

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya wanjoo / Hello and welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter.

### KID'S MARATHON 2024

Lathlain Primary School has a large contingent of students registered to participate in the Perth Kids Marathon this weekend. In fact, we have so many registered that we have won the trophy for the Largest Team for the third time, previously winning in 2017 and 2022.

Congratulations and good luck to all of those participating and supporting this weekend.

### MINISTER'S RUNNING CHALLENGE

Currently the Minister's Running Challenge is taking place across WA. I am encouraging all those involved in running club to get involved in this initiative. Further details are included in this newsletter and will also be provided this week at running club.

### GRAFFITI

Recently we have had a spate of graffiti on the senior playground equipment and fitness equipment around the oval. This seems to be happening over the weekends and has also involved glass bottles being smashed. We ask that if you see anything please report to School Watch 1800 177 777 or the WA Police on 131 444.

### INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of the Lathlain Primary School students who participated in this event. Feedback from staff and parents has been that you represented our school well and should be very proud of your efforts.

### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

The Olympic Games provide a great framework for investigating and developing a better understanding of different countries and their cultures. At Lathlain

Primary School, we have 175 students who come from a language background other than English.

To support these families, I want to remind all that both our website and chosen communication tool can be translated into a range of languages other than English.

I have also encouraged staff to look at this major sporting event as a learning opportunity in their classrooms over the next couple of weeks. I encourage you to do the same at home with your children, by learning about a country participating in the Olympics that you may know little about.

### FACTION CARNIVAL

We have had to work around the availability of Lathlain Park for our 2024 Faction Carnival. We will be holding events on the following dates:

200m & 400m runs - Lathlain Park - Friday 23 August

Jumps and throws - Lathlain PS Oval - Tuesday 27 August

Sprints, relays and team games—Lathlain Park - Thursday 29 August

We look forward to seeing everyone there on these dates.

### NEW BENCHES

You may have noticed that we now have 30 new benches spread around the verandah outside classrooms 1 - 16. These benches provide your children with more space to sit off the ground at different times throughout the day.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

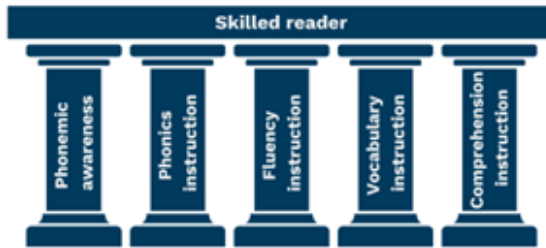
Rick Walters

## UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Tue 6 August</b>	Junior Assembly Room 10 & 18	<b>Fri 16 August</b>	Newsletter
<b>Wed 7 August</b>	Be You Meeting 4.30pm	<b>Tue 20 August</b>	Senior Assembly Room 20
<b>Tue 13 August</b>	Senior Assembly Room 13	<b>Tue 20 August</b>	Book Week Dress up
<b>Thur 15 &amp; Fri 16 August</b>	Critters up Close Incursion	<b>Thur 22 August</b>	Book Week Dress up K1,K3,K5
		<b>Thur 22 August</b>	One Big Voice

The SKILLS of READING

Did you know learning to read is not just about reading the words on the page?



There are **five essential components** that are the building blocks to reading. These are often referred to as the 5 pillars of reading.

**1. Phonemic Awareness** – This is one of the best predictors of reading success. Specifically, it is the ability to hear, identify and work with phonemes (the smallest units of sounds).



Try these at home, in the car or as you are walking about.

- What is the first sound in hat?
- What is the last sound in sat?
- How many words rhyme with sat?
- What words rhyme with tall?

**2. Phonics** – the link between what we hear and how people read and write. This begins in their first year of schooling at 4 years of age. Look at it like this; the words are a code and teachers help students to decode them. All schools in Australia must explicitly teach phonics. For example;

- s – a – t = sat
- f – ear = fear
- h – a – pp – y = happy
- m – oo – n = moon
- ee, ee, ey, y e-e

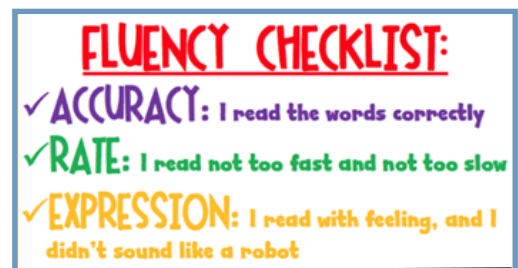
Long Vowel Sounds & Digraphs



**3. Fluency** – the three key characteristics here for proficiency in reading are; a) accurately, b) expressively and c) quickly.

