

# eNews @ Nedlands Primary School

2 July 2021

Kaya, 你好, مرحبا, नमस्ते, 안녕하세요, xin chào , hello Nedlands Families

As we come to the end of Semester 1 - an eight-week term in Term 1 and an eleven-week term in Term 2, and although it hasn't ended in the way we planned, there is still a lot to look back on and celebrate.

All families will have received the Semester 1 reports this week. These reports provide a summary of your child's achievement and effort across learning areas in the first half of the year. Enjoy reading through your children's reports and share the celebration of their success with them. It's a great chance to talk about learning goals for the coming semester too.

Education is a partnership between home and school, we encourage positive relationships between our families and school. In our reports, teachers may have marked 'yes' in the 'interview requested' to indicate they would like to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. Many teachers have met with parents prior to reporting to share insight into their progress throughout the year. Please remember teachers are always available to meet with you to discuss any issues or concerns you may want to talk through. It's always a good idea to book a time for these meetings to ensure there is enough time to focus on the purpose of the discussion.

Thank you to the great staff at Nedlands Primary who are committed to providing each and every one of our students with high quality teaching and learning each day. Thanks also to our school community for your support, whether volunteering your time in classrooms, being a part of the P&C or School Board, your generosity in juggling home, work and school commitments is appreciated, and makes a difference to learning for our students at Nedlands Primary School.

I hope you can all take some time to relax and unwind after a jam packed semester, and recharge over the break ready to enjoy another exciting term filled with learning at Nedlands Primary School.

**Fiona McBeath**  
Principal



### Term 3 Take Home Reading

During Week 11 we have been completing an audit of our reading resources across the school. This has involved a stocktake of every reader within the school to enable us to see how many resources we have, the quality of our resources and areas of need for purchasing in the coming school year.

In the first 2 weeks of Term 3, as we begin to accession our readers into the new reading system, students will not be receiving 'take-home' readers from class teachers. We are currently prioritising the levelling process of the new reading system to be able to provide 'home-readers' for students as soon as possible.

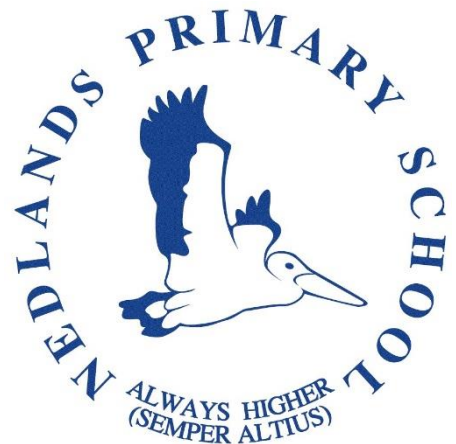
While this process takes place please make use of your child's subscription to Reading Eggs or Lexile Literacy Pro (depending on year level).

### 2022 Enrolments Now Open

Applications are now open for Kindy to Year 6 enrolments for 2022. Application forms have been sent home with current Kindy students or are available from the office. They can also be downloaded from our website [www.nedlandsp.s.wa.edu.au](http://www.nedlandsp.s.wa.edu.au) under 'Information' then 'Enrolments'.

Applications will remain open until Friday 23rd July 2021 but we would appreciate forms being returned as soon as possible so that we can anticipate staff needs for 2022. If you know of anyone who has a child eligible for Kindy next year, please let them know that applications are now open. Please note that as Pre Primary is now a compulsory year of schooling, it is not necessary to re-enrol for Year 1.

If your child will not be attending Nedlands Primary next year, please advise the office as soon as possible to assist with staffing for 2022. Thank you.



### ICAS Overview

Please find attached an information and permission letter regarding ICAS assessments for Years 4 - 6 students in Term 3 2021. These assessments are not compulsory, however if a parent would like to register their child for any of the assessments please read the letter attached to this eNews carefully. Parents are required to register their child for the assessments using the information below (also in the letter) and return the permission slip to the school.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, that has been running for 40 years. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

**Parent Payment System:** <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

**School Access Code:** **GMF179**



### Term 3 Planner

The Term 3 planner is now on the website. The term will be jammed packed with lots of events including: Science and Book week, Inter-house and Interschool Athletics Carnivals, school photos and class excursion/incursions. At times, dates do change so please also check the coming events tab on the website regularly.

