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## ***Farewell to WGVPS!***

The time has come for me to say goodbye! I have been at WGVPS since late in 2015. During that time, I have served countless Tuesday morning breakfasts, had many, many 1-1 appointments with students to assist them with their concerns, run various social-emotional health programs and got to know many wonderful students. From next term, I will be heading off to take up a new challenge. I look back on almost 10 years of supporting students in local schools and am grateful for the opportunity I have had to work with so many wonderful kids, families and staff members.

Throughout my time in chaplaincy, the real joy has been getting to know so many wonderful children. I am constantly amazed by the resilience, optimism, and willingness to try new things that students demonstrate through challenging circumstances in life, and their willingness to seek help when something isn't going so well.

I would like to wish you and your children all the best for the future.

*Bronwen*

***While we try to teach our children all about life,  
Our children teach us what life is all about."***

— Angela Schwindt

***Children are great imitators. So give them  
something great to imitate."***

— Anonymous

***Affirming words from mums and dads are like  
light switches. Speak a word of affirmation  
at the right moment in a child's life and it's like  
lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities."***

— Gary Smalley, family therapist

## **School Holiday Ideas**

If you are fortunate enough to have time off work during the school holidays, then you have a gift of time to spend with your kids (I know it doesn't always feel like a gift!). Holidays can be expensive, but spending quality time with your children doesn't have to cost the earth.

Here are some suggestions of **free activities** for the coming holidays:

- If you haven't yet been to the fabulous new WA Museum Boola Bardip, hop online and book some tickets—<https://visit.museum.wa.gov.au/boolabardip/>
- Get out into nature and enjoy the Butterflies, Birds and Bridges Trail in Canning River Park—<https://trailswa.com.au/trails/butterflies-birds-and-bridges-loop/need-to-know>
- Grab your bikes and explore somewhere new. (Don't forget your helmets!). Go local at Point Walter, or check out some other ideas here: <https://buggybuddys.com.au/cycling-with-kids-in-perth/>
- The Bibra Lake Regional Playground will keep them entertained for ages. Bring a picnic/BBQ with you or grab a bite from the food truck. <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Recreation-and-Attractions/Parks-and-Playgrounds/Bibra-Lake-Regional-Playground>
- Find a wrap-up of school holiday activities in shopping centres around Perth here: <https://www.kids-around-perth.com/shopping-centre-school-holiday-activities.html>

Enjoy!