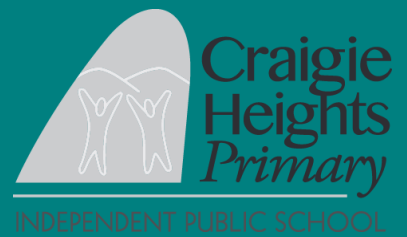


# NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2024



## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Kaya Craigie Heights Families and Friends

**Craigie Heights Primary School is proudly located on Whadjuk land of the Noongar people.**

### Welcome...

I welcome everyone to the 2024 school year and trust that we all enjoy a healthy and optimistic 12 months. I am thrilled to be appointed as Principal and arrive at Craigie Heights PS with thirty years of leadership experience in a variety of roles across the state. I look forward to furthering the brilliant work of staff as we seek success and respect for all.

Thank you to Karen Smith for her work as Principal in 2023, particularly for the expert manner in which she led the school community. I'd like to highlight the work done by Karen and staff with their focus on quality teaching and for creating a framework in which all can be acknowledged and respected for their work. This is the essence of a successful school. This is the essence of Craigie Heights PS.

I welcome returning families and new families along with new staff to the school. I encourage parents to work closely with my team of teachers and support staff and to develop a productive relationship which allows your children to learn and for my teachers to teach in an effective and harmonious environment. Over the journey, you will as parents want to make contact with teachers, I would gracefully remind everyone that good communication is timely and respectful. Our Education Department emails are freely available to allow communication-my expectation is that staff respond to emails during routine working hours and within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe. Classroom teaching is a very demanding profession, teachers cannot always respond immediately to everyone's demands - not even mine, and so patience is a virtue.

As Principal, I am happy to take your email or telephone call and commit to responding in a timely fashion.

*What's happening?*

**Friday 2nd February**  
Holiday Reading Challenge Due

**Monday 5th February**  
P&C Meeting

**Friday 9th February**  
Year 5/6 Leadership Day at  
Ern Halliday

**12th-15th February**  
Parent Information Sessions

**26th Feb - 8th March**  
Year 5/6 Beach Swimming

**Wednesday 28th February**  
School Board Meeting

**Friday 1st March**  
School Development Day  
No students to attend school

**Monday 4th March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 5th March**  
Students return to school

# PRINCIPALS REPORT CONTINUED....

It is my intention to work with staff in this first period of time-to learn from them and with them about what we do well and what we can turn our minds to as we seek improvement. Quality education requires a thoughtful approach and it requires deliberate decisions based on reliable evidence. My aim is to observe, discuss and learn everything that is Craigie Heights PS and over time, add value where it might be needed-if it is needed at all.

I know we have an effective School Board and Parents and Citizens group...we have a good Business Plan and we have the most vital ingredient-good kids. There should be absolutely no reason for our school not to be a good public school but it does require the collective efforts of all to make it so. I charge everyone with the responsibility of committing to the vision of the school: "To inspire every student to achieve their personal best through learning, living and playing in harmony".

## Lunch/Recess Adjustments...

This year, we have instigated some new arrangements around productive play. Students will now be released to play at 11:05am and finish the long break with 15minute eating period before returning to class for the middle session. This is the eating period where students should eat their "bigger" lunch. This break will be well supervised by duty teachers.

A second "shorter" break will be at 1:30pm until 1:50pm-students may have food at this break too - if they choose. This break will also be well supervised. Crunch and Sip will still take place before the longer break. These adjustments are in keeping with the best strategies for managing student wellbeing during a long school day.

I expect that there will be some teething issues but I also know that students manage these adjustments really well and only take a couple of days to form new habits.

Classes for 2024...In a very small number of cases, a student's new class is not what was expected. Classes are always professionally put together after a thoughtful and considered educational process. It has been my experience that teachers get these decisions right most of the time. If you, as parents have a little concern about the class placement of your child this year, my best advice is to wait at least a week or so and if those concerns still exist, then make an appointment to discuss your circumstances with your child's teacher. I would strongly urge you not to act too quickly because more often than not, any concerns tend to dissipate by themselves.

