



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2024 Term 1 Week 9 Edition



From the Principal's desk

And that's a wrap for Term 1!

It's been a busy term for our students and teachers getting to know each other and settling into classroom routines. Most have settled well and are beginning to shine. Take some time to rest and recharge this holiday with your children.



Bunuru Bonar

February to March

*The Second Summer,
long days spent fishing on the coast.*

Season of Adolescence.



It's a wonderful time to get out into nature and enjoy the last few days of Bunuru Bonar (the hottest season) and enjoy the cooler mornings as we move into Djeran Bonar.

Why not check out the new pathway at Meelup Beach with artwork by artist Aunty Sandra Hill that tells a story of the land, sea, and the Wagyl serpent. Enjoy it with your family in the beautiful bushland and ocean. It is a lovely time to be out and about in nature and living in the South West!

Lunch times review

In 2024 we changed our school timetable to extend our periods allowing for more learning time in the mornings. This has meant our break times are now later in the day.

- Recess: 11.18 – 11.38 am
- Lunchtime Eating Break: 1.26 – 1.41 pm

If you would like to give us feedback about this change, please do so via this QR Code. We appreciate your feedback and input.



Outside School Hours Care coming to VPS

We are pleased to announce that Camp Australia will start their before and after-school care program at Vasse Primary in Room 18 in Week 4 of Term 2.

There will be an information session held at 3:15pm on Wednesday 17th April in the Hive, so come and learn about the program - children are welcome.

Bookings are already open!

Please note that Camp Australia works independently of Vasse Primary School and whilst we will be able to answer some queries, specific questions about the program should be directed to Camp Australia. **See school website for more info.**



We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and learn today, the Wardandi Bibbulmen people. We wish to thank Elders past, present and emerging for their continuing connection to our country and waterways.

School Holidays

We are getting more vandalism at Vasse on weekends and over the school holidays. There shouldn't be anyone in the school grounds during the holidays (apart from the oval). If you notice anyone at the school can you please contact the [School Watch](#) number (1800 177 777) to report suspicious behaviour.

Farewells and welcomes

Mrs Beth Harman will be leaving us and moving back to Dunsborough Primary School next term. We thank her for all her work as Student Services Deputy and wish her the best of luck in the future.

Mrs. Fiona Kennedy is leaving Vasse Primary and moving to West Busselton PS to be closer to her children. We would like to thank her for all her work at Vasse over the years and wish her the best of luck in her new role. **Mrs Jesse Newton** will be taking on the Dott provision role in Room 13 and **Mrs Gemma Amies** will take on the role in Room 16.

Mrs Kathy Guiver, our long-standing Manager Corporate Services (MCS), is retiring. We sincerely thank Kathy for her work behind the scenes at Vasse. Kathy has been integral to the financial management of the school and has a wealth of knowledge in this area. We will miss her expert guidance but wish her all the best in her retirement.



We would like to welcome **Mrs Angelene McKendry** who joins us from Tuart Forest Primary as our new MCS.

Farewell also to **Mrs Emily Stedman** who will be taking some time out to travel with her family over the next year. Have a wonderful time!

New Principal



We are excited to welcome **Mr Alex Cameron** as the substantive Principal at Vasse PS. We have had a few leadership changes over the last 3 years and look forward to a stable next chapter with Mr Cameron who joins us from Dalyellup Primary School.

And finally

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our wonderful Vasse community for their support of me and the leadership team over the past year and a half.

We have a wonderful community and I feel privileged to have been able to lead such a wonderful school.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the school board led by Katie Taylor and our P&C led by Lyndon Myles. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and really appreciate the support you offer the school.

Lucky for me I get to continue working at Vasse Primary as a Deputy!

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you back for 11 weeks of Term 2!

Kind regards, Mrs. Amy Sefton



Djeran Bonar

April to May



The Autumn, Cooling temperatures.



The Season of Adulthood.





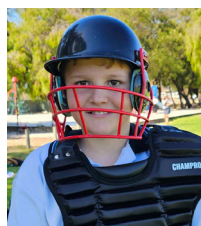
Easter Raffle winners are grinners

Congratulations to all our winners of this year's Easter Raffle. Thirty-nine (39) prizes were drawn on Monday plus a special prize for the Top Sellers, who sold a massive 61 books...

