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**New Website
Coming Soon**

Dear Parents and Carers

This is my first chance to formally “speak” with you as a collective group so I just wanted to introduce myself to those that I haven’t already met.

With the relatively sudden departure of Mark Donaldson winning a Principal’s position at Northam PS, I was contacted by the Regional Office and offered the opportunity to fill in for Term 3 while a full selection process is being conducted for the new Principal.



I jumped at the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful school and community. I spent a number of years as a Principal previously in the Kimberley, Wheatbelt, Perth and the NT, but have been out of the system in private enterprise for a few years and am just returning to the Education Dept.

So far I have been thoroughly impressed by the commitment and competence of staff, the joyous nature of the students and the palpable support of parents and the community. You really do have a terrific school, doing a great job and I hope I can do it justice in the interim.

COVID 19 Update

While it has been a challenging year for everyone, so far we have managed the situation very well in the West. No time to be complacent though. With a second round of outbreaks and lockdowns in Victoria and still significant issues in NSW we need to still remain ready, but at the moment we have pretty much returned to normal service with a couple of exceptions.

While still trying to observe some social distancing and personal hygiene, the canteen is operating again, the library is operational, school sports are allowed, camps can occur (the Year 6s went on their Camp to Coral Bay last week), as well as incursions and

RoboCup—School based competition only Friday 21st August

Jumps & Throws—Wednesday 26th August

WPS Athletics Carnival—Friday 28th August

Fathers Day Breakfast—Friday 4th September (Bring a picnic blanket)

Interschool Jumps & Throws— Wednesday 9th September (at Wickham)

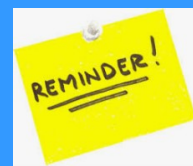
Interschool Athletics—Friday 11th September

School Board Meeting—Monday 17th August

Dental Therapy Van—Arriving Monday 24th August for several weeks

Important Dates

Term 3 School Holidays
Saturday 26th September – Monday 12th Oct
Term 4 Commences for students
Tuesday 13th October



School Chaplain

I have the pleasure in welcoming Matt Warth to our staff as School Chaplain for one day a fortnight. Matt's role is pastoral care and addressing the emotional needs of students. We are looking forward to Matt contributing to the well-being of our kids.

Student Leaders Meeting

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting with our Student Leadership group who had some great ideas and projects that are going to contribute positively to our student community. I am looking forward to working with them to realise their plans.

One such plan has already been initiated by our Head Girl, Harmony Brown. Harmony had an idea of increasing the number of bike racks for student use.

With the help of her Dad's contacts, she helped facilitate a joint project with the Roebourne Prison Work Camp to manufacture brand new bike racks. This has led to a further collaboration with the Work Camp to look at other projects they can help with around the school. This ends up being a win-win, with the school benefitting from their excellent work and the Prisoners getting a self-esteem lift by helping the community.



I visited the Roebourne Prison Work Camp last week and met with the Prisoners to express our gratitude for their work.

The Fathering Project Dads' Group

I have been working with The Fathering Project for a number of years now and I am trying to introduce the concept to Wickham PS (and several other schools in the Karratha Region).

The Fathering Project recognises the enormous contribution the Dads make to the well-being of their kids. The research is compelling that the more engaged Dads are in kids' lives makes an enormous difference to their health, education and well-being outcomes.

In more than 150 schools in WA, Fathering Project Dads Groups have been providing environments for fathers and father-figures to feel welcome to gather, share, learn and bond with each other and with their kids. Our Dads Groups provide mate ship, a valuable support system and resources to help fathers up-skill.



All Dads are invited to join us for an Information/Launch event:

Who: Dads, father-figures and other adult male role-models

When: Wed 19th August

Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm

Where: Rambla Bar & Bistro

Cost: Free Event (Purchase your own drinks; some Pizzas supplied)

RSVP: via Facebook Event page



Wickham PS gets \$3.5mil upgrade under WA COVID Recovery Plan

On Monday last week the Premier of WA announced a major school upgrade package to modernise West Australian schools as part of the WA Recovery Plan.

Wickham Primary School has been identified for a major upgrade for a new early childhood education centre.

