



WOODANILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL 1st December

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Important Dates



- **Term 4**
 - **8th Dec - Kindergarten orientation 9:00am - 11:00am**
 - 12th Dec - Reports sent out
 - **13th Dec - End of year concert 3:30pm**
 - 14th Dec - Last day of school for student's water play and movie at the school

Birak – First Summer – Season of the Young December – January



Birak season sees the rains ease up and the warm weather really start to take hold. The afternoons are cooled by the sea breezes that abound from the southwest. This was the fire season and time to beware and stay alert.

As for the animals, there are many fledglings now venturing out of nests, though some are still staying close to their parents. Reptiles are looking to shed their old skin for a new one.

With the rising temperatures and the decreasing rainfall, it's also time for the baby frogs to complete their transformation into adulthood.

Bureau of Meteorology

Just a reminder that snakes and bobtails are coming out with the warmer weather. We remind everyone to be aware and take precautions. It is recommended that students wear closed in sneakers or school shoes to keep safe. They are also best for climbing and running, especially during fitness and physical education.

Principal's Address



Dear Parents and Carers,

The busy weeks have continued! Students started a two-week block of swimming lessons. Thanks to Ray Chapman for driving the bus for the first week and ensuring we got there, and arrived back, safely. Miss Hannan joined the team for the second week to drive the bus and helped with supervision. By the second week the children were feeling tired but found enough energy to play at the All Ages Playground in Katanning after the lessons, and a milkshake. Thanks to everyone who made the swimming lessons a success, it takes a lot of daily organisation and rearrangement of routines and timetables for everyone.

Contributions and Charges have been endorsed by the School Council and will be sent home soon. The funds received from this help to support the resources we use with the children and allow us to fund more activities. The Personal Items Lists will also be sent out for parents to review what may be needed, or to be replaced.

Last week, students and staff participated in a Bushfire Evacuation Drill to ensure they would be prepared if one arose, and to meet the Department's compliance for schools in a bushfire zone. The fire engine came along and parked on the oval and the captain talked to the children, highlighted the updated safety aspects of the truck, and then let the children climb on board. They enjoyed squirting the hose and watching the fire cannon prune the trees. The older students engaged in the experience and were inspired. Thanks to Fire Captain, Dave Coleman, for taking the time to organise the visit and then return on the day.

The year is drawing to a close and it has been amazing thanks to our newly established and committed team. The students have developed beyond our expectations as they engage with the high-quality explicit teaching and learning we have delivered.

Our staff remains the same for 2024, although I will be leaving to take up a principal position at Darkan PS. Woodanilling has had a big impact on me and I will dearly miss the lovely students, amazing parents, dedicated team and the positive school culture that has blossomed. Throughout 2023, we have all worked as a team to develop a strong strategic direction, that was evident in our Public School Review, and I feel that this will be a guiding force for the duration of the 2023 -2025 School Plan that we developed. Ms Aleksandra Mutavdzic will be taking over the position of principal and brings with her many years of experience in leadership.

I wish everyone well, and especially our Year Four students who will graduate and move into Katanning Primary School. It has been a pleasure to work in such a wonderful place.

The End of Year Concert to celebrate all we have achieved will be at the school on Wednesday 13th December at 3:30pm. Students and staff are busily preparing for the event, and we hope you can join us for this event.

Michelle Williamson

Principal











Attendance



92.1%

It's really amazing to have kept up this high level of attendance. Thanks to everyone who makes it happen.



From the Classroom



Hello Parents and Carers,

This fortnight has seen our children significantly improve their swimming capabilities and their confidence in the water. It's been fantastic watching their progress and face some challenges that they've been able to overcome. It has been pretty exhausting as well, so lots of tired kiddos at the moment. We have reduced our academic demands on the children during this fortnight to accommodate for their exhaustion. Week 9 will return to regular learning as well as a few fun Christmas and holiday activities.

Last week, we were incredibly fortunate to have Fire Captain David and a fire truck come to visit us all at school. David explained some things about the truck, and we all got a turn holding the water hose and spraying as far as we could! The children were able to climb inside the cab and on to the back of the truck and explore many things! This event was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody and we're very grateful to the Woodanilling Volunteer Bushfire Brigade for enabling this event to occur - thank you! The Year 3 and 4's later brainstormed and discussed all the additions to the firetruck that are Design and Technology related, as this has been a focus for their Design and Technology unit this term. Then all the children created their own fantastic drawings of the firetruck which are on display in the classroom.

