



WOODANILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL 8th
March

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Important Dates



- **Term 1 2024**
 - 14th March - Ride to School Day
 - 20th March - Harmony Day
 - 21st March - Busy Bee
 - 27th March - Assembly and Easter Hat Parade
 - 28th March - Last day of Term 1

Bunuru - Second summer (season of the adolescence) February - March



Bunuru is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast. Therefore, traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the diet during this time of year.

Bunuru is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums.

Another striking flower that is hard to go past is the female Zamia (*Macrozamia riedlei*). Being much larger than that of its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance.

As the hot, dry weather continues the seed upon the cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer.

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



Free online parent workshops

Term 1, 2024 calendar

Facilitated through the Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams



The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free online workshops for families. The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website.

Pre-registration is not required for these online workshops. If you would like to register for other Triple P workshops, please visit the [Triple P in WA](#) website and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of [Triple P Online](#) programs for free.

Instructions for joining online workshops

To join an online workshop, scan the QR code and download the [Webex app](#) on your device when prompted. Once the app has finished downloading, scan the QR code again and you will be directed to a Webex sign in page. Please provide your name and email address and then click 'join as guest'. You will enter a waiting room until the host opens the workshop. Alternatively, you can join from a computer browser without downloading the app.

Parents are advised to check audio and visual settings before the scheduled meeting time. There is an option to test and modify settings in the app. Please note that the facilitators will be unable to assist with any technical issues during the workshop.

Workshop	Date and time	Link to join
Doing well in high school A major challenge for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to make the most of their time at school. Learn how to help your teen develop these skills as they transition into high school.	Thursday 7 th March 7pm – 9pm	 Link to join
Now you have started school (primary school focus) We will cover common challenges that may have arisen in your home such as big emotions, independent dressing, eating, toileting, and	Tuesday 5 th March 8pm – 10pm	 Link to join

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Dear parents, carers and community members

Can you believe that it is only three weeks until Easter? This term is flying by and we have a few events happening in the last three weeks of Term 1 including Harmony Day, Ride to School Day, our garden busy bee, parent-teacher meetings, Easter Hat Parade and Term 1 assembly.

Ride to School Day

This year, we will be taking part in Ride to School Day on **Friday, 15 March 2024**. We ask that students and parents meet staff at the Shire Offices with their scooter or bike and helmet at 8:30am. We will then ride/walk together to school. If your child/ren are unable to take part, please let the front office know by **Thursday, 14 March**.

Harmony Day

This year, Harmony Day falls in Week 8 and this year's message is **everyone belongs**. The school will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Wednesday, 20 March** so that the kindergarten students can be part of the celebration. Several classroom activities have been planned and staff and students are encouraged to wear orange on this day.

Busy Bee






We are updating our front entrance and would love your help! We will be having a busy bee on **Thursday, 21 March** from 9-12pm. Morning tea and refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes, please RSVP by contacting the school on 9823 2600 by Monday, 18 March.

I have an open-door policy so please feel free to drop in and have a chat.

Kind regards

Aleks Mutavdzic (Mu-tav-jich)

Principal

separation. We discuss family routines, being part of the school community and parent self-care.	Thursday 7 th March 9.30am - 11.30am (repeat session)		Link to join
Learning to use the toilet Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet. This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.	Monday 11 th March 8pm – 10pm		Link to join
	Tuesday 12 th March 9.30am - 11.30am (repeat session)		Link to join
Learning to separate This session will focus on helping your child learn to calmly separate from you, into the care of another trusted adult/caregiver.	Tuesday 19 th March 8pm – 10pm		Link to join
	Wednesday 20 th March 9.30am - 11.30am (repeat session)		Link to join



From the Classroom



Hello Parents and Carers,

Another fortnight has flown by! We welcome two new students to our wonderful little school - welcome Braxton and Ruby - we are so happy you're here and we hope you have a fantastic time at your new school. The Pre-Primaries, Year Ones and Year Twos have been completing On Entry testing this last fortnight and results will be sent home at our earliest convenience. The students have shown great persistence during this time.

A couple of exciting things to mention - our latest Year 1 -4 art project 'What Can You Do With Oil Pastels?' is coming along nicely and will take a few more sessions to complete. This project has involved the students in creating geometric shapes with oil pastels, then painting over it with an acrylic paint and using our new art scrapers to create interesting and unique patterns. Next lesson will see the students exploring lines, which is an element of art, and they will create a scene to be drawn upon their oil pastel background. This 5 week project has been great at helping them practise delayed gratification as they have to wait quite a while before the finished product is ready. We will publish their artwork in the next newsletter, if ready by then.