Currently our resourceful and brilliant Kindy, Kindilink and Pre-Primary programs are run out of aging demountable buildings. A completely new build will bring the programs into a state-of-the-art new facility to give our youngest stars a terrific start at our school.

The Pilbara has been the big regional winner in the School Upgrade Plans with Karratha Senior High School receiving \$22 million to provide new facilities for students and Roebourne District High School being allocated \$44mil for a complete school re-build.



Mr Rushforth with Kevin Michel MLA in the ECE Area

Inspiration

What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine? Inside jokes!

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The wurst-kase scenario.

What did the man say to the bartender? I'll have a corona, hold the virus.

If there's a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033? There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.

Steven Rushforth
Principal



Coral Bay Camp Reflections In their own words



I loved all the parts from sleeping with friends to having to wait 20 minutes for the shower. But the highlight for me was swimming with the Manta Rays. It was so amazing and they were just doing loops around and around, while we were swimming over the top of them. It was really, really fun. I also loved the day on Frazer's boat, Utopia, because we saw lots of stuff – first we swam with little sharks that were getting their teeth cleaned and then we got back on the board for morning tea. I sat on the sun bed on the top with Ava, it was fun. Then we went to another place and went for a snorkel. After that we went swimming with Manta Rays and we had to jump off the back of the boat so we could catch up with them. Then we had lunch and went whale watching, we saw two whales, a mum and a calf that were resting. Then we got to hop in with the turtles it was cool. After that we got to jump off the top of the boat and it was so fun. Thank you Brock, Mr Marshall, Mrs Marshall and Amanda for taking us to Coral Bay.

By Jasmine Lewis

At camp on Thursday I did the Manta Ray tour. The Manta Ray tour is where you hop on a big boat and get driven to some of the most coolest places in Coral Bay. On the boat there were seven adults, two were the instructors. On our first stop we went to the reef shark cleaning station where a reef shark opens its mouth and little fish go inside and brush its teeth. On our second stop we swam with a manta ray and watched the way it lives its life. Then we saw a mother humpback whale breast feeding its baby. After a while we went to a really nice coral spot where we swam with turtles, which was my favourite part. When we got back to the boat we were allowed to jump off the top. On the last jump Temperance did a back flip, it was really funny.

By Tessa Groth

MY FAVOURITE THING FROM CAMP WAS MOST DEFINITELY GOING SNORKELING WITH THE MANTA RAYS AND PLAYING SPOTLIGHT GAMES. WHEN WE WENT WITH THE MANTA RAYS IT WAS AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE AND THERE WERE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TO SNORKEL WITH LIKE SHARKS, FISH, CLAMS AND AWESOME CORAL. SOME OF THE FISH WERE MASSIVE!

THE GAMES WE PLAYED WERE REALLY COOL. WE PLAYED TWO GAMES ON TWO DIFFERENT NIGHTS. THE FIRST GAME WAS CALLED 44 HOME EXCEPT INSTEAD OF RUNNING THE PERSON HAD TO GUARD. ON THE THIRD NIGHT WE PLAYED FOX IN A HOLE, WHICH WAS REALLY FUN.

BY JOEL HINKLEY

Coral Bay Camp Reflections

In their own words

Camp was awesome I had the best time even though I came late and had a broken arm. At camp on Thursday my group had the Manta Ray Tour. The first spot we went to was the shark cleaning spot. I sat on the top of the boat and watched everyone. It was very rough at that spot so we started heading to a spot closer to the beach. We started looking for a manta ray. We found one but it shot off after about 5 minutes. We started looking for another one we found one that started rolling. They went swimming with it 5 times then we left it and found some whales.

We had lunch and watched the whales for a while. We went to look for some dugongs, we saw 4 dugongs and 3 turtles. I got some great photos. We started looking for a tiger shark when some dolphins came up to the boat and started playing around it. It was my favourite part of the day. I got to hand feed spangled emperor which was cool.

