

# PEEL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL



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It has been a busy beginning to Term 4 with plenty of learning happening on all campuses. This newsletter captures some of these with photos and narratives to help you appreciate the wonderful learning environments teachers have created.

From an Administration perspective it is Placement time and this week we held our Induction Meetings for new families who will join our school in 2024. These are busy and exciting days for new families, and I want to thank those parents who agreed to come and give new families their thoughts on the school, staff and programs. As I always say - I can speak positively about our school but it is you our parents who are best placed to help other parents feel comfortable about choosing Peel LDS.

Teachers and the Speech Team are busy over the next weeks with collaboration and assessments for our end of year reporting process. There is plenty of teaching and learning still to get through, so we ask for your help to please ensure that children attend as much as possible - unless unwell.

A reminder about 2024 new School Bus applications which close on Nov 17th. If your child already has a place on the bus and is returning, their place is rolled over into 2024 and there is no need to reapply.

As the school year draws to a close it is time again for our Annual Picnic. Information will be coming out shortly. Please mark Dec 8th in your diaries. The venue is once again Rockingham City Park. We arrive approx. 10.00am and depart at 1.00pm. We encourage parents to come and share lunch with your child or children. More detailed information will be sent out by Mr Voges closer to the time. There is no cost for the event. It will be really wonderful for some of the Year 2 and 3 students across campuses who have been letter writing to their pen pals who they will meet and join for the activity rotations. A great way to finish a year of learning.

Finally, a few words about our recent loss of Alicia Calder or as your children know her – Miss Alisha. I have really appreciated the way you, our school community, have supported the staff and your children through this very difficult time. We send our deepest condolences to Alicia’s family and friends at this time.

Take care everyone.

Fiona Forbes  
Principal

# MANDURAH CAMPUS

## ROOM 10



We have had a busy and productive start to Term 4 and have lots of exciting events to look forward to.

In Maths, we have been learning about money, in particular the value of coins. We have enjoyed learning about coins and have practiced naming, describing, and ordering coins according to their value. We spent time making a class shop along with signs and price tags to help us explore coins and their value. Writing shopping lists has also become a new favourite activity.



During weeks 3 and 4 we visited the Book Fair. Mrs Vas created a wonderful Book Fair display for us to enjoy. We spent time reading books and talking about our favourite characters.

We are looking forward to our Assembly with Room 11 in Week 6 as well as Book Awards, the School Picnic and Colour Run to round off a big year.



# MANDURAH CAMPUS



## ROOM 11

This term, Room 11 conducted a 'Pumpkin Investigation'. We measured the height, circumference and weight of our pumpkins. We guessed, estimated and then counted the number of seeds. One of our pumpkins had 133! We found it easiest to count those seeds in groups of 10. We carved our pumpkins into Jack-o-lanterns and created an artwork to depict them.



Finally, we rounded out our day by making haunted houses to display our knowledge about fact families in maths. We even wrote some spooky stories to match our equations. We had a "Fa-boo-lous" time 😊



# BUNGAREE CAMPUS

## ROOM 5

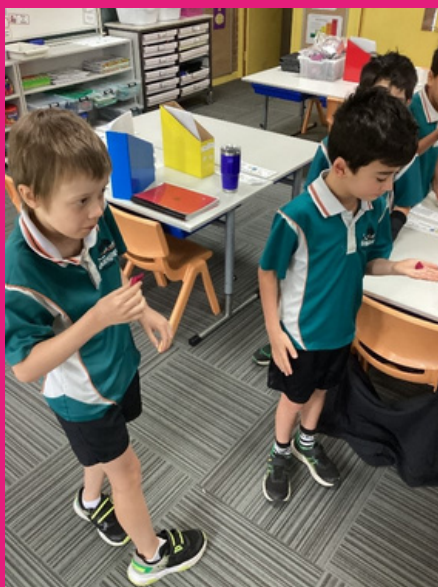
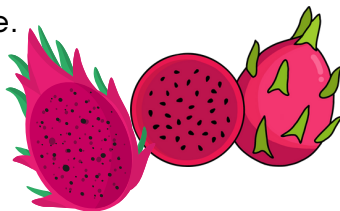
This term in Room 5, we've enjoyed reading lots of fairy tales, such as, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk.

