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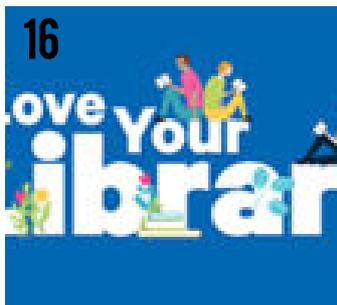
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Here you will find all the important dates to jot down in your diary.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday 12th February
Wednesday 25th March
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 24th June
Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 30th September
Wednesday 28th October
Wednesday 25th November
Thursday 17th December

Council meetings commence at 8:30am in the Shire Council Chambers located at 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.

All ratepayers and residents are welcome to attend the council meetings and participate in the Public Question Time session which is held at the beginning of each Council Meeting.



COUNCIL NEWS

CEO Update

On the 26th of June 2020 the Shire President, Manager of Works and Services and myself attended both the WALGA Zone meeting and the Regional Road Group meeting held in Exmouth. The Shire put up a proposal for the State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement 2018/19 – 2022/23 be reviewed according to clause 6.2.1 of the Agreement. The RRG meeting basically reinforced the allocation for this financial year.

I was in Perth on the 6th and 7th of July to receive further treatment. The results of my blood tests indicated that things were tracking along well. I am now due to get my 3 monthly scans as such I will be away from the 31st of July until the 7th of August. If these scans are good I will be in a better position to advise what the next course of treatment will look like. As always I am available via telephone or email and will keep my finger on the pulse. It is my intention to appoint Jarrod Walker to the ACEO position during my absence.

On Monday the 13th of July 2020 I attended the offices of Greenfield Technical Services in Geraldton to open tenders for the AGRN 908 works. We received 6 submissions which is sufficient to garner a good cost comparison. Greenfields are preparing a report which will be presented to Council as a confidential item.

I am pleased to advise that we have appointed Billie O'Sullivan to the Customer Service Officers position. Billie has had a lot of experience at this level, predominately in the medical sector however these skills are transferrable between sectors and she will be a good fit for our organisation.

Work has commenced on the Visitor Stop project, the Solar Project and the Airstrip Reseal Project. There is a lot of work to be done on the Visitor Stop project before we can go out to tender and meet our deadline for signing the grant tool, the architect and the civil engineer have been onsite and the other consultants doing hydrological, structural electrical and landscaping have been engaged to prepare detailed plans so that we can go out to tender for a company to undertake all the works as one package. The Solar project will commence in the week commencing on the 20th of July and we have appointed Fulton Hogan to reseal the airstrip.

Preparation of the Budget is still ongoing as we continue to develop and refine the document, we have been waiting for confirmation from a number of State and Federal Government Instrumentalities to ensure that we have their approvals and have got the accounting correct before we commit to the document. One of the biggest challenges has been to ensure that the closing and opening balances are as close as possible to correct as we can get, as this month finishes most outstanding creditors from the 2019/20 financial year would have been presented and paid.

In keeping with our theme to develop further projects for the Shire I have been busy getting information and quotes on the Mount Augustus Airstrip Project, Signage Project and Gascoyne River access and swimming pontoon project. We have had Milton Bond undertake an onsite inspection of the Mongers Water Supply Project, Milton has given us some initial tasks we need to do, such as drill three or more bores to establish the quality and quantity of water available, if this information comes back positive he will then design the project and provide accurate cost estimates. I am also working with Robert Fenn from Development WA to look at getting more Residential and Industrial Land available, this will take some time given the complexities involved. As we know having fully developed and costed projects is the only way to go, this approach has served us well and will continue to do so into the future.

At the time of writing I have not yet attended Jarrod's 40th Birthday shindig which is to be held on the 25th of July at the Junction Pub, if all attend who have been invited it promises to be eventful, I am hopeful of having a few pictures for the next agenda. In any event on behalf of us all I wish Jarrod a Happy Birthday and wish him only the very best for the future.

I am pleased to advise Council that we have been seeing an increase in tourists to the Upper Gascoyne. Over the last three weeks there has been an influx of numbers in customers through the CRC and in general, enquiries taken over the phone from keen holiday makers who are planning a trip to the region in July and August.

We have had a lot of interest in the Kennedy Ranges from those who are heading to the area to camp, and from those who have been planning day trips. All have been very impressed by the Kennedy Ranges and asked why there wasn't more promotion of the area as it seems like a great way to lift the profile of the Upper Gascoyne region. We have received great feedback from all who visited the area and some suggestions on how we could improve on the experience, such as installation of more signage (particularly around access to "The Loop"), more designated camping areas, regular rubbish collections and better management of the honour boxes for payment of camping fees. This information has been passed onto DPAW as the agency responsible for managing the park.

Along with this great feedback on the Kennedy Ranges, we have also received a lot of praise from visitors about the conditions of our unsealed roads. We advise travellers that the people who deserve the credit are our road works team, so many thanks and a big shout out to Jarrod and the Works crew for a job very well done!!

Maintenance Graders:

Thomas is still working south on the Dalgety Glenburgh road. He will then continue onto the Murchison boundary on Carnarvon Mullewa Road.

Ian is working on the Carnarvon Mullewa road between Dairy Creek and Glenburgh. Once completed he will start on the Carnarvon Mullewa verges west of town before moving onto Ullawarra Road.

Construction Crew:

Works have begun on the Blackspot hill near Cobra. The blast team have been drilling and expect to have blasted by the 27th of July before moving onto our next Blackspot project near Burringurrah. Unfortunately we have had to close this section of Cobra Dairy Creek road to perform the works. The crew have erected road blocks at all entry points into this area. We anticipate to reopen the road on the 30th of July. The Burringurrah hill will have a detour around it and will not require a road closure during drilling and reconstruction.

General:

As usual July is a blend of finalising the previous financial year's work and planning and beginning the new financial year's programs and purchases. We have been working on finalising our 20/21 budget and works programs.

The pavilion veranda grant works is completed and looks great. I have begun sourcing quotes to clad and insulate the internal walls as part of our funding provided by the Federal Government's COVID19 stimulus.

