

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya / Wanjoo, hello and welcome to the latest edition of the school newsletter. We are now within the Noongar season of Djeran. Djeran season sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that bring a dewy presence in the early mornings. The winds will also change, especially in their intensity, with light breezes generally swinging from southerly directions. Many flying ants can be seen cruising around in the light winds.

Djeran is a time of red flowers, especially from the red flowering gum (*Corymbia ficifolia*), as well as the smaller and more petite flowers of the summer flame (*Beaufortia aestiva*). As you travel around the Perth area, you may also notice the red 'rust' and seed cones forming on the male and female she oaks (*Allocasuarina fraseriana*). Banksias start to display their flowers, ensuring that there are nectar food sources for the many small mammals and birds that rely upon them.

Traditionally, foods at this time of year included the zamia seeds that had been collected and stored for treatment during the previous season. The root bulbs of the yanget (Bullrushes), fresh water fish, frogs and turtles were also common foods.

As the season progresses, the nights will become cooler and damp. The onset of cool and rainy days meant that traditional mia mias (houses or shelters) were repaired and updated to make sure they were waterproofed and facing in the right direction in readiness for the deep wintery months to come.

### AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS

Our school will take part in the AEDC between May and July this year. The AEDC is a national census that is conducted every three years by the Australian Government, in partnership with state and territory governments. It measures how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is voluntary and it does not measure how well children are doing at school, nor how their school compares to other schools. Instead, it shows how children are growing and progressing in five key areas, what is being done well and what can be improved. AEDC data is used by schools, early childhood organisations, researchers and governments to help plan and improve services and supports for children and families.

### FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Recently the WA State Government announced that they will be providing free period products to all primary schools from Term 3, 2024. Providing free access to these products is designed to ease some cost of living pressure for families and enable students to stay engaged at school and focused on their studies. Both Libra-branded pads and tampons will be made available.

Our school is committed to improving students understanding of period health and addressing any stigma.

### P&C WELCOME PICNIC

The Lathlain Primary School P&C recently held the annual welcome picnic. This was another highly successful event coordinated by the P&C Association volunteers. DJ Morgan ensured that we were all entertained with some great music during the evening. Thanks to everyone involved for your efforts.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The annual Lathlain Primary School Cross Country event is scheduled for Friday 24 May. Mr Vandersluys will be sending out further details closer to this event.

Have a great fortnight!




Rick Walters

## UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES


<b>Tue 7 May</b>	School Photos K-6	<b>Tue 21 May</b>	Senior Assembly Room 14
<b>Thur 9 &amp; Fri 10 May</b>	Mother's Day Stall	<b>Thur 23 May</b>	Year 3 Excursion CREC
<b>Tues 14 May</b>	Junior Assembly Room 3	<b>Fri 24 May</b>	Cross Country
<b>Fri 17 May</b>	Newsletter		

# Term 1 Attendance Update

↓ ABSENCE STATS ↓

	1 Term 1 2023	2 Term 1 2024
 In-Term Holidays	729	746
 Unexplained Absences	342	595
 Total Attendance	93.2%	92.4%

Is your child absent?  
**CONTACT US**

-  0447 966 142
-  [lathlain.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:lathlain.ps@education.wa.edu.au)
-  [lathlainps.wa.edu.au/contact-us/#absentee](http://lathlainps.wa.edu.au/contact-us/#absentee)
-  Seesaw conversations
-  Written absentee notes
-  Verbal notification

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A reason is required for each day's absence.



Unexplained absences have seen an increase of almost 75% compared to this time last year. It is a Department of Education requirement that all absences be explained.

Every absence is followed up through our text message system. Just simply reply to these messages with the reason for your child's absence and we will do the rest.

Alternatively, you can help us by getting in contact in any of the ways listed to the left.

## CELEBRATING STUDENTS

Room	Honour Certificate Winner	Room	Honour Certificate Winner Week 4
1	Annabelle B Rex V Gemma R	14	David S Michael C Zena A
2	Cooper B Vivien B Augusta K	15	Heidi D Emily S Daniel P
3	Arabella H Mila R	16	Jen H Olivia D Zachary G
11	Brendan L Ava T Mia H	19	Chloe S Sam D Ella B
12	Lachlan T Ana T Ella M	20	Jack C Patrick D Vincent H
13	Mia T Owen V Scarlett L		

### **Enrolment Information:**

You need to apply to enrol your children at school for 2025 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2025
- starting Pre-primary, the first year of compulsory school – 5 years old by 30 June 2025
- starting Year 7, the first year of secondary school
- changing schools.
- New to Western Australia

Enrolments are now open, application forms are available on the [school website](#) or from the school office.

