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Principal's Message – Ms Doyle

Welcome back to our final term for 2024! Planning for 2025 is well and truly underway with enrolments being finalised, class structures determined, and staff being hired. We are planning to have two additional classes to start 2025. Mr Slavin will be taking his well-deserved year off in 2025 as part of the deferred salary scheme. I am currently running an internal process for existing Landsdale Gardens staff to apply to fill his position 0.8 (4 days) for twelve months. The remaining 0.2 (1 day) will provide the school flexibility to release staff to take on leadership roles. Not only will this be a fantastic opportunity for staff to gain experience in this role, but it will also be less disruptive for the school.



As I look at the calendar, we have many exciting events planned this term including our first TT Rockstars concert, the Landsdale Gardens Spelling Bee, our presentation assembly and our graduation ceremony where we will be celebrating the achievements of our 20 year 6 students. Please refer to the Compass Calendar so that you do not miss any important dates. 2025 Booklists prepared by Campion will be coming home next week. For home delivery, please note that **online orders need to be completed by Friday 13th December 2024 for home delivery by 28th January 2025. The cost of home delivery will be \$8.** If ordered after the 13th December, home delivery will incur a late fee of \$12.



Semester Two reports will be going out on Wednesday 11th December. The format of this report may look slightly different to the one sent out in Semester One as we consider the latest Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, workload pressures and guidelines sent out by DOE regarding reporting requirements. I will be sending updated information via Compass once teachers and the School Board have discussed the reports.

Last Tuesday evening, Mr Slavin and I welcomed our new kindergarten families for 2025 at our parent information session. We were excited to meet our new Kindergarten students the following day at their orientation play sessions. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet their teachers and see their new school. We were very impressed with their independence, listening skills and willingness to attempt all the activities. A special thank you to Megan from Bunnings and Kirsty from the Warriapendi Child and Parent Centre for attending these sessions. The children loved showing off the badge they made and will enjoy seeing their plant grow. 'Booka' even flew into Landsdale Gardens to give out her book packs.



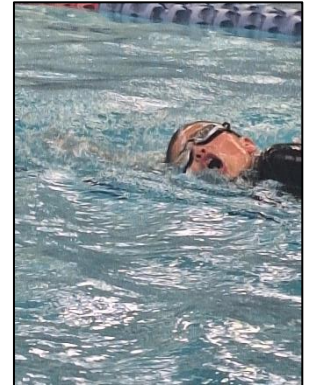
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I was thrilled to hear from a new parent and witness for myself, the wonderful behavior of our students whilst attending swimming lessons at Swan Leisure Centre over the last 8 days. I am so proud of how respectful they are to everyone including the bus drivers. I am amazed by the progress they made from day 1 to day 8 and would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts whether they passed or not. Utilising the departments vacation swimming program is a great way to allow your child to practice their swimming all year round particularly if they are struggling to pass a level.



Bain 3 reminded us of the importance of having a growth mindset at their assembly last Friday. They explained to the audience that it is important to have a positive attitude and to always be willing to have a go, which should lead to improvement and mastery of key concepts. Their rendition of the song 'Unstoppable' by Sia proved that practice and hard work leads to a very polished performance with everyone knowing all the words. Thank you to Miss Jacovic for her hard work to prepare a very enjoyable assembly item.



A big Thank you to Margaret Quirk MLA for donating this amazing Claret Ash and our wonderful gardener Mr Pierre for finding the perfect spot next to Taaruk, for this tree to grow into the vibrant red leaves you can see on the right.



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Merit Awards

Congratulations to our junior and senior merit award recipients who are optimistic and willing to give tasks a go and learn from mistakes. They should be very proud of their achievements.



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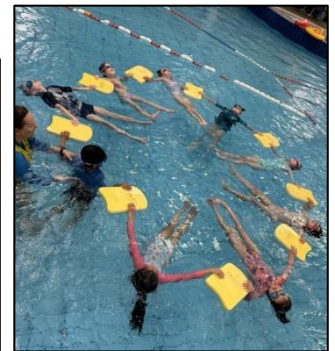
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Swimming Lessons

Students have been making a splash at Swan Active for our in-term swimming lessons, embracing the water with enthusiasm and determination. From beginners learning to float to more advanced swimmers perfecting their strokes, it has been an exciting journey for everyone involved.

Department of Education offers a comprehensive swimming program designed to cater to all skill levels. The certified instructors provide a safe, supportive environment where students not only learn essential swimming techniques but also gain confidence in the water. The lessons focus on water safety, endurance, and technique development, ensuring that each child progresses at their own pace.

The students have had a fantastic time and grew more confident in the water with every lesson.



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TT Rockstars Gardens Gig – Miss Miles/Mrs Lee

We are excited to inform you about an upcoming event at our school—the **TTRS Gardens Gig**! This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to participate in a fun and educational experience that combines the excitement of a live concert with the challenge of mastering their times tables.

The TTRS Gardens Gig is an interactive event inspired by the popular Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) program, which your child is already familiar with. The program is designed to help students improve their multiplication skills through engaging and competitive activities. The Gardens Gig takes this a step further by creating a lively, concert-like atmosphere where students can showcase their progress and have a blast with their peers.

The TTRS Gardens Gig is scheduled for Friday, 29th November at 2pm. This highly anticipated community event serves as the culmination of our students' hard work and dedication in mastering their times tables. Many of our students have been diligently practising their multiplication and division facts, striving to advance on the TT Rock Stars ladder. This competition provides an opportunity for four of the top-performing students in each year level to compete for the title of their year's 'Rock Legend.'



Spelling Bee – Ms Doyle

On the 18th of November at 2pm, the best spellers from Years 3-6 will be competing in our very first spelling bee competition.

Children grow by exploring the world, taking risks, and seeing what happens. From their very first steps as babies to their first time completing a Spelling Bee, they're learning that they can take on new challenges and discover what they're capable of. Academic competitions like the Landsdale Gardens Spelling Bee can help to instil the belief that they can achieve amazing things if they're just willing to try!

All students selected to compete will receive a participation certificate and the winner from each year level will receive our first spelling bee medallions. We hope you can join us for this exciting event.



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Choir News – Mrs Bojanich

Only two weeks to go to this year's Massed Choir Festival which will be held for the first time at HBF Stadium. Students have worked so hard this year to learn the eleven songs for the festival and will have our last all-day rehearsal next Friday 1st November at the venue in preparation for the concert on Monday 4th November. If you attended last year's performance at the Perth Concert Hall, you know that this is a fantastic concert for both the audience and the students participating in the large, massed choir of 500 students. This year's concert will be even more outstanding at the new venue with our toe-tapping songs: "Living on a Prayer", "A Million Dreams", "Sir Duke" and my favourite, "Proud".

If you have not purchased tickets to the concert don't worry, there are still lots of great tickets available. Tickets can be booked through Ticketmaster. **Remember we are in Concert 4 on Monday 4th November.** Here is the link to the Ticketmaster site:

<https://www.ticketmaster.com.au/wa-massed-choir-festival-tickets/artist/2398962>

We will be positioned on the far left of the stage in the upper stalls. It would be best to be seated not too close to the left-hand side of the area, more towards the centre or right side of the Arena (suggest you book in blocks 117, 217, 111, 109, 104 or 204)

Students performing in the concert don't need a ticket; just parents, family and friends who want to watch the performance. **Please remember students will not be transported back to school after the concert** so I recommend you come along and watch our fantastic performance. Students will be released to parents after the concert in a designated area which will be identified at the concert. If you have asked another parent to collect your child after the concert, please provide a note or email to permit me to release them. If you are not attending the concert, information will be sent soon to tell you where to collect your child after the concert.

If you have any questions regarding the festival or need help organising your child to be transported back to school after the concert if you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bojanich who may be able to assist.



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Cara 5 News – Miss Nguyen

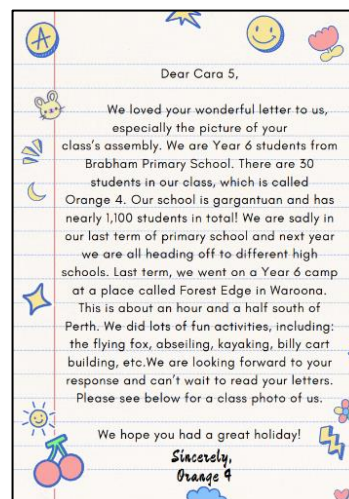
Possum Magic Picnic

The students in Cara 5 have been learning about Australian animals in Term 4. We have been reading the story Possum Magic for two weeks. We have learnt so many new vocabulary words and have applied it into our everyday language! We celebrated the end of the unit by having a 'Possum Magic' picnic. We tried ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons, minties, scones, vegemite sandwiches, and pavlova.



Pen Pals

In our writing lessons, we've been focusing on letter writing. The students in Cara 5 have a Year 6 pen pal class at Brabham Primary School, and we've been exchanging digital letters between the classes. This week, we were excited to write our first real letters! Each student also created an "All About Me" poster to help our pen pals get to know us better. We can't wait to learn more about our pen pals and discover their names!





Waste Free Wednesdays – Mrs Walker

A vertical poster with a green and yellow background, featuring stylized trees and leaves. The text is centered and reads: 'WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY', 'HELP REDUCE OUR WASTE', 'Waste Free Wednesday's are HERE!', 'Starting on Wednesday, 9th October, every Wednesday will be Waste Free at Landsdale Gardens Primary School.', 'Ideas for a Waste Free Wednesday:', a bulleted list of two ideas, and 'JOIN US IN SAVING THE PLANET ONE WEDNESDAY AT A TIME!' at the bottom.

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**HELP REDUCE
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Waste Free Wednesday's are HERE!

Starting on Wednesday, 9th October, every Wednesday will be Waste Free at Landsdale Gardens Primary School.

Ideas for a Waste Free Wednesday:

- Snacks and lunches in reusable containers.
- Using silicone or beeswax to wrap your food.

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P&C News

A massive thank you to our P&C volunteers that work tirelessly to raise money and provide wonderful opportunities for the Landsdale Gardens students and community. We would also like to thank the sponsors in the poster below for their generous donations to support the disco.



Please support the two wonderful initiatives the P&C are organising this week. We have the disco this Thursday 24th October – Session 1: Kindy-Year 1 4.30pm – 5.30pm and Session 2: Years 2-6 6pm-7.30pm.

There is a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 27th October. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help on the day. Please come down to Bunnings Wangara between 8am and 4pm to get your sausage and don't forget to bring your friends!



Last year the P&C purchased two faction tents that all the students enjoyed on Faction Day. This year they are raising money to purchase playground equipment in the early years.

Any time that you can find to support the P&C and Landsdale Gardens would be very much appreciated.



Open School Board Meeting

If you are thinking about nominating to join our school board or interested in finding out what we do, come along on Tuesday 29th October from 5.30pm – 7.00pm to our open Board Meeting. We meet in the Board Room located at the back of the Staff Room.