I have attended a number of meetings with our President and CEO in the last few weeks including a combined meeting with the Shire of Carnarvon and Hastings on the 25th of June in Carnarvon, catching up with MRWA to discuss our proposed bitumen works projects and the RRG meeting on the 26th of June in Exmouth.

The new rubbish truck has arrived from the east coast, the Shire logo has been affixed and she is nearly ready to begin work. As with all second hand purchases there is some minor defects to be repaired but otherwise it will be an important asset for us.

I am looking forward to the town maintenance officer position being filled by Sean Walker at the start of August. There are several projects in the planning and quoting stages and plenty of maintenance issues to catch up on in our staff housing. Sean will also assist in overseeing projects such as the pub solar, tourist information precinct and relocation of our town reticulation bore.

Carnarvon Electrics have begun installing the new solar system at the tourist park. Works are expected to be completed by mid-August.

We have engaged Kevin Miller from Pro Crack Seal to do the crack sealing on the airstrip before the new seal is laid by Fulton and Hogan at the end of August. Kevin will also crack seal Riverside Drive and sections of Killili and Ullawarra roads.

**Drill rig on
Cobra hill**



COUNCIL UPDATE....



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT

SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN863 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – July 2020 (PACKAGE 1)

Approx. Value	\$ 4,648,085	Package Start Date:	15/11/2019
Contractor	THEM Earthmoving	Completion Date:	24 July 2020
Works this period (June 2020)		Works next period (Nil)	
Pimbee Rd All works are now complete on this road as of Friday 24 July 2020 Works comprised of removal of silt/debris, drain reinstatement, forming/resheeting of pavement, reconstruction and cement stabilisation of unsealed floodways and heavy grading.		Nil as all work associated with this contract are now complete.	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	100%	86%	
Callagiddy Winderie Rd	100%	100%	
Carey Downs Rd	100%	100%	
Carnarvon Mullewa Rd	100%	100%	
Edmund Gifford Creek Rd	100%	100%	
Eudamullah Rd	100%	100%	
Gilroyd Rd	100%	100%	
Lyon River Rd	100%	100%	
Minnie Creek Rd	100%	100%	
Pimbee Rd	100%	53%	
Ullawarra Rd	100%	100%	

Discussion Items	
Water	Refer attached summary of water sources for details.
Materials (gravel / spoil)	Refer attached summary of material sources for details.
Camp	THEM Earthmoving have resolved that the construction camp will remain set up at Slk 47.00 on Pimbee Road for the immediate future. A camp demobilisation date is yet to be set.



FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT REPORT CONTINUED...



SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE – AGRN863 FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – July 2020 (PACKAGE 2)

Contractor	QEM Group	Package Start Date:	16/04/2020
		Forecast Completion Date:	Oct 2020
Works this period (July 2020)		Works next period (August 2020)	
<p>Pingandy Rd Continued and completed all remaining works on this road. The works comprised of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p> <p>Dooley Downs Rd Continued and completed all remaining works on this road. The works comprised of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p> <p>Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd Commenced and completed works on this road. The works comprised of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement.</p> <p>Waldburg Rd Commenced works on this road. The works comprise of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p> <p>Landor Mt Augustus Rd commenced works on this road. The works comprise of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p>		<p>Waldburg Rd Complete works on this road. The works comprise of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p> <p>Landor Mt Augustus Rd Complete works on this road. The works comprise of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p> <p>Landor Mt Clere Commence works on this road. The works will comprise of removal of silt, reinstatement of unsealed floodways, reinstatement of surface drainage, reforming and resheeting of pavement, medium and heavy grade.</p>	
Status of Roads			
	This Month	Last Period	
Overall Package	62%	43%	
Bingegaroo Rd	100%	100%	
Cobra Dairy Creek Rd	100%	100%	
Cobra Gifford Creek Rd	100%	100%	
Dalgety Downs Glenburgh Rd	0%	0%	

Dalgety Downs Landor Rd	0%	0%
Dooley Downs Rd	100%	9%
Landor Meekatharra Rd	0%	0%
Landor Mt Augustus Rd	5%	0%
Landor Mt Clere Rd	0%	0%
Mooloo Downs Access Rd	100%	100%
Mount Augustus Woodlands Rd	83%	0%
Pingandy Rd	100%	74%
Waldburg Rd	35%	0%
Wanna Rd	100%	100%

Discussion Items	
Water	Refer attached summary of water sources for details.
Materials (gravel / spoil)	Refer attached summary of material sources for details
Camp	<p>Camp has been established on Dooley Downs Rd approx 4km from the Mt Augustus homestead. In the coming week, the camp will be relocated to Landor station "Roo shooters camp". The camp comprises of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation for 22 staff, • Kitchen and separate mess station, • Male and Female ablutions, • Contractor site office, • Laydown area, • Workshop and container storage, • All catering / cleaning etc is being undertaken by a dedicated camp attendant.

Mt Augustus Woodlands Rd



SAY G'DAY TO...

Full name: Billie O'Sullivan

Nickname: Bil

Place of birth: Australia

Favourite food? Pizza

Favourite animal? Doggo's of any breed!

Footy team: Fremantle Dockers

Where did you grow up? Carnarvon

Why did you move to the Upper Gascoyne? For a slight lifestyle change.

How long have you lived in the Upper Gascoyne? 2 weeks!

What do I love most about the Upper Gascoyne? The red dirt and the location, the scenery mixed in with the peacefulness is perfect.

What services or events would you like to see in the Upper Gascoyne? I'd like to see more health services provided in the Upper Gascoyne for locals. As well as more community events to engage the kids.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

THIS SEGMENT OF THE GOSSIP EXPLORES PAST ARTICLES ON NEWS AND EVENTS. THIS ARTICLE WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE NORTHERN GUARDIAN IN JULY 26 2000

NORTHERN GUARDIAN, Wednesday, July 26, 2000 — Page

Woman safe after outback ordeal

By SEAN COWAN
and TAMI MAITRE

A 25-YEAR-OLD Perth woman spent two sleepless nights last week stranded on a remote outback property after losing her bearings during an early morning hike.