We are busy learning our end of year play and hopefully everyone has been organising their costumes as per What's App communication that has gone out in the last couple of weeks - please contact me if you are unsure of what your child needs. Costume requirements are kept as simple as possible.

The involvement of the children and the skate park refurbishment has been enjoyed by everyone and they are proudly telling us to look and see where they've painted - thank you to Kahlia for organising that.

Lastly, please encourage your child to continue their daily/nightly reading, even in these last few weeks, as the impact of this habit is well known to create strong readers. For the Big Woodies it doesn't have to be just the book they're bringing home - they can read shopping lists, calendars, the Farm Weekly, anything that they can read is beneficial. Little Woodies do still need to read their decodable book and we are doing extra daily reading now and the next two weeks in the classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Kaylene Head

Teacher















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2024 Enrolments Now Open



Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2024

If your child turns 4 years old before 30th
June 2024, apply to enrol now at
Woodanilling Primary School



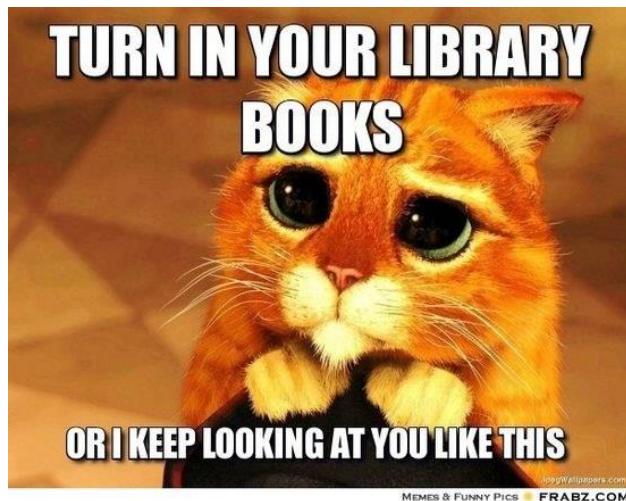
School News



If your child plays sports they might be eligible for KidSport funding. For more information, please follow the link [KidSport](#).

Library

Can students please bring all library books back to school by the 13th December so we can get organised over the school holidays ready for 2024. A letter with all borrowed books will be sent out on Friday 8th December so you have a chance to find any books that might be hiding.



Playgroup



Skate Park Artwork

The children have supported Kahlia Stephens with her Playgroup initiative to upgrade the artwork in the Skate Park. Students met with the artist to develop drawings and then went to the park to start painting. They had lots of fun. The artwork and painting will continue across the weekend with community members joining in. We can't wait to see how it turns out.



Working With Children Check Changes

 Department of Education **Shaping the future**

Checks for child volunteers in schools

We are grateful for and value our volunteers – here's how you can help keep kids safe when you're doing unpaid work at a school.

Before you volunteer at a school, we will ask you to **complete a Parent and child volunteer declaration form**. You will be asked to complete the form annually if you want to continue volunteering. Child volunteers are volunteers under 18 years of age.

 You are volunteering	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">complete an unpaid practicum or work placement as part of your educational or vocational course of studycoach or umpire sportsmentor studentshelp out in a classroom.
 You are not volunteering	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">are enrolled at a school and doing unpaid child-related work with other children at the same schoolwatch an event, like an assembly or sports carnival.
 You cannot volunteer	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">have a current Interim Negative Notice or Negative Noticehave submitted the form and are issued an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice – you must alert the principal
In addition to the declaration form, you need a Working with Children (WWC) Check	
 You need a WWC Check	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">do any paid child-related work at a schoolvolunteer after you turn 18 years of age.

If you are not sure if you need a WWC Check or to complete the Parent and child volunteer declaration form, please speak with the school office staff.



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Checks for parent volunteers in schools

We are grateful for and value our parent volunteers – here's how you can help keep our children safe when doing unpaid work at your child's school.

Before you volunteer at your child's school, you need to complete a Parent and child volunteer declaration form. You will be asked to complete the form annually if you want to continue volunteering.



You are
volunteering

- When you:
- help out in a classroom or attend a day excursion
 - present an award or speak at an assembly
 - offer to clean duty or helping in the uniform shop
 - assist at a sports carnival
 - conduct P&C duties.



