

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya / Welcome to the latest edition of School News. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are currently in the Noongar season Bunuru. This is a time of the white flowers, with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including jarrah, marri and ghost gums.

Another striking flower to look out for is the female zamia (*Macrozamia riedlei*). Being much larger than its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance.

As the hot and dry weather continues, the seed cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer layer.

### ATTENDANCE

We have been experiencing a high volume of students being collected early in the afternoon in recent weeks. This is particularly happening on a Friday, but also occurs on other days of the week. I can't stress enough how important it is for regular patterns of attendance to be maintained to ensure maximum opportunity for learning.

### READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Reading has always been an important skill, today it's more important than ever. You can create a rich literacy environment at home by reading with your child.

Children develop literacy through shared reading experiences, as well as reading instruction. Both of these things are important for children to become fluent readers.

Reading and sharing stories can:

- help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills
- learn to value books and stories
- spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity

- help develop your child's brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills
- help your child learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'
- help your child understand new or frightening events, and the strong emotions that come with them
- help your child learn about the world, their own culture and other cultures.

So what are you waiting for? Start sharing the love of reading with your child today.

### ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The 2022 Annual Report for Lathlain Primary School will be presented to the School Board at the next meeting in Week 9 for endorsement. The Annual Report will then be made available through the school website from the start of Term 2 for the school community to access.

### 2023 POLICY REVIEWS

Currently we are working on a review of our *Students at Educational Risk (SAER) Policy and Guidelines*. This document outlines how we as a school address the needs for students at risk of not achieving their educational outcomes. Once the review is completed, the updated policy will be available through the school's website.

Our next policy to be reviewed in 2023 will be our *Positive Behaviour Policy and Guidelines*, to ensure alignment with the Department of Education's soon to be released updated policy in this area. As part of this review, we will be conducting a short survey to inform decision-making. This will take place during Terms 2-3.

Have a wonderful fortnight everyone!

Rick Walters

## UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 23 March	Be You Meeting	Thurs 30 March	Year 5/6 Summer Carnival
Fri 24 March	NAPLAN concludes	Fri 31 March	Newsletter P&C 2023 Welcome Picnic
Mon 27 March	School Board Meeting	Tues 4 April	Junior Assembly
Tues 28 March	Senior Assembly Room 16	Fri 7 April	Good Friday— School Holidays commence

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

### Be You Mental Health Initiative at Lathlain Primary School

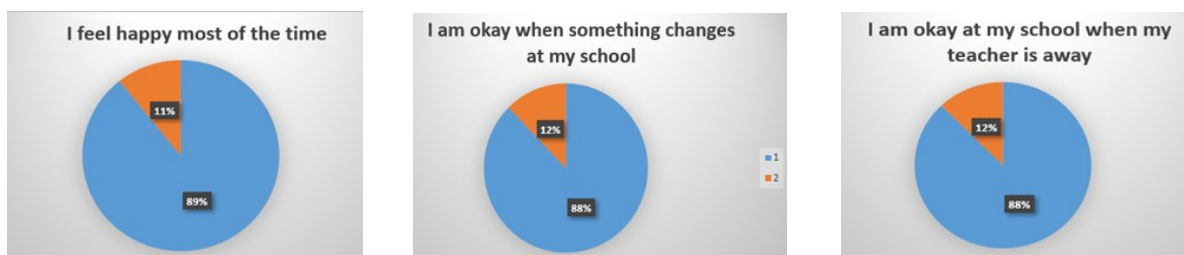
Social and Emotional wellbeing of our staff, students and community continues to be an ongoing focus for Lathlain Primary School and the Department of Education. At Lathlain Primary, we foster mental health and assist children and families who are managing mental health issues. One key factor is strengthening positive relationships with our students and families as connection is important to combatting mental health issues.

There are five key of the Be You initiative that are considered when supporting mental health;

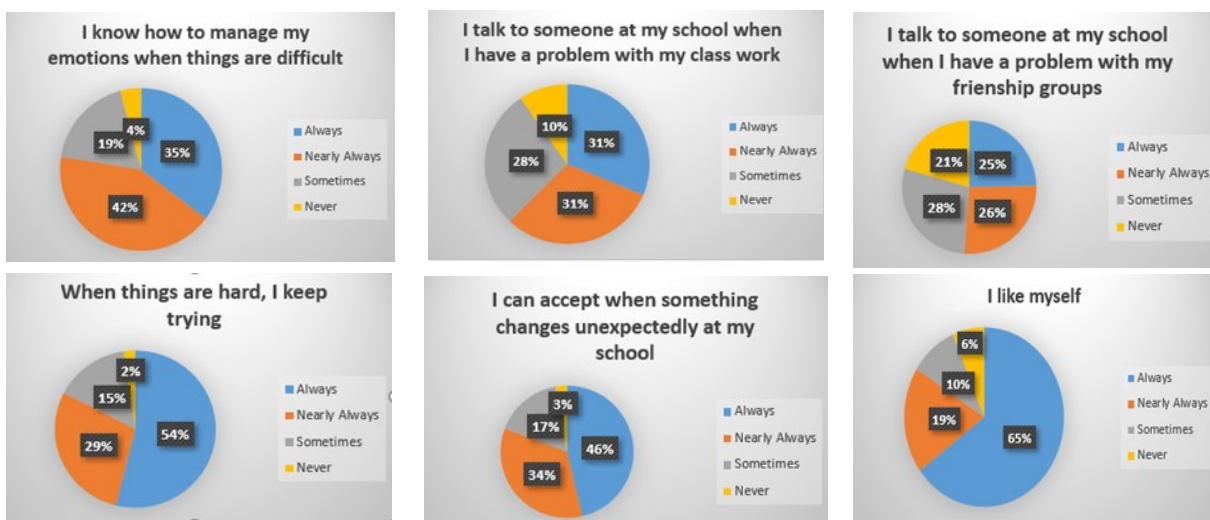
- Mentally Healthy Communities
- Family Partnerships
- Learning Resilience
- Early Support
- Responding Together

