



BPS Newsletter Term 1 Week 5 2026

## Principal's Message



Ngaji Gurrijan

Welcome to the new school year at Broome PS. I am pleased to share what has been a remarkably smooth and positive commencement. Our students have returned ready to learn, and it has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement across every classroom. There is a strong sense of purpose throughout the school, with positive learning experiences well underway.

Our school remains deeply committed to nurturing the whole child. Alongside strong academic programs, we continue to promote initiatives that support students' social, emotional, and physical development. It is this balanced approach that ensures our children not only achieve academically, but also grow into confident, resilient and compassionate young people.

One particularly pleasing highlight has been our student attendance. This term, attendance has reached its highest level since pre-COVID days. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects the collective efforts of our entire school community. Thank you to our families for recognising the vital importance of regular attendance, every day at school truly matters.

We have also welcomed new staff members who have made an enthusiastic and impressive start. Their energy and commitment have already had a positive impact, and we are very fortunate to have them as part of our team. We are especially excited about the commencement of the Shooting Stars program at our school and compliments our culturally

responsive practice in our school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, and you can read more details about the program in this newsletter.

As a school community, we are currently enjoying the Yawuru season of Man-gala, a time that reminds us of the unique environment in which we live and learn. It is always valuable to pause and appreciate the cultural and seasonal rhythms of our region.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have attended our parent evenings or taken the time to meet with their children's teachers. Education is always at its best when school and families work closely together in partnership to support each child's learning and wellbeing.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries throughout the year. We value open communication and strong relationships with our families.

Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Gala mabu, Galiya

Daryl Mansfield

(Principal)

## Introducing our new staff members for 2026



**Performing Arts with Ms Asha Kiani**

I'm Miss Kiani and I'm excited to be teaching Music at Broome Primary School. I will be teaching students from Kindergarten to Year 6 where students will explore music through singing, playing instruments, movement, and listening. Most of all, I look forward to nurturing their creativity, confidence, and enjoyment of music as a form of self-expression.



### **Physical Education with Mr Tim Fogarty**

Hi, my name is Mr Tim, and I am covering for Mr Davies while he is on leave as the PE Teacher at Broome PS during Semester One. I teach all classes from Pre-Primary through to Year 6 and I am passionate about keeping students active, developing their skills, and fostering a positive attitude towards health and physical activity.



**Miss Sophie Peters Year 1 Classroom Teacher**

I'm Sophie, I moved to Broome two years ago. I am very excited to be teaching at Broome PS. I value building strong relationships with my students and their families and strive to create a classroom environment where learning is meaningful, inclusive and fun.



### **Mr Matt Coen Year 3 Teacher**

I am Matt Coen and I currently have the honour of teaching the legends in G1 (Year 3). I take pride in ensuring every student is known, valued and cared for. Many of you have seen me around the school last year as I was a casual teacher and then relieving in Performing Arts (Music) for Term 4. Outside of school I love running, going on camping trips, catching sunsets at the beach and hanging out with my beautiful wife and two boys.

Gala mabu



### **Miss Kaylea Smith - Yawuru and Year 5 B1 Teacher (Fridays)**

My name is Miss Kaylea. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, I will be facilitating the Yawuru Language program for years 3-6 and Pre Primary. We will be learning about First Nations histories and cultures with a focus on the Yawuru language. I will be delivering the Yawuru language program under the guidance of Hiroko Shioji and Judy Edgar, with the resources they have provided.



**Anna Kelly and De'Karla-Maree Kickett - Shooting Stars**

Hi, my name is Anna Kelly I am from Broome and will be working at Broome PS with the Shooting Stars program for the Year 3 to 6 girls.

Joining me for Term1 is De'Karla-Maree Kickett who is from Perth and is helping to get the program up and running.

Shooting Stars is an initiative of Glass Jar Australia and Netball WA and empowers Aboriginal girls. This is an engagement program based within the school. We are very excited to be here at Broome PS and looking forward to meeting families.

