



Melville PS Newsletter W6 T3 2026

Principal's Update



Principal's Message

This week, I visited one of our Pre-Primary classrooms with a message I needed to deliver. However, as I arrived, I was quickly distracted by two boys who were deeply engaged in a game designed to help them learn their ordinal numbers.

Before I knew it, I had been invited to join them. They made room for me without hesitation and demonstrated all the qualities we hope to nurture in our students. They were inclusive, kind, joyful and completely absorbed in their learning. I sat down and joined the game, and for the next ten minutes I was utterly enthralled.

Eventually, I left the classroom with my cup full but without having delivered the message I had originally gone there for!

It was one of those simple yet powerful moments that reminded me why I chose to work in education in the first place. Schools are extraordinary places. Every day, we have the privilege of witnessing learning, friendship, curiosity and kindness in action. While much of the work of a school focuses on academic achievement, it is these moments of connection and joy that stay with us long after the lesson is over.

I genuinely love my job and feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such wonderful students and dedicated staff. The opportunity to be part of our students' learning journeys each day is something I never take for granted.

Melanie Osborne

Principal

At Melville PS our purpose is to educate, inspire, nurture, and challenge students in an inclusive & supportive environment.

School Uniform Reminder

A reminder that full school uniform is the preferred option for all students. We have noticed an increasing number of jumpers that are not part of the Melville Primary School uniform making their way into classrooms.

We also ask families to please ensure students wear their school bucket hats rather than caps. Plain white or black socks are preferred, with novelty and patterned socks saved for special occasions.

Thank you for your support in helping our students take pride in presenting themselves as members of the Melville Primary School community.

Health Update: Whooping Cough

Many families may be aware that we currently have a number of confirmed cases of whooping cough (pertussis) within our school community. We are working closely with the Department of Health to manage these cases appropriately.

Classes where confirmed cases have been identified have been notified, and information has also been shared with all Year 4, 5 and 6 families.

The Department of Health has asked that parents seek medical advice and consider testing if their child develops a persistent cough, even if symptoms appear mild. Early identification and treatment will help limit further spread within our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and vigilance.

2027 Enrolments

As we begin looking ahead to 2027, workforce planning is already well underway. If you know that your child will not be returning to Melville Primary School in 2027, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Kindergarten enrolments have now closed, and we are pleased to advise that all places for 2027 have been filled. Kindergarten acceptance letters will be emailed to families over the coming week.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us plan for another successful year at Melville Primary School.

New Out of School Care Provider

As previously communicated earlier this year, Melville Primary School will be changing its Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provider. OSHClub will take over from Camp Australia from Monday 9 November 2026.

To introduce the service and answer any questions, OSHClub will be hosting an information session for prospective families in the Staffroom on **Wednesday 9 September at 9.00 am**.

All families are welcome to attend.



OSHClub are bringing the fun to

Melville Primary School



OSHClub are excited to have been selected as the dedicated onsite Before School Care, After School Care, Pupil Free Day Care and School Holiday Care provider at Melville Primary School.

Melville OSHClub Program Benefits:

- The OSHC spaces will be filled with a wide range of play-based learning resources and equipment to meet the interests of all children.
- Affordable session fees.
- Our staff are highly engaging and provide a safe and caring environment.
- Our Adventure Program consists of seven fun-filled categories that have been designed to help children navigate the world around them with a focus on physical education, arts, STEM, and wellbeing.
- Children in our care enjoy an ever-changing array of activities that cater for the social, intellectual, physical, recreational and emotional needs of all children. We're inclusive and welcoming.

Enrol online for free!
oshclub.com.au

Come along to our Parent Information Session

Want to know more about OSHClub? Join us for our Parent Information Session to learn about our exciting programs and ask any questions you may have.

WHERE
 Melville Primary School – Staff Room

WHEN
 Wednesday 9th September 9.00am – 9.45am

We're Commencing on
 Monday
 9th November 2026





The WA Student Assistant Payment

We have had 511 of a possible 652 apply for this. You only have a few weeks left to claim this benefit.



Department of
Education
GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Money to get things
for your kids.

\$150
For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250
For each secondary
school student

If you're a parent or carer of school-aged kids, you can claim the third round of the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This is money to help you get things for your kids.

This can include:

- new school shoes
- backpacks
- sports gear
- uniforms
- food

All WA school kids from Kindergarten to Year 12 can get it if they are enrolled at school.

