

SCHOOL NEWS

“To Inspire Learning for Life”

20th February 2019



THE NOOGAR SEASON (BONAR)

The Noongar season (Bonar) is – **Boonaroo**, which runs between February and March. It is the hottest part of the year, there is little rain fall – warm easterly winds.

The Noongar people went down to the estuaries to fish for Tailor, Mullet, Marron, Gilgies, Gooya (burrowing frogs), tortories were collected from wetlands.

The word **KAYA** – means welcome/hello.

I have been spending time in many classrooms and have been excited by how well settled the classes are, the efforts of our students and the innovative ways in which teachers are engaging students. We made great gains in 2018 with the implementation of our learning programs and I believe this year will be one of the most exciting the School has seen. Our programs are catering for the range of ability levels and there is genuine excitement in the faces of students.

LANDSCAPING WORKS

The project (between the library and staff room) has been held up a little due to difficulties with getting water to the area. However, I understand this is now resolved and that we should see some action this week. We look forward to it being a terrific area when completed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to thank parents for supporting their children to wear the correct school uniform from the start of the year. It is important students feel a sense of belonging and unity and the uniform assists this greatly. All items are available from our Uniform Shop at very reasonable prices given the quality of the products. I want to specifically mention that the wearing of hoodies is not acceptable, so please don't buy these in the lead up to winter for wearing to School. Also, it is expected that students will have the School's approved hat for break time, sporting activities etc. Once again, thanks for the support to date this year. This year, a five-dollar voucher for the Uniform Shop will be given to the parents of each student who has their \$50 contributions paid.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER DIGITAL DEVICES

We have been most pleased with the responsibility shown by Students in submitting their mobile phone or other digital device to office staff at the start of the school day. The devices are stored securely through the day and can be collected by students at the conclusion of the school day. We remind you that students found to have a device will have it taken from them and it can only then be collected by a parent.

MONEY MATTERS

Schools get by on minimal funds and we very much appreciate those families who have already paid their contributions and Chaplaincy support for 2019. Every little bit counts in our quest to do great things for our students. You can use direct debit or visit our office. We do have eftpos available if that suits.

Our Bank details are:

ANZ Bank

Australind Primary school

BSB: 016515

Account Number: 340844453

CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is vitally important that our Office has up to date contact details and any details in relation to court matters etc. This ensures we can contact parents in the case of emergency and support our students as best as possible.

Regards

Darrin Tinley



Rude vs. Mean vs. Bullying: Defining the Differences

(Adapted from Signe Whitson, Author; Child and Adolescent Therapist)

Students need to learn how to get along with one another and it is acknowledged that social skills are one of the leading indicators of future success. Children need positive role models, rules to follow and clear guidelines on what is acceptable behaviour within our society. While they are learning, they will make mistakes – that's part of learning! So, occasionally, a child will be 'rude' or 'mean' to other children and to adults.

When children are 'rude' or 'mean' they need to learn that these behaviours are not acceptable and be encouraged to deal with these emotions that triggered the rudeness or meanness in a more constructive way.

At Australind Primary School we provide opportunities for all our students to learn and grow through our You Can Do It! programme which promotes empathy, understanding, resilience and confidence in a structured and explicit way.

The You Can Do It! Programme also addresses the serious behaviour of bullying, which is different to being 'rude' or 'mean'. The main difference between 'rude' and 'mean' and 'bullying' has to do with intention; rudeness is inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts/upsets someone while being 'mean' is purposefully saying or doing something to hurt/upset someone (once or twice). Children (and adults) are mean to each other when they criticise appearance, intelligence, differences in culture, when they ignore you or just about anything else that upsets or hurts us as human beings. Meanness also 'sounds' like words spoken in anger – impulsive cruelty that is often quickly regretted. Meanness is motivated by angry feelings.

It is important to note that rudeness and meanness is hurtful and unacceptable and must be appropriately dealt with.

Bullying on the other hand is very different to 'rudeness' and 'meanness'. Bullying needs to have three key elements:

There is an absolute intent to harm.

There is a power imbalance. (The 'bully' can 'hold' something over the other person).

There are REPEATED threats/incidents of aggressive behaviour.

Children (and adults) who bully intentionally say and do something hurtful or upsetting to others on a repeated basis. They show no sense of regret or remorse and they keep doing it, even when others show or express their hurt and or tell them to stop. Bullying is repeated behaviour, aimed to cause harm and upset which leaves the other person feeling powerless and fearful.

By developing a clear understanding of the differences between rude, mean and bullying behaviours and discussing these differences so they are clearly identified, allows the correct intervention to take place to stop the negative behaviour and ensures actual issues are addressed properly.

A CHILD LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

Parents, who have a need to take their child from school, during school hours, should first call at the office to fill in a withdrawal form and have it signed by a member of the administration.

This form is then given to the class teacher who will release your child. Class teachers have been instructed **NOT** to release any child to anyone without this form.

DELIVERING AND COLLECTING CHILDREN TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It is the responsibility of the parent bringing Kindy and Pre Primary children to school to remain with their child until they have been handed over to staff. At the conclusion of the session, parents (or designated ADULT) are asked to collect their child from the class. If someone other than you will be collecting your child, please inform the teacher. Please do not send other children to collect your child from class.



PARKING

We would like to remind parents that the Staff Car Park is **not to be used for dropping off and collecting students.**

There are dedicated car parks with 'in built'

safety features (eg Kiss and Drop Zone) for this purpose. The entrance on Barnes Avenue is clearly marked as 'Staff Parking' and we would appreciate support in ensuring the safety of our students.



SKOOLBAG APP

Our 'Skoolbag' app will be used regularly and while we do not wish to 'bombard' you with alerts, we will use it to share successes and advise you of upcoming events. The app can be downloaded from the; iTunes store or your Android device store. You can even advise us of your child's absence from school using the app, which is very convenient.



P & C NEWS & EVENTS

UNIFORM SHOP - OPEN HOURS FOR 2019

Tuesday: 8.30am – 9.00am

Thursday: 2.30pm – 3.00pm

If you cannot make these times you can fill out an order form, with payment, and leave it in the office.

Sorry No EFTPOS for uniform purchases

ROOM 3 BUSH FOOD AND MEDICINES



TERM 1 PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
3	18 Feb	19 Newsletter Uniform shop Open 8:30am to 9:00am ASSEMBLY ROOM 10	20	21 Uniform shop Open 2:30pm to 3:00pm	22	23	24
4	25 Feb	26	27	28	1 March	2	3
5	4 March Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	11 March	12 Newsletter Uniform shop Open 8:30am to 9:00am ASSEMBLY ROOM 8	13 Year 6 Camp	14 Year 6 Camp Uniform shop Open 2:30pm to 3:00pm	15 Year 6 Camp	16	17
7	18 March	19	20	21	22	23	24
8	25 March	26	27	28	29	30	31
9	1 April	2 Newsletter Uniform shop Open 8:30am to 9:00am ASSEMBLY ROOM 1	3	4 Uniform shop Open 2:30pm to 3:00pm	5	6	7
10	8 April	9	10	11	12 Students last day	13	14
H	15 April	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20	21
H	22 April Easter Monday	23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28