

WELCOME BACK

COVID – HIGH CASELOAD CHANGES

School principals are in very close contact with the Department of Education and have very clear and regular updates regarding protocols. As we are all on a journey quite unfamiliar to most of us, it will be important for us to all to take each day one day at a time, remain calm and keep lines of communication open. There is no doubt that COVID-19 will come into our community at some point but we are committed as a school to reducing the impact upon learning which an outbreak will bring. Procedures around the school have been put in place to minimise interaction between large groups as much as possible. Mask wearing, hand hygiene and social distancing all count. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

SWIMMING LESSONS

This term, during Weeks 5 and 6, primary students are attending the Gingin Swimming Pool for their swimming lessons. We are also booked again for Week 5 in Term 4. In our country and culture, being able to swim is very important and the lessons are at no cost to families. The only cost is the buses.

THE DREADLOCKS ARE GOING!

After eight years, Mr Robbins (pictured below) has made the decision to lose his "locks".



It's a big decision made with the intention of raising money for a very good cause and celebrating a milestone birthday.

In the last week of this term, via MSTeams, the shave will happen live to classrooms.

Fundraising details will be heavily promoted throughout the term as Mr Robbins is really keen to see a good amount of money brought in for this very worthy cause.

The collection point for funds will be at the Main Reception

BULLSBROOK COLLEGE P&C AGM

At 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 9 March we are holding the P and C Annual General Meeting. The venue is the Ethel Warren centre. We want to have the meeting as a face to face, hence the venue. Our loyal and hardworking P and C stalwarts do wonderful things behind the scenes and we need them to know that there are others prepared to come on board and support them. Masks, social distancing and hand hygiene will be important. The alternative will be via Zoom should COVID-19 make it necessary to go online rather than have a face-to-face meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

- 25 FEB** EISA (Primary) Summer Carnival
- 28 FEB** OLNA Commences
- 4 MAR** School Development Day
- 7 MAR** Labour Day Public Holiday

BULLSBROOK COLLEGE
P&C ASSOCIATION
Wednesday
9 March 2022
7:00 to 9:00pm

Activity Room 1
Ethel Warren
Bullsbrook
Community Centre

A Annual
G General
M Meeting

Staff Development Day
Friday, 4 March 2022
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND ON THIS DAY

IMPORTANT REMINDER

PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Up until now we have used a platform which you know as CONNECT. We have recently signed up for a new program called Compass which has flexibility, ease of use and functionality staff prefer over CONNECT. As with any change to a new platform we are all attending training and developing our confidence in effective use of it. We will be spending this term preparing to roll Compass out to parents early in Term 2. We will keep you informed closer to that date so the changeover is smooth. We will provide any support that we can to make the change a smooth one. We will keep you posted.

ATTENDANCE HICCUPS

This week we have had a few technical issues with attendance messages due to a glitch between Compass (Attendance) and our Department of Education system. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to rectify the problem.



HEALTHY LUNCHBOX IDEAS

Nutritious food feeds our brains and maintains our energy levels. Our kids need a good breakfast and healthy fresh food during the day to support positive thinking, active learning and moderation of their feelings. If you are looking for new ideas and inspiration, there are some really helpful websites. Here is one of them.

<https://www.crunchandsip.com.au/healthy-lunchboxes>



WELL DONE CHILLI!

Year 7 student, Chilli Broughton has been busy this weekend competing in the State Athletics Qualifiers Competition. Chilli has qualified in all five events with a second in shot put, discus and javelin, a third in long jump and fifth in the finals of 200m.

The State competition will be held on 6 and 7 March. Chilli has three more weeks of intense training ahead of her.

We wish her well. What a champion!



ATHLETICS WEST

GOOD LUCK JAYDEN!

Year 9 student Jayden Martin is heading east for championships which show the level of commitment and focus he has put into his racing.

“My dream is to one day race in the MotoGP. That is what my family, coach and I are working on to ensure I’m ready to compete in road racing at a national level.

Our plan is to leave Western Australia on 20th of February and head directly to Phillip Island for Round 1. After that we plan on basing ourselves in the mid NSW country areas to be able to train at the respective tracks and also put us in the middle of the locations we will have to travel to during the season.

We hope that after Round 3 we are able to return home and then return for Round 4 in August.

We will be travelling up and down the east coast for the duration to be able to attend the racing rounds.

