

## Newsletter

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Welcome to Term Four everyone!

A huge thank you to our very talented Pre-primary students for reminding us of the importance of road safety at their assembly this week. This was especially timely given some recent concerns around drop off and pick ups on both Mangini and Vera Streets. Please watch your speed and be attentive when driving around the school, particularly when children are entering or exiting vehicles, and crossing the road. The City of Baywater will be doing regular patrols around the school over coming weeks.

Children are among our most at risk road users because they:

- cannot see over or around parked cars, nor are they easily seen by drivers.
- have difficulty telling which direction sounds are coming from.
- have trouble judging the speed and distance of vehicles.
- may behave differently when they are out with other children.
- require specially fitted restraints when travelling in a vehicle.

Helpful information can be found on the Kidsafe website.

[Road Safety | Kidsafe WA](#)

We are currently well into work planning for 2024! At this stage our class structure will be as follows, however a relatively small number of new enrolments could change this arrangement. Teacher allocation will be announced later in the term.

Kindy
Pre-primary
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 3/4
Year 4/5
Year 5/6

### Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who made up our Parent Forum last week. Your thoughtful contributions and ideas will help our planning and support our school to be our best. The generosity of your time and the enthusiastic spirit in which you participated in discussion is highly valued. We look forward to working with you again next year.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Thursdays – weekly**  
8.30-9am Uniform shop

**Friday – weekly**  
Containers for Change donations

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
8am Toast Wednesday

Groundwater Festival excursion Year 4-6

School Board Meeting

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
Disco

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Assembly – Room 7  
Parent Cuppa

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Spelling Bee

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Soccer/Tball Carnival

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
2024 Student Council Election

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Kings Park Excursion K-6



## State Chinese Writing Competition

Congratulations to Sofia (Year 3) who came third in this major competition. We also recognise Ivy (Year 5) for gaining a Certificate of Excellence, as well as Lena and Salma (Year 6) for receiving Certificates of Participation.



## World Teachers' Day

Today, around Australia, schools are celebrating World Teachers' Day! On behalf of myself, Mr Gray and Mrs Pesce, thank you to our teachers – your care, dedication and professional expertise is respected and appreciated.

This morning our Student Council led an assembly to show our gratitude to Morley Primary's teachers. Here is a sample of what our students had to say about their teachers:

Miss Alver (Year 2/3)

*Thank you for helping me solve maths problems and for being very kind. (Thamina)*

*Thank you for helping us when learning is tricky. (Patrick)*

Miss Moses (Year 5/6)

*Thank you for explaining our learning clearly so we know what to do and for making it fun. (Nuwan)*

*Thank you for helping me understand when I don't get it the first time. You help me learn. (Cristal)*

Miss Gartrell (Year 1)

*Thank you for being kind and for letting us play when we learn and for letting us on the iPADS. (Helena)*

*Thank you for helping us at maths. I like it when you help me out when I am stuck. (Prabhmeet)*

Mrs Jones (Music)

*Thank you for helping us learn music and picking lovely community songs. (Ben)*

*Thank you for letting us use the instruments and teaching us good dance moves. (Japji)*

Mrs Salamone (Pre-primary)

*I love that you let us dance and sing and do dress ups. (Matea)*

*Thank you for being so happy and being the best teacher. (Adi)*

Mrs Mills (Kindy and Pre-primary)

*Thank you for helping us with our work. (Jiacheng)*

*Thank you for taking us to the library and reading us a beautiful story. (Camilla)*

Mrs Read (Year2)

*I love being in your classroom. You are a great teacher. Thank you for helping me when I get stuck on something. (Masa)*

*Thank you for all the fun you give us. I've learnt lots of things this year. (Ethan)*

Mrs Giles (Year 3/4)

*I love that you have a very big math calculator in your brain. Thank you for explaining maths so well. (Indi)*

*Thank you for making the world a better place. (Zaiden)*

Miss Hayman (STEM and Year4/5)

