

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 11

Term 2 Week 11

1 July 2026



Planner - Term 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	June 29 NAIDOC Celebration Week	June 30	July 1 NAIDOC Celebration Day Newsletter	July 2	July 3 Free Dress Day Last Day of Term 2

Principal's Message

End of Term Message

As the term comes to an end, I wish to first acknowledge and thank our students, families, and wider community for the trust, support, and care you have shown during this time of transition. The strength of Banksia Park Primary is reflected in the way our community continues to come together with a shared commitment to our students, and I am sincerely grateful for every conversation, message, and action that has helped us navigate, and nurture us, through this period of change with confidence and a clear focus on what matters. I would also like to reinforce my sincere appreciation to our staff, including our administration team, for the effort, skill, and perseverance they continue to demonstrate each day. Their impact is felt not only in the learning that takes place in classrooms, but also in the relationships they build, the support they provide, and the positive school culture they help sustain. Their commitment ensures that our students remain at the centre of every decision, every challenge, and every success.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support – and I look forward to continuing our work together as we move into the next stage of the year and as we welcome Ms Lanzel to commence Term 3. Please find an introduction from Ms Lanzel below.

Staff Welcome

Hello Banksia Park families,

I am delighted to be joining Banksia Park Primary School as Principal at the beginning of Term 3. I have worked in Western Australian public education for more than 25 years, serving as a teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal across a range of schools.

I am passionate about building strong relationships, supporting high-quality teaching, and ensuring every student can succeed. Over the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know our students, families, and staff, listening to what makes Banksia Park special and working together to build on the school's many strengths.

In the meantime, I wish all our students, families, and staff a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable school holiday break. I look forward to meeting you all at the beginning of Term 3.

Rebecca Lanzel

Principal

Staff Movements

Congratulations & Farewell - Mrs White

Following the end of the school holidays, we congratulate Mrs Linda White on her retirement from Banksia Park Primary and the Department of Education following multiple decades of service. Mrs White's kind nature and exemplary commitment to supporting our students through her education assistant role has left a lasting impact. While we will miss Mrs White being a member of our team, we know that she will enjoy her next chapter and thank her for her contributions to our school community.

Thank You - Mr Walton

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the contributions that Mr Walton has made to the leadership team and school community over the past term. His enthusiasm, care, and dedication will be greatly missed – and this is testament to the impact that he has had in such a short space of time. We sincerely thank Mr Walton for all he has brought to Banksia Park and wish him the best for a new challenge in a lead role at Kelmscott Primary.

NAIDOC Week 2026

The 2026 theme, '**50 Years of Deadly**', recognises 50 years of NAIDOC Week and honours the strength, pride, leadership and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across generations.

At Banksia Park Primary, this is a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the part we all play in building a school culture where respect, belonging and connection are lived each day.

For our students, NAIDOC Week is not only about learning history – it is about recognising living cultures, listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions, and understanding the stories, knowledge and contributions that continue to shape our community here in Western Australia and across the country.

As families move into the holiday period, we encourage you to look for ways to celebrate NAIDOC Week together – through local events, conversations, stories, art, music, language, and opportunities to learn more about the First Nations histories and cultures of the places we live, learn and play.

We look forward to continuing this learning with our students and families at Banksia Park Primary, as we strengthen our shared commitment to respect, inclusion and connection.

Thank you to Mrs Carmody and the members of our Social Science and Culture committee for their organisation of our NAIDOC celebration assembly and activities today. Thank you also to the staff and students from Brookman Primary, and their principal, Mrs Lyons, for the strong work they have completed in sharing Culture with our students. Special mention is also made of our wonderful school choir under the guidance of Mrs Cullen.

Lastly, our appreciation is extended to the parent volunteers who supported our event – thank you!