## Highlights from Term 1



### **Kindergarten and Pre-Primary**

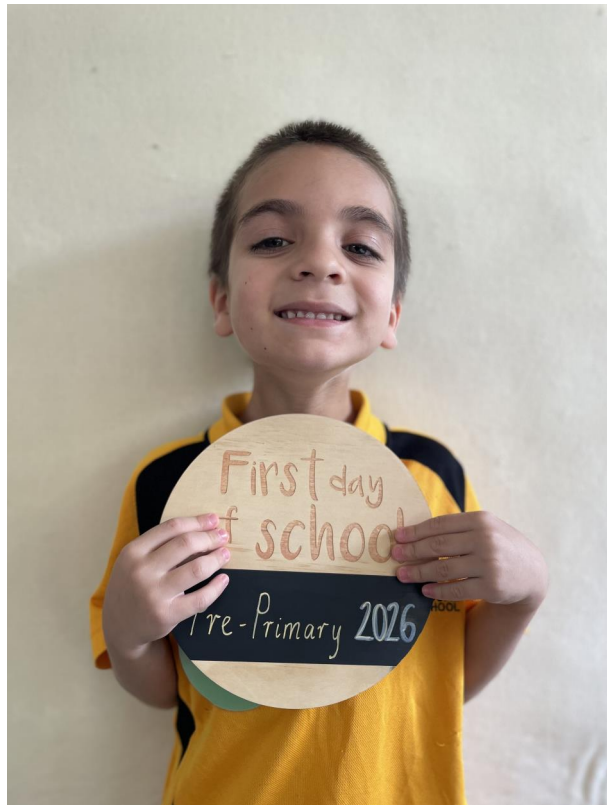
Broome Primary is thrilled to welcome our 2026 Kindy and Pre-Primary students. Our youngest learners have begun the year with big smiles, eager hearts, and a wonderful sense of adventure. We're looking forward to a fantastic year filled with fun, friends, and lots of exciting learning ahead.















### **Senior Choir**

Senior Choir is commencing again this term. This is open to all pupils who enjoy singing, choir is a chance to develop vocal skills, build confidence, and take part in school activities.


We've had some introductory sessions to explore what choir is all about, and students have been full of energy and smiles. We look forward to continuing our rehearsals together.

Information on rehearsal times and permission forms to follow soon.




## Sport News







# BPS Swim Trials

It is that time of the year again where students in **Year 3 - 6** are invited to participate in swim trials!

 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

 9am start

 Broome Recreation Centre

Swim trial notes have been distributed to all students in years 3 - 6. If your child would like to compete, please complete \$8 payment and return signed permission form to BPS front office by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

If any families/carers would like to help on the day, please call BPS on 08 91947500 or contact Mr Tim via email: [timothy.fogarty@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:timothy.fogarty@education.wa.edu.au)

## Aboriginal Education Team News



### Strong Families, Strong Futures

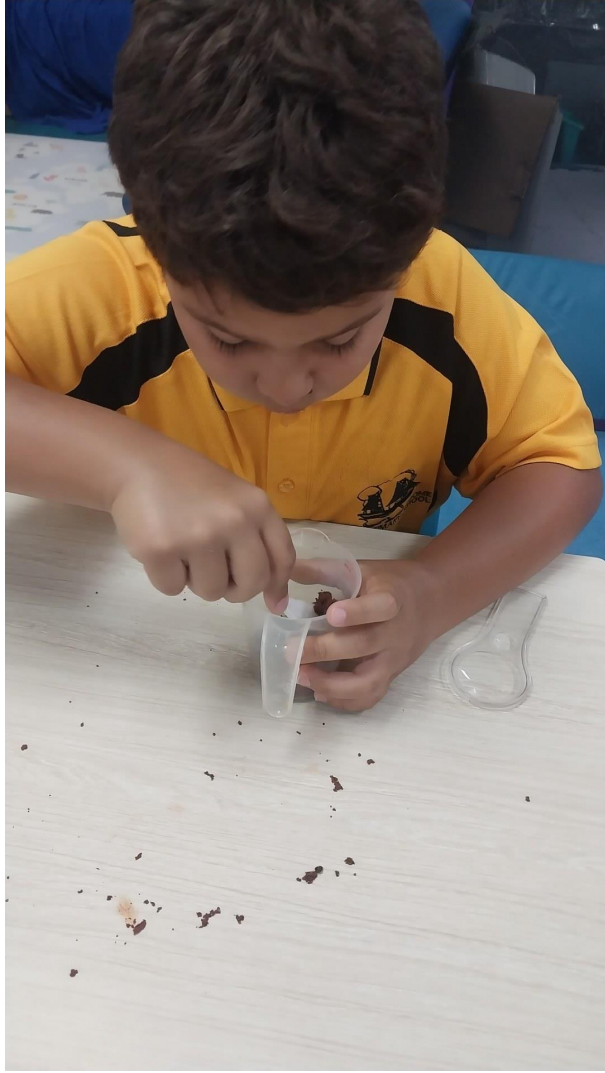
When families and schools work together, children thrive.