You are not
volunteering

- When you:
- pick up and drop off your child
 - watch an event, like an assembly or sports carnival
 - attend a parent and teacher interview
 - visit the uniform shop.



You cannot
volunteer

- When you:
- have a current Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice
 - have submitted the form and are issued an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice – you must alert the principal.

In addition to the declaration form, you need a Working with Children (WWC) Check



You need a
WWC Check

- When you:
- volunteer for an overnight camp
 - billet students in your home
 - provide one-on-one mentoring to a student.

A current WWC Check is required by all other family members and friends (over 18 years of age) who want to volunteer.

If you are not sure if you need a WWC Check or to complete the Parent and child volunteer declaration form, please speak with the school office staff.



Woodanilling Primary School Council



We had our last Council meeting for the year, and it was a good wrap-up of all we have been achieving this year. The Council reviewed the student and staff numbers and the developing preliminary budget, which is looking healthy.

The Contributions and Charges and Personal Items List had been developed and the Council approved the amount and the list of items.

Voluntary contributions are an important source of income for the school to support the learning across many curriculum areas. It is always appreciated when parents pay this.

Council confirmed the School Development Days for 2024:

Term 1

Monday 29th January

Tuesday 30th January

Term 2

Friday 26th April

Term 3

Friday 16th August

Term 4

Friday 25th October

Members

Michelle Williamson - Principal

Bindi Murray - Parent/Council Chair

Kaylene Head - Staff

Sonja Hannan - Staff

Claire Marsden - Staff

Brooke Moulden - Parent

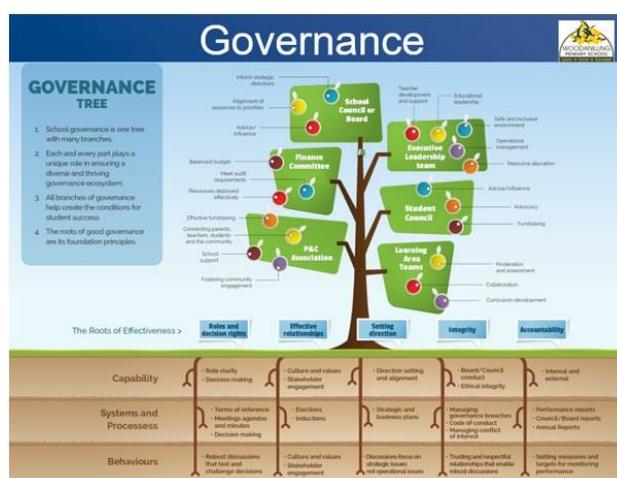
Danielle Perrie - Parent/Pending NCCHC

Damien Stephens - Parent/Pending NCCHC

Lesley Trimming - Community

Tracey Kippin - Community

Gradyn Wilcox - Community/Pending NCCHC



Woodanilling P&C



The Community Grass Roots grant project has now commenced. Community member and the school children have come up with some wonderful artwork ideas. Workshops are currently underway alternating between the Golf Club and Stake Park between 9am-5pm daily. If you would like to join or visit please do.

Call me on 0476601399 for any questions or info.

Kind regards,

Danni

P&C President











Woodanilling Primary School P&C Association

WHAT WE DO
A snap shot of our role within the school.

Fundraise

Raise funds to enhance school resources & facilities. Including but not limited to subsidising programs & excursions plus supporting positive opportunities to benefit the students.

Represent

Represent parents & community interests while facilitating effective communication for the school community. This includes nurturing a culture of kindness, respect, inclusivity & compassion.

Engage

Foster community participation in the school which provides opportunities for engagement, collaboration & communication between parents, school, staff, students & other community members.

Provide

Provide a quality, affordable, practical & friendly uniform shop service. Proudly displaying the schools logo LEARN. GROW. SUCCEED.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The P&C is now registered for the Containers for Change program. Containers for Change is a recycling program which rewards the collection of eligible containers with a refund of 10c per item. Items can be collected and delivered to a refund point in Katanning or Wagin, at which you can nominate the P&C as your donation recipient using our Scheme ID: C10326397

DONATE YOUR 10¢ CONTAINERS TO

Name: Woodanilling P&C

Member Number: C10326397



School Nurse



Body image - tips for helping your child have a healthy body weight and a healthy body image

- Be a positive role model and encourage healthy eating and physical activity, by providing healthy meals and snacks and getting active.
- Organise fun, family activities which encourage everyone to be active.

