2027

BEACHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



PARENT INFORMATION BOOK

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2027 Term Dates

Term 1
Monday 1 February - Friday 9 April

Term 2
Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July

Term 3
Monday 20 July - Friday 24 September

Term 4
Monday 10 October - Thursday 16 December

Principal's Welcome



Nhurra Barndi (Hello all) Parents and Carers,

As the proud 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.

Jade Fallon
Principal



Our Mantra

"Every Child, Every Chance"

DETAILS & HISTORY

Beachlands Primary School was opened in October 1956. We cater to approximately 150 students from our 3-year-old KindiLink program to Year 6. We are the smallest of the government schools within the City of Greater Geraldton. We have been successful in attaining Independent Public School status as of 2012.

Our Vision

To provide a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment where every student feels empowered to learn, grow and thrive.

BEACHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL BELIEFS ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING

Effective Teachers...

- Believe all students can learn and have high expectations
- Know their students and engage them in their learning
- Create an orderly classroom environment
- Know curriculum and how to teach it
- Understand relationships are key to success
- Use evidence-based programs and strategies
- Use student achievement data to inform learning plans
- Utilise a gradual release model
- Provide feedback for student progress
- Work towards reconciliation







Behaviour Expectations









Please notify the school the morning of your child being absent. You can contact the school via phone (9923-6900), email (Beachlands.PS@education.wa.edu.au). You will receive a text from our School Messaging System if your child is absent and the school hasn't been notified. Follow the link to notify the school of the reason for the absence. If your child will be absent from school for more than three days due to medical reasons, a medical certificate should be supplied on return as per the Department of Education's Attendance Policy.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held several times a term on a Friday morning from 9:00am. You will find the exact dates on the Term Planner which is sent home at the beginning of each term. These assemblies are hosted by rostered classes, and parents will be informed when their child's class is performing. These assemblies are also a time to celebrate our students' achievements, with the handing out of merit certificates and acknowledgements for reading milestones. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to attend these events.

BIKES

Bikes and scooters are **not** to be ridden on the school grounds at any time. There is a bike and scooter rack on the Art Room verandah (behind office). Students are required to bring their own locks. All students are to wear a safety helmet when travelling by bike or scooter both to and from school. E-bikes and E-scooters are not permitted on school grounds.

BOOKLISTS

Each year, the school will distribute booklists for all students and encourage families to purchase items from Winc. Booklists can be found on the school website.

BUSES

Please contact Path Transit Geraldton on 9968 2200 for information on the buses that service our school and their routes. The office has Smart Rider Card Application forms, or they can be downloaded from https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/smartrider/types-of-smartrider/student-smartrider

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

All classes are involved in educational excursions during the year. Permission forms for each excursion need to be signed by parents prior to the child participating. You will be provided with the necessary information about each excursion as appropriate.

CLASSROOMS





COLLECTING STUDENTS EARLY

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the day without a parent or authorised guardian.



Sign out at the office is required if you are collecting your child between 8.50am – 3.00pm. This needs to be done prior to collecting the student from the classroom. If you are arranging another family member or friend to collect your child and they aren't on your child's contact list, please phone the office in advance to let them know.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between the school and our community is seen to be crucial for the effective operation and growth of our school. The major forms of communication to parents are through Compass, Facebook, Seesaw and the school website. Additionally, paper notes are sent home, parent-teacher meetings are available and special events such as the Welcome BBQ and Assemblies are held. Parents/Caregivers are strongly encouraged to contact teachers or the school office to discuss any relevant concerns or provide feedback.

COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT - STUDENTS

Access to the Internet is available to all students for educational purposes. We require students to sign the Computer User Agreement upon enrolment. This states that all students agree to use the Internet and associated equipment in an acceptable manner.

CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS

If Parents/Caregivers have a query or concern about their child's progress, behaviour or classroom program, they should discuss their concern with their classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please arrange a mutually convenient time with the teacher in advance, as they should not be disturbed while teaching or supervising the class.