A strong learning environment is built on connection, trust, and shared purpose.

Grandparents, mums, dads, caregivers, and extended family all play a vital role in shaping our children's growth. When families feel welcomed, valued, and empowered, our little people benefit in every way, socially, emotionally, physically and academically.





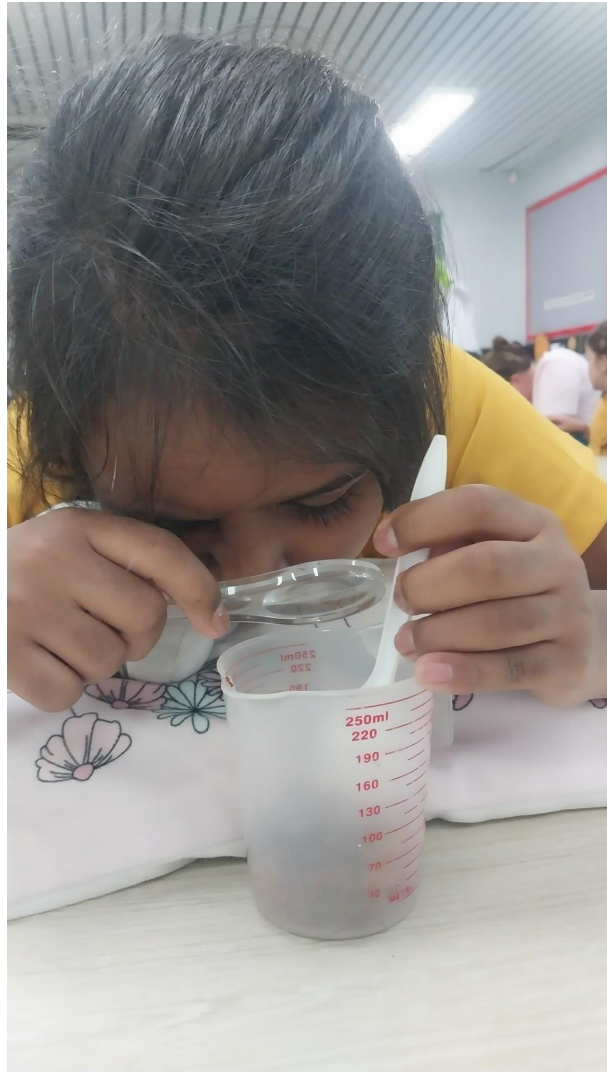






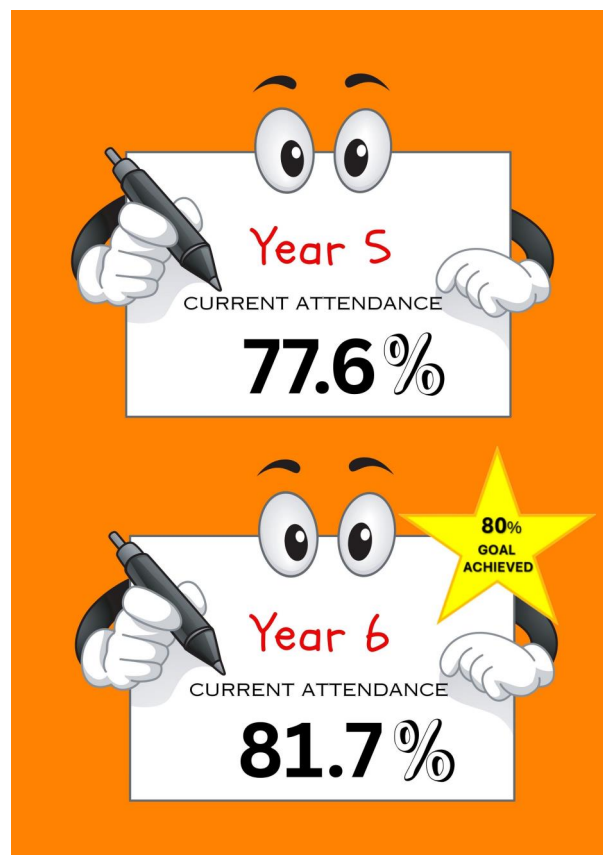








## Attendance



80% GOAL ACHIEVED

Year 3

82.4%

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Year 4

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

82.8%