Managing Extreme Weather...We commence the school year facing a period of extreme weather. I encourage all parents to prepare your children well for the coming days. Sunscreen and lots of water and encourage them to make good decisions about managing the heat. Of course, our teachers will enact our extreme weather policies to ensure the safety of all children-as a priority. As Australians, we are very used to extreme conditions, it's all about making the best decisions to look after our wellbeing.

## Watch Out For...

- Parent Information Sessions-commencing in Week 3. Teachers will message families via Connect.
- Beach Swimming-for Years Five and Six is in Week 5-6.
- Our next School Development Day (pupil free) is Friday 1 March (Week 5).
- On Entry Testing-for Pre-primary commences in Week 3.
- NAPLAN-for Years Three and Five commences in Week 7 and concludes in Week 9.

Go well Craigie Heights...Gary Bryant, Principal.

**"Start Where You Are. Use What You Have. Do What You Can." – Arthur Ashe.**

# SCHOOL PAYMENTS

We have a number of convenient methods to help you make school payments, please see below for these options:

The Qkr! App enables you to make a secure payment using a smart phone or tablet using a credit/debit card. The App is available 24/7 and removes the need to return cash to the school.

In addition, a new flexible 'Product' has been added to the Qkr! App that allows you to make payment for past activities or odd amounts. You choose the amount to pay and add a comment to identify the payment. This enables you to adjust a payment to take into account money already paid to the school and held as 'unallocated credit'. No signature is required for this product, which is named 'Overdue Payments – Previous Years'.

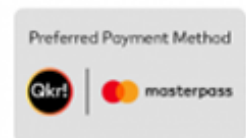
Instructions on how to download the App are available here: [Qkr! App](#)

EFTPOS is available at the front office, however it is preferable to use Qkr! or direct deposit to:

Internet Banking (returning forms to front office):

Payee: Craigie Heights Primary School BSB: 066 040 Account: 1990 2511

Reference: Child's Name/s and Year or Room # and brief description



A receipt will only be issued for payments over \$60 unless requested.

If required, you can contact the Manager Corporate Services at: [Craigieheights.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Craigieheights.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

## P&C NEWS

### WEDNESDAYS ~ LUNCH ORDERS AND ICE CREAMS

We encourage canteen orders to be placed online the night before, or before 7:30am on Wednesdays. As we are using a third-party app and canteen provider, orders placed after this time may not go through the system. Unfortunately, we are unable to assist with late orders and currently our CHPS canteen has nil stock, so we cannot provide any other options. Please remember to check your emails and/or flexischools app for confirmation that your order has been submitted in time.

Students can also buy the following frozen treats at lunchtime on Wednesdays:

\*Paddle Pops / Splits - \$2.50    \*Full icy pole - \$1.00    \*Half icy pole - \$0.50



Please note ice creams/icy poles can only be purchased with cash, we do not have a card payment option available.

We are always looking for volunteers to fill our Canteen Roster. We require two parent/grandparent/guardian volunteers to organise and distribute the lunch orders and sell ice creams/icy poles to students during lunch. Students of our lunch volunteers receive a free ice cream/icy pole of their choice!

If you would like to join our amazing group of canteen volunteers, please message our Facebook page for more details or email [craigieheightspandc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:craigieheightspandc@yahoo.com.au)

# P&C NEWS

Are you keen to help direct where P&C fundraising \$ go in 2024?? Got some time & ideas, want to have a heap of fun in a supportive team?

Please consider joining the P&C, these critical positions are becoming available next year:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ~ President           | ~ Vice President  |
| ~ Secretary           | ~ Treasurer       |
| ~ Assistant Treasurer | ~ Canteen Manager |
| ~ Executive           | ~ Craigie Kongk's |
| ~ Newsletter Editor   |                   |

**VOLUNTEERS**  
*Are Unpaid.*  
**NOT** BECAUSE THEY  
ARE WORTHLESS,  
BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE  
*Priceless.*

Please reach out to our wonderful Jacki, or anyone on the P&C so we can answer any questions you may have about being a part of the incredible CHPS P&C Crew

## GENERAL P&C MEETING ~ Monday 12th February 2024

If you'd like to know more about the P&C or would like to get involved in raising money or helping out across the school, please consider joining us at the next P&C meeting!