On Monday night she sheltered from rain by huddling in a makeshift grass humpy.

She had been wearing only shorts, a shirt and a thin yellow jacket.

The following night she covered herself with grass in a bid to keep warm as the temperature dropped to about 8C.

Despite police fears that the woman had had an accident, she was found on Wednesday afternoon by two geologists after stumbling across a road 42km from her camp site at Erong Springs station homestead, 142km south-east of Gascoyne Junction, where she had been since Friday.

She had left Perth about two weeks ago and stayed at two coastal towns before turning inland.

Early on Monday, she had set out to walk to nearby Erong Mountain but she had not told anyone where she was going.

Later that morning, she failed to keep an appointment with station owner Chris Graham, who raised the alarm when she had not returned by 5pm.

A police officer from Gascoyne Junction arrived at the station early on Tuesday morning.

While eight State Emergency Services volunteers combed bushland on foot, Mr Graham used a mustering plane to search.

More police arrived on Tuesday night and a fire was lit on the top of the mountain in the hope that



RIO Tinto field assistant Christy Howard and geologist Kai Dettbarn rescued the missing woman 42km from Erong Springs homestead last Tuesday. Picture: DIONE DAVIDSON

the woman might spot it.

Early Wednesday morning, Aboriginal trackers from the Burringurrah community began searching for footprints.

Meanwhile, mustering planes continued to search overhead and SES volunteers scoured bushland closer to the homestead.

A police tracker dog traced her towards the mountain and an aircraft with heat sensors left Perth

during the morning. About 1pm, the woman was found by two Rio Tinto geologists who had been working on the outskirts of the property. It is believed the woman had lived in Perth for only one year and police had been trying to contact family members in Canberra when she was found.

The woman was not hurt by her ordeal but shied away from requests for interviews.

Erong Station part owner Sue Graham said it was an incredible effort by many people who were involved in the search.

"Even if the woman had not found the road she would have been found very soon after," Mrs Graham said.

"The cooperation by everybody involved was excellent."

This was the second time a search effort had been carried out

on the station that offers station stay accommodation for tourists.

"People should not leave roads," Mrs Graham said.

"One person is very small in this big country. If you are lost in rocky country you should do an SOS in big stones so that a spotter plane can find you."

Mrs Graham said the woman was staying at the station to recuperate.



GASCOYNE JUNCTION CRAFT GROUP CALENDAR 2020

8 th and 9 th Feb	Untutored workshop -Outback wives projects (Fabric basket, table runner, cushions)
7 th and 8 th March	Jelly Roll rugs
4 th – 5 th April	Dongara Autumn Craft Round Up Road Trip
10 th Apr – 27 th Apr	School Holidays and Easter
23 rd and 24 th May	Basket weaving (TBC)
20 th and 21 st June	Untutored Workshop
4 th July – 19 th July	School Holidays
25 th and 26 th July	Copper Foiling- Stain glass suncatchers (TBC)
29 th and 30 th August	Powertex projects with Tina & Alys (TBC)
26 th Sept – 11 th Oct	School Holidays
31 st Oct & 1 st Nov	Mosaic Workshop (TBC)
28 th and 29 th Nov	Christmas Craft Workshop (TBC)

For any queries please contact the Secretary
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SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020**



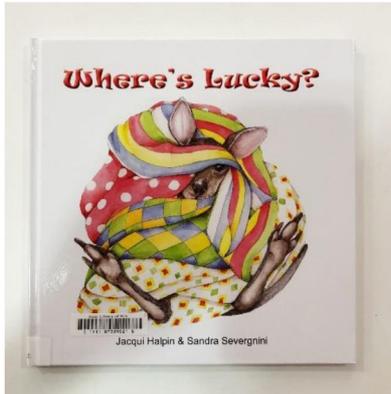
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BOOKS OF THE MONTH

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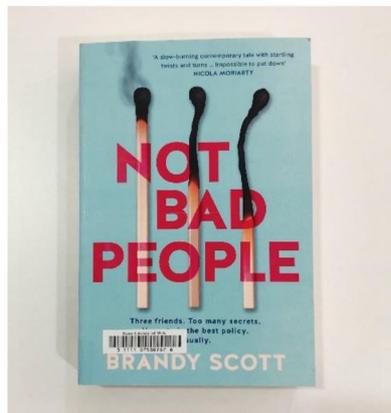


Lucky, the orphaned swamp wallaby, has a knack for getting into mischief. While Theresa and Tony care for him, and their mob of other joeys, Lucky gets into lots of places he should not be. Where will they find Lucky next?

An amusing tale about the delights and difficulties of caring for orphaned joeys.



NOT BAD PEOPLE



Not Bad People is a remarkable debut by radio presenter and journalist, Brandy Scott. Alternating between the voices of the three women, Scott paints a compelling picture not only of the struggles of womanhood and motherhood, but the nuances of friendship, the complex layers and history of our relationships. The concept of the book is fresh and unique, with the accident acting as a catalyst for each women's self-reflection – suddenly, they must face the truth about themselves, the things they have hidden for so many years, not just from themselves but also from each other.

This tension is of course heightened by the small-town setting of the novel, where resentments and tensions have been left to fester for years, and no secret can every truly be kept.



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Newsletter

30/07/2020

Principals post

Dear Parents and Carers.

Our beautiful weather makes everything seem rosier at Junction! Welcome back to Term 3 which I believe to be the best term of the year.

It is the term for running, jumping, flag races and all things athletic which brings a certain buzz into the school.

Thank you to all for your support during last semester and the unprecedented occurrences with COVID 19. Kenny continues to ensure all is safe and clean for students and staff and does an excellent job! COVID 10 cleaning remains similar for this term with reduction to library cleaning. Due to COVID 19 Students are to continue bringing water bottles to school as water fountains are out of action.

Any updated facts conveyed through the department will be shared to families as soon as the school is informed.

