



Edition 1
09 FEB 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB

23rd Assembly

MAR

Waalitj 4

4th Public Holiday

7th Valanga Khoza
Incursion

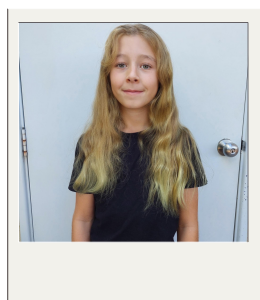
8th Assembly
Waalitj 3

22nd Assembly
Waalitj 1

28th Noongar
Woola
Yongka Block

Last day of
term

29th Good Friday



Welcome back for the new school year for 2024. I am so happy to be back at work. I really missed seeing all the kids and their lovely smiling faces. They have all settled back into the routines of school very well, and so far EVERY year level has an attendance rate above 90%. Wouldn't it be great to continue with this percentage for the whole term. I have already been lucky enough to see lots of good work and the kids have been able to tell me lots about what they are doing in class.

We have another exciting year ahead of us. I hope you will consider joining the P&C at the AGM on Friday 16th February at 3:30 in the Kindy area. The kids are able to have a play while we discuss ways of raising money in fun ways to help refurbish our library.

We are very lucky to have had little changes to our staffing this year. We welcome Miss Chloe Durolek into year 2 who is continuing her time with us from last year. Mrs Tamara Tucker is taking leave this term.

This year we are really focussing on our instruction and doing everything we can to develop curiosity in our students. Curious kids want to learn about the world around them and if we can do this in a socially collaborative environment then everyone is a winner. In 2023 we made a lot of gains in our academic achievements, and we want this to continue in 2024.

Last year, our school made a significant decision to adopt Restorative Practices, a method aimed at improving school culture, relationships, conflict resolution, and student behaviour. We believe it offers a better approach. Instead of dwelling on the past, we focus on asking the right questions when issues arise. We'll be asking your children questions like: What happened? How did it make people feel? What action can be taken to improve the situation? It's all about teaching responsibility for your actions and knowing that nobody is going to do it for you. Our job is to help our students do just that ... better and better and better.

Through our partnership with Real Schools, we're implementing this change and you can access resources at www.realschools.com.au using the login details:

Username - banksiagroves,

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Our future newsletters will have some tips for parents and carers on ways to build a restorative environment in the home. I am working really hard at this at the moment with my 15yr old son!

If you have a child who is due to start Kindy in 2025, we will be resuming our Leap into Learning pre kindy program on Thursday mornings from week 4. Please click on the link for more information and see front office for enrolment. [Leap Into Learning Flyer](#)

Coming up in week 8 at our Friday assembly, one of our students Trejo Meek will be cutting his hair as part of the World's Greatest Shave. He is planning to raise money as well as donating his hair to kids with Leukaemia. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please click the link below.

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/krystalmeek>