- Help children to see ‘treat’ foods, such as lollies, biscuits, chips, cakes and ice cream, as food which should be eaten only occasionally – not every day.
- Help your children to understand that there is no such thing as an ideal body shape and that ‘healthy’ people come in many shapes and sizes.
- Help your children feel special about themselves. Provide rewards and treats which are not food.
- Teach children that a person’s value is not determined by how they look.
- Avoid making comments about body weight. Focus on growth, not on scales.
- Don’t focus on weight and food restriction – focus on improved health, fitness and having fun. For more information visit

[Raising Children](#)

Community News





Carer Social Support Groups

Katanning

Taking a regular break and having a supportive social network improves wellbeing, is an opportunity to rest and recharge, and helps unpaid family carers to be in the best position to sustain their caring role.

Linking Together Social Support groups allow members to catch up and meet other carers in their local community. Coordinated by experienced volunteers, groups run monthly throughout the metro area and some regional areas.

Attendance is free and eligible to all carers, however carers are required to be registered with Carers WA.



When: 3rd Wednesday of each month | 10.00am – 11.30am

Where: Daily Grind

For more information, visit www.carerswa.asn.au/social-support or contact the Carers WA Social Support team on 1300 227 377 or email socialsupport@carerswa.asn.au.

www.carerswa.asn.au

VacSwim 2023

Each program has staggered enrolment closing dates between 17 August and 26 October 2023. For closing dates for each, refer to our website for [programs and locations](#).



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VacSwim

**Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.**

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the school holidays.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



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Program	Dates	Enrolments close	Price
October 8 day program	Wednesday 27 Sep to Friday 6 Oct 2023	Thursday 17 Aug 2023	Child \$32* Family \$85.50*
October 5 day program	Monday 2 Oct to Friday 6 Oct 2023	Thursday 17 Aug 2023	Child \$16.50* Family \$43.50*
Country early start 7 day program	Saturday 16 Dec to Friday 22 Dec 2023 (incl. Sat 16 and Sun 17 Dec 2023)	Thursday 12 Oct 2023	Child \$32* Family \$85.50*
January 8 day program	Wednesday 3 Jan to Friday 12 Jan 2024	Thursday 26 Oct 2023	Child \$32* Family \$85.50*
January 5 day program	Monday 8 Jan to Friday 12 Jan 2024	Thursday 26 Oct 2023	Child \$16.50* Family \$43.50*
January 9 day program	Monday 15 Jan to Thursday 25 Jan 2024	Thursday 26 Oct 2023	Child \$32* Family \$85.50*

*Concessions available. Does not include pool entry. Information on the website is available in languages other than English. If you require an Interpreter or need assistance in completing enrolment forms, please telephone VacSwim 9402 6412.

Term 4 Planner - Parents

Planner - Term 4, 2023 - Staff



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 October	7	8
1	9 October Pupil Free Day	10 October Students start	11 October	12 October	13 October	14	15
2	16 October Early Close Playgroup	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October Newsletter	21	22
3	23 October Early Close Playgroup	24 October	25 October	26 October	27 October World Teachers' Day Katanning Show	28	29
4	30 October Early Close Playgroup	31 October	1 November	2 November	3 November Newsletter	4	5
5	6 November Early Close	7 November	8 November	9 November	10 November	11	12
6	13 November Early Close Kindy orientation 9:00 – 11:00am Playgroup	14 November Planned power outage	15 November Assembly 2:35pm	16 November	17 November Newsletter	18	19
7	20 November Early Close Playgroup	21 November	22 November Swimming Lessons 11:55am– 12:35pm	23 November	24 November Swimming Lessons 11:55am– 12:35pm	25	26
8	27 November Early Close Playgroup	28 November	29 November Swimming Lessons 11:55am– 12:35pm	30 November	1 December Newsletter	2	3
9	4 December Early Close	5 December	6 December	7 December	8 December Kindy Orientation 9:00 – 11:00am	9	10
10	11 December Early Close Playgroup	12 December Reports sent out	13 December End of Year Concert 3:30pm	14 December Water Play and movie at school	15 December School Development Day Staff Only	16	17
				Last day of school - students			

*Planner subject to change (with as much notice as possible)

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