

BELDON BRIEFINGS

13 March 2026



Thank You to Our P&C President

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Claire Clarke for the time, energy and commitment she has given to our school community in her role as P&C President.

Claire has generously volunteered many hours supporting school events, coordinating fundraising activities and advocating for our students and families.

As Claire steps down from the role at next week's P&C AGM, we would like to acknowledge the positive contribution she has made to our school. Her dedication and willingness to bring people together have been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the staff, students and wider school community, we thank Claire for her leadership and wish her all the very best for the future.



Jo Smith
Principal

Reporting to Parents

The Education Department has introduced changes that allow schools to close for additional days so teachers can meet with parents and have meaningful conversations about student progress.

Our school will be closed to all students on **Thursday 28 May** to provide time for teachers to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress and next steps in learning.

Further information will be shared next term outlining how the day will operate and how you can sign up for a meeting.

First Aid Incursion



This week, students across the school participated in age-appropriate first aid sessions delivered by the St John First Aid Schools team.

Pre-primary students learnt how to recognise an emergency, who can help, and which number to call through a story with Kura the Bear.

Students in Years 1 and 2 explored how to identify danger, check for a response, and send for help, while also learning about the role of paramedics and ambulances.

Students in Years 3 and 4 developed practical skills in assessing a casualty, checking airways and breathing, and placing someone in the recovery position.

In Years 5 and 6, students built on their understanding of the St John WA Action Plan and practised how to respond if someone is unconscious and not breathing normally.



These sessions helped students develop important knowledge and confidence to respond safely and seek help quickly in an emergency.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is important for every child. When students attend school every day, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their classmates and teachers, and don't miss important learning opportunities. Even missing a few days can make it harder for children to keep up with new concepts and classroom routines.

We appreciate the support of our families in helping children arrive at school on time and ready to learn each day.

Congratulations to this fortnight's winning attendance class: M3!

Well done for showing great commitment to being at school every day. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Celebrating Students - Brody

When the incredible Terracotta Warriors: Legacy of the First Emperor exhibition was on display, thousands of visitors came through to marvel at the ancient soldiers who had travelled all the way from China.

Among them was one very thoughtful young visitor from our school who was clearly inspired by what he saw. After his visit, he went home and carefully crafted his very own tiny terracotta warrior, determined that the famous army shouldn't have to make the long journey home alone.

With a big idea, he returned to the museum and quietly left his handmade warrior behind with one very important message: "Send him back to China with the warriors so they've got a friend for the trip!" It seems our young artist wanted to make sure the legendary soldiers had a companion for their travels.



The museum later shared the story online, hoping to find the mystery creator of the tiny warrior. While the real Terracotta Warriors have now packed up and returned home, the little handmade soldier has stayed behind, proudly guarding the museum and reminding everyone of the creativity and kindness of the young visitor who made him.

We think that's a pretty special legacy - proof that even the smallest warrior can leave a big impression.



Reading with your child

Research shows that one of the biggest differences between strong and struggling readers is how much time they spend reading. Students who need the most practice often read the least, which can make it harder for them to build confidence and improve their skills. Studies have highlighted just how powerful regular reading practice can be.

In one study, a child in a low-reading group read just 16 words in a week, while a child in a high-reading group read 1,933 words in the same time (Allington, 1984).

The more children read, the more opportunities they have to encounter new words, build their understanding, and develop their reading fluency. Time spent reading is directly linked to reading growth and vocabulary development.

Reading with your child every day is one of the most powerful ways you can support their learning. Even 10–15 minutes of daily reading can make a big difference. When you read together you help your child to:

- Build a stronger vocabulary by hearing and discussing new words
- Improve reading fluency and confidence
- Develop better comprehension and understanding texts
- Strengthen their imagination and love of stories
- Form positive lifelong reading habits



Discover the magic of reading

Register your child for the Premier's Reading Challenge! From 23 March to 12 June 2026, students from Kindergarten to Year 12 can discover the joy of reading and log their progress for a chance to win prizes.

Visit

premierreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au for more information.

Amazing Learning

Our Kindy students have been immersing themselves in the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. As part of their learning, they have created a gorgeous camping area within their classroom. This imaginative space has allowed students to act out the story, retell events and engage in role play.



Through these experiences, the children are developing their language skills, building confidence in speaking, listening and sharing ideas with their peers. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm as they bring the story to life.

Beldon & the City of Joondalup: Understanding the Noongar Knowledge of This Place

The suburb of Beldon and the wider City of Joondalup sit on the traditional lands of the Whadjuk Noongar people, part of the larger Noongar nation of south-west Western Australia. Noongar people have lived on and cared for this land for tens of thousands of years, developing deep knowledge of the local environment, seasonal cycles and the resources found across Country.