Round 1 – Phillip Island Circuit, Victoria - February

Round 2 – Queensland raceway, Queensland - March

Round 3 – Wakefield raceway, NSW - April

Round 4 – Morgan Park, Queensland - August

Round 5 – Symmonds Plains Raceway, Tasmania - September

Round 6 – Phillip Island, Victoria - November

Round 7 – The Bend, South Australia – December

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Jayden Martin



Jayden in action

“Jayden turned 14 years old in December 2021 and started racing Supermoto in 2018 and Road Racing in 2019.

In 2019 Jayden was WA’s Number 1 Junior Road Racing Champion (the youngest racer that year). He was also the WA Number 1 in Supermoto WA Juniors and Number 3 in Australia for Supermoto Junior Lites.”

Jayden was also honoured to be nominated for the Motorcycling WA Patron of the Year in 2019 against a very high standard of riders in WA.

In 2019 Jayden graduated Year 6 at Bullsbrook College and was awarded the City of Swan Citizenship Award at the Milestone Ceremony held to celebrate Year 6 students completing their primary school years. The Award noted “A citizen is defined as being reliable, trustworthy and dependable, someone who offers assistance and uses their initiative, without being asked. Jayden is an excellent example of a good citizen. He demonstrates exemplary behaviour both inside and outside the classroom. Jayden also demonstrates leadership qualities highlighted through his involvement in the school community. He has been a fine role model for his peers making him a worthy recipient of this award.”

2020 was another big year of racing here in WA, over east for the Supermoto and Junior Road Racing Nationals, Elite training camps both over East and possibly Sepang (Which was cancelled due to COVID-19 virus). Jayden has also been given the opportunity to take part in the Asia Talent Cup selection event which was unfortunately was cancelled due to COVID-19.

In 2020 he has taken 2nd in the Junior Road Racing Championship, 1st in the club Junior Road Racing Championship and 1st in the Supermoto championship.

2021 meant Jayden could step up to the 300 production class. Being the youngest on track. With COVID-19 restrictions keeping Jayden from competing in the ASBK championship as planned. Jayden competed in the WA State production championship for his first season on the R3. It was a close season heading into the last round in equal first position.”

Grant Martin (Father)



Grant and Jayden Martin

BATTERY RECYCLING

For many years now staff and students from Bullsbrook College have been bringing their old batteries from home to recycle. This is organised through EMRC Battery Collection Program. Yet again Bullsbrook College are winners! We are in the large school category and are proud to announce that we were the runner up in that category this year. The prize is a **\$150 voucher toward a REmida membership**. A membership allows all teachers at the school to collect materials, which can be incorporated into maths, arts, engineering, technology, and science-based lessons. The voucher is also valid for a workshop for 35 students (potentially a green team/environmental group at the school).

Please continue to bring your used batteries to school. This year our aim is to win the first prize.



Sienna Morrell, Year 3 and Isaac Kelley, Year 6

LITTER LEGENDS

Last year our fabulous Litter Legends completed all tasks required in order to receive the grants from Eco Schools and Alcoa. It is hoped that we will spend this money on new bins in the Primary School to organise the recycling of organic waste, recyclable waste and landfill waste. This year we will be putting out expressions of interest for brand new Litter Legends for 2022 for Years 4 to 6 students.



Our 2021 Litter Legends

WA'S PLAN FOR PLASTICS

On 13 June 2021 the State Government announced it was fast-tracking Western Australia's Plan for Plastics.

The Plan for Plastics was released in response to community feedback and provides a roadmap towards a more sustainable, plastic-free WA. The plan is consistent with the waste hierarchy by promoting actions that:

- prioritise avoiding single-use plastics
- replace single-use items with reusable alternatives wherever possible
- promote non-plastic single-use alternatives that can be recovered, recycled or composted, if it is not possible to use reusable items
- minimise litter or contamination of waste treatment facilities by not using single-use plastics

The plan includes introducing regulations to ban single-use plastic items in a two-stage approach. Stage 1 (short-term actions) introduces regulations on 1 January 2022, with Stage 2 (medium-term actions) by 1 January 2023.

Stage 1 regulations to ban single-use plastic or disposable items starts on 1 January 2022 and includes:

- Single-Use plastic ban cups
- plates
- bowls
- cutlery
- drink stirrers
- drinking straws
- cups
- thick plastic bags
- expanded polystyrene (EPS) takeaway food containers
- helium balloon releases.



Enforcement of Stage 1 regulations will start on 1 July 2022 for all items except for cups, which starts on 1 October 2022, to provide time for everyone to adapt.