see you at our first meeting of the year this Tuesday the 27th February at 5.00pm in the school staffroom!

Ellie Ward, School Board Chair.