You will need your kid's 8-digit WA Student Number to claim. Go to your kid's school if you need help to find the number.

Claim now

You can claim through the ServiceWA app, online at www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap or by sending in a claim form.

Claims close
Friday 25 September 2026

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the ServiceWA app 

Year 1 Claremont Museum excursion

Our Year 1 students recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the Claremont Museum as part of their History learning. Housed in the historic Freshwater Bay School, the museum is located in the oldest surviving building between Perth and Fremantle, originally constructed in 1862.

As part of their history unit, students had the opportunity to step back in time and experience what life was like during the early colonial period. Through hands-on activities and interactive displays, they explored how people lived, learned and worked in the past, bringing their classroom learning to life in a memorable and engaging way.

A big thank you to our staff for supporting this valuable learning experience and to the Claremont Museum volunteers for sharing their knowledge and passion with our students.



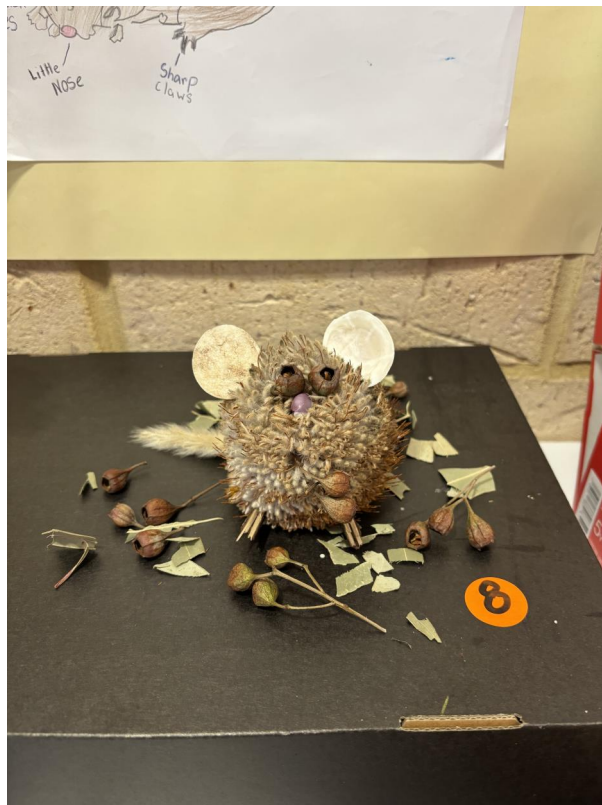


Family STEM project

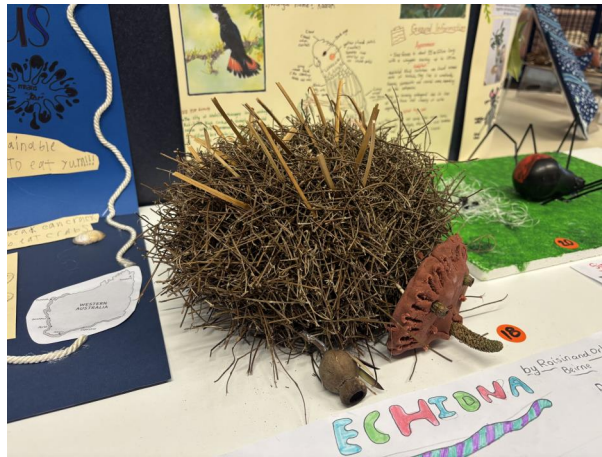
What a wonderful display of family collaboration our recent Family STEM Project has been. The creativity, innovation and effort on display were outstanding, making the judging process incredibly difficult.

