



Newsletter

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Principals Report

It is hard to believe that we are passed the halfway mark of Term and with Year 6 camp, Faction Swimming and this week NAPLAN all items we have ticked off the term planner already. The majority of students have settled in positively into the routines and rigours of school. There have been a few of our students who have been a little bit unsettled especially when separating from their parents at the beginning of the day. Most of the time these little people settle positively after parents have left them, but we would always let you know if your child was too distressed during the day. There is an online program available called Fearless Triple P which focuses on strategies for managing your child's anxiety and I would highly recommend this to any families who feel that they are at a loss to manage these big feelings in their child.

Year 6 camp was a great success with 17 students and 4 staff from Mingenew and Walkaway attending last week. As you may be aware we changed the timing of the camp to take advantage of the Primary Dream and Lead Conference which was held at the Perth Convention Centre on Thursday 6th March. Our students joined 1000 other year 6 cohorts for a day of engaging guest speakers, interactive activities and some really thought provoking and entertaining presentations about how they can be an agent for change in their own communities. In Term 2 we will take an opportunity to further develop our student leaders by participating in a 10 week change project as a follow on from the conference. During the week students tested themselves on the high ropes course, canoeing games and water slides; as well as the challenges of being away from home, meeting new people, organising their belongings and sharing their.



personal space with others. Students from both schools were a credit to their families, schools and communities. A huge thank you to our P&C for the contribution that they make to ensure that camp is affordable for all families, which out this contribution the full cost per student would be out of reach for some of our families. Thanks also to Brenda Carter for coming on camp this year. The number of schools who are not offering a school camp anymore continues to grow and we are very lucky that we have staff who will support our students to attend.

NAPLAN starts this week for all students across Australia in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Our students have had an opportunity to participate in practice sessions to familiarise themselves with the online platform used to complete the assessments. We already use some online testing programs, including a program called Writemark for collecting writing samples so our students are mostly comfortable using a device to complete assessments.

Parent- Teacher meetings will be offered at the end of this term. Please make an effort to attend these meetings as they form a very important part of our reporting procedures here at Mingenew Primary School. A great deal of thought and

organisation goes into the timing and scheduling of these meetings, and it is critical that teachers are allowed to stick to the time limits, so please respect the time of the teachers and other parents. If a longer meeting is required, this can be arranged for a later date and time that suits you and your child's teacher. At the meeting the teachers will use a set agenda that will cover your child's beginning of year assessment data in Literacy & Maths as well as some key points about their approach to learning and their wellbeing. If your child participates in an intervention program you will be provided with a slightly longer meeting so the intervention EA can provide you with information about their progress in these programs.

As part of our whole school wellbeing strategy, we have planned an end of term community picnic, similar to the event we had at Mingenew Hill last year. We would like families to join us for a BYO picnic lunch and games at the Port Dennison Foreshore on Thursday 10th of April - details to follow.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend my thanks to all families for a smooth start to another school year. Our current school attendance is sitting at 93.7% which is a huge improvement on the same time last year (86.8%). This strong attendance is clearly making a difference to the progress that students have been making, with all classroom teachers reporting that they are making strong gains in classroom programs in comparison to the same time last year





2025 Faction Winner
Burges 561 points
Gregory 257 points



Sport Captains

Report

Burges Update by Mitchell & Liam

On Friday February 21st we all went to Three Springs swimming pool to compete in the faction swimming carnival. That day we had perfect weather, and the pool was really well prepared.

We started with a faction parade where all the families and staff cheered for both factions as we made our way around the pool.

The events started with the 100m open freestyle where Liam and Chloe took out first place.

As we moved through the events it was clear that nearly every student was really putting in their best effort and there was lots of people who pushed themselves going in races for the first time. In the end the day was won by Burges with Gregory putting in a big effort to be competitive.

Congratulations to Burges and all the award winners. Thank you to Mrs. Mutter and Mrs Criddle for all your hard work putting the carnival together.

We are looking forward to the Interschool Carnival at the end of week 8 in Three Springs.

2025 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Senior Champion Boy Liam Thomas
 Senior Boy Runner UP Kent Bagley & Nichlos Ward

Senior Champion Girl Anna Morgan
 Senior Girl Runner Up Chloe Michael

Intermediate Boy Champion Caleb Ward
 Intermediate Boy Runner UP Bryce Ward

Internediate Girl Champion Gracie Samuel
 Intermediate Girl Runner Up Hallie Dempster

The P&C Junior Sportsmanship award
 Jessica Brennan
 Intermediate Sportsmanship Award Gracie Samuel
 Senior Sportsmanship Ivy Criddle

100m Freestyle Boy Champion Liam Thomas
 100m Freestyle Girl Champion Chloe Michael

Overall Faction Winner 2025 Burges



Gregory Update

by Ivy & Rhys

On the weekend of the 15th and the weekend of the 22nd of February we had people go down to play basketball for Dongara in Perth. On the weekend of the 22nd Chloe went down and played and then the boys Willem, Nick, Rhys and Liam played the week before. The boys were kinda successful with a win by 7 points and coming 7th out of 10 teams in our pool. but the girls were even more successful with 2 wins out of 1 less game, they finished 5th which was one place behind finals.