Kapture Photo Day

Our school photo day is being held in Week 1 of Term 3, Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 July. You will have already received a flyer to order your school photographs. If you have misplaced your order form, please contact our administration team for a replacement. A schedule for the two days is available below:

Tuesday 21 July		Thursday 23 July	
8.20	Staff Photo	9.05	Kindy Joeys
8.40	Choir	9.25	Y1 A5
9.00	Kindy Bilbies	9.45	Y2&3 A6
9.20	PP A2	10.05	Y2&3 A7
9.45	PP A3	10.25	Y2&3 A8
10.05	Y1 A4	10.50-11.20	Photographer break - no photos
10.30-11.20	Photographer break - no photos	11.20	Y6 A13
11.20	Y4&5 A10	11.50	Grad & Grad Muck Up
11.45	Y4&5 A11	12.00	All Student Leaders
12.10	Y4&5 A12	12.10	Student Councillors
12.45 on	Siblings: families with Bilbies or PP	12.15	Captains
		12.25	Clarinet
		12.35	Flute
		12.45	Guitar
		12.55	Brass
		1.10 on	Siblings: Joeys and catch ups

Student Reports – Semester 1

Reports were distributed yesterday **Tuesday, 30 June**, via email. Printed copies are available by request.

Edu-Dance Concert 2026

Congratulations to our students on the highly successful Edu-Dance concert on Friday of Week 9. Thank you to our Edu-Dance instructors, Jo and Caris for the time and skill that they placed into preparing our students. Our gratitude is further extended to the P&C for their organisation of the Edu-Dance raffle and to South Local Electrical and Mr Stephen Pratt MLA for their generous donations – and congratulations to our two winners!

The turnout from the community was sensational, and we hope that everyone enjoyed the afternoon.



Scitech Excursion

The Year 2s and 3s had a fantastic day at Scitech, where we watched an exciting show about springs and learnt how energy can be stored and transferred. Following this, students explored the Solar System in the Planetarium. Students then enjoyed the interactive exhibits, including a crash test activity where they used their critical thinking skills to work out how to reduce the G-forces during a car crash. Teachers were so proud of the way everyone represented our school by being respectful, kind and patient, making sure everyone had a turn and encouraging each other throughout the day – Miss Frost.



SCISA Winter Carnival

Unfortunately, due to the thunderstorm forecast on Tuesday 30 June, the decision was collectively made by all schools participating to cancel the SCISA Interschool Winter Carnival. There are attempts being made to reschedule the carnival next term and we will communicate this with the community as appropriate.

P&C Project – Build A Brighter Banksia

Thank you again to the P&C and the Fundraising subcommittee for their work in leading the 'Build a Brighter Banksia' project across the school. Further information about this initiative was posted to Compass and is available in the P&C section of this newsletter. Stay tuned to our P&C and school channels for updates as the project comes to fruition. Thank you also to local artist, Jocelyn Hobbs, for battling the weather to deliver this upgrade for our students.

AUS Alert – National Notification System

In October 2026 the Australian Government is launching AUS Alert – a new national warning system that uses technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile phones, tablets and smart watches.

It's a fast and reliable way to help keep you informed so you can act quickly during local and national disasters.

On Monday, July 27, 2026, at 12noon AWST there will be a national test.

At the time of this test, an alert will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia at the same time. This is during school hours in all states and territories. During the test a message may appear on device screens, and a loud alert may sound for approximately 10-seconds. We will ensure the students are aware of the test in the lead up to the date.

Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.ausalert.gov.au/alerts-explained/national-test>

Free Dress Day

Thank you to our Year 6 leaders for organising a 'Free Dress Day' on the last day of term, **Friday 3 July**.

This term's theme involves dressing up as the first letter of your name. Please be reminded that whatever your child decides to wear must be school appropriate and sun smart. A gold coin is requested to support the Year 6 end-of-year gift to the school. Thank you!



Kindergarten Enrolments 2027

A reminder that enrolments for Kindy in 2027 close **Friday, July 24**. Families can download our enrolment forms from our website or visit our administration team between the hours of 8:30am-3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact the school for more information on 9266 6400.

Lost Property

The school has collected a significant amount of lost property throughout the term, and this includes a set of valuable items that are stored with the administration team. Items include wallets, prescription glasses, USBs, and key chains. All items of lost clothing are stored in the yellow 'Lost Property' bins in the PAC. We kindly ask families to please check if you are missing any items and consider each of these collections before the end of the term. Periodically, we need to donate or dispose of unclaimed items.