Modified report writing due to the time engaged in off-site learning meant students did not receive an allocated grade for semester one. However, I hope the discussions you had with relevant teachers provided you with enough information to determine how your child is tracking. You can expect to see grades next semester.

Due to an error with code entry related to the Corona virus, attendance data recorded in your child's report may be incorrect. The reports will be re-printed and an updated copy with the correct data will be issued to students affected.

Staff planned for the term, learnt further information about Back to Front Maths and discussed our strategies to progress our school improvement plan at the school development day on Monday 20th July.

Here staff are working on an audit to determine "how we are going" teaching and assessing problem solving in mathematics.



We are happy to be welcoming our Regional Executive Director into the school on Thursday 6th August. Lisa Criddle will be at the school from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Please contact the school if you would like to meet with Lisa.



Warm regards 'til next time,
Chris Polakiewicz

School Council

The next school council meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th August at 4:00pm in the staffroom.

A parent vacancy has become available due to Jarrod Walker standing down. Jarrod has been a valuable member of the council and I hope he continues to provide input into the future directions of Gascoyne Junction School. Thank you Jarrod.

The school is calling for nominations for anyone interested in formally representing the school community by joining the school council. Please find form attached to this newsletter.

What's Going On?

Our school is very proud to be sending a student to compete in the State Cross Country event in Perth on Thursday 13th

August 2020. The event is to be held at UWA Sports Park Brockway Road, Mt Claremont between 9:30am and 2:00pm. If you are in Perth, you may wish to attend and cheer **Dustin Walker** along the 2,500m course.



The stride captured as Dustin streams through the finish line at the Interschool Cross Country in Carnarvon, gives an indication of his determination.

Anyone wishing to train with Dustin can join

him in completing 8 laps of town oval. Not an easy gig. We wish Dustin the best of luck in this exciting event in which over 1000 school children from across WA compete. Should you require any further information about the event please click on cross country after opening the hyperlink below. <https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interschool/primary/>.



Did you know?

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

October is a great time to get your children ready for summer and January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)



Room 1

This term, students in room 1 are focussing on story writing and retell during the 90 minute literacy block.

Wombat Stew by Mem Fox is the context for teaching the key components of narrative for the first few weeks of school followed by When the Wind Changed by Ruth Park.



Making wombat stew for real!



Pictorial representation of wombat stew.



Investigating some of the creatures that may have been added to the stew.

Room 2

In the first few weeks of term 3, students in room 2 have been reasoning out problems for maths. Here are some samples of the reasoning used to solve the problems. Students are encouraged to "have another go" until they are absolutely sure about their answer.

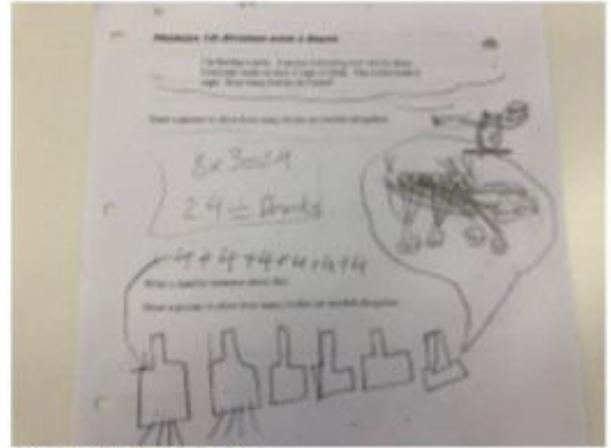
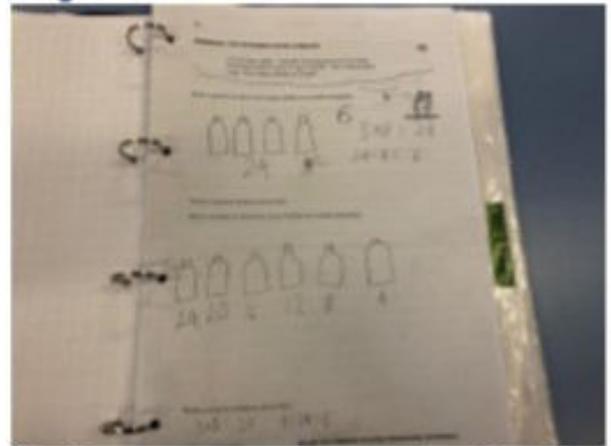
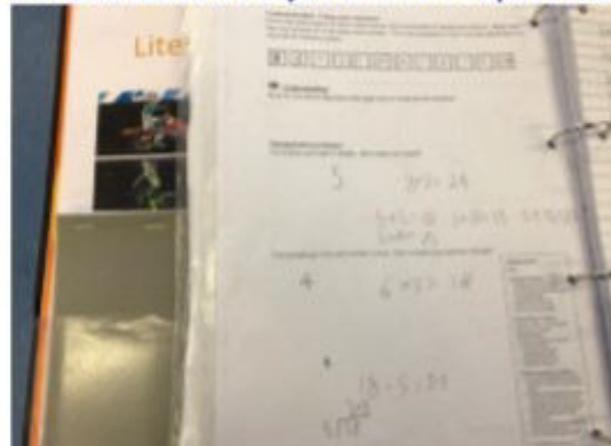