We've been focusing on our language narrative goals of 'who' was in each story, 'where' each story took place and 'what happened' in each story. We also made some cute craft for each fairy tale, which looks great! Well done Room 5!



## ROOM 2

In Room 2 our news topic was talk about your favourite fruit. Ms Sedz was talking about the fruit that her son had bought, and they were trying at home. The students were really interested in the dragon fruit – I think they actually liked the fact that it has dragon in the name.



Ms Sedz bought a red dragon fruit in for everyone to try. It was a little bit sweet, and it didn't have a strong taste. Most of the students really liked it, and some of them did not. We were really proud of them for trying something that may have been out of their comfort zone.

# BUNGAREE CAMPUS

## ROOM 4

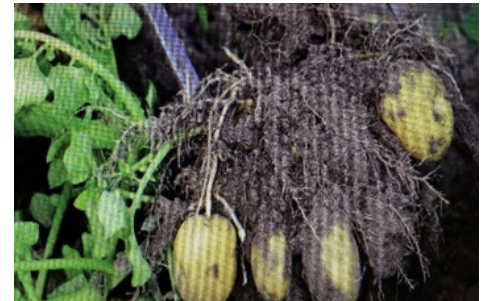
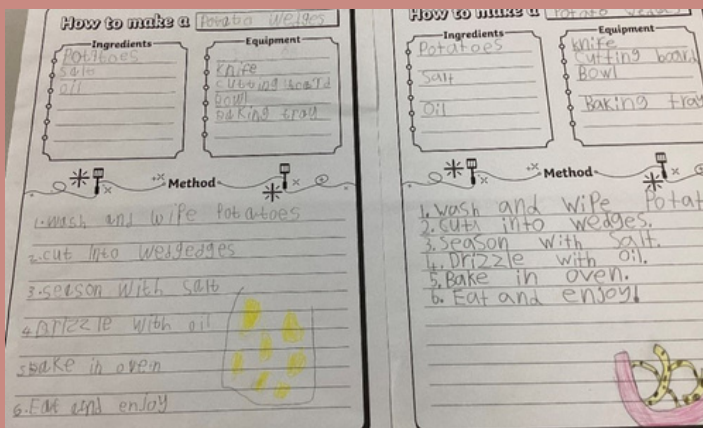


Room 4 have been learning all about Living Things in Science. We have been taking care of our own veggie garden. We planted tomatoes, lettuce, broad beans, and capsicum. Unfortunately, the lettuce was eaten by the crows, but everything else is thriving! They are amazing little gardeners.



## ROOM 3

In Term 3 students in Room 3 planted potatoes. We observed our potato plants grow over the term each week and made sure that we watered them regularly. We were very excited to watch its progress every Friday over the term. When we got back in Term 4, we were really excited as our potato plants had grown very tall and it was time to harvest them. We all thoroughly enjoyed harvesting our potatoes, then we took a vote in class as to whether we do a potato soup or potato wedges.



# BUNGAREE CAMPUS



The potato wedges were definitely very popular amongst students. So, we made our potato wedges in class with Mrs Woods who helped us follow our procedure and Mrs Naicker who taught us how to write a procedure for 'Making Potato Wedges'. We all had lots of fun making our wedges and we thoroughly enjoyed eating our yummy potato wedges.



Congratulations to all our amazing 'PBS Winners' from Room 3 who have demonstrated 'Respect'. We are super proud of your achievements, keep up the good work!



Congratulations

# BUNGAREE CAMPUS

## RASSA CARNIVAL

On Friday 3 November several of our students were chosen to represent Bungaree PS in the Interschool Carnival. Mr Voges and Mrs Woods went along with the students and stated that the sportsmanship, behaviour, and effort on the day was outstanding, and everyone should be proud.



Bungaree PS was placed second on the day which was a great effort. Many of our students placed on the day and came back hot, tired but excited about sharing their achievements and showing their ribbons with the classroom.

Congratulations to everyone who participated on the day.

**YOU ARE AMAZING**



# BUNGAREE CAMPUS

## Pyjama Day

At the end of Term 3 Bungaree had Pyjama Day. The students all dressed up in their favourite PJ's. We did some activities such as designing their own Pyjamas and we played some fun games. It is always fun to have themed dress up days as the students enjoy wearing something different to school.