Last Day of Term 2

This is the final Newsletter for the term and Friday 3 July will be Banksia Park Primary's last day of Term 2. Students return on **Monday 20 July** for Term 3 which promises to be another fun and busy term with events including school photo day, Book Week, Interm Swimming Lessons and our always popular Athletics Carnival.

Please remember to keep an eye on our school and, if you see any unusual behaviour, you are encouraged to phone School Security on 9264 4771.

Congratulations to all staff and students for your efforts throughout the term. We wish everyone a great school holiday and look forward to seeing you all return in Term 3.



Paul Cassir
 Principal



Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday 24 June 2026 -

Area 2 – Scarlett. M, Maddison. V

Area 3 – Mack. P, Baani. D.

Area 4 – Sophia. G, Monae. S.

Area 5 – Charlotte. C, Vaughn. E.

Area 6 – Poppy. D, Addison. M.

Area 7 – Matida. E, Isaac S.

Area 8 – Zoe. H, Harry. H

Area 10 – Toby. T, Rania. N, Aoife. H

Area 11 – Lily. C, Samantha. K, Arav. K

Area 12 – Layla. G, Syson. C, Ethan. G

Area 13 – Oliver. K, Ken Lim. F, Mikayla. L
Milan. C

Music – Area 13

School Photos 2026 – A Message from Kapture

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Dear Parents,

Your school photo day is coming! Every student will receive a personalised flyer to bring home from Kapture Photography containing your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online.

KEEP YOUR FLYER SECURE!

The unique codes contained on the flyer will be issued only once.

Order **EARLY** for sibling photography

Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyers for your children, it is imperative that you order your sibling photo early to avoid missing out! There is a physical limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders **close 12pm midday sharp, one business day prior** to the first photo day.

The school or the photographers cannot accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.

Order **EARLY** for discount photo day prices

Order your photos up to 10 calendar days after photo day to receive discount photo day prices. Late orders are handled separately to the school delivery and incur a \$30 custom service charge.

Other information

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please check the FAQ's on the Kapture website.

We request that students who are displaying signs of respiratory and / or gastrointestinal illnesses do not attend school specifically to be included in their class photo. Having students with communicable illnesses attend the photography venues puts other students, school staff and Kapture staff at risk – especially those that are already immunocompromised. Students who are unable to attend school photo day can book a studio appointment at our Malaga office to be photographed during school holidays. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Your school will notify you in a few weeks when **team and special group photos** are available to view and purchase on the Kapture website. Please note; class, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

*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.*

News from the Art Room

As part of our whole school NAIDOC celebrations, our Year 2/3 students from Areas 6,7,8 and our Year 4/5 students from Areas 10,11 and 12 have combined artistic talents to create a large Noongar 6 seasons tree. This artwork can be seen in "full bloom" in our Performing Arts Centre.



News from the Japanese Room



I have been frequently asked 'how can I practice my hiragana reading at home'. As well as using flash cards, or writing out hiragana characters and saying the sounds, a fun way of practicing reading hiragana is KANA INVADERS

(<https://learnjapanesepod.com/kana-invaders/>). This tool is like the original Space

Invaders game, but you have to type in the sound for the individual hiragana characters to deal with the space invaders. I wish this had been around when I was learning hiragana!

Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,

In Music this term, we have been studying music using the Kodaly method. The Kodály method emphasizes singing as the primary instrument, helping students develop pitch recognition, rhythm, and musical literacy from an early age. Through techniques like hand signs, solmization, and rhythm syllables, learners gain a tangible understanding of music theory, which later supports instrumental learning. Sequential learning ensures that musical concepts are introduced from simple to complex, building a strong foundation for lifelong

musicianship in our students.

I was so proud of our students putting their Kodaly learning on show at our last assembly by using hand signs, singing in Solfa and performing 'Doh a Deer'.

Well done to our awesome Music students.

Ms Janis Cullen – Music Specialist

Science Corner

The Year 4/5 students have been testing how air moves with different forces using bike pumps and fans. Thank you to the Sparg family for donating the fans for us to observe the changes and forces with air.



Sport Update



The SCISA committee and associated schools are currently working to reschedule our Winter Carnival to early next term. Further details will be shared if arrangements are finalised.