We are so privileged to be able to teach and learn on Whadjuk Country.

Did you know that the name Joondalup comes from the Noongar language and is commonly understood to mean “place of whiteness or glistening,” referring to the shimmering waters of nearby Lake Joondalup? The lake and surrounding wetlands were important gathering places where Noongar families met, shared stories, and accessed food and water.

Although the suburb of Beldon is a modern development established in the 1970s, the land itself has a much longer history. Before suburbs were built, this area formed part of the natural bushland between the coast and inland lakes. Noongar people travelled through these landscapes as part of seasonal movements, following food sources and maintaining strong connections with Country.



Nearby areas such as Yellagonga Regional Park continue to reflect this long history. The park is named after Yellagonga, a respected Noongar leader who lived in the region during the early years of European settlement.

Learning about the Noongar history of places like Beldon and Joondalup helps us recognise that the landscapes around us hold thousands of years of stories, knowledge and cultural connection. By acknowledging this history, we deepen our understanding of the land and the people who have cared for it for generations.

Each fortnight in our newsletter we will share some information about Noongar Culture for our school community to enjoy.

P&C NEWS

A huge thank you to all who have already donated goodies for the Easter Raffle, there's still time, so please keep the donations coming in. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 16th March for \$2 each, more information on the attached flyer.

The P&C AGM is on next Tuesday, 17th March at 7pm in the staff room. We look forward to seeing you there!

A vibrant pink flyer for an Easter Raffle. At the top, it says "easter RAFFLE" in large, white, bubbly letters with a pink outline. Below that, "DRAWN 30TH MARCH" is written in a similar style. The flyer includes sections for "Donations" (Please drop off to classrooms from 9th - 24th March), "Tickets" (\$2 each available from 16 March), and "Online only" with a QR code and the URL <https://beldon-primary-school-parent-and-citizens.square.site>. A cartoon rabbit is holding a large, colorful Easter egg. The background is decorated with confetti and several smaller Easter eggs in various colors and patterns. The bottom of the flyer shows a grassy field with several more Easter eggs.

easter RAFFLE

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Canteen update:

Due to Belridge events, the canteen will **be closed** on:

Friday March 20 and

Friday March 27

We will have an extra canteen day available on **Thursday 26 March**.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

TUESDAY 31 MARCH & THURSDAY 2 APRIL

Every student has received a personalised flyer from Kapture Photography containing a unique code for ordering school photos online.

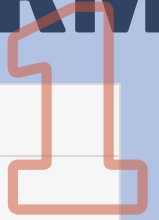
Sibling photos There are limited places available for sibling portraits, please book early. The school or the photographers cannot accept late orders for sibling photography.

Order EARLY for discount photo day prices. Late orders incur a \$30 custom service charge.

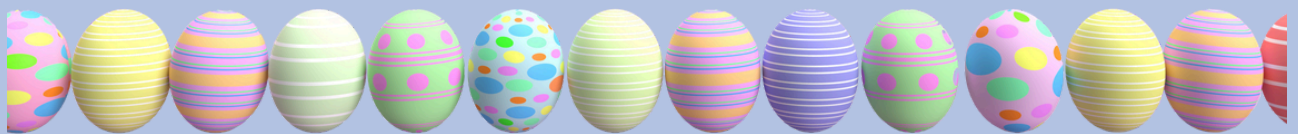
All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records as well as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot, please contact the school office.

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM



Tuesday	Mar 17, 2026	P&C AGM
Friday	Mar 20, 2026	Harmony Day
Friday	Mar 20, 2026	Assembly - K3/K4
Wednesday	Mar 25, 2026	Tuckshop - Icycoles (K5/K6)
Monday	Mar 30, 2026	Easter Raffle Draw
Tuesday	Mar 31, 2026	School Photos
Thursday	Apr 2, 2026	School Photos
Thursday	Apr 2, 2026	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday	Apr 3, 2026	Good Friday Holiday



TERM



Monday	Apr 20, 2026	TERM TWO COMMENCES
Friday	Apr 24, 2026	ANZAC Day Service
Monday	Apr 27, 2026	Public Holiday
Wednesday	Apr 29, 2026	Tuckshop - Icycoles (K3/K4)
Tuesday	May 5, 2026	P&C Meeting
Friday	May 8, 2026	Mothers Day Breakfast (P&C)
Friday	May 8, 2026	Cockman House Excursion - Yr 2
Wednesday	May 13, 2026	Tuckshop - Icycoles (Yr1)
Friday	May 15, 2026	Assembly - Year 3
Tuesday	May 19, 2026	School Board Meeting
Friday	May 22, 2026	P&C Appreciation Day