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**SUPER!**

80% GOAL ACHIEVED

Kindy

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

90.1%

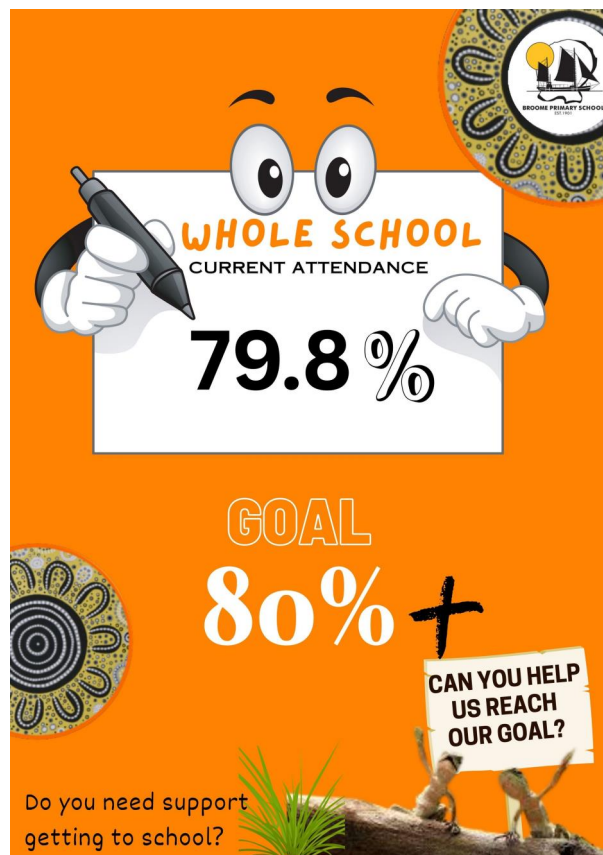
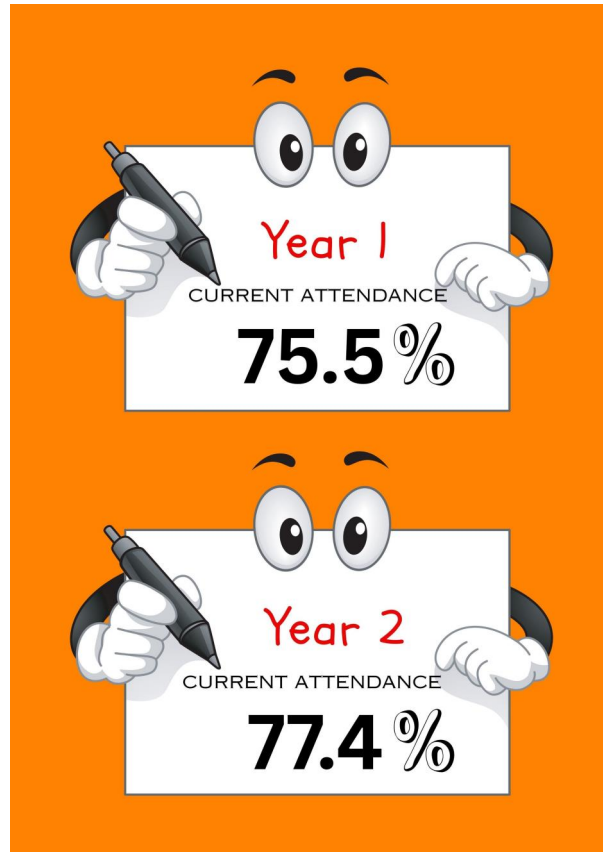
Pre-Primary

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

72.0%

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A cartoon character with large eyes and a friendly expression is holding a black marker in its right hand and a white sign in its left. The sign displays the year 'Pre-Primary' in red, the text 'CURRENT ATTENDANCE' in small black font, and the attendance percentage '72.0%' in large black font.