The Interschool Cross Country will take place on 25 August at Shelley Reserve, with teams finalised after trials in Week 2, Term 3. Students in Years 3-6 who placed 1st through 3rd at the Faction Cross Country are automatically selected. 4th and 5th place getters will be invited to trial alongside excelling Year 1 and 2 students and those who missed the event due to unforeseen circumstances. Students planning to compete are encouraged to train over the holidays.

School Chaplin's Chat



School holiday activity ideas:

EVENTBRITE

[Free Leeming, Australia School Holidays Free For Kids Events | Eventbrite](#)

1. **Crunch & Sip Artistic Swimming Come & Try for kids.**
Where: Cockburn ARC When: Tues July 7, 10-11am

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2. Little Woodworkers for Ages 5 – 8.
Where: Riverton Library When: Wed, 8 July, 11am
3. Cockatoo KIDs – Planting with SERCUL (ages 6 - 15 yrs).
Where: Adenia Rd Footbridge, Ferndale When: Wed 15 July, 10am-12pm
4. RAC Bike Basics - Children Bike Skills.
Where: Thomas Moore Park, Wilson When: Thurs 9 July, 10.30-11.30am
5. Depot Discovery Day (Ages 4-12).
Where: 15 Wright St, Bayswater When: Wed 15 July, 4.15-5.15pm
6. Trinket Tray and Bag Craft (Ages 10-12).
Where: Cannington Library When: Wed 8 July, 10-11am
7. Intro to Tinkercad and 3D Printing Workshop (Ages 9-14).
Where: Riverton Library When: Mon 13 July, 1-4pm

WA Museum

[What's on at Boola Bardip | Western Australian Museum](#)

1. Sharks! Learn, Create, Perform (Family sessions, age 5+).
When: Tues 7- Fri 17 July, 11am-12pm Cost: \$15pp
2. Little Big Dinosaur Trail.
When: Daily Cost: included in general admission
3. OceanXplorers Activity Zone.
When: Sat 4- Sun 19 July, 10am-3pm Cost: included in general admission

State Library of Western Australia

[Spectacular Animal Superheroes | State Library of Western Australia](#)

1. Create and draw your own animal superhero.
When: Thurs 9 July, 1-2pm Cost: \$20

Art Gallery of WA

[PLAY DATES | Winter School Holidays 2026 | The Art Gallery of Western Australia](#)

1. NAIDOC WEEK- various activities.
When: Sun 5 –Sun 12 July. Cost: free.
2. PLAY DATES- Cranky Pants.
When: Sat 4-Sun 19 July. Cost: free.
3. Workshops- Cranky Pants, Dancing the Gallery, Cardboard Couture.
When: Mon 6-Fri 17 July. Cost: free.

P&C News
banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook: Parents of BPPS/ BPPS P&C/ BPPS Canteen

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 11th August at 7pm (Staff Room) – All are welcome!

President's Message

Another great school term done and dusted! 🎉

As we head into a well deserved break, I just wanted to take a moment, on behalf of the P&C, to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this term such a success.

To our incredible committee, our amazing volunteers who give up their time (often behind the scenes), and especially our wonderful Executive Committee – thank you for the countless extra hours, phone calls, meetings, messages and all the hard work you put in to support our school community. None of what we achieve would be possible without you!

It's been a term full of great energy, events and progress, and it's always rewarding to see what we can achieve together as a school community. It was especially exciting to see the newly completed Kindy play area up and running, it's already getting plenty of use this winter! We're hoping Jocelyn's playground markings will be able to get underway soon, otherwise we'll look forward to seeing them take shape next term.

Shoutout to our new canteen manager Ashley, who's been amazing so far and settling in brilliantly, we're so lucky to have her on board!

And finally, a quick thank you as always to our school families for your ongoing support of the P&C, it really does make a difference.

Regards,
Dee Bye

UNIFORM SHOP 🛒

Uniform Orders: via www.quickcliq.com.au or in person. Online orders will be delivered to class.
Uniform Shop Hours: 2:30pm-3:00pm every second Monday, online orders will continue. (EFTPOS available).

Winter Fleece Jackets in Stock!