By Toby Nunn

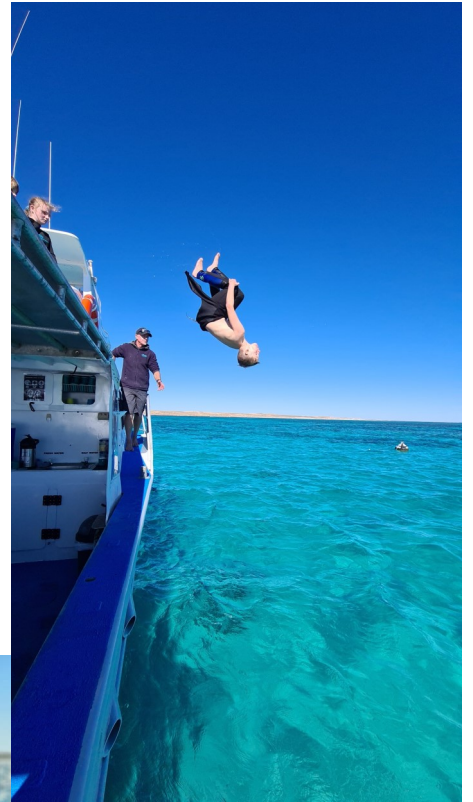
On Year 6 camp we did lots of fun activities including swimming, snorkeling and lots of games. We had lots of fun. Our teachers were Mrs and Mr Marshall and we also had some parent helpers, Brock Brown and Amanda Gibson. We swam with manta rays, turtles and lots of big fish. We also got to see humpback whales, dugongs and a tiger shark. The humpback whales splashed and threw themselves around, it was very cool.

Back at camp we played games such as spotlight, fox in the hole, volleyball, cricket and lots more. There was also a dog named Snapper there. My favourite part would be when BB (Big Brock) asked LB (Little Brock) "what flavour are the corn flakes?" during our quiz night.

By Khy Newman







The last Tea with Mr D

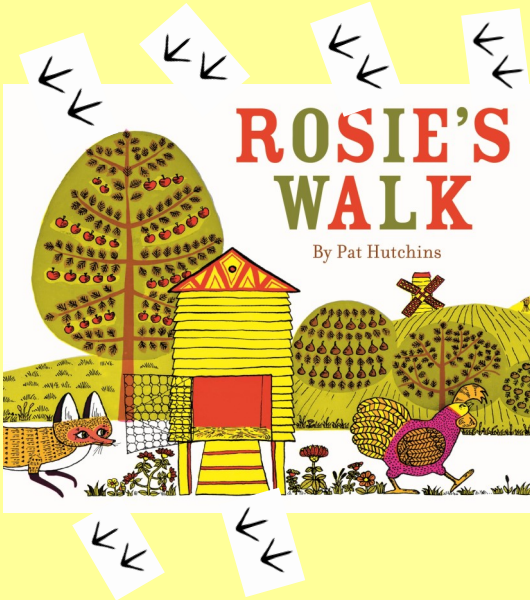
As Dr Seuss says “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”, and haven’t our amazing students shown us just that!

67 students from Year 2 to Year 6 got to celebrate with morning tea with Mr. Donaldson for achieving 100 or more Lexile growth on Literacy Pro since the start of Term 2. We couldn’t be prouder of your efforts and dedication towards your learning and can’t wait to see the places you will go!



Talk 4 Write Treasure Hunts In Kindy

This term our talk for writing text is Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. After reading the story we went on a treasure hunt in the playground to find Rosie's yummy treasure. She left us some fresh eggs. We decided to use them to make pancakes.



BeeBot Fun in Kindy

The BeeBots are creating a real 'buzz' in Kindy. The students have been learning to create algorithms to tell their BeeBots how to move.