*Thank you for teaching us STEM. I like finding out about things in science . (Weile)*

*Thank you for doing raffles and letting us have free time on Fridays. I like going to the computer lab with you. (Alina)*

Miss Bray (Year 3)

*I like how you are so nice to us all the time. Thank you for helping me when the learning is hard. (Paxton)*

*Thank you for helping me learn English and for teaching us all to be kind. (Ugyen)*

Ms Liu (Mandarin)

*Thank you for always giving us fun lessons and helping us. (Sofia C)*

*Thank you for teaching us Mandarin and for helping us with the tricky characters. (Zoey)*

I look forward to seeing many of you at various Term Four events over the coming weeks.

Take care,  
Nicole

**Nicole Kovalevs**  
**Principal**

## Working With Children Check

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews
- visiting the uniform shop.

If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 years of age who want to volunteer.

It is a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.

## We are all in this together – support reminders

Please see the list below of some of the many agencies which provide mental health support. 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/>

## Containers For Change

This is a reminder that the school is involved in Containers for Change. The bins are located inside the quadrangle, near the bike racks.

### What containers are eligible for the 'Containers for Change' Scheme?

Not all containers are eligible. Containers that can earn you cash are:

- Glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paperboard containers between 150ml and 3L; or
- Any container which displays the 10 cent refund mark.
- Please remove lids and straws before placing in the bin.



**The following containers have been excluded:**

- Those smaller than 150 ml or larger than 3 Litres;
- **All milk containers, including flavoured milk;**
- Containers 1L or larger which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice;
- Any glass that has carried wine or pure spirits;
- All sized fruit or vegetable juice and cask wine containers; and
- Any concentrated cordial or syrup containers.



If you are unsure if your container is suitable check for the 10 cent refund mark on the label.

To find out more about what can and can't be returned, visit the [Containers for Change](https://www.containersforchange.org.au/) website, enter the containers barcode and search the list of eligible containers.

## EMRC Battery Collection

Batteries contain recyclable elements including carbon, zinc, manganese, lithium, nickel, copper and aluminium. They also contain hazardous materials which can pollute groundwater and soil. And yet, 94% of batteries are still disposed of in household rubbish bins.

The EMRC Battery Collection Program began in 2003, and has grown from just 5 schools participating, to 100 across the region. Since 2005, more than 180 tonnes of household batteries have been diverted from landfill. Morley Primary School has been diverting batteries from landfill since 2011.



Students and their families are encouraged to collect used batteries and bring them to school. By doing so, you can help the school win great prizes in the EMRC's annual Battery Collection Competition! For more information contact EMRC Waste Education on 9424 2279



## Community Notices

### Midvale Parenting Hub

There are 2 free sessions being delivered at The Derrick Ernst Neighbourhood Centre in Morley in November.

Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> November; Supporting Your Child's Emotional Development

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November; Anxiety & Your Child (aged 4-12)

Registration is essential, please phone 9290 6827 or email [parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au) for more information.

### Morley Urgent Care Clinic

Morley Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has been established to focus on urgent minor injuries and minor illnesses. Referring acute urgent patient presentations to the Morley Urgent Care Clinic will help reduce stress on the hospital system.

Walk-in and online appointments available 8am-8pm. 40 Rudlock Road, Morley, 6188 5520. Please see the flyer in the office for further information.

**medicare**

**Urgent Care Clinic**

### North Dianella Netball Club

## Interested in playing winter netball?

Did you know that important information for  
the 2024 season is sent out before school  
starts back?

Join the NDNC family! We ARE SEEKING  
PLAYERS TURNING 7, 8, 9 OR 10 IN 2024!

WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ALL BOYS TEAM IN  
2024!

Dont miss out and send an email to be added  
to the mailing list today, with no obligation  
to join.

**[NORTHDIANELLANETBALLCLUB@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:NORTHDIANELLANETBALLCLUB@HOTMAIL.COM)**