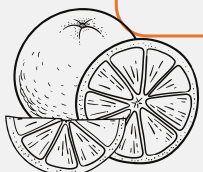
**POTATOES WERE THE FIRST VEGETABLE TO BE GROWN IN SPACE**

**DID YOU KNOW?**



**NO WORD IN THE DICTIONARY RHYMES WITH THE WORD ORANGE**

INTERESTING FACT



**THE WORLD'S HEAVIEST CARROT WEIGHED 10.7KG!**



**YOU CAN BUY PYRAMID SHAPED WATERMELONS IN JAPAN**



**POTATOES WERE ONCE USED AS CURRENCY ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA**



**APPLESAUCE WAS THE FIRST FOOD EATEN IN SPACE BY ASTRONAUTS**



# PINJARRA CAMPUS



We kicked off Term 4 with our Kindy and Pre-Primary Sports Day in week 2. The day was a wonderful opportunity for all of the Kindy and Pre-Primary students at Pinjarra to come together to demonstrate some awesome teamwork and to have a great time. A big thank you to some of the family members who joined in with games to help out on the day.



Mrs Bellenger and Mrs Garrett certainly felt appreciated on World Teacher Appreciation Day, with Ms Rose, Mrs Dale, and MANY of our Pinjarra families, reaching out with gifts and messages on the day. Thank you!



# PINJARRA CAMPUS

Pinjarra students have been very excited to have had their yearly swimming lessons at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Students from Pre Primary to Year 3 participated in two weeks of lessons learning the valuable life skills of swimming and water safety. They also demonstrated respectful behaviour on the bus to and from the pools.



The children were all exhausted at the end of the 2 weeks, but it was worth it! Mrs Bellenger loved being able to spend a little bit of special time with the Kindy students while all of the bigger children were at the pool too.

Congratulations to all students who put in their best effort, some students moved up to the next level. For those that didn't, keep working on those swimming skills and you will progress!

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**ASSEMBLY**

**23 NOVEMBER**

**2023**



Room 28 and 29's assembly is coming up on the 23rd of November and students are working hard preparing for their item and learning their lines. We are all looking forward to seeing our student's performance.



# RLPS CAMPUS

After washing the soil off, we carefully cut them into halves, quarters, and wedges, tossed them in olive oil, sprinkled them with salt, and baked them in a hot oven.



Four months is a long time to wait but we think these were the best potatoes we've ever tasted! Our happy gardeners can't wait to plant more potatoes next season.

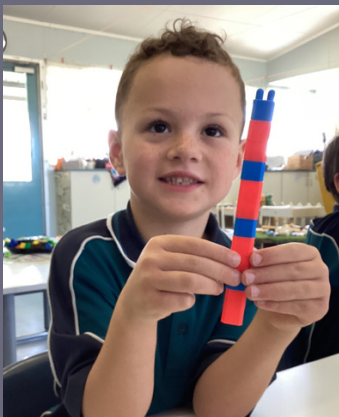
## D2

We have been very busy in Pre-Primary this term. D3 has really enjoyed participating in the Wellness Week activities that filled week three. We loved dancing with Happy Feet, learning about yoga with Ms England and had a fantastic time making a mess and getting wet during our Wellness Week rotations. It was a great week of learning how to take care of our mental health and we had heaps of fun all week.



# RLPS CAMPUS

We have also been working hard on learning about patterns and are having a great time challenging ourselves with some tricky three and four part patterns. We have been growing tomatoes and watching our bean seeds grow with Ms Rodes. We are also very excited about swimming coming up in week 8 and are looking forward to going on the bus to the pool. It's going to be so much fun.



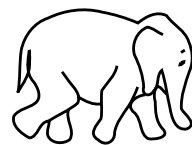
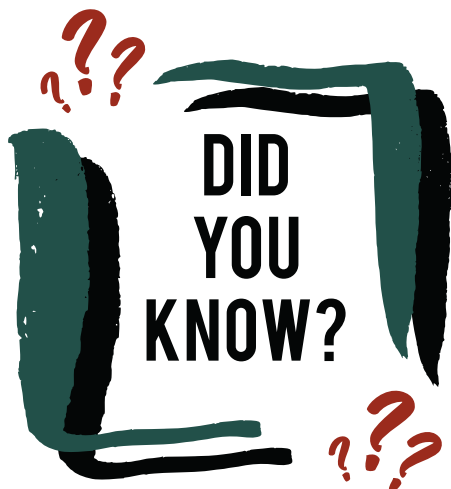
# RLPS CAMPUS

## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year's Interschool Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 2nd November at Hourglass Reserve in Cooooloongup. The combined Rockingham Lakes/Peel Language team took on students from Port Kennedy, Waikiki and Cooooloongup. This year Peel Language had 5 students representing the school at the carnival and they were Ace (3.4), Eli T (3.4), Wade (3.4), Will (1.5) and Rachel (1.5). These students competed to the best of their abilities and were extremely well behaved on the day. The school is very proud of these students for their achievements. Rockingham Lakes won the carnival and will be back up in A division next year.



WELL DONE



**ELEPHANTS ARE THE ONLY ANIMALS THAT CAN'T JUMP**

**SLOTHS ARE EXCELLENT SWIMMERS AND CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH FOR UPTO FORTY MINUTES UNDERWATER!**



**A COMMON GARDEN SNAIL HAS NEARLY 14,000 TEETH**

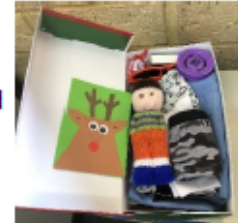


# RLPS CAMPUS



2023 - THANK YOU...!!

This year too we are grateful for all your support to run Operation Christmas Child. Rockingham Lakes Primary School and Peel Language Development School Campus in partnership with Bethanie Waters Aged Care Home were able to fill 61 shoeboxes for our Whole School Project.



We asked our Community families to 'sponsor' a box by donating money to purchase the new items or bring items that could be used as gifts in the shoeboxes. We were able to place into each box – something to love, something for school, something to wear, something to play with, something for personal hygiene and something special.



We also held a fundraiser in Term 2 – 'Support Your Sport Day', where the students were able to dress up in their favourite sporting colours for a Gold coin donation – which helps with the cost of freight for the shoeboxes to reach their final destination.

A very big **Thank You** to all of our Community for helping to make this another successful year for Operation Christmas Child.

Also, a big shout out to Mrs Lisa Russell and her loyal band of volunteers and Residents and Chaplain Penny Street of Bethanie Waters, for providing wonderful support in the form of hand made goods (pencil cases, carry bags, teddy bears, etc). Thank you to our students for their support in helping with the packing and sorting.



Children and the 61 shoeboxes before they were taken for processing and posting.

Mariza D'Souza – School Chaplain



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Wanted!

Donations of used Laptops,  
..... and more laptop!  
PLUS Personal Computers, etc.



These may have appeared to have reached the end of their working life with you or your organisation, but Mandurah Muscateers (Charity Computers) can refurbish them and use the funds generated through sales to support disadvantaged and under-privileged students throughout the Peel region (and beyond)

Based in Mandurah, MMCC will pick up from anywhere in the Peel region, or metro area. In just the past 4 years it has helped students by providing \$200,000 to be spent on uniforms, swimming lessons, camp and excursion fees, book lists, specialists fees and much more. MMCC also donates much in the way of refurbished IT equipment to eligible applicants. **MMCC works through YouthCARE school Chaplains.**



Your help is urgently needed, so if you can help please phone us on 9534 7834 (Tuesdays or Thursdays) or email [muscats@bigpond.net.au](mailto:muscats@bigpond.net.au)



# envisage<sup>y</sup>

Enabling Visions and Growing Expectations

## Empowering Families.

**Envisage is a program open to parents and caregivers raising children aged 0-8 years with disability or developmental concerns.**

This program has been co-designed with parents, carers, service providers, health professionals and researchers to empower families.

It is also recommended that you spend additional time preparing for the upcoming workshop reviewing the materials and resources on our learning platform. The workshops cover:



2 week intensive Model  
15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November from  
10am – 12:30 pm  
East Waikiki Child and Family Centre

1

What is health and well-being in early child and family development?



2

Child, sibling and family development



3

'Parenting is a dance led by the children'



4

Looking after myself so I can look after my family



5

Communication, Collaborating, Connecting



[envisage@acu.edu.au](mailto:envisage@acu.edu.au)



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**How do I register?**

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<https://envisage.community>



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## Who are we?