**NIRRUMBUK & Broome Youth and Family Hub Supports Our Attendance & Engagement Students**

## **BYFH BURGER DAY**

We extend our sincere thanks to Rise and Ride BYFH for partnering with us to support our Attendance and Engagement students, alongside our dedicated AIEOs and the team from Shooting Stars.

Held in our Cultural Centre, the burger day created a welcoming space to connect, build positive relationships, and strengthen our shared commitment to improving attendance and engagement. While filling their bellies, the team were also brightening smiles — a simple but powerful way of showing care, encouragement, and community spirit.

Working together towards the same goals, we are proud to support our young people to succeed and celebrate their wins.

## **Nirrumbuk Bus Run Exceeding Expectations**

The **Nirrumbuk** bus run is exceeding expectations, recording our highest numbers yet! This fantastic achievement reflects the strong commitment of our families and the positive impact of working together to support student attendance.

Family connection and communication are growing stronger every day, helping to create positive starts to the morning and setting students up for success. The sense of teamwork and shared purpose is truly making everyone's day that little bit brighter.

Every Day, Every Child Matters.







## PBS in Focus





Students have made a fantastic start to the term. Through our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program, they have been focusing on our PBS expectations of **We are respectful, We are safe, We are learners**, earning Dojo points as they work towards their individual and classroom goals.

Dojo points help us recognise and celebrate the positive choices students make each day. Each term, we set a whole-school target, with a fun reward unlocked once the goal is achieved. So far, students have earned an impressive **12,800 points**, placing us well on the way to our first 2026 milestone of **20,000 Dojo points**. Students and staff are excitedly looking forward to our first whole-school reward!



## Library News



### **Introducing Our 2026 Library Goblins!**

Mrs Ruffino is excited to welcome our brand-new team of Library Goblins for 2026.

This includes the following students, Billy Batty Best, Oliver Rodrigues, Keian Autret, Eleanor Bantich, Jensen Pope, Nyjah Sangkola, Hailey Montgomery, Lachlan Maher Ramsey, Adam Richardson.

These enthusiastic student helpers will be working behind the scenes and in the shelves to keep our library running smoothly. These students will be returning books and organising displays to assisting younger students. Our Library Goblins are ready to spread a little magic and a lot of library love throughout the year. Keep an eye out for their awesome work next time you visit the library!

## P&C News



### **P&C Executive Committee**

The BPS P&C held their AGM recently and elected the executive committee members for 2026:

President - Julia Taylor

Vice President - Cherry Lawton

Secretary - Lynette Pope

Treasurer - Kristi Hart

We also elected our non-executive committee members:

Book Club Coordinator - Kate Hallam

Canteen Coordinator - Emma Douglas

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting for the year, including some brand-new members! We are so excited for 2026!

## Help to shape the future of Broome Primary School Join the P&C!

### What do we do for our school?



We proudly run the amazing Diny Diny Canteen



We organise fun school events like the Colour Run



We love providing free lunch and snacks for our kids at the Athletics Carnival



We host fundraisers to help our school buy much-needed resources and equipment

### We promise it's not all meetings!



We meet twice each term - that's only 8 hours a year!



We love hearing fresh ideas on how to help our school



We get the inside scoop on what's happening around our school community

**We can't do it without you - your support makes all the difference!**

If you would like to join our P&C, our mailing list or if you have any questions, please reach out to us: [broomeprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:broomeprimarypc@gmail.com) or 0421 342 294



### Do you want to join the P&C?

The P&C is so important - we provide our school with resources; we make sure our kids get the same fun opportunities as other schools and we operate our amazing Diny Diny Canteen!

We need your support so we can continue to keep doing what we do. We're all busy people - but teamwork makes the dream work!

If you are interested in joining the P&C, please reach out to us at [broomeprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:broomeprimarypc@gmail.com) - our next meeting will be Thursday 12th March (week 6). More details to come!

### Diny Diny Canteen

A huge thank you and welcome back to Suze, our canteen superstar!

The Diny Diny Canteen will be open Monday-Thursday during Term 1, with orders available for both breaks. Please order through the FlexiSchools app before 8am.

Pica's Kitchen will be covering orders for big break only on Fridays during Term 1. Please order through SchoolLunchOnline before 8am.



## Broome Primary School Canteen | Term 1 2026



### Pica's Kitchen

Available Friday's for  
Morning Big Break only.