We now have longitudinal (3 years) data from our students which is examined twice a year (Terms 2 & 4), priority areas and focus strategies are established for the school. All the school's actions are reinforced by our Health Specialist Alessia Robinson, as well as in the classroom. This platform provides a voice for our students who may not otherwise say what is bothering them.

Students in **Pre-Primary – Year 2** have demonstrated an improvement in their wellbeing with the following areas requiring following up. Key: Blue = yes, orange = no



Students in **Years 3-6** are needing more support when at school. Particularly in these areas;



Key: Blue = Always, Orange = Nearly Always, Grey = Sometimes, Yellow = Never

The data is examined by the whole staff to determine how to address these concerns, so we have consistent strategies being implemented in all classrooms Kindy to Year Six.

Lathlain has been fortunate to secure a grant for five years to further develop and strengthen strategies to improve the wellbeing of our school community. Mental Health Week activities continue to be a priority, however, due to the busy Term 3 calendar, the activities have been brought forward to May this year. A mindfulness instructor has been booked and all students will have the opportunity to learn this skill.

Our first Be You Staff and Community meeting for this year will be held at **5pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (Week 8)** this term. The action team would like to extend an invitation for parents who wish to support this initiative to [nominate](#) to be part of our planning team. Simply forward your name to the office by calling 9224 9800.

## CELEBRATING STUDENTS

Room	Honour Certificate Winner	Room	Honour Certificate Winner
2	Casper A	6	Sienna B Flynn D
3	Kabir N Simran I	7	Sophie D Charlie S
4	Matthew W Viana I Baylin P	8	Aubrey S Daniel P Sean-Claude Mc
5	Harry P Arabella H	9	Munro P Hunter C Alisha N

## OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

### Gate Closure Times:

Children who arrive at school prior to 8.40 am are expected to sit on the bench outside their classroom until classroom doors open. There is limited supervision available prior to this time. Students are not permitted to play on equipment or run around the quadrangle. Please do not drop children at school before 8:15am.

All students who arrive after 8.50am are required to collect a late pass from the office.

The school gates are locked from 8.55am – 2:45pm. During these times, parents are asked to enter the school via the front office. All visitors are required to sign in as a visitor using the iPad. When collecting your child early, please sign your child out and give the class teacher the orange sign out pass.

### End of the school day:

All students are to be collected at 3pm. Students who are not collected on time will be taken to the office and parents will be called. TheirCare offer before and after school care if you are unable to make it by 3pm.

### TheirCare School Holiday Program:

For information regarding the Holiday Program on offer for the April school holidays, please follow the link [here](#).

# THIS WEEK IN *Room 19*



The Year 6's explored what happens when yeast is mixed with sugar and water!



Friday  
31 March

4pm - 6.30pm



The Lathlain P&C invites all our  
school families to the

# 2023 WELCOME PICNIC

Bring a blanket  
and come and  
relax at our  
annual  
welcome event

Pack a picnic  
or buy a freshly  
cooked  
sausage  
in a bun



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JUNIOR OVAL

(Best entry from main  
school gates on Howick St)

## **LATHLAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C EASTER RAFFLE 2023**

It is that time of year again – the Easter Raffle is just around the corner.

Please donate any Easter items (Easter eggs, crafts, baskets etc).  
Donations can be placed in the baskets, which are located in the  
Front Office (Howick Street) and at Planet Street Kindy.

Look out for Easter Raffle tickets,  
coming home soon

Thank you for your support.



### **Save the Dates**

P&C meetings are moving from Wednesday evenings to Monday evenings.

### **Term 2 dates:**

Monday 8 May 7pm

Monday 12 June 7pm

P&C meetings are held in the library. Everyone is welcome. Please enter through Library door (just past the front office door).

## Perth Goju Karate

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in your local area.

A special offer for the school's students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment.

We also teach classes for teens and adults and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, self-defense.

Classes continue over the school holidays (with a short break over the Christmas period) which makes it perfect for the kids who are looking to try something on the holidays.

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Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402

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