*Thank you, Sandy Cottam and David Geijsman.*

### Curriculum @ Nedlands



### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Days of Celebration.

This year's theme is 'Heal Country'. You will see a lot of NAIDOC celebrations around the city, so embrace the cultural experience and help celebrate. Although we were disappointed at not visiting the Swan River (Derbal Yerrigan) for our bush walk, we definitely had fun completing our NAIDOC Week spotto around the school. We look forward to rescheduling our bush walk next term –learning by the river (bilya kaatajin).

Across the school we had different activities this week, with our Kindy students engaging in the different play provocations involving story rocks, hand painting, and dreamtime stories. Our Pre-primary students read the Dreamtime Story 'How the Birds Got Their Colours', and used this to create their own colourful dreamtime birds.

Our Year 1 students worked collaboratively to design and create The Waugal (Rainbow Serpent) and learnt how the Rainbow Serpent rose up from Ga-ra-katta (Mt. Eliza at the foot of Kings Park), and formed the Derbarl Yerrigan and the Djarlgarro Beelieer (the Swan and Canning rivers). It also created other waterways and landforms around Perth and the south-west of Western Australia. Waugal has many different spellings, including Waakal, Wagyl, Wawgal, Waugal, Woggal and Waagal. We can't wait to see the end result!

Our older years used our on-site Makuru Spotto activity, created by Mrs Hull, to locate and identify different flora and fauna around our school such as: the bush cherry, saltbush, grass tree, bush basil, djidi djidi (willy wagtail), kaa kaa (kookaburra) and kwenda (possum). Makuru Spotto was lots of fun and our students were able to locate everything on site except for our local kwenda!

We look forward to creating more opportunities to achieve our Nedlands Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) targets throughout 2021. The RAP will develop year on year. As it does so, we will continue to respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation as the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we stand and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



## STEM @ Nedlands

### Year One: 'It's My Town'

Last week, some of our Year One students enjoyed sharing their STEM learning project with their parents. Children gave a brief presentation of their learning about lines, 2-D shapes and 3-D objects, and how they used their knowledge to plan, draw and then build a 3-D town of their own.

Popular facilities included in the town were ice-cream shops, K-Mart, BHP, Police Stations and swimming pools. Not only did the children have a wonderful time building their town, they learnt just how difficult it is to be a town planner. It was wonderful watching the children develop their collaborative learning skills to problem solve challenges that arose.

### Year Two: 'The Little Red Hen'

The Year Two STEM project involved designing, building and programming a device to carry wheat to the mill for the Little Red Hen. After several failed attempts and many modifications to their original design, students successfully completed the challenge.

There was much collaboration, sharing of ideas and a developing awareness of the need to problem solve at each step of the process. The Year Two's are already looking forward to their next STEM challenge next term!







### Year 3 Kings Park Excursion

The Year 3 had a fabulous day at Kings Park Education Centre learning about the plants and how seeds grow and bush skills.

The students brought back some seeds they planted that had 'fire water' sprinkled on them as this is how seeds grow after a fire had burnt the bush. These are in the vegetable garden awaiting the sun and weather to help start the growing process, and when they do, we will get Barry our gardener, to plant them in a good spot.

The children had a challenge of Child vs Wild where they learnt to build a camp, using a tarpaulin and rope, along with making damper in a fire and eating it with honey. Then they had to pretend to have someone with a snake bite and bandage their leg as first aid. Many skills were learnt during the whole day.

### Health & Wellbeing @ Nedlands

During Peer Support students have looked at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities students discovered the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. It would be great if students can practise these skills by playing games with siblings, family and friends. Last week in Peer Support students explored how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. They practised these skills with each other.