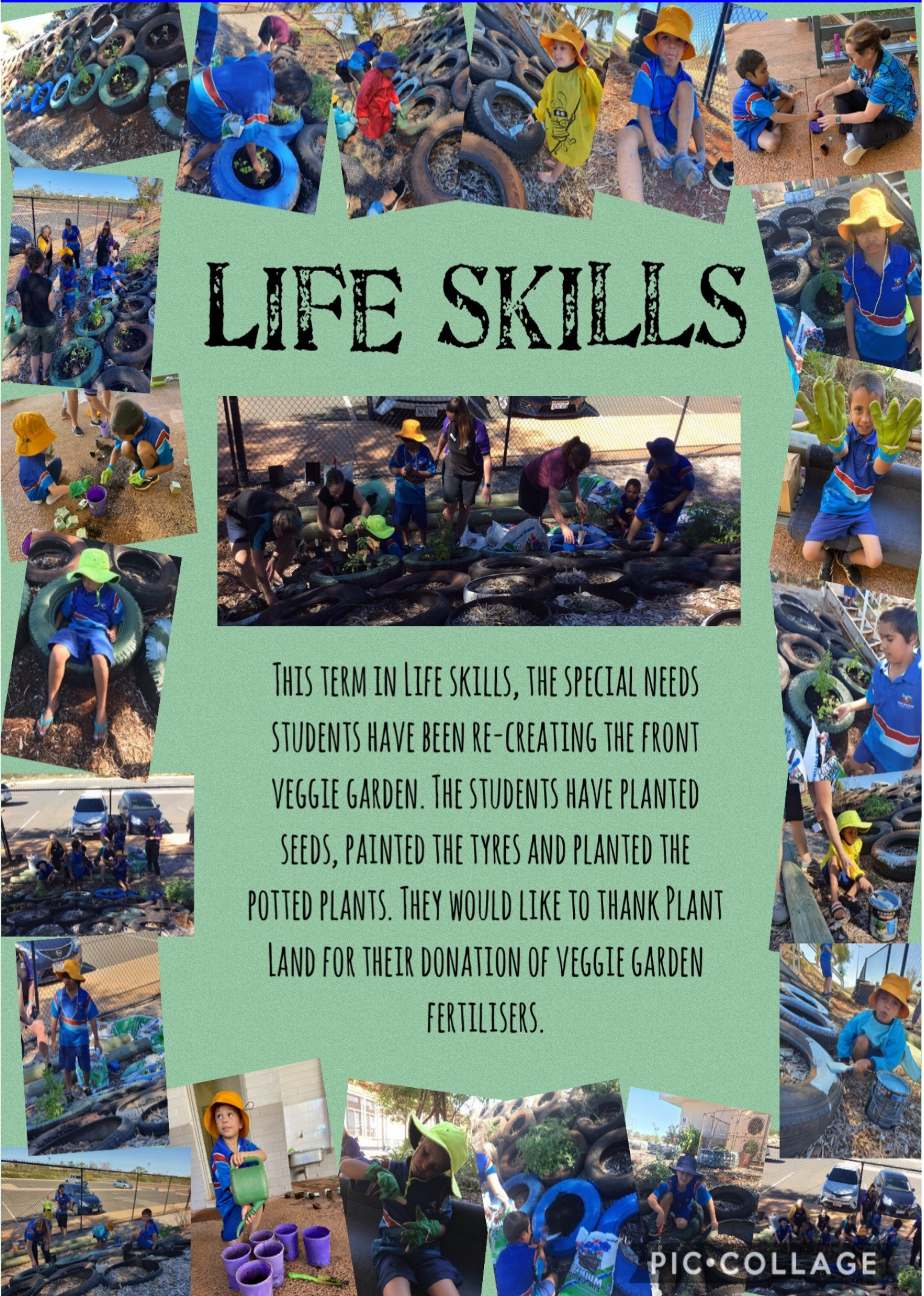


Using
BeeBots
In The
CLASSROOM



LIFE SKILLS

THIS TERM IN LIFE SKILLS, THE SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RE-CREATING THE FRONT VEGGIE GARDEN. THE STUDENTS HAVE PLANTED SEEDS, PAINTED THE TYRES AND PLANTED THE POTTED PLANTS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO THANK PLANT LAND FOR THEIR DONATION OF VEGGIE GARDEN FERTILISERS.





