Kindy Information Booklet

2027



Deputy Principal's Welcome

Nhurra Barndi (Hello all) Parents and Carers,

As the proud Deputy Principal of Beachlands Primary School, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome. Our mantra, 'Every Child, Every Chance', as stated in our Business Plan 2024–2026, reflects the belief in providing the right conditions for our students to achieve success in their learning journey.

All of us here at Beachlands Primary School share a vision to provide a committed, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment where all students are supported and engaged to achieve their full potential.

Staff at Beachlands Primary School are culturally responsive in their approaches, valuing the culture of First Nations People through meaningful learning opportunities on our local Aboriginal history, language, and providing On-Country experiences.

Our highly skilled staff are proud to offer an outstanding education for all students at our school. We have a clear focus on delivering high-impact teaching and learning strategies that is supported through a school culture of collaboration, explicit teaching, effective curriculum design and high-quality teaching. The school has developed structures and processes to monitor our progress through a cycle of planning, implementation and evaluation of all programs as we constantly seek to improve the daily experience and the long-term outcomes of our students.

By working closely alongside our families, carers, service providers and local organisations we truly understand and meet the individual needs of our students. Our staff build mutually respectful relationships with all students and prioritise their wellbeing each day. Our school values of Be Caring, Be Respectful and Be Responsible underpin the relationships we develop and how we interact with all members of our school community. We encourage every student to be their 'Beachlands Best' by setting high expectations, encouraging positive behaviour, and valuing family involvement.

It is a privilege to work at Beachlands Primary School and I look forward to working in collaboration with you in the best interests of your child.

Emma Smith
Deputy Principal



Meet the teacher:

Mrs Karen Isbister Yalibirri



Hello...

My name is Karen Isbister, and I am excited to be the Kindergarten – Yalibirri teacher again in 2027. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and supporting them in an engaging and supportive environment so they can reach their full potential. A little about myself – I have been teaching for 25 years in a range of different roles, with different year levels. Prior to my move to Beachlands in 2025, I was teaching English, Mathematics, HASS and Japanese from Kindergarten to Year 8. I particularly enjoy being in the Early Childhood classes. My family was ready for a sea change, so we moved to Geraldton from Carnamah over the summer of 2024/25. We are thoroughly enjoying being here, especially being so close to the beach. I have two sons who work or attend school here in Geraldton. I'm looking forward to meeting you, and working with you in the best interests of your child.

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Our Kindergarten Staff



Karen Isbister

Teacher



Carla Thomas

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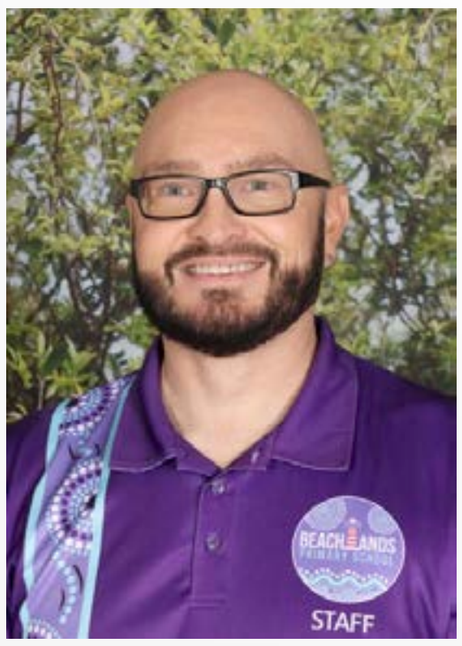


Tony Cooper

Chaplain



Theresa Wells

LSC



Nikiesha Ryan

AIEO

Our Vision

To provide a committed, safe, caring and respectful learning environment where students are engaged to achieve their full potential.







Our Beliefs

- We belong to a committed, culturally responsive school.
- We focus on students' health and well-being and support students to develop into respectful, responsible and resilient members of their community.
- We have high expectations for student achievement and encourage all students to demonstrate their personal best.

Our Early Childhood Philosophy

Caring and Sharing

At Beachlands Primary School, we strive to ensure children feel happy, safe, included and welcomed.

We promote positive partnerships with parents and families.

We utilise our resources to provide learning environments that are playful, purposeful, welcoming, inclusive and fun.

We create activities, both in and outside of the classroom, that are thought-provoking, engaging, safe and secure.

We teach the children cognitively, socially and emotionally and know that learning is holistic.

We provide a stimulating environment that encourages each child's creativity while developing their gross and fine motor skills.

At Beachlands Primary School, we aim for every child to be developmentally on track across the Five Domains of Early Childhood Development while ensuring each child's individual needs are celebrated.







Our Aim

At Beachlands Primary School, we pay particular attention to the early years of schooling from Kindilink to Year 2. These years are the platform from which every child can become a successful student.



Our Program

The Kindy teaching and learning program is based on the National Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) –"Belonging, Being & Becoming".



Our program strives to be child-centred, balanced, relevant, and interesting. The EYLF, Kindy Curriculum Guidelines (SCSA) and the West Australian Curriculum outline what we expect students to achieve in the early years.