POSEIDON
PRIMARY SCHOOL TURNS

40

SCHOOL FETE

SUNDAY

22 March

- RAFFLES • GAMES • BBQ BREKKIE AND FOOD
- ICE CREAM • FAMILY FESTIVAL •
- AND MORE •



9am - 3pm



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Program



YEAR 7, 2027 ENROLMENTS

Applications close
Friday 15 May 2026

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(08) 9408 8000

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2027

Information

FOR YEAR 6'S



CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

ENDORSED NETBALL WA
TIER 1 SPECIALIST SCHOOL

REGISTER NOW
SKILLS TRIAL DAY
THURSDAY
21 MAY

SPECIALIST NETBALL

Program



YEAR 7, 2027 ENROLMENTS
Trials Thursday 21 May
3:30pm

Registrations close
Wednesday 20 May 2026

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SPECIALIST FASHION DESIGN

Program



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ELITE DANCE

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ELITE MUSIC

Program



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ENROLMENTS OPEN

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Friday 15 May 2026

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GET TO KNOW US 2027 ENROLMENTS

Events

WEDNESDAY
25 MARCH
REGISTER YOUR
PLACE NOW!



OPEN DAY - PARENT TOURS

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026 - 9.00AM

Parents, view our college in action and learn about our comprehensive Year 7 to 12 programs. Tour duration approximately one hour.

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code: **ckr5d**

MORNING EVENTS
REGISTER HERE

COURSE TASTERS FOR YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026 - 9AM TO 12 NOON

Year 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to come and try one of our following programs: STEM Academic Enrichment, Specialist Cricket, Specialist Fashion Design, Specialist Netball, Elite Music or Elite Dance Academy.

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code: **ckr5d**



TWILIGHT TOURS

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026 - 5:15PM

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code: **p4svv**

EVENING EVENTS
REGISTER HERE

ENROLMENT INFO NIGHT

6PM TO 7PM - AUDITORIUM

Parents of prospective students are invited to our information evening where you will learn more about the enrolment process, our high-quality education, life in secondary school and our specialist and school-based programs on offer. Meet with the Principal and Program Coordinators. Note: Tours conducted prior to this event at 5:15pm.

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KEY DATES

APPLICATION CLOSING
DATES AND/OR TRIALS:

SPECIALIST CRICKET

Skills Trials Day Tues 31 March

SPECIALIST FASHION DESIGN

Apply by Friday 8 May

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IN STEM

Apply by Friday 15 May

Testing Day Monday 25 May

SPECIALIST NETBALL TRIALS

Register by Wednesday 20 May
Trials Thursday 21 May

ELITE MUSIC

Apply by Friday 15 May

ELITE DANCE

Apply by Friday 15 May

DISCOVER MORE HERE



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
FOR ALL EVENTS



CALLING JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYERS!

JOIN OUR SPECIALIST CRICKET PROGRAM

SKILLS TRIALS DAY - TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2027

DO YOU WANT TO STUDY CRICKET AT HIGH SCHOOL AND EXPAND YOUR CRICKET SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

Our endorsed Specialist Cricket Program provides a first class education for both male and female cricketers. As part of this program students are exposed to a holistic cricket education. Through the provision of high quality coaching and access to excellent facilities your child will be challenged and supported to achieve at the highest level. Students will be provided with a number of opportunities to excel in the game, such as involvement in Interschool and State Competitions, camps and graduation at the WACA. Being a part of our program is a rewarding experience, watching students grow not only on the pitch but as leaders in the school community.



BE THE NEXT COOPER CONNOLLY!
BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE CRICKET ACADEMY GRADUATE

Contact: Scott Ogilvie - Cricket Coordinator and State Coach
E: scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au
M: 0412 057 000

The BSC Cricket Program is an approved Department of Education specialist program and fully endorsed by the WA Cricket Association

KEY INFORMATION

REGISTER FOR SKILLS TRIALS DAY HERE:



COURSE CONTENT

- Develop your batting, bowling, fielding and mental skills
- Fitness training
- Match strategies
- Training camps
- Umpiring / Scoring
- Captaincy
- Modified games/indoor cricket
- Interschool matches
- Interstate and international tours
- Year 11/12 students study Cert III Sports & Recreation (Cricket Studies) leading to TAFE and Diploma courses

DISCOVER MORE:

<https://belridgecollege.wa.edu.au/specialist-programs/scp/>

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