Order through SchoolLunchOnline  
before 8.00am



## Diny Diny Canteen Menu

Open Monday - Thursday

### Morning big break

Sandwiches	\$6.50	Apple	\$1.20
Toasted or fresh, with your choice of:		Popcorn	\$1.00
• ham	• carrot	• spaghetti	
• chicken	• cucumber	• baked beans	
• cheese	• lettuce	• mayo	
• tomato	• pineapple		
Vegemite sandwich	\$6.50	Up N Go	\$3.00
Toasted cheese sandwich	\$5.00	Flavoured milk	\$3.00
		Frozen milo	\$2.50

**Plus daily lunch specials that change each term**

### Afternoon little break

Mini pizza	\$3.50	Pikelet	\$1.00
• ham		Slinky apple	\$1.20
• ham & pineapple		Anzac cookie	\$2.00
• vegetarian		Banana bread	\$2.50
• BBQ chicked		Muffin	\$2.50
Hash Brown	\$2.00	Choc berry yoghurt cup with granola	\$3.50
Corn on the cob	\$2.00	Up N Go	\$3.00
Sweet chilli chicken strip	\$2.50	Flavoured milk	\$3.00
Spudzee	\$2.00	Frozen milo	\$2.50
2 Veg spring rolls	\$1.50		
Cheesy	\$3.50		
Mac & cheese bite	\$1.50		
Vegetable sticks & dip	\$3.00		

**Order through Flexischools app before 8.00am**

## Be You Committee News





# I Can Do It



## Information for Families



## 2026 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3: Tuesday 21 July – Thursday 24 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 December

## 2026 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term 1: Thursday 29 January / Friday 30 January

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April

Term 3: Monday 20 July / Friday 25 September

Term 4: Friday 18 December



[eRideables](#) WA road safety laws, only people aged 16 and over are permitted to use eRideables or eBikes with the motor engaged.

Starting Term 1, 2026 (from 2 February), students under 16 years old will not be allowed to use eRideables or eBikes on school grounds.

This applies to all WA public schools to support student safety and ensure compliance with road safety legislation. For more information about eRideable and eBike rules, penalties, purchasing tips and safety advice, visit the Road Safety Commission website



# SHIRT ART COMPETITION

Broome schools cluster is seeking student artwork to feature on the 2026 staff shirt.

Artwork should embrace the theme:

## Saltwater country

Students can enter as many designs as they like in the following three categories.

Local  
animals



Dots



Local  
plants



**ENTRIES CLOSE END OF TERM 1**

Scan and email entries to  
[Broome.SHS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Broome.SHS@education.wa.edu.au)

**\$150 OF VISA  
GIFT CARDS  
FOR THE BEST ENTRIES**





## New Social Media Rules: Parent Guide

On 10 December 2025, the Australian Government's new social media rules start.

To help keep young people safe online, children under 16 are not allowed to have social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, X (Twitter) and YouTube.

Advice and information to help families with these changes can be found here:

- [eSafety Commissioner – Social Media Age Restrictions](#)
- [eSafety Webinar – Guide for Parents and Carers](#)
- [Cyber Safety Project – Parent Info Hub](#)
- [UNICEF – Social Media Ban Explainer](#)

**Local support for you and your child**  
Contact Parenting Connection WA - Kimberley  
Tel: 0438 984 893 | Kimberley.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au  
www.parentingconnectionwa.com.au



## Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for children to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom



crunchandsip.com.au



Crunch&Sip®

### What to pack for Crunch&Sip®

**Water**  
A clean bottle filled with plain water.

**Grab and go**  
A whole carrot, celery stick or apple is perfect for older kids - no chopping required.

**Finger foods**  
Pack sugar snap peas, cherry tomatoes, corn kernels, grapes or strawberries in a container.

**Chopped**  
Fill a container with chopped vegetables or fruit such as cucumber or capsicum sticks, broccoli bits or chopped melon. Don't forget a fork for soft vegetables and fruit!

**Canned**  
Fresh is the preferred choice but canned veges or fruit canned in juice or water is OK sometimes. Don't forget to pack a spoon!