Diagram to assist



Number sentence representation of problem



Changing parameters of original problem

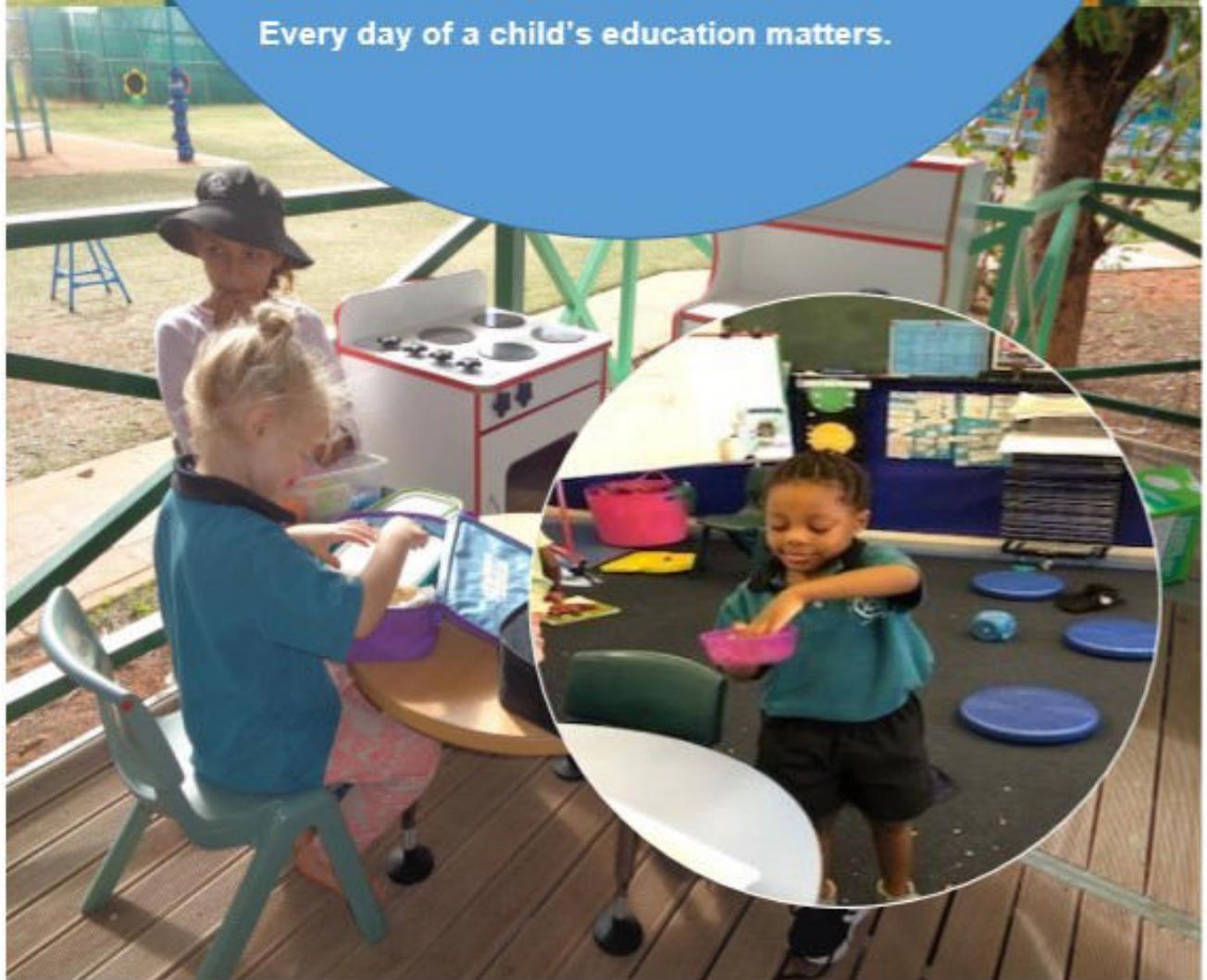
Apply now to enrol your child in Kindergarten.

If your child is four years old by 30 June 2021 you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2021.

Contact your public school or community kindergarten.

At the time of enrolment your child will need to have an 'up to date' AIR immunisation history statement.

Every day of a child's education matters.



Term 3, 2020 Planner

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	July 20 Staff Return	21 Students Return	22	23	24	25	26
2	27 Peter & Chris out Burringurrah PD	28	29	30	31 Cooking class Newsletter	August 1	2
3	3	4	5	6 RED Lisa Criddle visit 1-3pm	7 Chris out Network Meeting	8	9
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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

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COMPOSTING

What is Compost?

Compost is the gift that keeps on giving. Cut back on food waste and turn your scraps into "black gold" that will feed and enrich your garden. There are some common misconceptions of home composting that it's too complicated, it'll smell funny, and it's messy.

These are all true if you compost the wrong way. Composting the right way is a very simple approach: Simply layer organic materials and a dash of soil to create a concoction that turns into humus (the best soil builder around!). You can then improve your flower garden with compost, top dress your lawn, feed your growing veggies, and more. With these simple steps on how to compost, you'll have all of the bragging rights of a pro!

Types of Composting

There are two types of composting: cold and hot. Cold composting is as simple as collecting yard waste or taking out the organic materials in your trash (such as fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds and filters, and eggshells) and then corralling them in a pile or bin. Over the course of a year or so, the material will decompose.

Hot composting is for the more serious gardener but a faster process—you'll get compost in one to three months during warm weather. Four ingredients are required for fast-cooking hot compost: nitrogen, carbon, air, and water. Together, these items feed microorganisms, which speed up the process of decay. In spring or fall when garden waste is plentiful, you can mix one big batch of compost and then start a second one while the first "cooks."

Vermicomposting is made via worm composting. When worms eat your food scraps, they release castings, which are rich in nitrogen. You can't use just any old worms for this, however—you need red worms (also called "red wigglers"). Worms for composting can be purchased inexpensively online or at a garden supplier.

What to Compost

Composting is a great way to use the things in your refrigerator that you didn't get to, therefore eliminating waste. Keeping a container in your kitchen is an easy way to accumulate your composting materials. Collect these materials to start off your compost pile right:

- Fruit scraps
- Vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Grass and plant clippings
- Dry leaves
- Finely chopped wood and bark chips
- Shredded newspaper
- Straw
- Sawdust from untreated wood

Tip: Think twice before adding onions and garlic to your homemade compost pile. It is believed that these vegetables repel earthworms, which are a vital part of your garden.

