



**Issue 1 Term 1**

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

## WELCOME TO 2021

We would like to extend a big Welcome to all our new and returning families for the start of the 2021 school year. After the extremely unsettling non-start to our school year it was fantastic to see so many genuinely happy faces as they arrived at school today.

We will now share a few basic housekeeping details with you that will assist us all in achieving a safe and healthy return to normal school operation.

### *As per the Post Lockdown WA Public Schools Operating Guidelines:*

As of Today, Monday 8 February 2021, schools will be open for all students.

*Masks are required to be worn by all staff at all schools and secondary school students, unless:*

- the person has a physical, developmental or mental illness, injury, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable;
- the person is communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication;
- engaged in strenuous or vigorous exercise;
- the person is consuming food, drink or medicine, provided that they are seated at the time.

*Teaching staff are permitted to remove their mask while teaching to help with clear communication, and instruction.*

Primary school students *are not* required to wear masks while attending school.

*Our school will maintain cleaning regimes as per Phase 4 guidelines.*

*We would also like to reinforce COVID-safe behaviours, including:*

- All Individuals should stay home when unwell (staff or students);
- Continue to Promote and practice good personal hygiene;
- Ensure physical distance of 1.5 metres between adults, where practicable;

*Parents are allowed on school sites; provided they:*

- wear a mask at all times;
- practice 1.5 metres between adults physical distancing, where practicable; and
- follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

At this stage these precautions and safety measures will remain in place until 14<sup>th</sup> February but we will keep you informed of any changes if and when they occur. Thank you for your continued support during this time.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back to the 2021 school year...finally! My name is Ryan Pettit and I am the new Principal at North Dandalup Primary School for Term 1. It is an honour to be asked to come to a school like this. Everyone has been very welcoming and I am really excited to get to work with such a vibrant school community.

I started my teaching career in Mandurah, where I worked at a number of different schools in the area. After spending a number of years outside of the region building my experience, I am really excited to be back in the Peel Region once again.

There are so many wonderful learning opportunities for students happening here at North Dandalup and I hope that my experience and leadership will assist to continue to grow and develop these moving forward. I believe that working with the community helps us as a school achieve the best outcomes for your children. I am looking forward to getting to know your children in the coming weeks and hopefully meeting many of you as well.

I encourage you all as parents to let me know if there is anything the school can do to better support your children or you as parents. We want you to continue to be involved in the school and have a say in your child's education.

Thank you to all the parents that have come in and introduced themselves. It has been great meeting many new faces and getting a good sense of the community here at North Dandalup.

I am looking forward to the things to come in 2021 and I hope you are too.

Ryan Pettit - Principal

## IN TERM SWIMMING - Week 4

All students from Years P-6 will participate in 'In Term Swimming' at the Murray Leisure and Recreation Centre in Pinjarra during week 4 this Term. Forms will go home with students this week

The cost for each student is \$35 which covers entry into the pool and hire of the bus.

Students will travel to and from the lessons by bus - commencing Monday 22<sup>ND</sup> until Friday 26<sup>TH</sup> February and complete 2 lessons each day, leaving school in two groups for sessions starting at 9.10am and 11.00am at the pool.

Please complete and sign **ALL** sections of the form.

All forms **must** be returned by next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February so that classes may be planned by the coordinator.

Forms may be returned without payment but payment is due no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made out to North Dandalup PS), EFTPOS at the school office or Direct Deposit to the school bank account:

North Dandalup Primary School

BSB: 066 516

Account No.: 00901456

(Please make a note of these details for ease of future payments)

If you are having difficulty paying or need to work out a payment plan, please see Fran or Bonnie in the office.

## PALS - Parents who Assist Liaise and Support

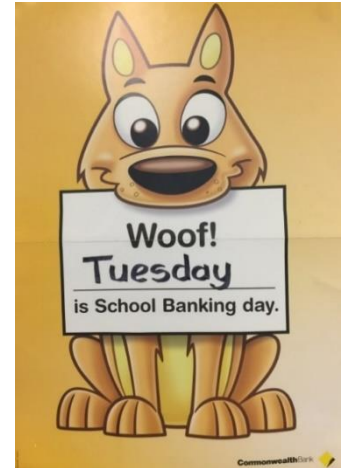
A big thank you to our PALS - Gemma Dingle, Gemma Carruthers, Bec Morley and Bec Evans for providing a cuppa and friendly face to all our new families this morning.

## NO HAT - NO PLAY

Reminder - it is No Hat - No Play for the duration of Term 1.  
New hats are available from the office for \$12 each.

## SCHOOL BANKING *Change of Venue!*

Don't forget school banking is on every Tuesday at 8.30am and will now be conducted in the Library.



## THANK YOU MRS ALCHIN

Have you noticed the beautiful new mural on the Blue Wren room wall?

Mrs Alchin and her group of arty helpers came in over the holidays and transformed our dreary classroom wall into an oasis of all creatures great and small. You should have seen the excitement on the children's faces when they saw it this morning. Thank you, we love it.



**CANTEEN** is currently closed but will be up and running in the next couple of weeks.

Our fabulous Canteen Coordinator Bec Evans has now resumed full time work and is calling on volunteers to assist her to continue running the canteen one day a week. If you can help on a regular basis, please let us know.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Don't forget to drop your eligible recycling into the POD at the front gate. All proceeds from the recycling will directly benefit the school.

## WEEKLY ROUND-UP AND FACEBOOK GROUP

Just a brief reminder that everyone will receive a copy of our Weekly Round-Up via email each week. This information is also posted on the North Dandalup Primary School Facebook Group page. To keep abreast of everything that's going on at the school please remember to check your e-mails regularly or if you prefer social media, please visit and join our Facebook Group.

## CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

### WHAT DOES A YOUTHCARE CHAPLAIN DO?


YouthCARE chaplains care for the social, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of students, families, and staff in state school communities throughout Western Australia.


Our chaplains are available to listen compassionately, refer to extra help where necessary and run programs which not only address issues but create positive cultures within schools.

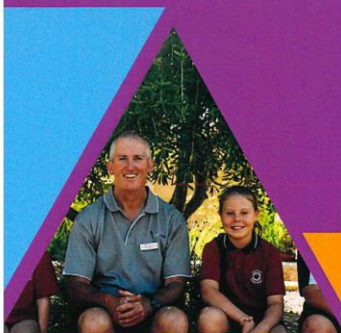
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COMMUNITY LINKS | BREAKFAST CLUBS | AGENCY REFERRALS  
LEADING & MENTORING | ENCOURAGING & EMPOWERING**

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