At Beachlands Primary School, we focus on developing literacy, numeracy and social skills through adult-guided and play-based learning experiences.



Our goal is to provide an exciting program that allows children to learn through relevant and meaningful experiences that cater for different learning styles and levels of development.

Our Key Learning Outcomes



- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of well-being
- Children are involved and confident learners
- Children are effective communicators

Our Pedagogy

Play-based learning with elements of explicit instruction and evidence-based instruction sees our Kindergarten teachers carefully plan learning programs that make connections between experiences, concepts and processes.

Kindergarten will be an opportunity for your child to learn through both play-based and adult-guided experiences inside and outside the classroom.



A play-based learning environment encourages self motivation, critical thinking, problem solving and getting along with others. Solid foundations for future success and life-long learning.

When learning through play, your child sees literacy and numeracy as part of their everyday experience.



Play Based Learning

Our teachers provide intentional play-based learning through hands-on opportunities to construct knowledge, build vocabulary, and develop personal and social skills so the children can:

- see themselves as capable and competent learners
- learn new concepts and skills
- express their individuality
- develop a sense of identity and well-being
- enhance their curiosity and creativity
- build relationships and resilience
- experience and understand difference and diversity
- make connections between prior experiences and new learning.

So, what to bring...

- A school bag
- A piece of fruit or vegetable for shared crunch and sip
- A lunch box (that they can open) with recess and lunch food
- A hat (yes hat, yes play)
- A change of clothes in a plastic bag
- A drink bottle (that they can open)
- Wear your full school uniform
- Shoes with an enclosed back
- A cushion for rest time



Your role as a parent or carer...



- I will bring my child to school regularly
- I will arrive at school <u>by 8:50 am</u>
- I will pack a healthy lunchbox each day
- I will pack a water bottle each day
- My child will have a good sleep routine
- I am welcome in my child's class
- I will always speak positively about school
- I will connect to my child's class Compass and Seesaw account
- I will speak with my child's class teacher if I have any concerns
- I will engage in conversation with my child about their learning
- I will notify the office of any emergency contact information changes
- I will notify the teacher if my child is receiving any therapies outside of school including speech or occupational therapy
- I will notify the teacher of any changes in normal routine at home.
- I will notify the school of planned absences or provide a reason after m child has been absent from school.

Drop-off & Pick-up

Please accompany your child to the door of their classroom and wait with them until the doors open at 8:30 am. To avoid your child becoming stressed or anxious, please ensure that your child arrives on time and is collected promptly at 3:00 pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in during the morning activities; however, the staff will also support children in developing their independence.

Children aren't permitted to leave until a parent or adult comes to the door to collect them. Please advise the school if your child will be collected by someone other than yourself. We are not able to release students to adults who aren't on your child's contact list without your approval.

Children who arrive late for school are required to sign in at the front office. If you need to collect your child earlier than 3:00 pm, please go to the front office to sign out before collecting them from the classroom.

A Day in Kindy

8:30am	Doors open, unpack & morning activity
8:50am	Community circle, outside gross motor activity, mat session and literacy activity session
10:50am	Recess & play
11:15am	Numeracy activity session
12:15am	Integrated activity session / Inside – outside play
1:15pm	Lunch and play
1:45pm	Integrated activity session
3:00pm	Home time

Attendance

Once you have enrolled your child, they are required to attend three days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday).

Regular attendance will ensure your child gains the most from this critical year of child development.



Absences

A reason must be provided for all absences.
Please inform us if you intend to keep your child at home. This can be done by contacting the school: Beachlands.ps@education.wa.edu.au, 9923 6900 or via Compass.

Illnesses

Please let us know if your child is ill or is to be away for any other reason.
Please notify the staff if your child contracts an infectious disease that may affect their participation.

While your child may still want to come to school, please keep them home for a minimum of 24 hours.

Keep in touch with the teacher on matters concerning health and well-being. A change at home in your child's routine may often impact their happiness at school.



Communicable Diseases

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Some illnesses require an exclusion period from school. Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any of the following:

- Live head lice
- Fever
- Weeping sores
- Diarrhoea or vomiting (do not attend school until 24 to 48 hours after it has ceased)
- Any infectious diseases e.g. influenza, measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, school sores, COVID-19



Community Health Nurse

The Community Health Nurse will visit the Kindy to carry out free Vision & Hearing Screening Checks. You will receive paperwork to complete prior to this happening.

Sun Smart School

A school hat is a particularly important part of the uniform all year round. All parents are required to purchase a school hat for their child.

Long hair should be tied back to keep it away from faces.





2027 Stationery List



Purchased through Local Works, Geraldton (see form in enrolment letter)

The 2027 Stationery List will be provided at the Kindy Orientation Day.