Where a concern relates to a whole-school issue eg: school procedure or an issue of a general nature, please make an appointment to speak with the Principal. This process should also be used if you have discussed a class or individual issue with your child's teacher and have not satisfactorily resolved it with them.

CORE CURRICULUM

Beachlands Primary School prides itself on delivering evidence-based teaching practices that allow our students to achieve to the best of their ability.

Our staff are committed to an instructional framework that aligns with the WA Education Department's 'Teaching for Impact' document. This outlines what effective teachers believe, know and do to have a high impact on student outcomes.

CURRICULUM - ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

To cater for each individual student in the school, Beachlands Primary School has established many support programs.

- KindiLink 3-year-old Program
- Auslan - Sign Language Program
- On-Country Learning opportunities
- Classroom Music & Instrumental Music Program
- Physical Education
- Visual Art
- School Chaplaincy Program
- Early Intervention & Intensive Remediation



It is the school's aim to implement individual support programmes for children where necessary as well as implementing evidence-based classroom teaching and learning practices that will enhance children's talents.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Please advise your classroom teacher or office staff of any dietary restrictions your child may have. If the restriction is due to a medical condition, please provide a letter for your child's records and see the office to complete a Student Health Care Management Plan. Should there be any changes during the year, please be sure to advise your class teacher or the front office so that changes can be made to your child's records.

FACEBOOK

We like to share important notices and updates through our *Beachlands Primary School* page. Please give us a like so you can keep up to date with the goings on of the school.

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. Every week we have Faction Fridays, where all students are encouraged to wear their faction shirts and participate in a range of sporting activities in their factions.







VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Beachlands Primary School asks for a voluntary contribution of $50 per child each year. This one-off payment supports the school with paying for students' swimming lessons, 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.

Bank Account Details for Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 066 040

Account: 1990 1789

Please use your child's full name as a reference.

GOOD STANDING

Every student is expected to maintain their *good standing* in our school by following school routines and adhering to our high behavioural and attendance expectations. Serious or repeated breaches of these expectations may result in a student losing their *good standing*. Students who lose their *good standing* are not eligible for the bi-termly good standing rewards days and may risk exclusion from excursions, incursions or other extracurricular activities.

HEAD LICE

Whilst your child may not be affected, head lice are ***extremely contagious.*** To quickly resolve the problem all parents should regularly inspect their child's hair and scalp and take precautions against them spreading.

What we do if there is a case of head lice detected at school:

Beachlands Primary School will...

- Advise families via Compass notifications and texts when a case is reported to the school.

Parents and Carers will...

- Check their child's hair regularly.
- Treat if necessary.
- Ask for support if needed.
- Report to class teacher or the school office.

Class teachers will...

- Continue to monitor students for signs of head lice.
- Communicate to families effectively.

Support Staff and AIEOs will...

- Support families and in some cases offer to treat students' hair at school.
- Support teachers to monitor students for signs of head lice.
- Support teachers to communicate effectively to families.

WA Health Commission offer the following tips for treatment and prevention:

- Please check all family members
- Look for head lice and live eggs. Lice move quickly but eggs will be easier to see.
- Possible symptoms: child scratching his/her head excessively, tangled hair for no apparent reason, blotchy red marks on the scalp and nape of neck
- Good grooming is good protection. Encourage your children to brush and comb their hair daily

HEALTH AND SICKNESS

Children who are unwell, are not to attend school as the risk of cross infection is high. Please contact the school by phone, email or Seesaw to notify us of your child's absence. If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease. (eg: chicken pox, school sores, head lice) please notify the school. Please take great care in keeping us informed of any changes to your child's health or medical conditions as this will help us be aware of special requirements.

HEALTHY OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN

The importance of packing a healthy lunchbox is immeasurable. Children 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 the energy they need to get through an action-packed day.

IMMUNISATIONS

Children enrolling in Kindergarten must be up to date with all the scheduled immunisations for their age to attend school. You will need to show your child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement as proof of immunisation. To get a copy, log on to Medicare online via MyGov, using the Medicare Express Plus app, visit Medicare or Centrelink, or calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809. See your local GP, Community Health Centre or GRAMs for free vaccinations. GRAMS are also able to provide the Immunisation History Statement at your request.

