# Newsletter Term 4, Week 10

Peg's Creek Primary School News Edition 11, Term 4 Week 10 2023

Student Numbers: 251

### Katherine Mouda-Hughes Principal's Update Term 4, Week 10



**Our Moral Purpose**: To deliver high quality teaching that inspires independent, curious lifelong learners in a nurturing and inclusive school community, who will flourish and aspire to success.

**Our Vision:** Through collaboration we will provide high quality teaching and learning in a safe and supportive environment that will motivate all students to be their best.

Our Motto: Be Aware, Be Involved and Be your Best!

At Pegs Creek Primary School, we are committed to ensure that we will **be aware** of others around us and identify how our leadership and generosity can assist others to aspire to **be their best** in all learning and **be involved** to lead and collaborate in achieving the best outcomes for our students and school community.

### **Flourishing Individuals**

#### Celebrations

Every year our year two students are assessed ready for their spelling mastery groups in year 3. This year the number of students testing into Spelling Mastery C is increasing, which is a good indicator of improved letter/sound knowledge. The sounds write program that is being administered in junior primary is producing some effective results for our students.

Intervention in English in the junior area is having an impact with students' knowledge of letters, their sounds and the ability to read a combination more fluently. This will be increasing in time next year so more students will be involved.

Daily Reviews are starting to have an impact on retention of knowledge in both Mathematics and English. These will continue to be embedded in 2024.

Our storerooms across the school have been a focus over the last three years and we are nearly there by making our spaces more functional. Thank you to all staff that have been involved in this process, it has been appreciated.

### Class structures for 2024

The staff and admin have worked very hard recently on the class structures for 2024 and this is still a work in progress. Depending on the number of students who are leaving or enrolling, this could still change during the holiday period. For this reason, class structures are announced at the beginning of the school year.

The focus on the structures next year has been to ensure that our classes are balanced as much as possible. Staff collaboration will remain a focus in planning for student's learning. These class lists will be available on Thursday 25 January in the undercover area on the boards.

#### **Graduation for Year 6 students**

The recent Graduation of our year 6 students was very successful, and we wish them all the best for their high school years. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who assisted, and I want to say a special thank you to Richard Webster and AusCo for their contribution of the lunch on the day, this partnership is highly valued.

## **Life-Long Learners**

### Student leadership

As the leaders of this school, I am exceptionally proud of all the students recently who nominated for leadership positions across the senior school. The courage, vulnerability and resilience they have shown has been remarkable. We will be building on all of their leadership skills in different way in 2024. The focus of leadership will continue to be trust and respect.

### **Behaviour Policy recent changes**

This year the Department of Education has updated it's behaviour and health and well being policies. We have recently also updated our Student Behaviour policy, so it aligns with our Positive Behaviour Supports approach and is culturally responsiveness. The updated policy is on our website - <a href="School">School</a> Policies - Peg's Creek Primary School (pegscreekps.wa.edu.au)

### **Berry Street Professional Learning**

This is a Network initiative for 2024, most schools have engaged with getting 'Berry Street Training' to Karratha. This will be 10 staff initially participating and one class trialling and then the following semester more staff will be participating. This has had a huge impact on students' achievement and progress in schools across the nation who have embedded this framework into their daily school lives.

### Whole school approaches 2024

The school will continue to embed the following whole school approaches: Sounds Write, Brightpath, Spelling Mastery & Prime. The Pre-Primary /Kindergarten is going to trial 'Pre Lit' based on the feedback from Fremantle Language Centre professional learning that Emily Ford has been a part of this year.

### School Development Day Term 1 2024

On Monday and Tuesday next year, the staff will be learning about various things that enhance our ability to be more effective for our students. This will be looking at our instruction model across the school, increasing our knowledge on autism and effective strategies to use with our students, the survey results will be analysed and overall expectations for the year identified. Students will commence back at school on Wednesday 1 February 2024.

## **Connected Community**

### **Surveys Staff and Community**

There were 21 parents who gave us their feedback about the school recently. The surveys were created by the WA Department of Education aligning with their focus on inclusivity and cultural responsiveness. These surveys will be shared at P&C and Board meetings in term 1 next year if you are interested in the feedback. They will also be summarised in the first newsletter next year. Generally, the feedback was very positive from both staff and community however there are some points of interest that we will be discussing so we will continue to improve.

### **Staffing**

Tanya Graham has been successful with a leadership position at our regional office for 2024. We will be having a new school psychologist next year. Our school staff have benefited incredibly from her wisdom and knowledge over the years and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly say thank you as the leader of the school.

