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# THE COOROW QUILL

Our school is built on the land of the Yuat people – the Yuat are part of the Noongar nation. We respectfully acknowledge that the Yuat have been the custodians of this country for many thousands of years and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

### Hi Mums, Dads and carers

Thank you to everyone who has attended our school events this week – it has been a busy one! It has been great to see you all in at school to support your children.

### Monday 25 August - no school for students

Monday is a school development day – the school will not be open. Teachers and EAs are off to visit Morawa District High School. Morawa DHS is an outstanding school and was a winner in the WA Education Awards in 2024. We are going to observe their teachers working in the classrooms and to learn about their whole school planning processes. Working as a teacher or principal it is easy to be locked away in your own little classroom or office, but it is important for us to be learners too, learning from others who have been recognised for their exemplary practice, and stepping out of our comfort zones to try some of their ideas.

### **Telethon Fundraiser**

Congratulations to Kira and Shanté whose fundraiser raised \$128 for Telethon. Those sausages and juice

### Dates to remember



Monday	Staff Developmen Day			
25 August	No students			
Monday 1	Board Meeting			
September				
Monday 8	Father's Day celebration			
September				
Thursday 11	Circus Challenge Incur-			
September	sion			
Friday	Morawa Ag College			
12 September	Excursion - 4-6			
Wednesday	Perth—Beauty and the			
17 September	Beast			
Friday 19	Interschool Athletics			
September	Carnival @ Perenjori			

boxes just disappeared in a few minutes! I'd like to thank Elders Coorow for their support of this event, and also Mrs Millsteed who did all the little things that are necessary to make an event like this happen. They add up to lots of work, and she did a great job.

### **Cyber Safety Presentations**

On Wednesday 30 July, Kayelene Kerr, founder of eSafekids, facilitated a student cyber safety session for our year 4 to 6 students, emphasising the importance of privacy, safety and screen limits. She also conducted a parent session that reiterated these topics and explained some steps to keep our children safe while online. If you would like more information about these things, as well as about protective behaviours and body safety, please access her website <a href="https://www.esafekids.com.au/">https://www.esafekids.com.au/</a>









### Father's Day

Our Father's Day celebration will be held on Monday 8 September. Dads and kids will be completing a mystery construction challenge and then enjoying a tasty snack before the dads have to head off.

Remember, please collect plastic containers; offcuts of wood, plastic coreflute, PVC pipe, etc; as well as all sorts of boxes and cartons, big and small.....we have quite a few big ones already, so you probably need lots of small ones (though we have no ginormous ones, so if you are buying a new fridge, save that box!) Interestingly shaped items will be especially useful (it might be a good excuse to eat some chocolates that come in a hexagonal tin, or even some Favourites as they have a funny-shaped box!)

You don't need to bring your collections in to school now. Curate them at home, then bring them in to school on the morning of 8 September, as well as your tool box and a collection of nails, screws, nuts 'n' bolts and some good strong glue. We have glue guns and tape.

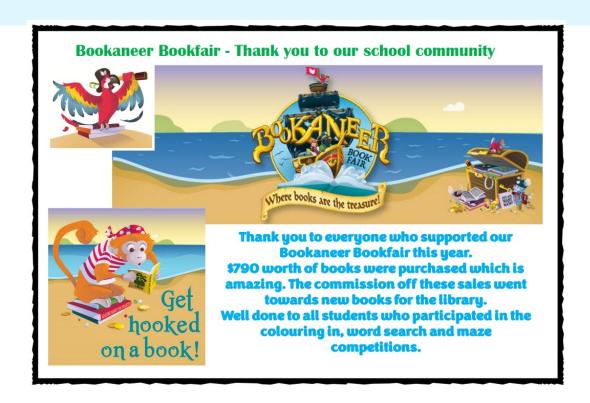
### **Bookweek Parade**

Thank you to all the parents who helped their children create amazing costumes and came in to school to see them parade. I think it is one of the kids' favourite days! I loved seeing the little brothers and sisters dressed up, too, bold enough to parade and even to speak into the microphone.

Dressing up and carrying their books is special way to create a love of books and reading in a child. One of the little girls proudly told me that 'her book' had been mummy's when she was little – creating meaningful bonds within your family like that is something that gives your children an incredible sense of belonging. Some photos of the costumes are on page 4 of the newsletter.

### **School Library**

Don't forget, you can visit our library any time – with your children, or without. If you would like to borrow some books for your children, see Mrs Millsteed in the office and she will organise it for you. They are there to be read!



Tilly - 21 August
Blair - 4 September
Harris - 9 September
Claire - 18 September





**Kai** for outstanding teamwork, making sure that every member of the team participated and achieved success.

**Lizelle** for outstanding teamwork, making sure that every member of the team participated and achieved success.

**Oliver** for outstanding teamwork, making sure that every member of the team participated and achieved success.

**Claire** for your focus and hard work, both in class and at home, to become a stronger reader and writer. Your confidence is growing each day, and so are your skills.