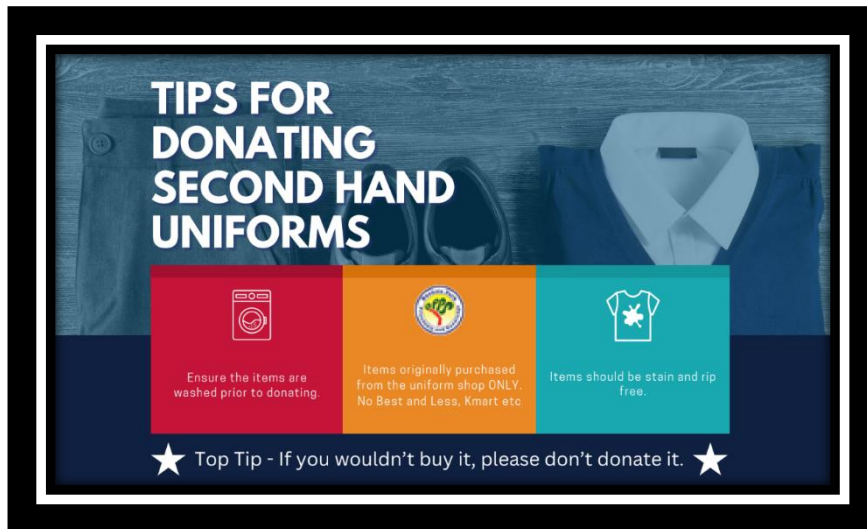
Our winter fleece jackets are now fully stocked and available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. With the colder weather here, now is the perfect time to make sure your child is warm and ready for the school day,

We are gratefully accepting donations of good quality second hand fleece jackets. If your child has outgrown their jacket, please consider donating it. Choosing to donate and reuse uniforms not only helps make school clothing more affordable for families, but also supports a more sustainable future by keeping quality items in use and reducing waste. Please drop items off during shop hours.

A friendly reminder that week 11 is the last chance to place uniform orders before school photo week in week 1, term 3. If your child needs a new polo, jacket, shorts or any other uniform items now is the perfect time to make sure they're photo-ready for their class and individual photos. Cut off last uniform orders before school photos is Monday 20th July.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

***Please note we DO NOT offer refunds unless items are faulty. We are more than happy to exchange for another size provided the original swing tag is intact.**



CANTEEN 🍴

Opening Times: Every Wednesday and Friday.

Order: via <https://www.spriggy.com.au>

A friendly reminder, over-the-counter sales have currently paused.

All canteen orders can be placed via the Spriggy app. If you need any assistance setting up your account, please don't hesitate to reach out via our Facebook page or email us at banksiaparkcanteen@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

P&C News

banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com

FUNDRAISERS

Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2026

Fundraising Goal - Build a Brighter Banksia

This year, we're excited to invest in brightening up our school. We're commissioning a local artist to refresh our ground markings and play activities, adding colour to the school to encourage more imaginative play and create inclusive, engaging spaces for all our kids.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Upcoming fundraisers in Term 3 will include the Father's Day stall, Faction merch for the Sports Carnival plus of course our very popular Sports Carnival cake stall.

🧠 Exciting news from the P&C! 🧠

The P&C has engaged local artist Jocelyn Hobbs to help brighten and beautify our school with a range of colourful, interactive artworks. Keep an eye out for new hopscotch designs, a giant snakes & ladders game, a mandala maze, movement course, reading nook, and a kangaroo paw search-and-find trail!

We are hoping priming will begin this week and continue through the school holidays, with artwork ready for the kids to enjoy when they return for Term 3. Please keep your fingers crossed for clear skies and a little sun over the holidays. 🌈

Some areas of the school will be temporarily fenced off while Jocelyn works and the paint cures, so please respect these boundaries. You're very welcome to stop by, watch the transformation, and say hello! 🎨 ✨

NAIDOC Cookies

Thank you to everyone who purchased NAIDOC cookies this afternoon. We appreciate all your support and we hope you enjoyed them! 🌞 🍪 ❤️ 🧡

EduDance Raffle

🎉 Thank you to everyone who supported our EduDance Raffle! Together we raised an amazing **\$1,046** for our school. Congratulations to our raffle winners, we hope you and your families enjoy your prizes!