Hannah Brady has recently been successful with her application to Tambrey Primary School and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for everything she has contributed to our students over the years. Her sons going to this school has been the motivating factor to change schools.

On behalf of the school I would also like to acknowledge Noelene Bradley and Tulley Breman for all the hard work you have done with our students over the last two years, I know staff and parents have really appreciated it. Good luck with both your new journeys in 2024!

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you and good luck to Rob Thompson. You have made a huge impact on all of our students, especially our Clontarf boys. You have made a lasting imprint on these boys lives and will dearly missed by all.

We have two new experienced teachers joining us in 2024 and these teachers are very excited to coming to Pegs Creek Primary School. I will introduce them to the community on Thursday 25 January as well.

### **School Board**

People on the school board generally have a three-year tenure. Early next term we will be calling for nominations from parents, staff and community members to join our school board. If you are interested, please let the front office know.

### **Swimming Lessons Feedback**

Firstly, thank you to Sarah Goyder for your organisation of this last couple of weeks. What ever the time of the year that we do swimming lessons, the students are exhausted, but having them at the end of the year has been wonderful for our attendance, engagement and overall morale across the school. We will be keeping this time for 2024 due to the overwhelming positive feedback around this time.

Next term in week 4 after school we will be holding our first twilight swimming carnival. If you are interested in assisting, please let Sarah Goyder know. This will be held from 3:30-6:30pm.

# Year 6 Transitions to High School





















# Presentation Night 2023

What a great night, beautiful weather and entertaining class performances. Congratulations to the students who received awards and to the Year 5/6 leaders for 2024!





















































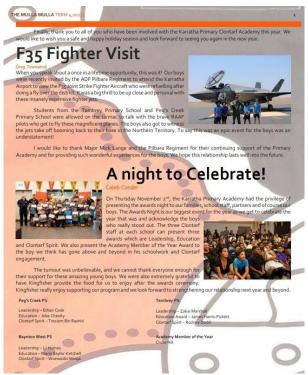


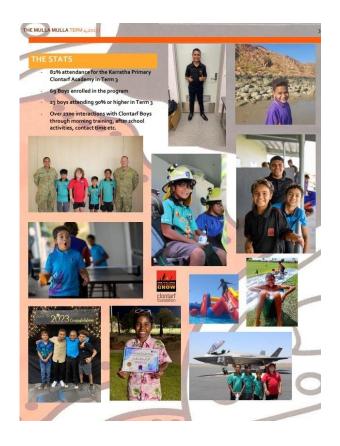




### **Clontarf News**

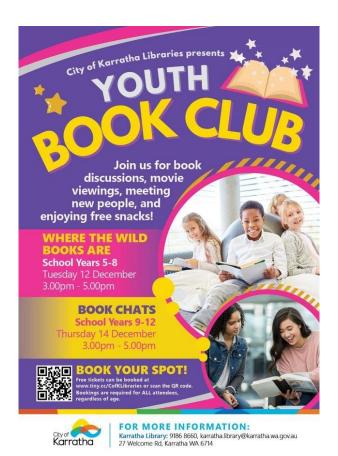






# **Community Notices**





KARRATHA SCHOOL DENTAL THERAPY

CENTRE IS CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND

Wednesday 31st January 2024

7:30am

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY Please Call YOUR LOCAL DENTIST:

Nickol Bay Dental Clinic: 9144 1470

Karratha Dental Care: 9185 5600

Pelago Dental: 9185 4849

Hedland General Dental Clinic: 0436692297

Afterhours Emergency Hotline: 1800 098 818

Have a lovely and safe Christmas and New Year from Carol, Cassie and Pat.

Project Title: EZ Scaf/ODH Tyres Fridge Sticker Art Works Created by: Pegs Creek Primary Students - Year 1-6 Materials:

• A4 Paper (Portrait)

#### Lead Pencil



- Coloured Pencils
- Coloured Textas
- Crayons Black Marker Design possibilities:

The theme for the contest is "Breakfast with EZ Scaf and ODH Tyres"

Imagine: "What if you were having Breakfast at a Scaffolding and Tyre Shop — How would show that in a picture?" Some ideas to help start their designs.

- Use symbols identifying breakfast items cereal, fruit, yoghurt, toast etc
- Use Pegs Creek PS logo somewhere
- Use symbols identified with Scaffolding (see examples below) Do not use their logo as it will be incorporated at the bottom of the sticker Use symbols related to a Tyre shop (see examples below) Do not use their logo as it will be incorporated at the bottom of the sticker



Entries are due Monday of Week 2, Term1, 2024 (February 5th) – Only one entry per child

### **Contact Us**

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