If you were wondering this is a competition called Country Champs. It is where people get selected to go into these teams, they then verse other places from all across our state. It was an amazing experience that I will remember forever, and I highly recommend it if you get given the opportunity.

In sports news around the town our students have been playing tennis, basketball and dance and we are looking forward to the start of Winter Sports at the end of this term.

At recess and lunch students are playing fairly and using the equipment as intended. They are putting the mud kitchen equipment away and getting all the sand out. At the moment students are playing pickle ball, basketball, tennis and have been playing in the mud kitchen. As you might know we have pickle ball at the school now and it has been very successful, there are a lot of people who like to play it.

We would like to remind students to be respectful to the sport equipment like carrying



the dump trucks and not throwing the equipment into the tub. We would also like to thank the P&C for donating the nets for the undercover area, Mrs Mutter is very pleased to have them and so are we.

Sports Captain Awards



The Sports Captain Awards are given to the students who treat the sports equipment with respect by treating it correctly, using it for its purpose and returning it to the shed.

If you receive this reward, please go to Mrs Flanders office to receive your prize from the prize box.

Year 1/2 Henry Dempster

Year 3/4 Hallie Dempster

Year 5/6 Jelena Campbell



Assembly

Pride & Persistence

Award Winners



Pre Primary

Wren Ward

Wren has made a terrific start to Pre-Primary. She enters the classroom with a smile each morning and enthusiastically attempts any task given to her during the day. It is wonderful to see her positive attitude towards her learning and the way she has settled into school this year. Well done Wren! Keep up your great effort.

Year 1

Cadence Longford

Cadence, your strong start to the academic year is evident. Your focused listening on the mat and prompt engagement with your work set a positive example for your peers. Keep maintaining this dedicated approach as you continue to grow and learn.

Reily Heitman

Congratulations, Riley. Your positive can do - attitude toward learning is commendable. Your effort and perseverance have been evident in your impressive start. Continue embracing challenges with that determined spirit.

Year 2

Ada Ward

Congratulations, Ada. Your friendly nature and persistent effort in every task have led to a commendable start to the academic year. Your determination truly sets a promising tone for future success.

George Bagley

George, it's wonderful to see you start the school year with such a positive spirit. Your hard work in learning and completing tasks is truly noticeable.!

Be Safe

Be Friendly

Be Respectful

Be an Achiever

Keep up the friendly enthusiasm and steady effort

Year 3

Jessica Brennan

Congratulations, Jessica! Your persistence, attentive listening, and focus on instruction enable you to successfully apply new learning and solve maths problems accurately. Keep up the great work!

Year 4

Summer Campbell

Congratulations, Summer! Your friendly nature and kindness create a welcoming environment for new students. Your care and attention to the needs of your peers make you a valued and supportive friend. Keep shining!

Year 5

Frederick McAuliffe

Freddie has made an excellent start to Year 5. He has shown great enthusiasm and eagerness to complete his set work. Freddie has adapted well to the new routine and structure of the classroom. Keep up the great effort Freddie!

Bryce Houghton

Bryce has made a fantastic start to Year 5. He is always willing and eager to complete his set work and is working hard to learn new concepts in all subject areas. Keep working hard Bryce!

Year 6

Jelena Campbell

Jelena has made an amazing start to year 6. She is working hard to learn new concepts in all subject areas. Jelena is a polite and friendly class member and is always willing to help others. Keep up the great work Jelena!

Liam Thomas

Liam has made an excellent start to Year 6. He is showing a positive attitude to his learning, which is great to see. Liam is always willing to help complete extra tasks inside the classroom. Keep up the great effort Liam!

by George, Ann & Jelena

Week 1/2 Be Safe; I walk on paths.

Week 3/4 Be an Achiever; I put up my hand and ask for help.

Some of the ways we can demonstrate this is by not running on paths, watching where you are going, not rushing and putting your hand up to ask for help when needed.

For the rest of the term, we will be focusing on.

Week 5/6 using kind words.

Week 7/8 keeping my bag closed.

Week 9/10 playing fairly.



Important Dates

Week 6/7/8 NAPLAN

Week 8 Wed 26th March School

Council meeting

Week 8 Fri 28th March Interschool

Swimming Carnival @ Three Springs

Week 9 Thursday 3rd April parent teacher meeting

Week 10 End of term community event

Week 10 Last day of term 1 Friday 11th

Term 2 week 1 Students return to school

Tuesday 29th April

For supervision purposes, students should not arrive before 8.30am onto the school grounds.

School photo day is coming up on Monday 31st March. Students need to wear their white school shirt and red school shorts/skirt. Uniforms can be ordered from Quickclig.

<https://www.quickcliq.com.au>

Individual student photo envelopes will be sent home today. Sibling/family photo envelopes are available from the front office.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

School bathers and jammers are also available for purchase.

Thank you to all those who have purchased books through scholastic book club allowing the school to collect points to purchase new books for the library.



2025 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Thank you to the families who have made the decision to pay the voluntary contributions and charges. Your contribution is very much appreciated. It allows us to provide resources for classroom programs and extra-curricular activities. For the small number of families who intend to pay but may have overlooked it, the 2025 Voluntary Contributions can be EFT to the school bank account or paid in cash or cheque directly to the school office.

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National Australia Bank

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Account: **69 859 7063**

Reference: Child's Name and Surname.