



## Upcoming Events:



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**

**Monday 9th -13th November** ★

PE Week/NAIDOC Week

**Friday 13th November** ★

Colour Explosion Run

**Tuesday 24th November** ★

Preschool – Year 7 End of Year Concert

**Wednesday 9th December**

Student Reports home to Families

**Thursday 10th December** ★

Year 7 Graduation

**Friday 11th December**

Last day of school for students

Terrific Kids Assembly

**2pm dismissal**

**\* Reminder: Colour Explosion registration and fundraising due by the end of Week 5, Term 4**

## From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Setting the Scene for 2021

During the Pupil Free Day on the 2nd of November, teachers and SSOs were busy looking at school data and planning for 2021. It was fantastic to see staff connect and have scheduled time for deep and meaningful conversations about student learning. The data story is still telling us that writing and numeracy will be our continued focus, with staff looking at specific areas of curriculum content and the “how” they will teach it. Current research on effective teaching strategies will be the building blocks for next year. Some huge positives from the year is the continued use of Brightpath, a teacher tool used to help support student writing and teachers having the opportunity to work in professional learning teams.

### Transitions

Over the next few weeks we welcome our new receptions and pre-schoolers into our Wandana community. We always enjoy this time of year when we get to meet all the excited children, exploring their environment and learning new routines. Please see your original notes for times and dates.

### Community Connections

Rooms 11 and 12 have been building strong community connections with the Wandana Early Learning Centre, by being welcoming buddies and showing all the wonderful activities our school has to offer. Currently they are coming for some small play sessions and will increase their time over the next few weeks.

The new Officeworks at Gilles Plains has very kindly donated \$2000 worth of products to the school as part of their community program. On Saturday 7th of November from 9-12pm they are having their grand opening celebrations, which include BBQ, slide, arts and crafts, NOVA radio station, ice cream stall, coffee van and basketball games! I encourage our families to go and enjoy the festivities to acknowledge their generous donation. Thank you Matt and Emma from Officeworks!

### Leadership Structure 2021

Belinda Smith has officially accepted the Principal position at Blakeview for the next 5 years and will not be returning to Wandana. I would like to acknowledge her valuable input into the change in school branding, the shift in teaching pedagogy and the overall positive school improvements. I also will not be returning to Wandana next year, taking on a Deputy position at Blakeview Primary. I have enjoyed my time here, supporting the community, staff and students to connect and flourish. The new Principal will be announced next week and a process will be put into place for the Deputy position.

Please see the Book Week photos above of our fantastic COVID-19 friendly parade. Thank you to all parents who social distanced and supported the children.

**Tegan Sims**  
Principal

**Our vision:** Empowering our community to flourish in their relationships and learning.

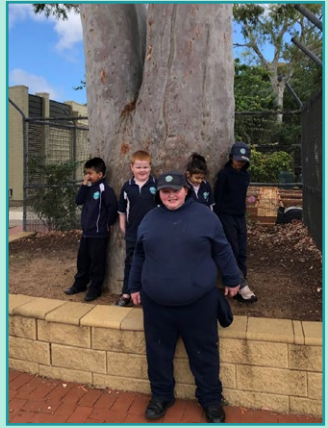
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# Room 7 - Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence

Our character strength at the moment is Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence. In Room 7, we've been taking the time to stop and notice what is around us during our breaks. We've been noticing what we can see, feel or hear as we walk around outside in our school. We have seen the clouds and how they change shapes. We have felt the grass and sandpit. We have heard the birds chirping in the trees. The children have also been commenting on what they find beautiful – including flowers, trees, rainbows and our friends.



# Friendship by Hanin

## Friendship

- F**riendship means be nice and don't be rude to make friends.
- R**ude doesn't just mean saying mean words it even means your reaction.
- I**f you are alone make some new friends and don't think about your old friends.
- E**ven sometimes your old friends want to play with you.
- N**ight time is when you can have a rest from your friends.
- D**on't be mean.
- S**chool is mostly where this can happen.
- H**appy is mostly what you should be.
- L**ike to play with your new friends.
- P**eople don't like bullies.

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