**Cooked**  
Thick steamed, mashed or roasted veges or fruit if your child prefers different tastes and textures.

**Dried fruit**  
Dried fruit like sultanas or apricots are allowed for Crunch&Sip® but should be limited.

**Not allowed**

All other foods and drinks are **not permitted** for Crunch&Sip® including:

- other drinks (e.g. fruit or vegetable juices)
- fruit or vegetable products (e.g. fruit leather, popcorn, fruit or vegetable breads)
- fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
- flavoured or marinated canned and bottled vegetables
- foods other than fruit or vegetables (e.g. cheese cubes, yogurt, mixed base crackers)

**Tips!**

**Be prepared**  
Make sure the veggies and fruit you pack for Crunch&Sip® are low mess and quick and easy to eat. Pre-chopped veggies are ideal and can be prepared ahead of time. To maintain freshness store in an airtight container in the fridge, cover with a wet paper towel for added moisture.

**Bite sized pieces for little ones**  
Chop small whole fruit and vegetables like grapes and cherry tomatoes into halves or quarters for younger children to reduce the choking hazard.

**Hygiene**  
Wash vegetables and fruit. Make sure your child's water bottle is cleaned regularly and clearly marked with their name.

**Crunch the rainbow**  
Choosing different coloured vegetables and fruits keeps it interesting and is good for health! Go red with tomatoes or strawberries, green with snow peas or peas, orange with capsicum or a mandarin, purple with purple carrots or grapes, and white with cauliflower or bananas.

**Take the veg pledge**  
Research shows that while most kids eat enough fruit, only 6% consume enough vegetables. Sending vegetables for Crunch&Sip® is a great way to develop healthy habits and boost these numbers!

# Community News



**CONTACT US**

For all general enquiries, please email [enquiries@13yarn.org.au](mailto:enquiries@13yarn.org.au)

For all media enquiries, please email [media@13yarn.org.au](mailto:media@13yarn.org.au)



**Feeling worried or no good?**

We will take the time to listen. No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

13 92 76

-  Available 24/7 across the country
-  Confidential & anonymous
-  Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters
-  Accessible by any phone in Australia
-  Culturally Safe Space
-  First national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis



This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health

Gayaa Dhuiwi (Proud Spirit) Australia  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter  
www.gayaadhuiwi.com.au

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuiwi




13YARN [Thirteen YARN] is the first national crisis support line for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping.

We offer a confidential one-on-one yarning opportunity with a Lifeline-trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter who can provide crisis support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 13 YARN empowers our community with the opportunity to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to speak about their needs, worries or concerns.

If you, or someone you know, are feeling worried or no good, we encourage you to connect with 13YARN on 13 92 76 (24 hours/7 days) and talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter.

This is your story, your journey and we will take the time to listen. No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

Our vision is to achieve a nation free of suicide. We know the current statistics for suicide and self-harm for Aboriginal people are disproportionately high. To tackle this problem head-on, this service will be led by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board and employ professionals in suicide prevention and crisis support utilising Lifeline's extensive experience and infrastructure.



We take the time to listen. No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

13YARN is an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander crisis support line funded by the Australian Government with the support of Lifeline and developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuiwi (Proud Spirit) Australia. It is run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We have co-designed this line using Lifeline expertise with several Aboriginal mental health professionals including NACCHO, Black Dog Institute Aboriginal Lived Experience team and the Centre for Excellence in Suicide Prevention along with input from Torres Strait Islander, remote, regional, and urban peoples with lived experience.

We work to explore options for ongoing support and community members will always be reassured they will be connected to another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who will understand where they are coming from and value knowing HOW to listen, without judgement or shame.

Call us for a YARN 13 92 76

## Adult Mental Health Support Lines

[13 Yarn](#) (an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander crisis support line): 13 92 76

[Lifeline](#) : 13 11 14 & [Lifeline Crisis Text Service](#) : 0477 13 11 14

Here For You Support Line: 1800 437 348

## Kids and Youth Mental Health Support Lines

[headspace](#) (12 to 25-year-olds, family and friends, seven days a week from 9am to 1am AEST): 1800 650 890

[Kids Helpline](#) : 1800 551 800 (5 to 25-year-olds)

[Youth Beyond Blue](#) : 1300 224 636 (12 to 25-year-olds)

## Contact Us



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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7.30am - 3.00pm**

**School Hours: Monday - Friday 8.00am - 2.10pm**

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