Another exciting thing to mention is our new Digital Technologies we are using, GROK. Our Year 4 students have been practising coding to create different monsters and then, once created, can code them to carry out different actions. It's always incredible to see how young students so naturally and easily pick up coding and programming. Our Year 1 and 2 students have been exploring 'offline' Digital Technology activities which has seen them brainstorming which digital systems we use at school and they

use at home, coming up with a way to group these systems, and providing reasons for their answers. They are also enjoying playing BeeBots on the iPad, where they code a bee to reach a flower. This increases in its difficulty the higher you move up the levels.

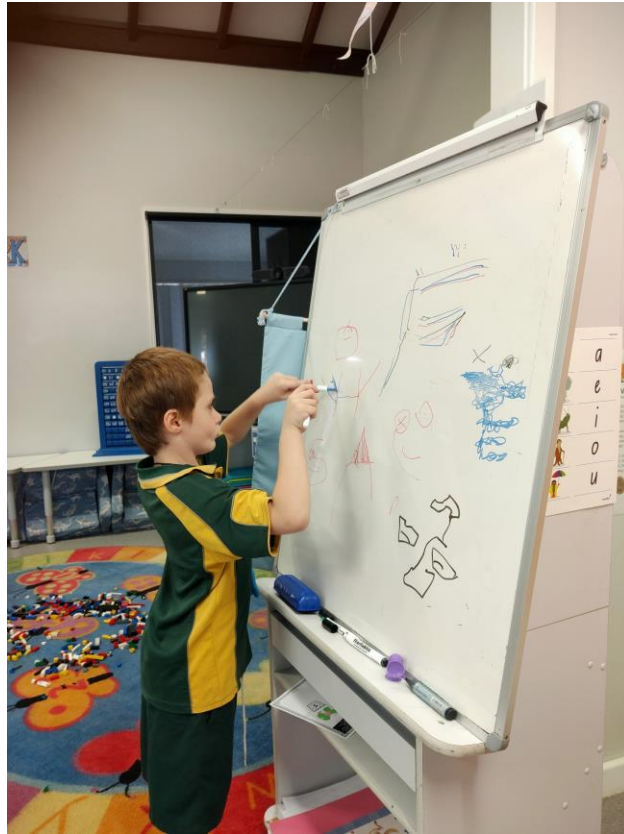
Our Junior Room is a buzz with learning and exploration and it's really fantastic to see the children engaged in hands on play, be it playdough, construction, fine motor activities, painting, imaginary play, Lego as well as continuing the structured early literacy programs we deliver.

In Protective Behaviours, the Year 1 and 2 students are learning when and how to call 000 in an emergency. Due to smartphones, this may be tricky for some children to access when needed as landlines become outdated. Please show your child how to call 000, on your phone as some smartphones have different access points. Thank you for your assistance with this skill.

Mrs Kaylene Head

Teacher





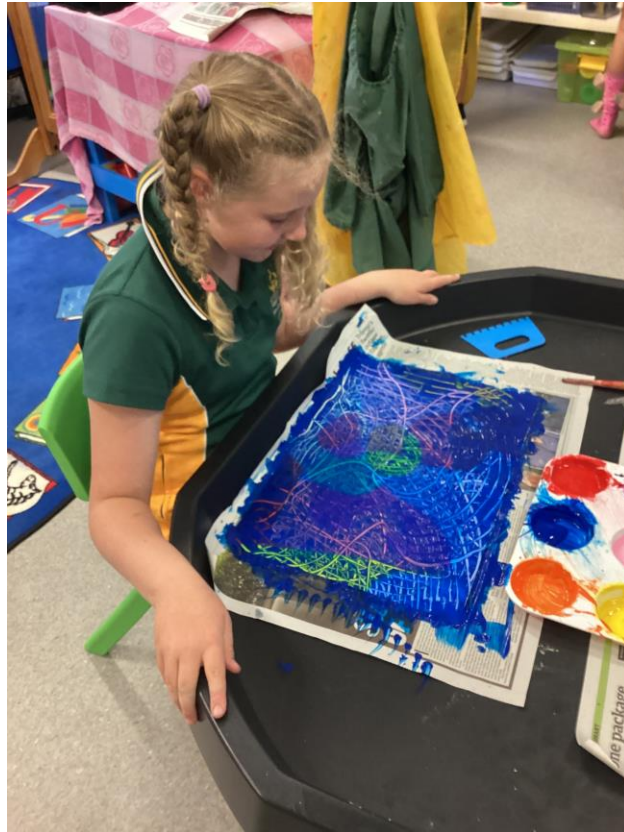














Attendance



92.5%

Super attendance rate! Well done everyone.