What NOT to Compost

Not only will these items not work as well in your garden, but they can make your compost smell and attract animals and pests. Avoid these items for a successful compost pile:

- Anything containing meat, oil, fat, or grease
- Diseased plant materials
- Sawdust or chips from pressure-treated wood
- Dog or cat faeces
- Weeds that go to seed
- Dairy products



Step 1: Combine Green and Brown Materials

To make your own hot-compost heap, wait until you have enough materials to make a pile at least 3 feet deep. You are going to want to combine your wet, green items with your dry, brown items. "Brown" materials include dried plant materials; fallen leaves; shredded tree branches, cardboard, or newspaper; hay or straw; and wood shavings, which add carbon. "Green" materials include kitchen scraps and coffee grounds, animal manures (not from dogs or cats), and fresh plant and grass trimmings, which add nitrogen. For best results, start building your compost pile by mixing three parts brown with one part green materials. If your compost pile looks too wet and smells, add more brown items or aerate more often. If you see it looks extremely brown and dry, add green items and water to make it slightly moist.

Step 2: Water Your Pile

Sprinkle water over the pile regularly so it has the consistency of a damp sponge. Don't add too much water, otherwise, the microorganisms in your pile will become waterlogged and drown. If this happens, your pile will rot instead of compost. Monitor the temperature of your pile with a thermometer to be sure the materials are properly decomposing. Or, simply reach into the middle of the pile with your hand. Your compost pile should feel warm.

Step 3: Stir Up Your Pile

During the growing season, you should provide the pile with oxygen by turning it once a week with a garden fork. The best time to turn the compost is when the centre of the pile feels warm or when a thermometer reads between 50 and 65 degrees C. Stirring up the pile will help it cook faster and prevents material from becoming matted down and developing an odour. At this point, the layers have served their purpose of creating equal amounts of green and brown materials throughout the pile, so stir thoroughly.



Step 4: Feed Your Garden

When the compost no longer gives off heat and becomes dry, brown, and crumbly, it's fully cooked and ready to feed to the garden. Add about 4 to 6 inches of compost to your flower beds and into your pots at the beginning of each planting season.

Every gardener is different, so it's up to you to decide which composting method best fits your lifestyle. Fortunately, no matter which route you choose, compost is incredibly easy and environmentally friendly. Plus, it's a treat for your garden. With just a few kitchen scraps and some patience, you'll have the happiest garden possible.



UPPER GASCOYNE COUNCIL COOK'S

Do you have family recipe that you would love to share with us? Send it through to us at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

CREAMY TOMATO AND SPINACH PASTA

Ingredients

2 cups penne pasta	1/2 tsp. salt
1 brown onion	1 tbsp. olive oil
2 tbsp. tomato paste	50g cream cheese
50 g canned diced tomatoes	1/2 tsp. dried oregano
100 g fresh spinach	1/2 tsp. dried basil
Freshly cracked black pepper to taste	1/4 cup grated parmesan
2 cloves garlic or (2-3 tsp. minced garlic)	
1 pinch crushed red pepper (optional)	

Method

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and continue to boil until tender (7-10 minutes). Drain the pasta in a colander.
2. While the pasta is cooking, prepare the creamy tomato sauce. Dice the onion and mince the garlic. Add the onion, garlic, and olive oil to a large skillet and sauté over medium heat until the onions are soft and translucent (3-5 minutes).
3. Add the diced tomatoes, oregano, basil, crushed red pepper (optional), salt, and some freshly cracked pepper to the skillet. Stir to combine. Add the tomato paste and a 1/2 cup of water to the skillet and stir until the tomato paste has mixed into the sauce.
4. Turn the heat down to low. Cut the cream cheese into a few pieces and then add them to the skillet with the tomato sauce. Use a whisk to stir the sauce until the cream cheese has fully melted and the sauce is creamy. Add the Parmesan to the skillet and stir until it is melted into the sauce.
5. Add the fresh spinach to the skillet and gently stir it into the sauce until it has wilted (2-3 minutes). Add the pasta and stir until it is well coated in the creamy tomato sauce. Taste and adjust the salt and pepper as needed. Serve warm.



CARROT CAKE

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups plain flour	1/4 tsp. baking soda
2 eggs slightly beaten	3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil	1/4 cup white sugar
1 tsp. baking powder	1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
2 1/2 cups grated carrots	1 tsp. vanilla essence
Pinch of nutmeg	



Method

1. Preheat your oven to 180C degrees. Grease a cake tin or baking pan.
2. In a large bowl combine your plain flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg.
3. In another bowl combine your eggs, grated carrots, brown sugar, white sugar, oil and vanilla essence.
4. Combine your wet and dry ingredients together and mix well (do not overmix).
5. Pour cake batter into greased tin or pan and spread evenly. Place in oven for 20-25 minutes.
6. Removed cake from oven and let cool before frosting with cream cheese frosting recipe.



CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

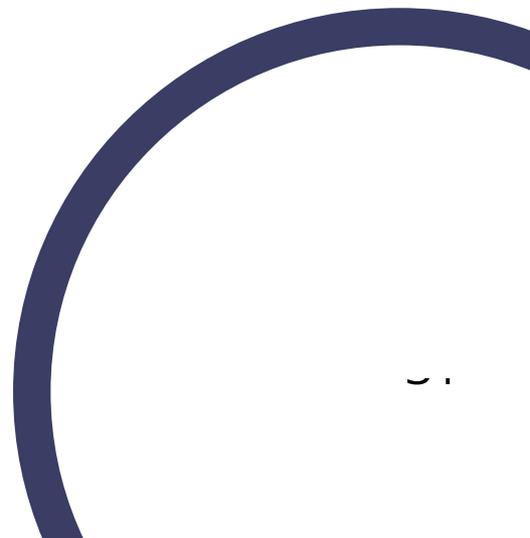
Ingredients

250g cream cheese (softened)
1/2 cup butter (softened)
2 cups icing sugar
1 tsp. vanilla essence

Method

Add all ingredients together and mix well, until combined and smooth.

(If you want a stiffer frosting, gradually add more icing sugar).



