

# NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

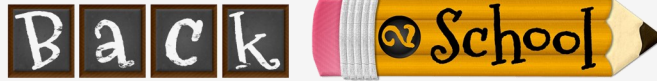
6th February - Early Close 2.30pm

8th February - Junior and Middle Class Parent Info Sessions

9th February - Breakfast Club & Rhyme Time. Tennis Coaching.

12th February - Swimming Lessons Start

13th February - Senior Class Parent Info Session. P&C meet and greet 5pm



What a great start to the 2024 school year. It was lovely to see all the smiles and hear about the students' holidays. We extend a warm welcome to Archer, Dean, Dustin, Maggie, Marlee, Alice, Makenzie, Amarlee, Blanca, Samuel, Tessa, Jesusita and Tanner who started with us this year.

Our Senior Class is lucky to be in the double room with 21 students! We currently have 51 students enrolled and Mrs Griffith, Mrs Simione, Mrs Radford, Miss Lewis, Miss Curtin and Miss Birch worked hard over the last few days of the holidays to have everything prepared for a smooth start. Even a minor flood in the Junior Class on Thursday (from the bathroom tap coming off) couldn't ruin the positive vibe around the school, just dampened it a little!

## 2024 STUDENT LEADERS

I would like to introduce our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2024. They will start their journey, attending the G.R.I.P Leadership Conference at the Perth Convention Centre on Monday the 18th of March.



Jessie Pini



Amelia Radford



Lilly Roberts



Lucas Wyatt

## 2023 TIME CAPSULE MEMORABILIA

I have uploaded the photos and video from the 50th Birthday celebration along with the memorabilia removed from the Time Capsule on the school's YouTube Channel. The following links will allow you to gain access to them and you are welcome to pass them on to past students, staff and families.

2002 Video from the time capsule: [https://youtu.be/HSDKY\\_immGM](https://youtu.be/HSDKY_immGM)

A slideshow of photos taken on the day: <https://youtu.be/3oyXIYutQg>

The video of 'This is your life presentation': <https://youtu.be/5wN-ILbd0mY>

The student's work from time capsule: [https://youtu.be/zrO\\_d9iTMTI](https://youtu.be/zrO_d9iTMTI)

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



We welcome all parents and carers to come along at the following times to learn about what is planned for your child's classroom this year.

Thursday 8th of February: Middle Class: 2:45 pm & Junior Class: 3:05 pm | Tuesday 13th of February: Senior Class: 3:00 pm



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## SWIMMING LESSONS

In-term swimming lessons will begin on Monday the 12th of February. Teachers will meet the first class of Stage 1 and 2 students at 8am at the beach in front of Catalonia Street Park. The students in the other stages will come to school in their bathers and t-shirt or rashie (bringing their uniforms with them to change into) and walk down to the beach with staff. Students are encouraged to take a snack and water bottle with them to the beach as it is double lessons with a 10 minute break in between.

I am sending a letter with detailed information and permission form home, with the students today.

## ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

For every child to have the best opportunity to reach their 'Pinnacle of Learning', we believe it is essential for them to attend school regularly. The students at CPS are rewarded for attending and remaining on Good Standing, through individual and team Faction Points and end of term certificates. Every day they attend and do not lose Golden Time they receive a point, and this evidence of good behaviour also earns them the right to attend an end of term reward activity. School Board members brainstormed more tangible ways to acknowledge students with high attendance, and we will be introducing a reward per term for students who attend 90% or more.

In Term 1, students will be working towards earning:

End of Term Activity – Pool Party

High Attendance – Ice-cream treat

## SPORTING SCHOOLS

Zane from Tennis Services Australia will be visiting Cervantes PS to work with the students on Friday the 9th and 23rd of February, 1st and 15th of March.

## QUALITY TEACHING STRATEGY LEAD SCHOOL

We continue our commitment to providing High Impact Teaching at Cervantes PS and have again been nominated as a Department of Education Lead School for 2024. Mrs Griffith, Mrs Radford, Miss Curtin and I will be in Perth on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd of February to plan how we can support other schools in this area and network with the other 23 QTS schools.