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School News



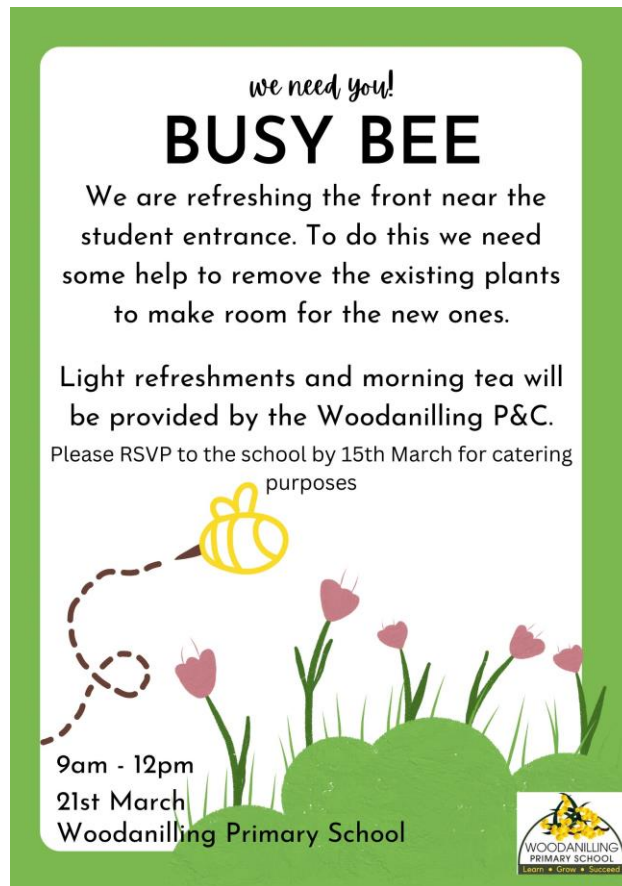
Chappy's Chat

Have you ever watched trapeze artists at the circus or on TV and marvelled at how they do it? Especially the moments when they are suspended in the air between letting go of one swing and being caught by the other person. What trust must they have in the other person. They didn't just wake up one morning and decide they were now a trapeze artist. How do they do it and make it look so effortless and graceful?

- Many hours of practice alone and learning to synchronise with other person.
- Trust the other person
- Trust the swings
- There is a safety net (just in case....)
- Need to let go of the swing they are on. Life is like that. To become good at something, we also need
- To practice and be prepared to make mistakes and learn from them
- Trust other people
- Have a safety net. Somewhere or someone you can turn to when things don't go to plan.
- Most importantly, in order to take hold of the next thing in life we need to let go of things. Is something holding you back or weighing you down. Sometimes it can be getting rid of stuff, severing a toxic

relationship, and learning to say No a bit more often. This can lead to new experiences, greater opportunities, happiness and less stress.

Till next time..... Take care. Chappy.



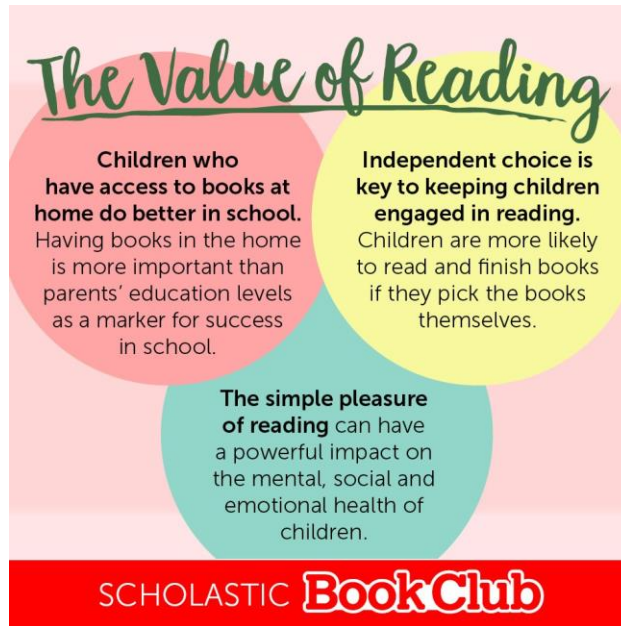
Voluntary Contribution

If contributions could be paid by end of Term 1, it would be greatly appreciated. Monies raised from contributions support the curriculum delivery for the children.