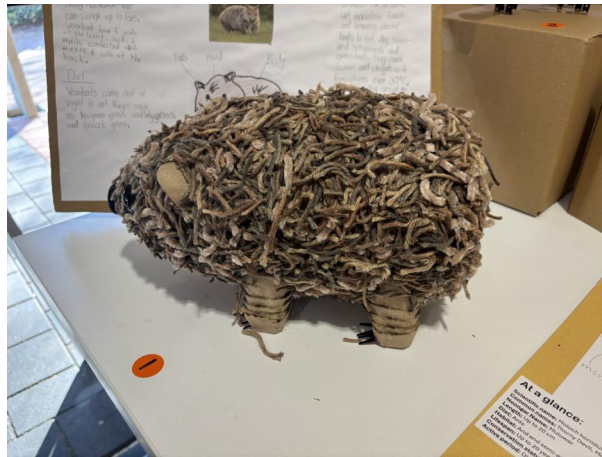
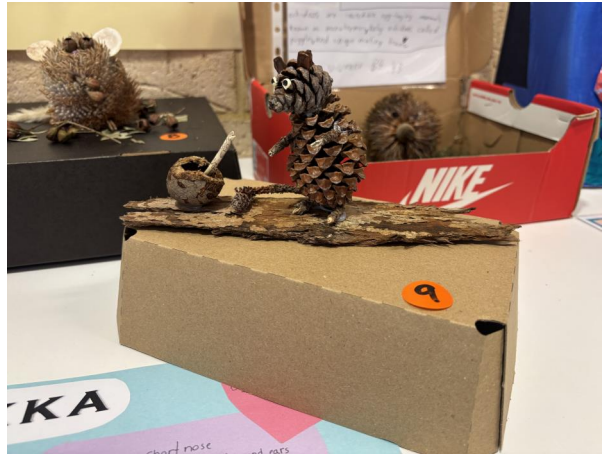
A huge thank you to **Miss Burns** for developing this innovative project and for all of her organisation in bringing it to life. It was fantastic to see so many families working together, sharing ideas and creating such impressive entries.

Congratulations to all of our participants, and to the winners who were announced at assembly on Friday. Every entry was a testament to the enthusiasm, imagination and teamwork within our school community.









Silly Scientist Incursion

As part of our Science Week celebrations, we were thrilled to welcome **The Silly Scientist** to Melville Primary School. This high-energy, interactive incursion combined science, music and plenty of laughter, making learning both exciting and memorable for our students.

Through a series of fun experiments and hands-on demonstrations, students were encouraged to be curious, make observations and think like scientists. The performance sparked wonder and enthusiasm, while promoting positive attitudes towards science and discovery.

A big thank you to **Miss Burns** for organising this fantastic Science Week experience. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged, inspired and eager to learn more about the world around them.





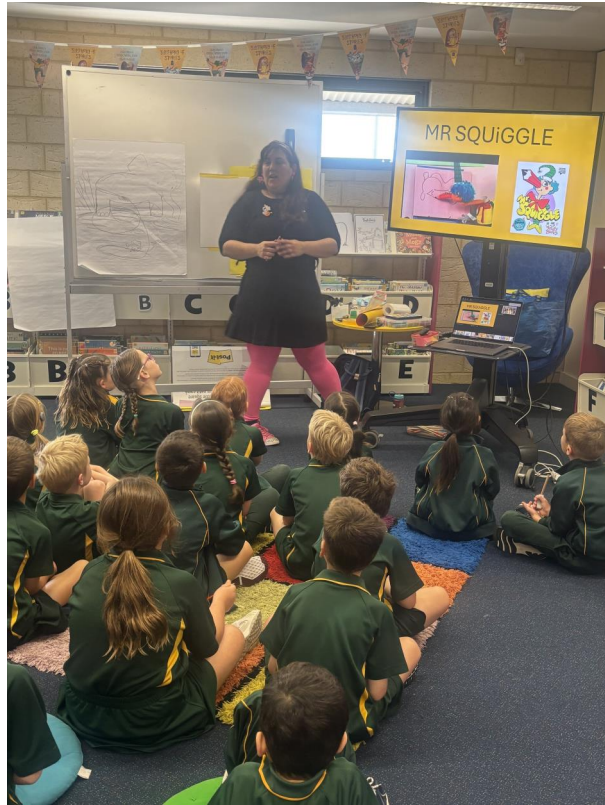
K-2 Author Incursion

Our students were captivated by a visit from acclaimed author and illustrator **Briony Stewart** as part of our Book Week celebrations. Briony is an award-winning creator who has published more than 30 children's books, including the bestselling *Kumiko and the Dragon* series.