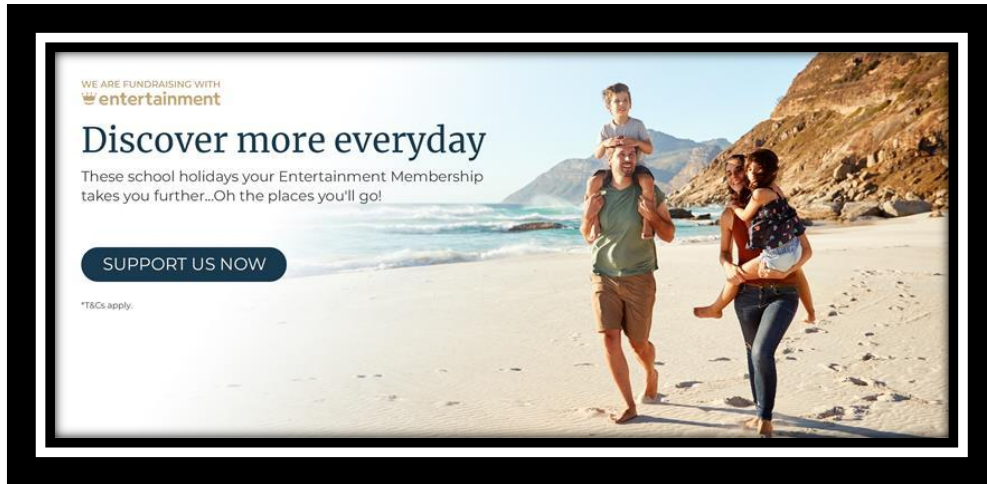
A huge thank you to our generous donors – a local BPPS family and business **South Local Electrical**, and **Mr Stephen Pratt MLA**. We really appreciate your support and community spirit!

Fundraising Goal Tracker

Our fundraising goal for the year is \$10,000. We're looking forward to another great year of community events and opportunities to raise valuable funds for our school. We're excited to see what we can achieve together!



Fundraising with Entertainment Membership



An **Entertainment Membership** gives you access to **thousands of valuable offers** on dining, travel, retail and experiences- all while supporting local businesses. Best of all, **20% of every Membership sold goes to our school**, helping to raise funds for extra school resources.

Simply scan the QR code below or click on the link to purchase:

<https://www.entbook.com.au/860b40>



[WGAC Toilet Paper Fundraiser](#)

Support the school simply by buying **Who Gives A Crap** toilet paper. When you order through our fundraiser, **a portion of every sale comes back to the school at no extra cost to you.**

Ordering is now quicker and easier via the **Spriggy app** under *Events*. Run down your current stash and place your order before the deadline.

Orders close: 16th August **Pick-up from school:** 21st August





TERM 3 2026 TENNIS PROGRAM

Banksia Park Primary School

For students between
Pre - Primary to Year 6



NEW & BETTER Offer!

5% SIBLING DISCOUNT.



PROGRAM DETAILS

DAYS / TIME

Monday
7:55 am - 8:40 am

DURATION

45 mins

TERM 3 2026 COMMENCES

Week 2 - 9
27/07/2026 - 14/09/2026
No lesson on Monday 24 August due
to school development day

COST

\$120 for 7-week term



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OR PURCHASED FOR **\$35**

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info@perthperformancetennis.com.au

RETURN SLIP: Please return to your coach on your first session.

CLINIC LOCATION: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL YEAR: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MEDICAL CONDITION(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____



WILLETTON WILDCATS HAVE A GO DAY!



TRY. PLAY. HAVE FUN!



**TEE
BALL**



**BASE
BALL**



**SOFT
BALL**

★ **AGES 4 TO 17 INCLUDED** ★



9AM - 11AM



**WILLETTON
RESERVE**



DIAMOND 1



**SATURDAY
18TH JULY
2026**

COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A GO!

MAKE FRIENDS • LEARN NEW SKILLS • HAVE FUN

FREE

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE
& DRINK!**



✉ ENQUIRIES: PRESIDENT@WBC.ASN.AU