The Student Expectation our Health and Wellbeing Councillors have been looking for this week is students who are welcoming to students and visitors. The class who has been welcoming to other students and visitors and who will have 'Hope' visit their classroom this week is Year 2, Room 5.

It was great sharing Peer Support with parents and friends who came to see it in action a fortnight ago. Thank you.

If you have any Health and Wellbeing tips or healthy recipes you would like to share with the school community please send them to me.

*Thank you,  
Mrs Daryl Morris-Hall*



## Music @ Nedlands

### ***The Massed Choir Festival is on in 2021!***

Save the date: Concert 6 Tuesday 21 September Perth Concert Hall 7.30-9.00pm. (All concerts will begin at 7.30pm and conclude at 9pm).

Students are required at the hall for a Technical Rehearsal on the night of their concert. 5.30pm-7pm. All tickets will be sold online through the Perth Concert Hall or Ticketmaster. Please check carefully that you are purchasing tickets for the correct concert. There are 9 concerts in total.

[www.perthconcerthall.com.au](http://www.perthconcerthall.com.au)

[www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)

### **Music Assembly**

The Junior Choir had their first public performance on Friday 25th June and gave an energetic performance to the rest of the school. Congratulations to the Year 4s and thank you to their parents for ensuring that they were so well presented on the day.

The Year 6 String Ensemble also played at Friday's assembly, playing so beautifully and providing an important introduction for many students to our outstanding instrumental program.

### **Monday Maestro**

We've had six recent Monday Maestros - Alyssa, Akithmi, Lily, Omega, Zexing and Elliot. We are so lucky to have an abundance of dedicated musicians who jump at the chance to perform at lunchtime for their friends and for the staff. As they perform outside the library, the staffroom window nearby is flung open so that the teachers can enjoy the music too!



### **World Singing Day**

Be a part of it!

<https://worldsingingday.org/>

16 October 2021

Sing together. Unite



***Thank you, Alison Conroy  
Music Specialist***

### Chaplain Chat @ Nedlands

The holidays will soon be upon us. Some may welcome this with a feeling of excitement, whilst others may feel a sense of dread, as sometimes families at home together can be challenging: sibling rivalry, tempers flare etc.!

You are not alone feeling this. There is no magic wand to make your family get on together, but perhaps a simple chat encouraging random acts of kindness, coupled with keeping a short simple gratitude diary may go some way to easing the tension and creating a more harmonious atmosphere. Try it. What have you got to lose?!

This is a link to a short 2:29 minute talk on "The Power of Kindness".

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8afO6jkod\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8afO6jkod_4)



### Nedlands P&C

#### Lapathon

You can return your Lapathon donations to the black P&C lock box on the wall near the canteen or via online payments following the link:

<https://www.nedlandsp.s.wa.edu.au/events>

Prizes will be drawn on Friday 23rd July at the first assembly back in Term 3 so donations will need to be returned prior to then to be part of the draw, of course we will happily accept donations after this date too!

There will be a prize for the class that has the most students return their donations first along with Junior and Senior prizes of a new bike and \$50 gift card.

You will receive an entry into the prize draw for every \$10 donated.



#### Crazy PJ Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for Crazy PJ Day today. Remember you may donate online on the following link <https://www.nedlandsp.s.wa.edu.au/events>

Thank you for your support for the P&C activities this term Parents! You all have been amazing! Have a great school holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3 for more fun P&C activities!

#### Save the Date

In Term 3 we have several P&C Fundraising events to enjoy, save the date for the following events:

- **Carnival Café Friday 27 August 2021**
- **P&C Quiz Night Friday 10 September 2021**
- **Mad Scientist Day Friday 24 September 2021**



## KidzBiz Out of School Hours Care

Vacation Care at Kidz Biz this July holidays is over-filled to the brim with fun!

We have in store for your children a wide variety of stimulating activities to enjoy from exciting arts and crafts to take home, sports days, group games, cooking, incursions, excursions and more!