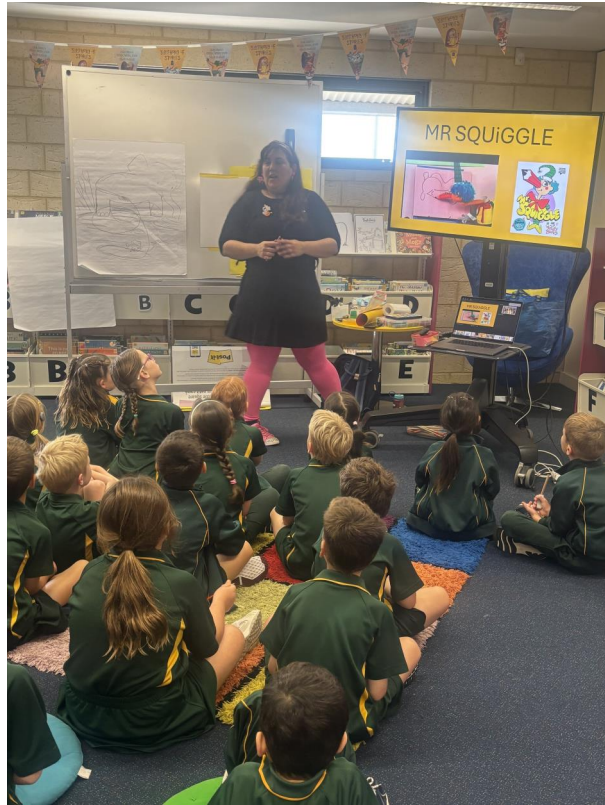
Through her engaging presentation, Briony shared her journey as a writer and illustrator, inspiring students to discover and tell their own stories. She encouraged children to embrace their creativity and showed them how ideas can be brought to life through both writing and illustration.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from a talented and passionate storyteller, and to see firsthand the many ways stories can be created, shared and enjoyed. We thank Briony for her inspiring visit and the enthusiasm she brought to our school community.









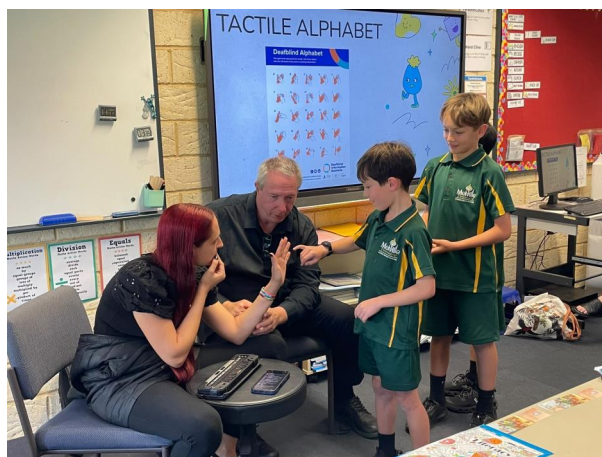


AUSLAN Incursion

Once again, we were delighted to welcome **Vanessa Vljakovic** to Melville Primary School to spend time with some of our Auslan classes. Vanessa is Deafblind and leads a remarkable and inspiring life. She works as a subeditor at ABC News and has a passion for travelling and ballroom dancing.

During her visit, Vanessa shared her experiences and demonstrated how she communicates using a form of tactile sign language. This involves placing her hands over those of an interpreter to feel the signs being communicated. Students were fascinated by Vanessa's story and had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of communication, inclusion and accessibility.

We sincerely thank Vanessa for sharing her time, experiences and insights with our students. Her visit was both educational and inspiring.





Constable Care

This week, our students from Kindy to Year 6 enjoyed an engaging Constable Care performance. The performances used theatre, puppetry and storytelling to explore important safety and wellbeing messages in a fun and memorable way.

Our younger students explored concepts around personal safety, protective behaviours and making safe choices, while our older students explored topics including respectful relationships, bullying, online safety and responsible decision-making.

The performances provided students with practical strategies they can use in their everyday lives and encouraged them to speak up, seek help and make positive choices. It was wonderful to see students across the school engaged, participating and learning through such an enjoyable experience.





Bookweek

WOW! When Melville Primary School does Book Week, we really do Book Week! What an incredible week it has been, with so many activities bringing our school community together in celebration of reading and storytelling.

From treasure hunts around the school, classes rotating through amazing literacy activities, book swaps and secret quizzes, to our much-loved Book Week Parade, there was excitement and engagement everywhere you looked. It was wonderful to see students, staff and families embracing the joy of books and sharing in the fun.

A huge thank you to our English Committee, Miss Dove, Mrs Godfrey, all staff, and our parent community for the time, effort and enthusiasm they dedicated to making Book Week such a success. These special events don't happen without the support of many people, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and committed community.

What a community we have here at Melville PS!









Book Swap
• Be respectful
• Enjoy the books
• Please put books back
where you found them
• Move in a clockwise
direction
• Remember other classes
are coming please be
mindful of time













MPS Dramafest!

Team spirit is alive with preparations for MPS's Dramafest. Faction teams are in the final stages of rehearsing their 10-minute plays. Its Sports Carnival meets Australia's Got Talent.