Term 2 Week 10 Merit Recipient Superstars



Taz Emile, Izabelle Douglas,
Ruby Willsher, Parker Mallon,
Cooper Brady



Harper Harradine, Jax Hutchings,
Georgia Oakes, Lara Hinkley, Lila Cullen,
Jairah Cortez, Jada Norman, Shelby Groth



Max Marinko, Spencer Lenton,
Max Gooding, Cooper Brown,
Cieanna McLean, Ruby Licastro,
Gemma Blake, Hayden
Nethercote, Everley Nettlefold,
Terell Kawana-Howsan, Aleah
Miller, Lola Atkinson,
Eva Newman



Term 3 Week 2

Merit Recipient Superstars



Peyton Malmo , Blake Stuart,
Xyetta Samson, Ashton Maloney



Brax Buggy , Lincoln Atkinson,
Charlotte Cochrane , Jackson Cleary



Emma Scaife, Jax Groth,
Cynthoia Stevens, Amelia O'Riordan,
Alexander Kawadza



Makayla Tawhiti, , Kasanita Malupo,
Zade Malmo, Reece McKiernan



Term 3 Week 2
Merit Recipient Superstars



Latarra Halden & Kai Page



Literacy Pro Award
Winners



Brock Tappenden & Toby Nunn



Term 3 Week 4 Merit Recipient Superstars



Preston Massara, Lilly Gillespie, Taylah Harcourt,
Alex Kawadza, Maya Thorne, Zara Egberts,
Charlotte Green, Aura Macdonald



Tallon Kemp, Eli Shepherd, Holly Kofalvi,
Chloe Lyall, Lily Scaife, Isabella Screaigh,
Gabe Park



Sage Nixon, Mollie Bain, Zavian Zimmerle,
Emily Alberd, Cordelia Doyle-White,
Maggie Webster, Jasmine Lewis



Replanting

Wickham Primary School recently replaced a lot of the beautiful trees that were lost due to cyclone damage over the last two years. Thanks to Yurra for planting these for us!

Thank You!

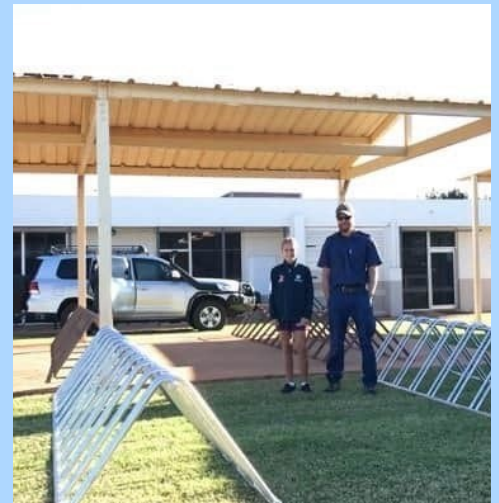


Bike Racks Upgrade

Wickham Primary School Head Girl Harmony Brown recently lead the way in a much needed bike racks upgrade this term, after making a pledge in her election speech to the students last year.

Harmony with support from her Dad reached out to the Roebourne work camp to see if they could assist in the making of more bike racks for the school. Officers from the Roebourne Work Camp along the work camp crew, designed, fabricated and installed the new bike racks recently (pictured)

Mr Rushforth visited the crew at the Roebourne work camp to say thankyou and congratulated the team. Mr Rushforth was that impressed with the quality of workmanship, he has requested more projects for them to do around the school, such as making tables and planter boxes. Stay tuned!



Fathering Project Dads Group Launch

Calling all Dads/Father-Figures of Wickham PS,

I/we, along with our school, would like to invite you to attend our school's "Fathering Project Dads Group" Launch evening.

What: An informal but informative event just for dads and father-figures. Presented by The Fathering Project and hosted by the school meet other dads – chat, share and support each other to start a Dads Group and be the best dad you can be

Learn: About what The Fathering Project is.
About the importance of the role of the father (backed by research),

It would be great if you could come along and I/we hope you will learn some interesting things about fathering, and about a Fathering Project Dads Group can support your kids and the school community toward a healthier, happier future. (The program also gives dads more opportunities to have fun, be part of a supportive network and build an even stronger school community.)

Hope to see you there,
Steven Rushforth - a/Principal

Who: Dads, father-figures and other adult male role-models

When: Wed 19th August

Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm

Where: Rambla Bar & Bistro

Cost: Free Event

RSVP: via Facebook



Note: Purchase your own drinks; some Pizza will be provided



Save the Date

WPS Father's Day

Stall

2nd & 3rd September
2020

Dad's it's your turn.
The Father's Day stall is back
More info will be sent home shortly