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th February at 6:30pm, we encourage all members of our school community to attend this meeting at school or online via Zoom.

If you do not have a Zoom account you can sign up [here](#); and if you haven't paid your 2024 \$1.00 P&C membership, you can do so by completing the form (near the P&C drop box in the front office) and popping it into the drop box, along with your \$1.00, prior to 3pm Monday 12th February.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on the CHPS facebook page or email:  
[craigieheightspandc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:craigieheightspandc@yahoo.com.au)

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH US ONLINE

Keep up to date on important news, great events and fun volunteering opportunities by following us on our socials:



Craigie Heights PS Community



@Craigieheightsprimary

# 2024 TERM DATES

## Term 1

Wednesday 31st January - Thursday 28th March

## Term 2

Monday 15th April - Friday 28th June

## Term 3

Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September

## Term 4

Monday 7th October - Thursday 12th December

## PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2024

Friday 1st March, Friday 31st May and Friday 1st November 2024



# 2024 NEW SCHOOL TIMES MONDAY - FRIDAY

## Classrooms open at 8:25am

8:40am	Start of school day
9:15am	Period 1 (Crunch and Sip)
10:10am	Period 2
11:05am	Morning Recess (play)
11:25am	Lunch – eating time
11:40am	Period 3
12:35pm	Period 4
1:30pm	Afternoon Recess (snack and play)
1:50pm	Period 5
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>End of school day</b>







### Kiss & Drive

Kiss & Drive zones allow parents/carers to pick up and drop off children close to the main school entrance. These areas are not to be used for parking. Children are to exit their cars on the kerb side. The Kiss & Drive zones enable the traffic to flow smoothly.



It is fantastic that so many of our families choose to walk or ride their bike/scooter to school. Although the bike racks are locked during the day, there are periods of time when they are open. We strongly advise families to add to the security by using a lock to secure their bikes and scooters to the railings. Students need to walk their bicycles and scooters onto and off the school grounds. This is for the safety of both the pedestrians and the bicycle / scooter users.

It is vital that students wear a helmet. One of our expected behaviours at Craigie Heights is to wear a helmet when on a bike/scooter.

## Expected behaviours when parking



- ☐ Obey all street signs
- ☐ Be courteous
- ☐ Ask for permission to park on someone's verge
- ☐ Park further away and walk
- ☐ Leave car at home if possible



- ☐ Park in the Kiss & Drive (stay in your car)
- ☐ Block driveways
- ☐ Park/stop on footpaths
- ☐ Park/stop on verges without permission
- ☐ Park/stop within 10m of an intersection
- ☐ Park facing against the flow of traffic
- ☐ Double park

### Parking on Verges

Consent must be obtained from the owner or occupier of land (or property) before a person may drive, park, or stand a vehicle on the road verge adjacent to that land. If consent has not been provided by the owners or occupier, they may report details of the offending vehicle to the City of Joondalup Rangers.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Callin' all ballers!

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION



Starts  
**February 2024**



Register a team or join on your own  
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/kingsway](https://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/kingsway)

# SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

**Craigie Heights Primary School, 47 Spinaway Street, Craigie, 6025**



6206 2200



[craigieheightsps.wa.edu.au](http://craigieheightsps.wa.edu.au)



[craigieheights.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:craigieheights.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

The School Office is open 7.45am-3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term

## CRAIGIE HEIGHTS DENTAL CLINIC



**Craigie Heights Dental Therapy Centre - 47 Spinaway Street, Craigie, 6025**



**9401 3731**



Before and After School Care :



[admin@zigzagsoshc.com.au](mailto:admin@zigzagsoshc.com.au)



[www.zigzagsoshc.com.au](http://www.zigzagsoshc.com.au)



0421 369 516

## SCHOOL WATCH

LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT



Keep Our School Safe.

Please report suspicious behaviour on the weekends or during school holidays.



**1800 177 777 or 13 14 44**