LATE ARRIVALS

Students arriving between 8:50am and 9:00am can go straight to class, where they will be marked as present. Students who arrive at school after 9:30am are required to go to the front office to sign in.

LIBRARY

The library is open from Monday to Friday for students to borrow books from. A weekly timetable is set for classes to loan and return their books. The library is also open every lunch time for students.



LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is sent to the front office if the class teacher is unable to trace the owner. Please label your child's property clearly to assist us in returning their possessions if misplaced.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders can be ordered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch. Students or parents can order at the front office before the start of the school day. Please have the correct amount of cash as change is not always available. EFTPOS payments are not available for lunch orders. A copy of the menu and order forms can be collected from the office. Lunch can also be ordered online from www.quickcliq.com.au

MEDICAL & CONTACT INFORMATION

It is of vital importance that you advise us of any medical information that relates to your child. This will help us deal as quickly as possible with any emergency.

MEDICATION - ADMINISTRATION TO STUDENTS

If your child requires medication to be administered at school by staff, this will be done from the office. A Student Health Care Summary & Administration of Medication form must be completed. Please contact the front office to make arrangements for this to be done. Staff are required to record the details each time they administer medication to a child.

Parents are expected to take responsibility for the administration of short-term medication to their child.

If it is necessary for medication to be administered at school, then it MUST:

- Have all relevant prescription information if prescribed by a doctor
- Provided by the parent or guardian in original container, with pharmacy label
- Within the expiry date of the product
- Delivered to staff as a daily supply (weekly supply will be accepted in some instances)
- Provided with written instructions from the parent, guardian or doctor (it is preferred that long-term medication be accompanied by a letter of instruction from the doctor)

All children who have Asthma are required to have a spare puffer at school and parents/carers are to complete a Student Health Care Summary and Asthma Management Plan at the front office. Older children may carry their puffer in their bag, but younger children's medication is best left with their teacher or in the front office.

Medication will be stored in a secured lock box or fridge with clear instructions provide from your doctor. Please talk with office staff and make regular checks that the medication is up to date.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not permitted during school hours and should be turned off and handed in to the front office for safe keeping.

NOTES, FORMS AND MONEY

All money and forms being returned to school by students should be placed in a clearly marked envelope and given to the class teacher as soon as the child arrives to school. Please make sure that you return all forms and requests for money as soon as possible.



NOTICES

Please check your child's bag regularly to ensure you are receiving important school information. At the beginning of each term, a Term Planner will also be sent home with the eldest child. The planner is an outline of major school events for the term. This can also be found on our Facebook page and school website.

OFFICE HOURS

The front office is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

PARENT/CAREGIVER PARTICIPATION

Our school encourages parents/caregivers to participate in the education of their children. Parents/caregivers are urged to contact teachers to discuss ways to assist.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

We encourage new families to join our P&C. With only one meeting a term and minimal volunteering time, 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 conduct fundraising activities throughout the year, including sausage sizzles, discos and raffles. Please see the Front Office staff to join.

PARKING

Limited parking is available to parents/caregivers and visitors. The school site does present some dangers to pedestrians. Please always be vigilant when parking and dropping off or picking up children.

- 'Kiss and Drop' bay on Maley Way for dropping off and picking up students
- The Car park next to the Kindy/Pre-primary (SWALE- entrance off Bradley St) is for use by the school community. Please use this carpark if you are visiting the school for extended lengths of time
- No parking in the staff carparks off Whitfield St or Maley Way
- No parking will be permitted in the bus bay on Whitfield Street
- No parking on any verge

PLAYGROUND

Students are always supervised during school hours, and during recess and lunch in the playground. Please remember that all children must go home directly after school concludes as there are no school staff on duty in the playground after 3.00pm.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Our school seeks to help children accept responsibility for their behaviour and to make good choices. Through a restorative approach, they are made aware of class and school expectations and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions and choices. A system of warnings and then time-out, in the case of disruptive or unproductive behaviour, is used to help children reflect on their behaviour and ways of rectifying it. A copy of the school's Behaviour Management Policy is available on request from the front office, and parents are invited to discuss it with the Principal.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Beachlands Primary School respects your privacy. The information we collect about you and your child is necessary for administrative purposes and will not be distributed to other organisations or individuals without your permission. Please inform the school upon enrolment or as deemed necessary if your details change. You may choose not to disclose any information other than basic contact details.