Payment can be made by any of the following methods:

- In person by cheque
- cash Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Payments can be made via EFT into the school bank account, details as follows:

Woodanilling Primary School BSB: 066 040 A/C: 1990 0217 Reference: Student Name



1 - Book Club orders are now open through the [LOOP](#) app. Please note when ordering that you select Woodanilling Primary School as the school and select Whole School as the class, we do not have individual classes on LOOP. If you have any questions about ordering, please contact Claire in the front office and she will assist you.

Working With Children Check Changes



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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.

 <div>You are volunteering</div>	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• complete an unpaid practicum or work placement as part of your educational or vocational course of study• coach or umpire sports• mentor students• help out in a classroom.
 <div>You are not volunteering</div>	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 school.• watch an event, like an assembly or sports carnival.
 <div>You cannot volunteer</div>	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
 <div>You need a WWC Check</div>	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• do any paid child-related work at a school• volunteer 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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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• help out in a classroom or attend a day excursion• present an award or speak at an assembly• are on canteen duty or helping in the uniform shop• assist at a sports carnival• conduct P&C duties.
 You are not volunteering	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
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 You need a WWC Check	When you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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



Our next council meeting will be held on the 29 May.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodanilling Primary School Council, please contact Aleks at the school and she can talk you through the process.

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

Aleks Mutavdzic - Principal

Bindi Murray - Community/Council Chair

Kaylene Head - Staff

Sonja Hannan - Staff

Claire Marsden - Scribe

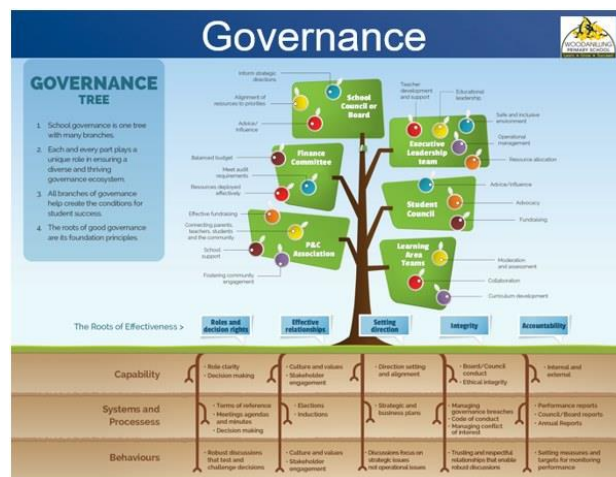
Brooke Moulden - Parent

Danielle Perrie - Parent/Pending NCCHC

Damien Stephens - Parent/Pending NCCHC

Lesley Trimming - Community

Tracey Kippin - Community



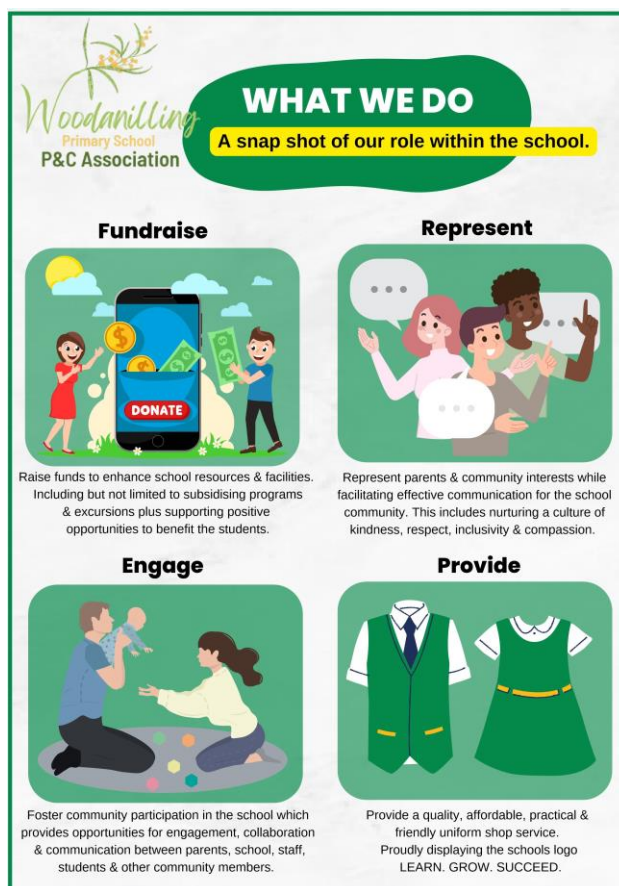
Woodanilling P&C



Hello to everyone,

Thanks to all who helped with and attended the Christmas in the park event which was a big success. We also thank the Woodanilling Shire community events fund and the ladies of the CWA for their support. Our thanks also go to outgoing principal Michelle Williamson for a wonderful productive 2023 and we welcome Aleks Mutavdzic to the role for 2024. We are blessed to have had Bindi Murray serve on the P&C for so long and wish her and her family success in their future adventures. Our P&C AGM is set for Monday April 22nd at 2.40pm in the school library, everyone is welcome. We have a pretty busy calendar and many hands make light work! With the support of CWA, we are in the process of setting up a cash for cans bin at the front of The Woodanilling Store as a local drop point and an ongoing fundraiser.