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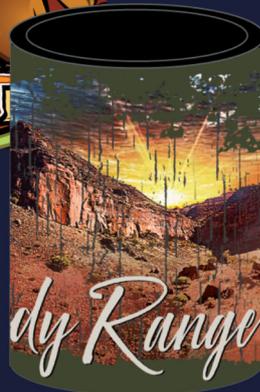
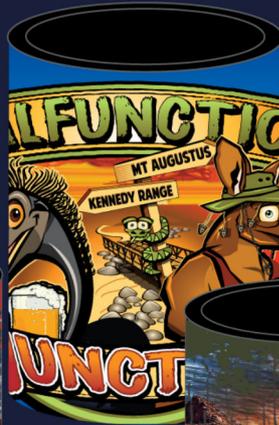
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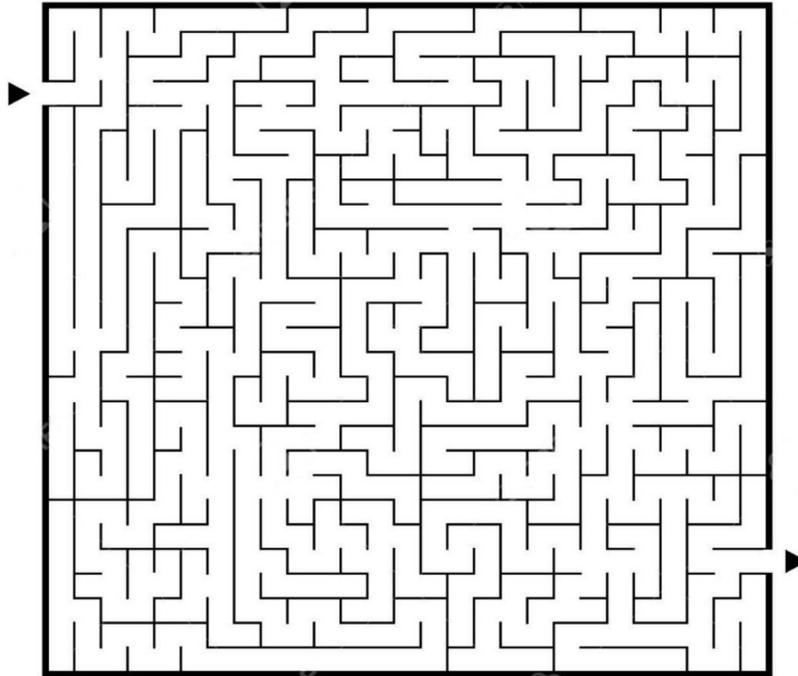
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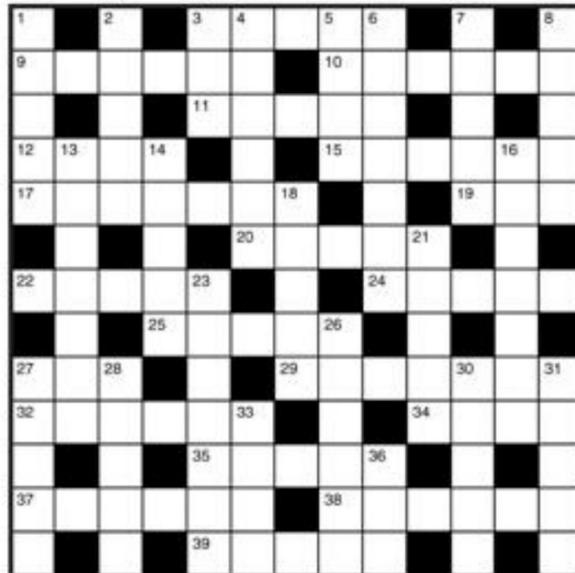
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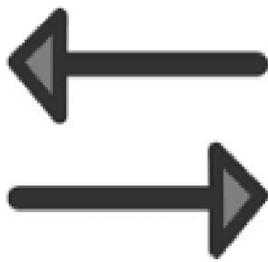
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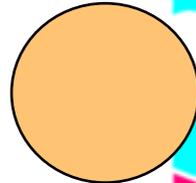
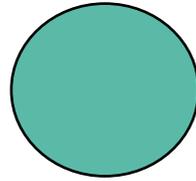
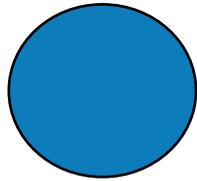
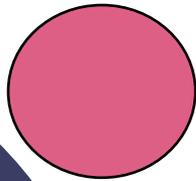
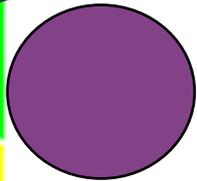
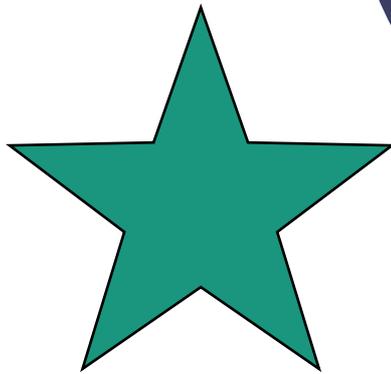
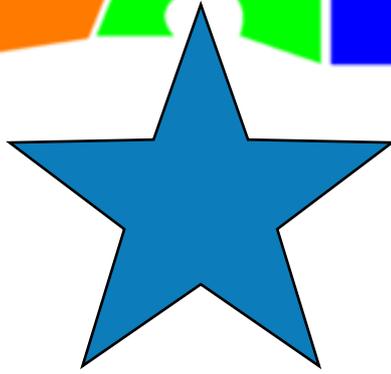