**Patrick** for your consistent effort to improve your skills with your reading and writing. It is great watching you challenge yourself, and the joy it brings you when you succeed.

**Emmy** for consistently striving to do her very best in all subject areas and actively participating to improve her learning. Outstanding effort, Emmy!

**Latayah** for being a responsible and supportive group member during class activities. You are a wonderful role model for our class, Latayah!

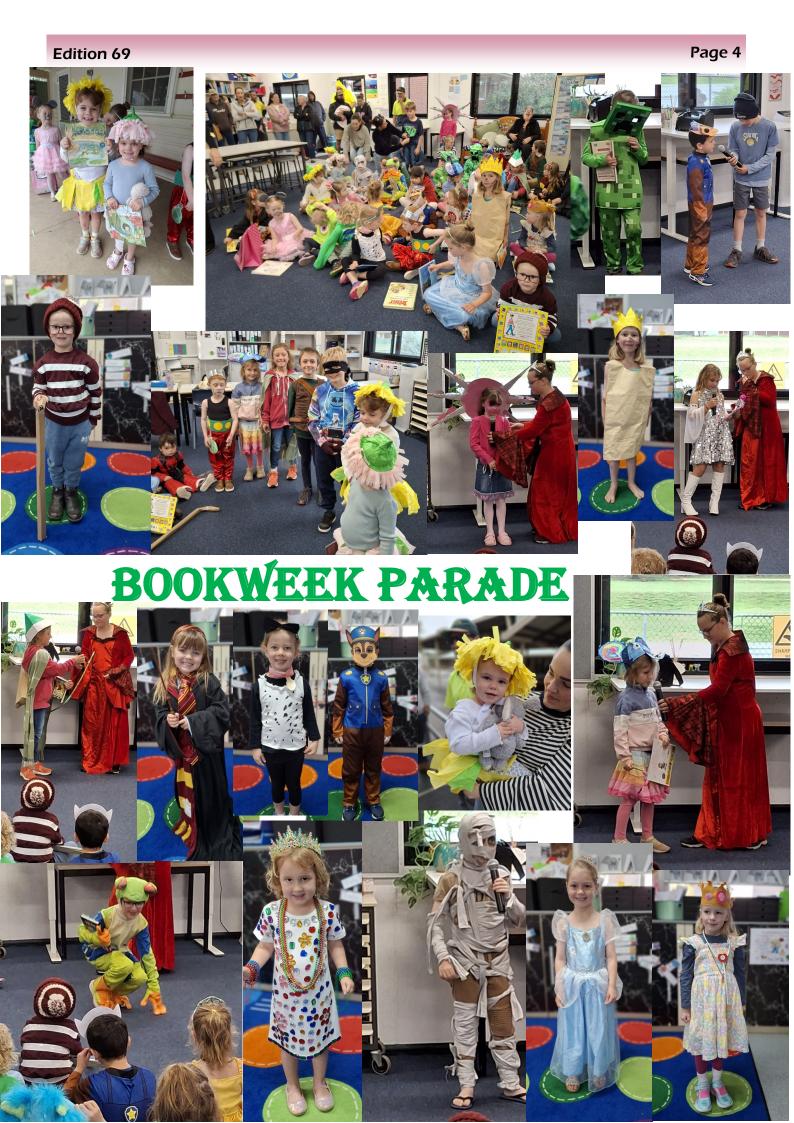
**Kira** for your outstanding ability to draw on your prior knowledge of Science topics and use this to deepen your understanding of new concepts. Your enthusiasm during class discussions is fabulous!

**Thomas** for his enthusiasm during class discussions in our Science lessons. I love listening to your contributions, particularly when you share your general knowledge of the world around us.

**Charlotte** for her active participation during the Filmbites drama lessons. You cooperated well in a group, contribute to discussion and act confidently when performing. I love hearing you laugh and enjoying yourself.

**Shante** for her exceptional dedication to learning and your unwavering sense of responsibility. Your commitment to excellence, reliability, and continuous growth set a shining example for your peers.

**Connor** for showing real growth in poetry. Connor thinks carefully about his words, tries new techniques, and produces thoughtful, creative pieces. It great to see your confidence grow as a learner.





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# **VacSwim**

Fun swimming lessons over the school holidays. Enrol now!



Enrolments open Tuesday 5 August 2025.

October enrolments close Tuesday 26 August 2025.

Summer enrolments close Wednesday 15 October 2025.



Shaping the future

# VacSwim

Regional enrolment checklist

VacSwim enrolments are now open! Use this checklist to help secure your child's spot quickly in a regional program.

### Get your WAIVS account ready

- ☐ Register for a WA Interm and VacSwim (WAIVS) account. It's essential for online enrolment.
- ☐ Already have one? Log in to your existing account.

### Be aware of enrolment limits

- ☐ One program per child only. This allows your child to enrol in:
  - One October program
- One summer program (December/January)
- ☐ Join the waitlist for additional programs if desired.

### Choose your program and book early

Review program dates to find your preferred option.