GRGWA is a peer-led, not-for-profit association that is passionately dedicated to supporting grandcarers i.e grandparents who have taken on the exceptional responsibility of raising their grandchildren in their own home.

We understand the unique challenges that all grandcarers face and the support they need.

Every grandparent who takes on the full parental responsibility for their grandchildren is welcome into our community.



## Our Organisation

GRGWA provides information, practical support, and a unique sense of belonging for grandcarers and their grandchildren.

We have services and support led by advocates and fellow members who have lived experience. Our members speak to us about the relief they find when they join us — the relief that they can tell their story and be who they are without fear, prejudice or judgement.

Wb: [www.grgwa.au](http://www.grgwa.au). Em: [info@grgwa.au](mailto:info@grgwa.au)



## What do we do?

We understand the immense challenges that arise when seeking information as new grandcarers. In response, we provide a wide range of services to our members, including:

- "Back to Basics" Education fund
- "Back to Basics" Food fund
- Practical support
- Donated goods
- Op Shop
- Food Relief (Hampers)
- Resources
- Recreation
- Family Events
- Social Events
- Weekly Coffee Meetings
- Member meetings
- A safe place to come to
- .... and much, much more



### Donate



### Join



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# COME TO NOVEMBER PEEEL

FOR A MEGA PLAY DATE

BECAUSE EVERY KID IS SUPER!

**HEROES**  
-ACADEMY-

NATIONS  CHURCH



## WHO

PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 6

## WHEN

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

DROP OFF 9AM / PICK UP 12PM

FOLLOWED BY FREE PIZZA AND DRINK FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

12PM – 12:30PM

## WHERE

NATIONS CHURCH PORT KENNEDY

16 HELMSHORE WAY, PORT KENNEDY

## APPLY

To submit an application, please visit:

[WWW.HEROESACADEMY.COM.AU](http://WWW.HEROESACADEMY.COM.AU)

Spaces are limited. Apply now to avoid disappointment.

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT

EBONY 0419 933 640 / [info@heroesacademy.com.au](mailto:info@heroesacademy.com.au)

We understand the unique challenges of having a child with additional needs. Heroes Academy provides free, no-strings-attached, activities for children with additional needs (and their siblings). Our November event has been designed with your child in mind. Let our team of skilled volunteers care for your child within a super fun, activity based program, packed with social inclusion, creative opportunities & community engagement.



NATIONS  CHURCH



Strengthen skills.  
Build savings.  
Take control.



Save \$500 and ANZ will top up your bank account with another \$500.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au) for more information.

**1300 610 355** [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)



# Resources for Parents & Carers



## Helplines

### Lifeline 13 11 14

A free 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention service

### Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Free and confidential 24/7 phone counselling service for young people aged 5-25 years old

### Crisis Care 1800 199 008

Contact Crisis Care if you are concerned about the wellbeing of a child, are escaping domestic violence or experiencing homelessness

### Ngala Parenting Line 9368 9368 or 1800 111 546

A free support service for WA parents and caregivers of children from conception to 18 years

### 13 Yarn 13 92 76

24/7 crisis support line for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This service is run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

### Thirrili 1800 805 801

is a 24/7 postvention phone service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are bereaving after losing someone from suicide.

## Contact

### Meerilinga Parenting Service

0418 792 121 [meerilinga.org.au](http://meerilinga.org.au)

### Cockburn Parenting Service

08 9411 3855 [cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au)

### KEYS Parenting Service

08 9439 1838 [keyswa.org](http://keyswa.org)

### Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) 13 14 50

This is a free interpreting service provided by the Australian Government for people who do not speak English. They can connect you with the service of your choice and interpret for you.

## Resources

### Raising Children

[raisingchildren.net.au](http://raisingchildren.net.au)

### Hand in Hand Parenting

[handinhandparenting.org](http://handinhandparenting.org)

### Zero to Three

[zerotothree.org](http://zerotothree.org)

### Better Beginnings

[better-beginnings.com.au](http://better-beginnings.com.au)

### Beyond Blue's Healthy Families

[healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au](http://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au)

### The Fathering Project

[thefatheringproject.org](http://thefatheringproject.org)

### Australian Childhood Foundation

COVID-19 Resources  
[childhood.org.au/covid-19](http://childhood.org.au/covid-19)

Scan this QR code to visit the South West Metropolitan Parenting Service website hosted by Meerilinga.



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