These can be achieved through;

- repeated reading
- timed reading
- reading to your child
- your child reading after you have read is also a great way to develop fluency

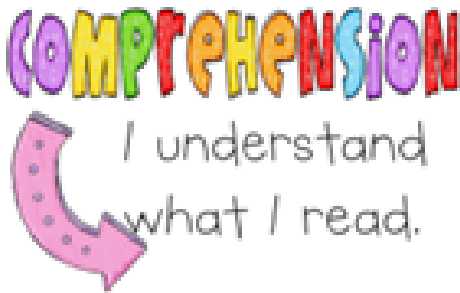


**4. Vocabulary** – it is important for us to understand the words to gain an understanding of the we read. Try these ideas;

- Talk as much as you can about everything
- Talk to yourself
- Say what you are doing out loud, to model this to children when you are cooking, driving or going out
- Read aloud
- Sing
- Download education games for your child in the car or at home
- When using new words, use them in a familiar situation
- Talk about the sounds in the words and the letters that make them



**5. Reading Comprehension** – this is all the above put together.



- Start with PREDICTION - What do you think this book is about?, What will happen next?, Who do you think will win?
- ANALYSIS – Why did he do that?, What was the author’s intention?, Why was the main character mean?, How can we tell? What is the main idea?
- SUMMARISATION – Can you tell me what has happened in the story/text? What are the key points?
- RELATION – connecting the reading to personal experiences, other books/texts or the world. Eg What does this remind you of? Have you experienced this yourself? Comparison of information, say in a book to a video or a news item.

**All of this equals Successful Readers.**



## OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Room	Honour Certificate Winner	Room	Honour Certificate Winner
1	Nathan A	14	Hunter B
2	Kabir N	15	Armaan N
3	Alex D	16	Joshua M
11	Vivoda G	19	Amir S
12	Mikayla S	20	Tiarra V
13	Parker B		

Room	Student of the Month	Room	Student of the Month
1	Finley P	14	Sophie Y
2	Kai T	15	Alia U
3	David W	16	Fergus B
11	Baylin P	19	Tomomasa D
12	Chloe T	20	Teddy B
13	Rio D		

Room	Community Value Winner	Room	Community Value Winner
1	Annabelle B	14	Charles T
2	Akaaljot S	15	Haneva C
3	Freddie Y	16	Youssef H
11	Harry C	19	Imogen P
12	Rahel K	20	Georgia H
13	Albie C		

### Dental Health Services—School Visit in Term 3:

Dental Screening consists of a growth and development check for students that have enrolled in the School Dental Service. Screening takes place every 3 years for students in Pre-Primary, Year 3 and Year 6.

This is not a thorough check up so the parent will not need to be present. Parents will be notified by staff if any problems are detected at screening.

The screening date is set for **Wednesday 21 August from 11am.**

Thank you.





Department of Education

# EDUCATION MINISTER'S Running Challenge



## GET UP, GET MOVING, let's get running!

Join the Education Minister's Running Challenge and let's get active together!

Open to all primary and secondary students and staff across WA schools.

Students have the chance to register for the Perth Running Festival Burswood Park 4km Dash on Sunday 6 October at Optus Stadium for free.

Log your running, walking or wheeling to be in the running for weekly prizes.

Lace up, set your pace and let's make a run for it!  
Sign up now at [ministersrunningchallenge.wa.gov.au](https://ministersrunningchallenge.wa.gov.au)



# Should Students be Allowed to Bring Their Pet Iguana to School?

Talk for Writing Persuasive text by the wonderful students of Room 12



Have you ever felt anxious, confused or lonely at school? Many students feel this way, which makes school a difficult place to be. Allowing students to bring their pet iguana to school can help to avoid all these problems, leading to a better educational experience for all.

**Firstly**, pet iguana's help students who feel nervous about going to school. Anyone who has seen a picture of an iguana knows that they have a calm and peaceful temperament. Even though schools are big, busy and full of older children, a pet iguana will stay quiet, and that can help the student stay quiet too.

**Secondly**, pet iguana can help students with understanding their schoolwork. Although they may not be as intelligent as a cat or dog, they are said to be one of the most intelligent reptiles globally. It is well known that iguanas like to discuss many things, like fruit, flowers and keeping warm in the sun. By discussing their lessons with their pet iguana, students can learn more easily.

**Finally**, students who have problems making friends at school can be helped by their pet iguana. When their pet iguana is at school, a student will always have a friend. In addition, a pet iguana can help avoid bullying. Iguanas are strong, friendly, and do not care about being called names, so it is very hard to bully an iguana and their owner.

Many teachers do not want pet iguanas at school, because they smell like wet dirt. However, schools are already smelly places, because children are naturally smelly. While an iguana might add to the smell, they will not make it worse, so this is not a reason to stop pet iguana from coming to school.



**In conclusion**, it is clear that having a pet iguana at school helps students stay calm, learn easily and have a friend during the day. Schools should welcome pet iguana's warmly as a fantastic addition to school life.

SO..... Mr Walters... Can we please have a pet iguana in Room 12?

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in your local area.

A special offer for school 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.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402

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