### October programs (Close: Tuesday 26 August 2025)

- ☐ October program: Wednesday 1 October to Friday 10 October 2025 (8 days)
- ☐ October short: Tuesday 6 October to Friday 10 October 2025 (5 days)

### Summer programs (Close: Wed 15 October 2025)

- ☐ Country early start: Friday 19 December to Tuesday 23 December 2025 (5 days)
- ☐ January program 1: Tuesday 6 January to Friday 16 January 2025 (9 days)
- ☐ January short: Monday 12 January to Friday 16 January 2025 (5 days)
- ☐ January program 2: Monday 19 January to Thursday 29 January 2025 (8 days)

### Prepare for costs and concessions

- ☐ Be aware of program and venue fees
- ☐ Have an online payment method ready.
- ☐ Check your eligibility for concession rates on our website.

### Gather your child's details

- $\ \square$  Know your child's full name, date of birth and medical information.
- $\hfill\square$  Determine their current swimming stage.

### Find your local venue

☐ Use the map on our website to identify your preferred regional Vacswim venue.

### How to enrol

- ☐ The easiest way is to enrol online.
- $\hfill \square$  Mail option is available. Complete the form and mail to us by the closing date.

### **Enrol now:** education.wa.edu/vacswim

Need help? Call 9402 6412 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au

## Spots are limited, enrol now to secure your place!

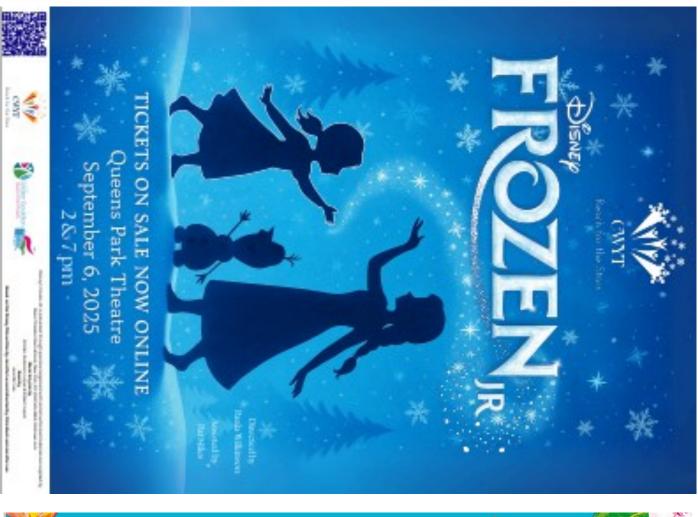


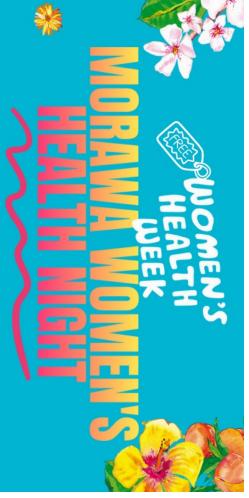
Program	Single	Single concession	Family	Family concession
October program	\$32.00	\$20.50	\$85.50	\$57.00
October short program	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$43.50	\$29.00
Country early start program	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$43.50	\$29.00
January program 1	\$32.00	\$20.50	\$85.50	\$57.00
January short program	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$43.50	\$29.00
January program 2	\$32.00	\$20.50	\$85.50	\$57.00

Concession eligibility Anyone with the following cards:

> Companion Card Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Department of Veterans' Affairs (Gold, White, Orange) **Health Care Card** Out of State Seniors Card Pensioner Concession Card State Concession Card WA Seniors Card

Note: A family enrolment includes 3 or more children from the same address. Venue entry fee is excluded from the above cost.





# 6PM-8PM

guest speakers Fran Foulkes-Taylor, Accredited Practising Dietitian and Join us for a fabulous evening celebrating Women's Health Week, with emotional wellbeing, and physical health and wellness. Sexologist, and Tania Ncube, Pharmacist. Covering essential women's health topics including reproductive and sexual health, mental and



Fran Foulkes-Taylor **Dietitian & Sexologist** 





Pharmacist Tania Ncube







Limited tickets! To register, grab your FREE TICKET at the QR code



# Small changes, big differences.





# Free online seminar for parents

Fear-Less Triple P (Positive Parenting Program):

Help your child learn to manage anxiety - from the comfort of your home

Appropriate for parents/carers of children and teenagers aged 6-14 years

Everyone experiences anxiety occasionally, and it's a normal response that can be helpful and typically passes quickly. However, anxiety can sometimes become overwhelming and interfere with our ability to cope with day-to-day activities. Learning to manage anxiety effectively is a vital life skill that begins in childhood, and this FREE two-hour seminar can help you:

- ✓ Understand exactly how anxiety works
- ✓ Learn key anxiety-management and coping skills that you can teach your children and teens
- ✓ Manage your children and teens' anxious behaviour effectively

DATE Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

TIME 5:00-7:00pm

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL following this link - To Register, click here or search for this session by location at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa

Once you are registered an email on the details of how to log in will be sent to you