Please return your application by Friday 19 July 2024.

To check the year your child will commence school, please follow the link below:

[Enrol at a Western Australian school - Department of Education](#)

### Children currently in Kindy:

A letter with information about the enrolment requirements, along with an application form for Pre-Primary 2025, will be sent home to all current Kindy students in Week 2 of this term.

## OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

We held an Anzac Day Service on Thursday 24 April, led capably by our school leaders. It was a short, respectful service; the School Choir performed, The Ode was recited followed by the playing of The Last Post and one minute silence was observed. We were joined by Dawn Whitehurst, a long time volunteer at Lathlain PS and her youngest son Kingsley. Both proudly wore the medals of their family members.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them."



### Recycling:

A reminder the school accepts batteries and coffee pods for recycling. Containers can be found in the school library.



✓ ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



CITY of PERTH

We also have bins in the school where containers with the 10c recycling mark on them can be placed. These bins have been kindly provided by the City of Perth, through our P&C Association. The Lathlain Primary School P&C will receive the full 10c for every container that we collect as a part of this initiative.

These bins have a white lid and are located near the medical room. There is also one bin at the Kindergarten on Planet Street.

Thank you

# Celebrating Kodomo no Hi in Room 3

In Japan, Children's Day (Kodomo no Hi) is a national holiday celebrated on 5 May, every year. The day is a time for families to come together to show appreciation and wish happiness for the children in their lives.



This week, we celebrated Kodomo no Hi by engaging in a range of activities with Saito Sensei in our Japanese class.

We played Kendama (ball attached to string) and Daruma Otoshi (stack and hammer) which tested our hand eye coordination, balance and reflex skills.



We wrote Shodo (Japanese calligraphy), using a brush and charcoal ink on paper.

We constructed Kabuto (samurai battle helmet) Origami and attached these to the Koi Nobori to create a long and strong carp streamer.



We made onigiri, a rice ball snack filled with a variety of ingredients and rolled in nori.





2024

こどもの日

Japanese Children's Day



As part of the Japanese curriculum, this week at Lathlain PS, we have been participating in a rotation of various games and activities to celebrate Children's Day in Japan.

Koi fish banners are typically displayed all over Japan at this time and symbolize parents' aspirations for their children. Koi fish are known for their longevity, courage, resilience and perseverance.

One of our activities this week involved the children each folding a simple Origami 'Kabuto' and joining them together to create four giant Koi Nobori Streamers—one for each of our factions!



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## Nice, Fallen, Gum Nuts

I am planning a whole school art project and am in need of hundreds of nice, smooth fallen gum nuts. If you are out and about and are able to collect some please do!

I will begin placing a large collection tub outside to art room in term 2. I am looking to collect ideally around 850 for the project in week 7.

# Art Room News

Thank you to all those students and families who have donated gum nuts! One family collected 3 buckets over the holidays, which is a HUGE help. I am still needing more. So keep the collections coming in.

### What the Artists been up to:

**Year 1's** have been setting up their "sketchbook". This mini scrapbook is something we use to record information about each of the Elements of Art and practice drawing. Only used a few times a year, it is designed to be added to each year, so by the end of year 6 students can see the development of their skills from year 1 to 6.

**Year 2's** have been learning about "portraits" and working on a very special project for Mother's Day.

**Year 3's** have started their Ryan Connors inspired cat portrait. Using basic shapes to paint the outline, paint without resting their arm/hand on the desk and mixing black with a colour to create a "shade".

**Year 4's** began their Wayne Thiebaud inspired treat food. Focused on the element of "Value" and "Texture" to make it look realistic

**Year 5's** have been working on communicating an idea to their audience. Using analogous coloured background to show a time of day. Followed by painting a silhouette in the foreground to communicate a place.