Tap the QR code above to read and see more photos.

Year 6's Interschool Summer Carnival

Our Year 6 students have been training for our Interschool Summer Carnival. Our annual event took place in Busselton on Wednesday 27 March. Schools from Busselton and Dunsborough competed in a fun round-robin tournament in three summer sports... Tap the QR code for more



Can you imagine! Printing food, then eating it!

On Tuesday of Week 9, some of our Science classes were treated to a special lesson on 3D food printing.

Emma and Joe from Edith Cowan University's Medical and Health Science department ran four consecutive lessons demonstrating how 3D printers can reduce food waste and create delicious meals of any design. Tap the QR code for more



Resilience Health Lesson with AFLW and former WCE players

On Friday 15 March, Mark Nicoski, former West Coast Eagles player and now our South West Coordinator for AFL football, came to Vasse Primary with his team, which included a few AFLW players; Mel Toia – works with WCE; Janelle Marangon – works with WCE; Courtney Rowleya – WCE AFLW player; and Krystel Petrevski – WCE AFLW player

The Year 6 Cohort took part in an educational Health lesson learning about Resilience. The students also had an opportunity to participate in AFL Football skill sessions and games with players and staff from the West Coast Eagles.

Read more ...tap the QR code above.

Message from the VPS School Board

On behalf of the Vasse PS Board I would like to formally welcome Alex Cameron as our substantive Principal at Vasse Primary School. Alex brings with him a wealth of experience through an extensive career history in education, most recently as Principal at Dalyellup Primary School.

Alex is highly regarded for his inclusive leadership style and for fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Alex recognises the strong community connection at Vasse and seeks to ensure we maintain the unique culture of our school.


I would also like to congratulate Amy Sefton for her achievements as Principal over the past 18 months. Amy's passion and professionalism in education and dedication to nurturing strong connections with students, teachers and the wider community is commendable.

The board envisions the appointment of Alex to further strengthen the leadership team at Vasse, and we look forward to continuing to work together in supporting a successful learning environment that allows our students to flourish.

Katie Taylor • Chairperson

Vasse Primary School P&C Assoc.

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Achieve great things for our kids.**




P&C AGM MEETING

ALL WELCOME

**Annual General Meeting
ALL POSITIONS VACANT
Monday 29 April 2024
6pm @ Vasse PS**

RSVP: pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au



P&C News

We wish you all a happy Easter and holiday break. The Easter Raffle was a great success. [Read more on the blog.](#)



If you wish to join our 2024 P&C committee, come along to the AGM to see what we are all about and help achieve great things for our school. Please check out our facebook page and web page for more info.

P&C Executive Committee



**EXHIBITION 2025
planning starts now!**

Seeking team members to join our fun VAA25 committee

**Major Fundraising Event
for Vasse Primary School**

We will meet in Term 2. More info e: vasse.ps@education.wa.edu.au

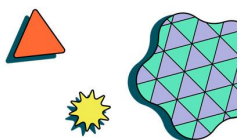
**2024 Netball Season
commences Term 2.**



www.busseltonnetball.com.au

Information Session

at Vasse Primary School



Find out everything you need to know about Outside School Hours Care at Vasse Primary School.

Come and meet the team at your service and find out about the programs that are offered, registration and booking process, billing, Child Care Subsidy and more.

Date: Wednesday 17 April 2024

Time: 3:15pm

Location: The Hive

Can't attend?

If you would like more information regarding Camp Australia's services but cannot attend this session, please feel free to visit your service and speak with your friendly Coordinator; or send us an email at oshc@campaustralia.com.au.

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Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device.

Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April

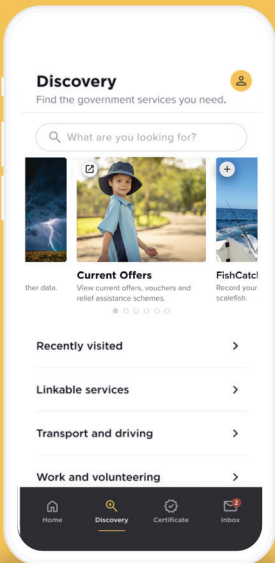
For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the ServiceWA app



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WA Student Assistance Payment



The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Get ready to apply from 15 April 2024.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer.



For app support, scan the QR Code or visit WA.gov.au/servicewaapp

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap