

# Newsletter

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Hi everyone,

From Wednesday to Friday this week, I am representing Morley Primary at the Western Australian Primary Principals’ Association’s Conference. Almost 400 Principals from around the state have gathered to share our experiences with one another and engage in professional learning. Already I have been able to listen to world-renowned educational academic Michael Fullan and Professor John Hattie. The world is changing more rapidly than at any time in history and transforming the way we live, work and learn. We have also discussed the impact of the pandemic on our work and the path forward, moving through and beyond it. I look forward to sharing ideas about learning and education with the team at Morley to ensure that we continue to do our very best for our students.

Earlier this week, I proudly listened to Finn, Manan and Claire share their ideas at the Speak Up Competition. They were excellent representatives for our school.

Thank you to Mr Gray, staff and students for presenting a great event at the interschool cross country last week. We were fortunate to have wonderful weather to watch some fantastic races and competition.



At Morley Primary, we strive to build positive relationships with our community and become genuine ‘Partners in Learning’. I ask that all Morley Primary Dads check the information about our special breakfast next week. We know how important you are in the lives of your families and would love to see you there! If you can’t make it but would like to be involved in future events, please contact myself or Mr Gray.

## Renovations

Thank you to everyone, especially Miss Mills and our Year 1/2 class for their flexibility moving around between classrooms as work has been done. By the end of the term, we hope that all classes will be in their new homes! We would love to work towards having some new furniture in the rooms and will look at this in coming budgets!

## COMING EVENTS

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Visiting Author PP-Yr 3  
Gabriel Evans

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Father’s Breakfast

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Basketball Clinic PP-Yr 6  
(weekly for 5 weeks)

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Book Week

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

Reading Party  
Dress Up Day

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Faction Jumps & Throws

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Visiting Author

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Faction Carnival

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Assembly – Room 4



## Book Week

I was delighted when Mannat (Pre-primary) came to my office with the diorama she had made with her family based on the book Finding Our Heart. I encourage all our students to find a shoebox and create a scene from a book or a fictional world.



Please remember our Book Character Dress Up Day is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. We would love to see everyone join in and certainly encourage students to make their own costumes.

## Children's University

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, I will meet with each Children's University member individually to discuss their progress so far this year. ECU have asked for an update so they can continue planning the graduation ceremony in November. Please encourage your child to bring their passport and any supporting evidence to school on that day.

Take care,

Nicole

**Nicole Kovalevs**  
**Principal**

## Deputy Principal Update

### Connect Workshops

Thank you to all of those parents and guardians who have participated in the Connect workshops so far. It has been a great opportunity to share this online learning platform with parents as we continue to develop our ICT integration across the school. We will also continue to offer workshops for parents throughout the year and sessions will be advertised on Class Dojo.

### Speak Up

Congratulations to Finn, Manan and Claire for representing Morley at the annual Speak Up Awards. They were passionate about their chosen topics, spoke well and deserve to be commended for their commitment to write and learn their speeches! Fantastic effort!

Finn shared his knowledge of 'Chipageddon' and brought attention to the computer chip shortage that is upon us. Manan encouraged better bee-haviour and suggested that everyone plant more native flowers and gardens to help struggling bee populations, while Claire shared a compelling speech about the small stuff and speaking up for what is right.



### Dad's Breakfast

Next Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> August, we are hosting a Dad's Breakfast. The purpose of the breakfast is to acknowledge the important role that Fathers play in the learning and development of their children. We will also share some further information about starting a Dad's group at Morley Primary. If you are interested in attending, please complete the form on the note that was sent home and return it to the office.

### Sport

Thank you to everyone who came down to support the students and the school, at the Interschool Cross Country last Friday. This year we hosted the Small Schools Association annual event, with competitors coming from Ashfield, Embleton, North Morley, Weld Square and West Morley.

We couldn't have asked for better weather on the day! Our students displayed excellent behaviour, sportsmanship and fought hard to finish their races. There were some very gutsy performances that showed tremendous heart and grit! It was a very close competition and congratulations to Weld Square who won for the first time.

Well done to Ashlee, Jet, Melody, Nate, Isabella and Ishmeet who all placed in their respective divisions!



**Ryan Gray**  
**Deputy Principal**

## **We are all in this together – support reminders**

Please see the list below of some of the many agencies which are providing mental health support through this time. If you or members of your families are facing particular problems or are struggling with anything, please give Mrs Kovalevs a call at school so she can help you access some support.  
Mental health and Wellbeing Supports

- **KidsHelpline** provides 24/7 phone and online counselling support to young people aged 5-25. Call **1800 55 1800** or visit [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

- **Lifeline** provides 24/7 phone and online counselling support to people in crisis, including suicidal thoughts and self-harm. Call **13 11 14** or visit [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)
- **Youth Beyond Blue** is a website dedicated to providing information to young people on anxiety and depression. The website helps young people to understand mental health and strategies to cope through tough times: [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)
- **The BRAVE program** is a free and interactive online program for the prevention and treatment of anxiety in young people. The program provides ways for young people to better cope with their worries. There are also programs for parents to learn strategies to support young people. The program can be used on any computer or tablet device and includes up to 10 sessions that you can work through at your own pace. There are three versions of the program: **Young Child Program** (ages 3-7), **Child Program** (ages 8-12) and the **Teen Program** (ages 12-17). For more information visit <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>
- **Headspace** is a youth-friendly counselling service for young people aged 12-25. The Joondalup office can be contacted on (08) 9301 8900, or chat to a counsellor online at [www.headspace.org.au/ehespace](http://www.headspace.org.au/ehespace). For more information on how to cope with stress relating to COVID-19 visit: <https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/>
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## Community Notices

### Willetton Primary School

Willetton Primary are celebrating 50 years of inspiring young minds. All past and present students, staff and parents are welcome to attend on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please see the notice board for their flyer.

### Save The Children Book Sale

A book sale is being held at the University of WA on various days during August. 70% of funds raised from sales will go to programs right here in Western Australia. The remaining funds will be distributed to other Save the Children programs in Australia and around the world.

Please see the notice board for dates and times.



**Save the Children**