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Thank you to the parents who have contributed by paying the voluntary fees. These funds go towards providing the resources that students need throughout the year including spelling and mathematics resources. For 2024 Contributions have been set for \$60 per child. If you require a progressive payment option, please see Stella in the office.

Payments can be direct debited in the School Bank Account:

**Cervantes Primary School | BSB: 016 760 | Account Number: 3409 46177 | Ref - Child's name and Fees**

## PARENT DETAILS

It is essential that we have up to date parent/guardian information including phone numbers, home address and emergency contacts. This week, the students will be bringing home a copy of the information we have on records, please check carefully and if there any adjustments to be made notify us as soon as possible.

All parents and guardians should have access to Connect. If you are having any difficulties, please see Stella or myself so we can help you.





Will take place 10.15—10.45am on the following Fridays for this term: 9th & 16th of February, 1st, 15th & 22nd of March.

All children from 0 – 4 years old are invited for some singing, dancing and story time in the School Library with Mrs Dennis.

## ROXANNE'S DANCE WORKSHOP LANCELIN— EOI

Roxanne's Dance group is considering holding kids dance classes in Lancelin this term.

Tuesday's - subject to change depending on numbers.

3.45-4.30 Tinys (3, K & PP)

4.30-5.30 Juniors Dance & Acro (Yr 1-2)

5.30-6.30 Inter Dance & Acro (Yr 3+)

roxannesdance@bigpond.com



## P&C MEET AND GREET

Our P&C group are holding a 'Meet and Greet' on Tuesday the 13th of February 5pm at the school grounds. All parents, new and old are welcome to come along and see what it's all about. Grazing platter and drinks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## BUSHFIRE ZONE

The Department of Education (the Department) is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff. Cervantes Primary School is on the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Dandaragan or Cervantes town site. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

### What does this mean for our school?

When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the pre-emptive closure of Cervantes Primary School. If the school receives such a direction, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the intervening period between the declaration of the pre-emptive closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion or uncertainty for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements.

### How will I know when the school is reopening?

It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time, but this will depend on the weather. You will receive an SMS to advise you whether the school will reopen the day after the planned closure, or whether it will remain closed. The school website and Facebook page will also contain a notice to advise you of the current status of the school closure and when it is expected to reopen.

I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) or [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au). Alternatively, you can call me on 0428557974 or Midwest Education Regional Office on 99561 600.





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# CLASS CHATTER

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## JUNIOR CLASS

Welcome back to the Junior Room! We have had a ripper start to the year, with everyone settling in nicely and showing a happy, confident attitude. Welcome to our new Kindy students Dean, Archer, Maggie and Dusty! They enjoyed their first day and made lots of friends. We also had Marlee join us for Year 1.



## MIDDLE CLASS

In Design Technologies, we are making mini coolers out of a tissue box and then using different materials as the insulation. One group, is using newspaper, another is using alfoil and the third group is using egg cartons. There will also be a control cooler, that will have zero insulation. The aim is to find out which material works best as an insulator, by keeping a small bag of ice frozen the longest. We will be testing them later this week.



## SENIOR CLASS

This year the Senior Class have welcomed five new students to our school, and the Year Four students into our room. We have been getting to know each other and improving our listening skills, working memory and building a community within the classroom. We have also been learning more about recycling. We thought we knew all about it, but with further research have discovered new easy to follow Australasian Recycling symbols which we hadn't noticed on our household rubbish. Check your rubbish at home for these symbols.



### What do the ARL logos mean?



Please dispose in your recycling bin. This is recyclable.



Please dispose in your general waste bin. This is not recyclable.



Follow the instructions below the symbol and place this item in your recycling bin. If you are unable to follow the instructions, please dispose in your general waste bin.



This item may be recyclable. Use the interactive local recycling tool on [arl.org.au](http://arl.org.au) to check for local recyclability options. If no options are available locally, you will be prompted to place the item in the general waste bin.

*Natalie Dennis*  
Principal

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