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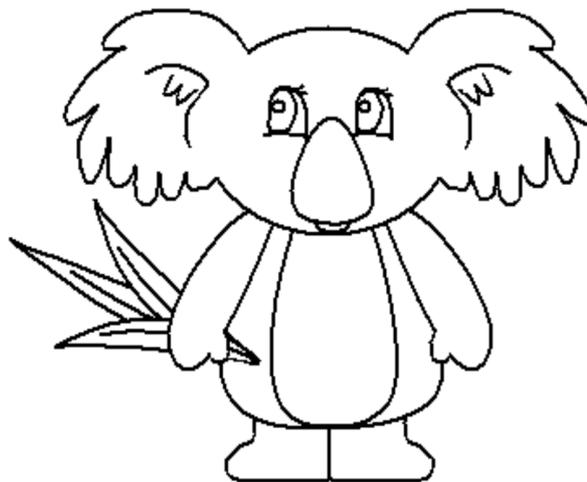
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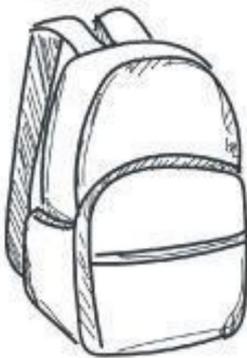
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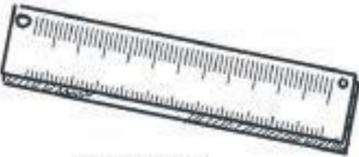
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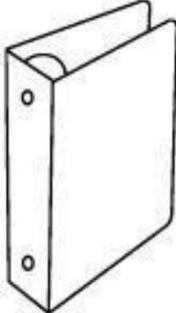
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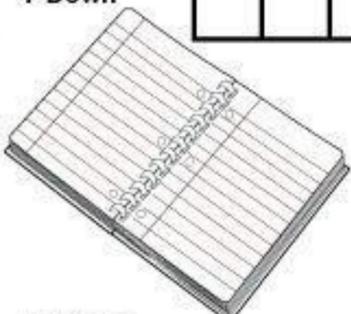
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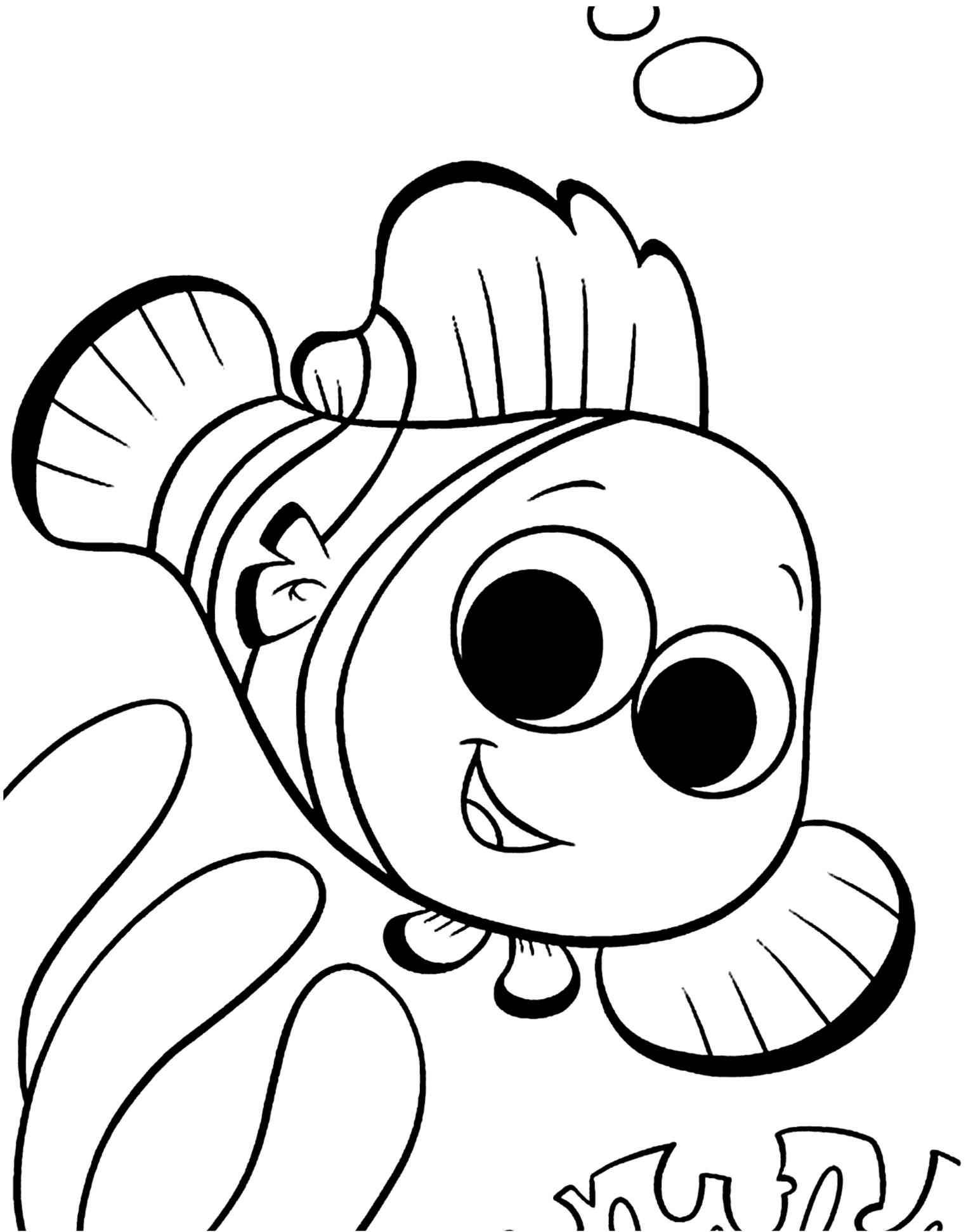


ACROSS

4. a short period of time during the school day that children can play, usually outside
6. to provide schooling for;
another word for teach that starts with an E;
Teachers work hard to _____ their students.
8. a room where classes are taught in a school
9. an area of knowledge that is studied in school;
Math is my favorite _____.
11. another word for completed that starts with an F;
"Have you _____ your homework?"

DOWN

1. process of gaining knowledge by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something;
"I am _____ about fractions."
3. a planned piece of work that has a specific purpose and that usually requires a lot of time;
"I'm doing a science _____ on volcanoes."
5. school work a student is given to do at their house
9. reading or memorizing facts to learn about a subject
"I am _____ for my math test."
10. "I _____ for my math test yesterday."





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