Each day offers a new adventure and to explore new found interests. Our vacation care program presents an opportunity for children to meet new friends and to socialise with others of different ages and diverse backgrounds.

Please find our attached program below. To register your booking or to make an enquiry please e-mail: [nsr@kidzbiz.net.au](mailto:nsr@kidzbiz.net.au) or come and visit us during before or after school hours in person at the Altius Centre for more information.

Kidz Biz is committed to providing a fun, safe and nurturing environment for all children at all times.

***\*Please be advised that our vacation care program will be operating at Hollywood Primary School***

## Community News

### UWA Out of School Care

UWA Out of School Care Term 3 after school pickup location will now be at the Northern oval of Nedlands Primary School. Any students attending UWA after school care in Years 2- 6 are to walk straight to the new pick up location, where students will be supervised. Any queries regarding the location please ask at the front office or email: [outofschoolcare@uwa.edu.au](mailto:outofschoolcare@uwa.edu.au)>;



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14 Government Road Nedlands  
<https://www.schooloffreestylemartialarts.com.au/>

## UWA WEST COAST SWIMMING CLUB

**REGISTER NOW WITH  
UWA West Coast Swimming Club**

**UWSC WINTER PROGRAM (TERM 2 and 3)**  
**Monday 19 April to Friday 24 September**  
Register now for UWSC Junior Development Squads  
winter (short course) program

Our Junior Development squads will teach swimmers how to train and swim faster while maintaining good technique.

Visit the UWSC website to register online at:  
[www.uwawestcoast.store](http://www.uwawestcoast.store)  
or email: [administration@uwawestcoast.org](mailto:administration@uwawestcoast.org)



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## NO SCAREDY CATS PARENT COURSE - Reducing anxiety and building resilience skills in 2 -12-year old's

# behaviour tonics

You will learn:

- An overview of how a well-honed theory of parenting (what you need to repeatedly do) can assist parents to manage children's worries.
- Coverage of how some misguided policies are making parents and children more anxious.
- The brain, including how the pre-frontal middle cortex and the amygdala operate, and where fear and anxiety originates.
- Commonly misused phrases and cognitive distortions used by children and their peers.
- A helicopter view of what risks we can allow and which require us to keep children safe.
- 'Traps and trip wires': what to do when a child's amygdala starts to play-up.
- Memorable strengthening sayings, questioning strategies and mindfulness exercises.

Next course – face to face and live and interactive webinar (or a blend of both). \$180pp or \$320 for 2.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August, 7 – 8.45pm

## ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS - Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

The structure of this course provides parents with a model for working out what behaviour needs to be ignored, how to coach teenagers to consider the consequences of their actions and to hold difficult conversations when agreements are breached. A practical 'how-to' guide for parents.

You will learn:

- Understanding adolescents: a time of reconstructions, redeveloping social landscapes, brain snaps and body make-overs.
- Understanding your job as parent/carer of a teenager – observer, advisor, negotiator, director.
- A three-option model for decision making....a 'drop down' menu for parents.
- Working out how NOT to respond in tricky emotional encounters.
- Building your relationship with your teenager.
- How to hold difficult conversations more successfully when discussing issues such as internet overuse, sibling conflict, disrespect, truancy, going out, school work, helping out, choice of peers...and much more.

Next course – face to face and live and interactive webinar (or a blend of both). \$120pp or \$220 for 2.

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug, 6.45-9.15pm.

## FATHERING 101 - Parenting Information for Dads

Men are more involved in parenting than ever before, but with so much information out there it can be hard to know how to do it well and with confidence.

REGISTER FOR THIS **FANTASTIC WORKSHOP DELIVERED BY A DAD FOR DADS**

- Developing self-regulation in kids
- Why set limits and boundaries?
- Why Dad's modelling is so important?
- Dads can be great teachers.
- Is it too much to expect, that parents be 'on the same page'?
- How much positive reinforcement is enough?
- Strengthening relationships.

Leederville – Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> June, 6-8pm. Supper included. \$66pp

Bookings for all course can be made [here](#)