Beachlands PS Canteen

The students can order lunch at the front office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These orders are placed to the Champion Bay Senior High School canteen. Lunch order forms are available at the office.
Orders placed at the school office can only be made in cash at the time of ordering. For families wishing to pay EFTPOS, QuickCliq online ordering is available at www.quickcliq.com.au

2027 Kindy Term Dates

Term 1

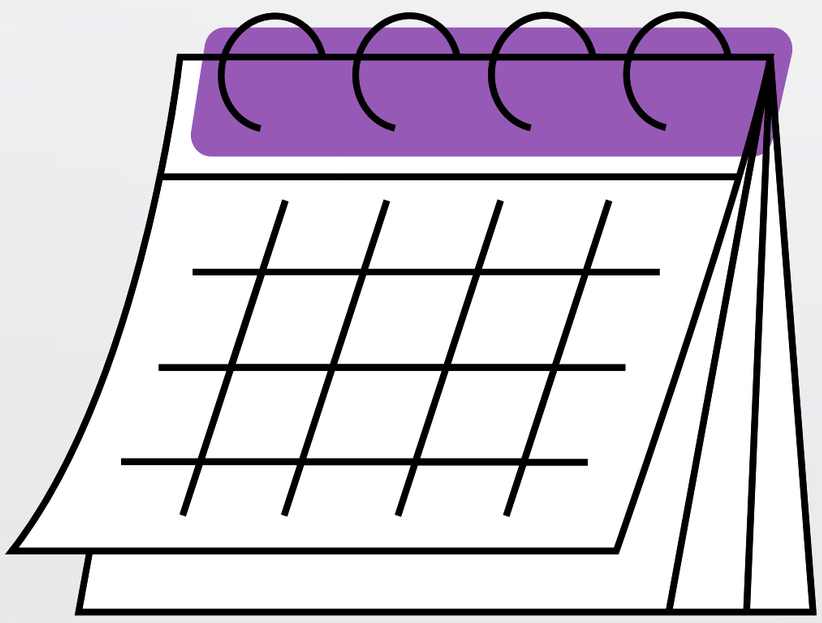
Tuesday 2 February to Thursday 8 April

Term 2

Tuesday 27 April to Thursday 1 July

Term 3

Tuesday 20 July to Thursday 23 September



Term 4

Tuesday 12 October to Thursday 16 December

Healthy Eating Options

The importance of packing a healthy lunchbox is immeasurable. Kids are more alert and focused when they're fuelled with healthy food. Higher levels of sustained concentration mean that children can more readily retain information and therefore learn.

What's in their lunchbox can make up to a third of their daily nutrients and provides all of the energy they need to get through an action-packed day.

Breakfast club runs daily from 8:15am – 8:30am in the Undercover Area. All students are welcome to join.








Home / School Communication

Face-to-face: You can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher before or after school.

Phone: Your child's teacher may contact you by phone, or you can call the school on 9923 6900 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Email: You can email the school at Beachlands.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Facebook: Join our Facebook community to see highlights of student learning, school events and more. Search Beachlands Primary School.

Seesaw: Your child will share some of their work with you via the seesaw app. Mrs Isbister will send information home to let parents/carers know how to connect.

Compass: You can inform the school of student absences and give permission for excursions via the Compass app. Log in details will be emailed to you at the beginning of Term 1.

Factions

Our school has three factions – Batavia, Gilt Dragon and Zeewijk. Please ask your classroom teacher if you're unsure of your child's faction.







Fees- Voluntary Contributions

Beachlands Primary School asks for a voluntary contribution of <u>$50 per child each year</u>. This one-off payment supports the school with paying for students' resources, incursions and excursions throughout the year. Working together we can provide wonderful opportunities for your children.

Please refer to the School Voluntary Contributions and Charges document provided at enrolment. We accept cash, Eftpos or direct deposit as forms of payment. Payment plans are available if needed.

<u>Bank Account Details for Electronic Funds Transfer</u>

BSB: 066 040

Account: 1990 1789

Please use the Invoice number or your child's full name as a reference.

School Board

The School Board is a body of people dedicated to helping the school achieve the best educational experience and outcomes for our students. Parents, staff and community members can become members of the School Board. If you are interest in becoming a member, please see the Principal.

Parents and Citizen's Association

If you have an interest in joining our P&C, please come and see the Principal. All meetings are chaired by the P&C Executive. It is a terrific opportunity for parents, caregivers and community members to be involved in supporting the school through a variety of activities. The P&C will conduct fundraising activities throughout the year, including discos and movie nights. All members are urged to attend meetings regularly.

2027 School Uniform Price List

School Shirt. Size 4–14	$23.00
Faction Shirt. Size 4–14	$30.00
School Jumper. Size 4–16	$44.00
School Hat. Size S or L	$15.00

Reporting to Parents

Reporting refers to the school's system of informing parents/caregivers of their child's progress. This system has been updated to bring the school in line with the Department of Education Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority (2013).

Currently our school has adopted the following Reporting to Parents framework for communicating the progress of our students:

Term 1: Welcome BBQ and informal meet and greet of your child's teacher. During this time, you can book in for an interview with your teacher.

Term 2: 3 Way Conference & Formal Report – Semester 1

Term 4: 3 Way Conference & Formal Report – Semester 2