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 - an informal meet and greet of your child's teacher. During this time, you can book in for a formal meeting with your teacher.
- Learning Journey Open Morning

Term 2

- Learning Showcase Reporting Day – Pupil Free Day
- Formal Report - Semester 1

Term 3

- Learning Journey Open Morning

Term 4

- Learning Showcase Reporting Day – Pupil Free Day
- Formal Report - Semester 2

SCHOOL DAY

Children are to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.50am each day. Students arriving between 8.15am and 8.30am must go to the undercover area. There, they can have breakfast, read or play games while being supervised by staff.

8:30am	Classrooms open
8:50am	Start of the School Day
8:50am-10:50am	Blocks 1 & 2
10:50am-11:15am	Recess
11:15am-1:15pm	Blocks 3 & 4
1:15pm -1:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm-3:00pm	Block 5
3:00pm	End of the School Day

Children should be collected as soon as possible at the end of the day. If you will be later than 3.15pm, please contact the office. Any students catching the 3.30pm bus should wait in the office. Please contact the school in advance if you have arranged for another person to collect your child. We won't let students leave with anyone who isn't on your child's contact list. Please keep this information up to date at the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



School Uniforms can be purchased from the front office. Alternatively, students can wear plain black bottoms or a plain black jumper. Beachlands school shirt & hat are compulsory for Kindy and up. Students who attend school without appropriate uniform will be lent second hand uniforms for the day and will be sent home with a note. For Health and Safety reasons, our school follows the "Yes Hat, Yes Play" policy.

- Footwear should be either closed in shoes or firmly fitted sandals. Those who wear inappropriate footwear will not be permitted to play on the oval or asphalt due to issues that may arise around Occupational Health and Safety.
- Jewellery is limited to a watch, small sleepers and small stud earrings. Students wearing any other jewellery will be asked to remove it.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.
- Denim has been excluded from the Department of Education schools; therefore, students will not be permitted to wear denim as part of their uniform.
- Makeup (including nail polish) and hair colouring is not seen to be a necessary requirement for primary school students. Students who use makeup will be asked to remove it.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICES

School Shirt	$23-$26	Faction Shirt	$30-$32
School Jumper	$44-$47		
School Hat	$15	Black shorts can be purchased from Kmart or Best & Less	

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website provides comprehensive and up-to-date information about our school. You can find us at beachlandsps.wa.edu.au

SPORT

Sport is part of the Health and Physical Education learning area. At Beachlands Primary School, we promote daily fitness and regular physical education activities. This is supported by the school's involvement in NCVISSA (Northampton and Chapman Valley Interschool Sports Association), which allows our students to participate in a variety of interschool sporting events.

Current Sport Structure

Term 1	Term 3	Term 4
NCVISSA Swimming Carnival	Faction Cross Country Faction Athletics Carnival NCVISSA Interschool Cross Country NCVISSA Interschool Athletics Carnival Eagles Cup Football Competition	In-School swimming lessons (PP-6)

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Fotoworks will be visiting the school in Term 2 on Tuesday 18 May. Individual, family and class photographs will be available for purchase. Information will be forwarded home when available.

SWIMMING

Beachlands Primary School offers in-term swimming lessons at Geraldton Aquarena are **at no cost to families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions.** Families who have not paid Voluntary Contributions will be charged $25. This programme is coordinated by Vac Swim and is administered by qualified instructors. In 2027, swimming lessons will be held in Term 4.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors are asked to visit the front office on arrival. If parents/caregivers are staying longer than 10 minutes they are asked to sign in before assisting in rooms and prior to departing.

We are thrilled to welcome you to our Beachlands Primary School Community!