We can't wait for whole-school voting and a bit of healthy competition!

Week 8 - Boodja Koort (UC Area)

- Wed 9th Sept 1:50pm (PP-2)
- Thurs 10th Sept 9am (3-6 inc N3 + family and friends)

GREEN TEAM presents “Humpty Dumpty” by Peter Nuttall

Did Humpty Dumpty really have a great fall—or was there more to the story? Presented as a tongue-in-cheek news investigation, this clever comedy interviews witnesses and suspects to uncover the truth behind one of the world's most famous nursery rhyme mysteries.

RED TEAM walks through time with “A History of Messy Rooms” by Wade Bradford

Why do children have to tidy their rooms? Jamie asks the same question that generations of children have wondered throughout history. This funny and imaginative play takes audiences on a whirlwind journey through time, proving that some things never change—especially parents' expectations!

BLUE TEAM sails the seven seas with “The Pirate Treasure” by Andrew Pavey

Join a bumbling crew of pirates and sailors on a hilarious quest for hidden treasure! Battling storms, confusing maps and even a fearsome Kraken, this fast-paced adventure proves that finding treasure is never as easy as it looks.

GOLD TEAM celebrates with “Cake for the Queen” by Robin Blasberg

The Queen's birthday is fast approaching, and the King is determined to find the most delicious cake in the kingdom. A royal baking contest filled with colourful characters,

surprising twists and plenty of laughs reveals that wisdom can come from the most unexpected places.









Assembly

Week 4 - Congratulations to Waalitj 2 on their wonderful assembly item about Federation and its impact on First Nations peoples. The presentation was informative, engaging and entertaining, showcasing both thoughtful learning and confident performance. Thank you for sharing your learning with our school community.

Week 6 - Djidi Djidi 4 and Booyi 5 wrapped up our Book Week celebrations with a wonderful assembly item centred on the joy of reading and the power of books. Their presentation was engaging, creative and a fitting finale to a fantastic week of literary celebrations across the school. The students also treated us to an amazing song, which they performed with great enthusiasm and confidence. Well done to all the students and staff involved in bringing such an enjoyable assembly to our community.

Congratulations to all Merit Awards winners.





Storytime with Sam

JOIN US FOR

PRE-KINDY STORY TIME!

AT MELVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A woman is sitting on the floor, reading a book to a group of children who are also sitting on the floor. They are in a library setting with bookshelves in the background. The children are of various ages and are all looking at the book.

A SPECIAL TIME FOR OUR LITTLE ONES!

THURSDAYS
9:00 - 9:30AM

IN THE LIBRARY
WITH SAM THE CHAPLAIN

ALL PRE-KINDY CHILDREN WELCOME!
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & CARERS TOO!

SINGING, DANCING & FUN ACTIVITIES
for the little ones!

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND MAKE SOME WONDERFUL MEMORIES TOGETHER!

Term 3 Planner 2026

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	20 July School Development Day	21 Students resume	22	23	24 Kalamunda History Museum Yr 2	25	26
2	27 July Author Incursion Yr 3-6	28 Author Incursion Yr 3-6	29 Author Incursion Yr 3-6	30 Author Incursion Yr 3-6	31 Assembly Wa1 Author Incursion Yr 3-6	1 Aug	2
3	3 Aug PEAC Testing Yr 4	4 Interschool Cross Country Carnival	5	6	7 Primary Principal Day	8	9
4	10 Aug	11 Constable Care K-Y6	12 P&C Meeting	13 Constable Care K-Y6	14 Assembly Wa2	15	16
5 Science Week	17 Aug Claremont Museum Yr 1 (W3)	18 Claremont Museum Yr 1 (W2)	19	20 Silly Scientist Inc Yr 1-6 MLT Meeting	21 Parkside Wa3 (am)	22	23
6 Book Week	24 Aug Author Incursion K-2 Claremont Museum Yr 1 (W4)	25 Author Incursion K-2 Claremont Museum Yr 1 (W5)	26 School Board	27 Book Week Parade 9am	28 Assembly B5/D4 Author Incursion K-2	29	30
7 Hatching Eggs Science Room	31 Aug Teacher Aide Appreciation Week Choral Speaking Showcase Y1 (am)	1 Sept School Photo Day Yr K-6	School Photo Day Yr K-6	3 School Photo Day Yr K-6	4 Parkside Wa3 (am)	5	6
8 Hatching Eggs Science Room	7 Sept	8	9 MT – Noombat MPS Dramafest PP to Yr 2 (D1 PP only) 1.50pm OSH Club Parent Session 9am P&C Meeting	10 MPS Dramafest Yr 3-6 (inc N3) & families 9am R U Ok? Day	11 Parkside Wa3 (am)	12	13
9	14 Sept	15 Mini Athletics Carnival K1 & K3 9am to 9.30am	16 Senior Jumps, Throws & 400m	17	18 Athletics Carnival PP to Yr 6	19	20
10	21 Sept Camp Year 6	22 Camp Year 6	23	24	25 Assembly W4 Students last day	26	27
H	28 Sept King's Birthday	29	30	1 Oct	2	3	4
H	5 Oct	6	7	8	9	10	11