Danielle Perrie, President 0476601399.



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 10c CONTAINERS TO

Name: Woodanilling P&C

Member Number: C10326397



School Nurse



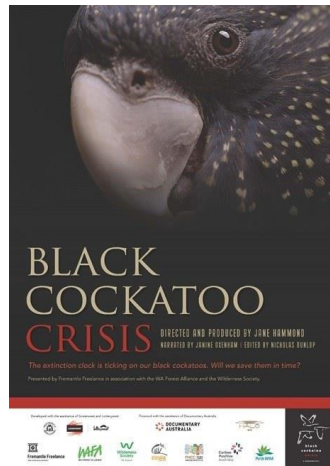
Bedwetting

Bedwetting, or nocturnal enuresis, is very common in children. Bedwetting has nothing to do with dreaming, and children who wet the bed are not “just being lazy”.

If your child wets the bed, there are a number of things you can do to help, such as using a waterproof mattress cover and establishing a before-bed toilet routine. It is not helpful to punish children who wet the bed. Fluids should not be restricted, even before bedtime. Sugary or caffeinated drinks should be avoided.

If your child is still wetting the bed after five and a half years of age, seek help through a referral by your local doctor. A bedwetting alarm is an effective and safe method of treatment available for nocturnal enuresis and may be appropriate for your child. Contact your local Community Health Nurse **Sharon Muir** on **98216278** for more information.

Community News



Community Movie Night

Katanning Town Hall
Sunday 8th October 2023

5.30pm doors open, 6pm start.

Followed by a live Q&A session with filmmaker Jane Hammond and BirdLife Australia Carnabys Cockatoo specialist Dr Sam Ryken.

Entry by gold coin donation

Join us for this award-winning documentary on endangered black cockatoos. See these incredible birds, learn about the threats they're facing – including mining right here in their breeding grounds at Badgebup – and how we can protect them for the future.

Presented with support from Katanning Landcare, Katanning CRC, Shire of Katanning, WA State NRM Program and Great Southern Bloom Festival

Enquiries: annabel@katanninglandcare.org.au 9821 4327

**Linking
TOGETHER**

Carers WA

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

2024

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD TRIALS AND HUB DAYS

14TH, 21ST & 28TH FEB

4:00PM - 6:00PM

KATANNING LEISURE CENTRE

2024 Katanning Netball Association Development Squad Trials and Hub Days

Registrations are open for players born in 2004 - 2012 that wish to play in KNA representative carnivals. All players are welcome to attend these sessions to develop their netball skills and trial to be selected in the KNA Development Squads.

All participants need to register via the QR CODE or follow the below link. Please register BEFORE Sunday 10th February.

<https://forms.office.com/r/59K2CfrtdG>

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY HOLZKNECHT AT KATANNINGNADEVELOPMENT@GMAIL.COM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ☒ Be 18 years or older
- ☒ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ☒ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ☒ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ☒ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

*Terms and conditions apply


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