**Year 6's** have started a new artwork inspired by the iconic Australian Artist Ken Done. Focused on learning about "implied" and "real" texture. Students have created a fish drawing and applied texture paste to half. Students will then complete the work using acrylic paint, mixing tints, tones and shades.

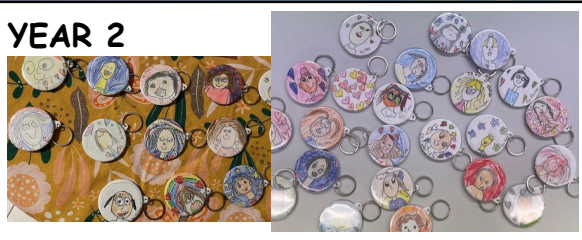
Warm regards,

Morgan Davies

### YEAR 1



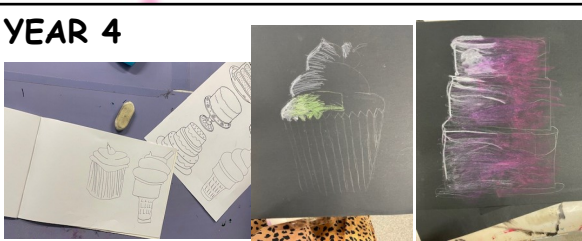
### YEAR 2



### YEAR 3



### YEAR 4



### YEAR 5



### YEAR 6



## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Kayleb —Year 4 student at Lathlain Primary School, is the only WA player to be selected for the Aussie Roos.

Kaleb's family have set up a Go Fund Me and also an Australian Sports Foundation link for those who would like to make a tax deductible donation.

The trip will cost approx. \$10,500, which includes return flights for both him and a travelling parent (as Kayleb is underage), accommodation, tournament fees, official fees, training fees, uniform, team van hire, team shared expenses

GoFundMe link:

<https://gofund.me/92fc0d1c>

Australia Sports Foundation for those who want tax-deductible donation:

<https://asf.org.au/projects/kayleb-win/kayleb-representing-australia-in-the-aussie-roos-u11-in-missouri-usa-july2024>

Thank you.



**AUSSIE ROOS** **DONATE TO HELP KAYLEB SKATE IN THE STATES!**

Kayleb Win is the ONLY WA player to be selected for the Aussie Roos & is travelling to play in Missouri in July 2024.

**FUNDRAISER at Rollerrama**  
Sunday May 19th, 2024  
1.30pm - 3.30pm  
SKATERS \$20  
SPECTATORS \$5

**Rollerrama**

BOOK ONLINE: [WWW.ROLLERRAMA.COM.AU/EVENT-DETAILS/KAYLEB](http://WWW.ROLLERRAMA.COM.AU/EVENT-DETAILS/KAYLEB)



**PERTH CITY FARM** **activate tree planting**

**CHILDREN'S TREE PLANTING FESTIVAL**

Tickets from link:



**9am-2pm**  
**Sunday 26th May**

**JH Abrahams Reserve, Nedlands**

**TRILLION TREES AUSTRALIA** **CITY OF PERTH City of Light**



## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Heidi Hughes a local to Lathlain has published her first children's book.

One of her motivations for writing this book was observing the importance of rhyming and phonetics in early literacy, particularly during her son's time in kindy at Lathlain.

The book originated from a song she and her son Mark created. They also recorded a sing a-long version.

It features an impressive glossy cover and spans 24 pages with large illustrations and words. A link to the album and additional reading material can be found by using the QR code below.



**Saver Plus is a FREE 10-month matched savings and financial education program funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services and delivered by The Smith Family.**

**The program aims to help participants to learn how to better manage their money and develop long-term savings habits.**

**Saver Plus is available to anyone who is eligible across Australia.**

Eligible participants learn money skills and receive up to \$500 to help with their school expenses.

\* 10 month program (commence at any time)

\* Save \$50 a month for 10 months and receive \$500 towards educational costs

\* Complete up to 10hrs of Virtual workshops called MoneyMinded (support provided)

More information at [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)



## Take control of your finances

For every dollar you save, you will receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



**Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a \$500 incentive to build your savings!**

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), ANZ will double it.

What can the \$500 be spent on?

- Laptops and tablets
- Vocational education
- Books and supplies
- Uniforms and shoes
- Lessons and activities
- Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

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