MOMPS Update – Camps, Community & What's Coming Up

Running With Thieves – Another Great Night Out

Our recent Running with Thieves social night was another fantastic evening, with a great turnout of dads enjoying good food, a few drinks and plenty of laughs. A special thank you to **Paul Gasmir** and the team at Running with Thieves for hosting us and providing an excellent behind-the-scenes tour of the brewery, including a look at their new gin distillery.

Upcoming Camps

Camp season is ramping up, with several exciting Dad & Kid camps still to come:

- **Year 5 Rottnest Camp** – 16 October 2026
- **Year 4 Nanga Bush Camp** – 24 October 2026
- **Year 3 Nanga Bush Camp** – 7 November 2026

Family Soccer Session – 19 September

We're looking forward to our upcoming **Family Soccer Session** on **Saturday 19 September** at **Len Shearer Oval**. This is a family event designed to bring parents and kids together for some soccer, socialising and community fun. Keep an eye on the class WhatsApp groups and MoMPS communications for further details.

Looking Ahead to 2027

Planning for next year's camps is already underway. We've been working with venues to secure dates for our 2027 Woodman Point, Nanga Bush Camp and Rottnest camps, and we're looking forward to sharing the full calendar with everyone as soon as bookings are confirmed!

Get Involved

MoMPS is always looking for dads who would like to get involved, whether that's helping at camps, supporting events, lending a hand at a Busy Bee, or contributing ideas at committee meetings. New faces are always welcome.

Dad Joke of the Month

Someone threw cheese at me the other day!

I yelled back at them "That wasn't very mature!" 😊

Ra Hinder

President – MoMPS

Gifted and Talented StepUp Series - Melville Senior High School

Melville Senior High School is excited to introduce a new initiative for prospective Gifted and Talented (GAT) students: the Year 5 **StepUp Series**.

This free, four-week extension program is designed for Year 5 students who demonstrate a capacity for extension. The StepUp Series will introduce students to the challenge, creativity and collaborative learning that are central to our highly regarded GAT Program.

Applications close **Friday 11 September 2026** and are available online via:

<https://melville.wa.edu.au/stepup-series/>

Fall Forward - John Curtin College of the Arts

FALL FORWARD

Who am I? Who are we? And what might we discover if we dare to follow our curiosity down the rabbit hole?

We are thrilled to present **Fall Forward**, a brand-new contemporary dance work by **John Curtin College of the Arts**, created in collaboration with composer **Kain Kardell**, with original choreography by JC staff and tutors.

A deconstructed Alice in Wonderland, *Fall Forward* ventures beyond the familiar and into a world of curiosity, transformation and self-discovery — where we question who we are, how we belong, and where the journey might take us.

Sometimes you have to lose your way to find yourself. Sometimes, the best way forward is to fall.

PERFORMANCE DATES

 **Thursday 17 September** | 7.00pm

 **Friday 18 September** | 7.00pm

 **Saturday 19 September** | 7.00pm

 **Curtin Theatre**

TICKETS

Adults — \$20

Students — \$17

John Curtin students — \$12

BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKHL>

Come down the rabbit hole with us!

Neighbourhood Village Project

We all need a village

Do you ever wish your neighbourhood felt more like a community? Friends a few doors down, kids playing together at the local park, celebrating special annual traditions, and people looking out for each other?

The **Neighbourhood Village Project** is a free, 10-session program helping City of Melville residents take practical steps to build community right where they live.

Dates: **Starts Tuesday, 15 September (10 session program)**

Time: 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Tuesdays

Location: City of Melville EcoHub

Cost: Free - City of Melville residents only

Find out more or apply now <https://nvp.community/>

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