

From the Leaders

Welcome back to the new school year! We have started smoothly and it has been terrific to see our new Reception students settle in so well.

We are pleased to invite all families to this year's *Acquaintance Night*. Acquaintance Night is an informal meet n' greet and opportunity to get a brief overview of your child's studio. Information such as term overviews and routines will be available. Here are some more details....

When: Wednesday 14th February

4.30 – 5.30pm: Studios open – Parents/Carers welcome to meet teachers and see classrooms.

5.30 – 6.30pm: Community Picnic on the oval.

Meet and get to know other families from your Studio. BBQ and drinks for sale. Please see flyer (page 3) proudly brought to you by the BPS Fundraising Committee.

At the picnic there will be a sign up table where you can join up to some great things like:

Studio WhatsApp Groups - To stay in touch with other families.

Fundraising Committee – Be part of the events and activities which are social and raise money.

Interest and willingness to help - Kitchen Garden Program, working bees, excursions, camps, events.

Children's University - Indicate an area of skill, expertise or interest which you'd like to offer if the need arises, for example; are you an artist who'd like to help with props for a school concert? Are you a scientist/author/builder who could help with student learning experiences or projects? Do you knit/paint/skip/act and want to lead a lunchtime knitting/painting/jump rope/drama group?

6.30 – 7.00pm: Governing Council AGM

All welcome to hear summaries of the 2023 school year. This is also your chance to be part of the Governing Council this year. Governing Council meet twice a term and you might be surprised at how easy the role is!

We look forward to seeing you at our Acquaintance Night.

NEW GAZEBO

You may have heard from your young gardener that we have a wonderful new Gazebo in our garden!



GAZEBO AND CRICKET PITCH Continued...

The Gazebo is a beautiful addition to the Kitchen Garden and allows lessons in all weather. We were fortunate to win a Schools Upgrade Funding grant and grateful to BPS parent, Dan Johnston, for his hard work building it for us.

Next week we will have a new and improved cricket pitch installed on the oval. We worked in collaboration with Bridgewater Cricket Club to apply for, and win, a \$20k grant from SACA to build the new pitch. This benefits us with a great new place to play at lunchtimes and, best of all, opens up new opportunities for the Bridgewater Cricket Club to have more junior teams playing in the local competition!

ROAD SAFETY

Another year and the same old problems with parking at pick up and drop offs! We continue to explore many options for easing the difficulties which arise with our unique road layout here at BPS. We dream of a 'kiss and drop'! In the past (10 years+) we've discussed with DfE, Council, State Government and at Governing Council about options to make things better. For a number of reasons we have to live with the set-up we have for now. We continue to explore alternatives, in the meantime, we ask that consideration be given to the following:

- ◆ Drive safely at all times around the school
- ◆ Don't park on the top court
- ◆ Don't use our neighbour's driveway for parking or drop offs
- ◆ Get out and help your child/ren cross the road to your parked car
- ◆ Teach, model and practice safe crossing with your child if they walk to Coles, especially around the crossing point near the CFS
- ◆ Did you know there is more parking near the gym and oval? This is a great spot to meet older students who can safely walk there after school.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our young people safe.

OSHC

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) is available before school, after school and on Pupil Free Days. Bookings are essential, and can be made via the Camp Australia website. Click [here](#) to register or to book in.

If you need to drop kids off at school before 8.30am, you will need to make a booking at OSHC.

Our duty teacher begins supervising children from 8.30am. If we have students on site prior to that we may choose to take them to OSHC and parents will be billed accordingly.

DIARY DATES Term 1 - 2024	
WEEK 3	
Wed 14/2	Acquaintance Night
WEEK 4	
WEEK 5	
Mon 26/2	STUDENT FREE DAY OSHC Available—bookings essential
Wed 28/2	Assembly 9:10am in Gym Special Guest - Education Minister Blair Boyer - All welcome
WEEK 6	
WEEK 7	
Mon 11/3	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Adelaide Cup Day
Wed-Fri	NAPLAN
Wed 13/3	Lunch & Crunch Volleyball HHS—Yr 5/6
Fri 15/3	Police Cyber Safety Session 1
WEEK 8 NAPLAN Continued this week	
Fri 22/3	Police Cyber Safety Session 2
WEEK 9	
Fri 29/3	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday
WEEK 10	
Mon 1/4	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday
Wed 3/4	District Athletics (selected students)
Thur 4/4	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Fri 5/4	Assembly 9:10am in Gym
WEEK 11	
Mon 8/4	PHOTO CATCH UP DAY
Tue—Thur	Interviews
Fri 12/4	DAGGY DAY 2:15pm EARLY DISMISSAL

MUSIC TUTORS AT BPS

Bridgewater PS is a School of Rock! Not only do we have two excellent Performing Arts teachers and a Music Nook where young rockers and their bands can rehearse, we also have three excellent private music tutors working on site during the week;

Kate (piano), Rob (drums) and Brenton (guitar)

If you would like to enquire about starting lessons, please contact the front office for a Music Enrolment form.



Brenton is not only an amazing guitar player and teacher, but has a double life as Banana Dad! If you think you need nutritional advice from a guitar hero dressed as a fruit, love songs about 'armfarts' and stuff that will kill ya, (and let's be honest, who doesn't!) then BANANA DAD is for you! Check him out on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/@BananaDadBrenton> and on Spotify!

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Children's University will be continuing again this year. It is an opportunity for kids to explore new and interesting learning and experiences outside of school. Students log hours in their Learning Passports and can graduate in a ceremony at Bonython Hall!

To register or take part again, simply scan this QR code. Jonah will be available on Acquaintance Night to answer any questions about this great program.

Looking forward to a great year. Paul & Jonah



**Acquaintance Picnic
on Valentine's Day**

Meet your class on Acquaintance Night.

Meet Join the classroom What's app
BYO a picnic rug or borrow one

Eat BBQ; Fruit & Drink for sale
Vege and GF options
with QKR! or CCard

Date: Wednesday 14 Feb
Time: From 4:30 - 6:30pm
School Oval

Bridgewater

Brought to you by the BPS Fundraising Committee
Want to volunteer? info@bridgewaterps.wa.edu.au

Bridgewater Primary School's

Kitchen Garden Group

Meet members of the school community while lending a hand in the schools wonderful Kitchen Garden.

EVERYONE WELCOME!
BYO gloves and morning tea.

Every second Thursday, from 9am.
Please sign in at the front office and make your way down to the garden.



COME JOIN THE RAIDERS IN 2024!

MODDIES U8-U12
U14 BOYS
U14 GIRLS
U17 BOYS

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

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FOLLOW US

2024 SEASON LAUNCH

**SUNDAY FEB 18TH
11AM-2PM**

BRIDGEWATER OVAL

Fun for all ages!

•BOUNCY CASTLE•SAUSAGE SIZZLE•COFFEE VAN•REGISTRATION INFO
•MEET THE COACHES•MERCH FOR SALE•GAMES AND MORE!

BRIDGEWATER - CALLINGTON RAIDERS

Open to all students of Bridgewater Primary School

BRIDGEWATER JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Register Interest Now!

Teams for 2024 are filling fast so register your interest today!

Registrations close 18 February 2024

Welcome to Your OSHC by Camp Australia.

Your OSHC. Embrace the benefits of OSHC in 2024

A fun, social space for your child to grow.

Welcome to Term 1, 2024 and a big Happy New Year from all of us here at Camp Australia! Children are at the heart of everything we do, and our focus is helping them grow, learn and have fun. Through tailored experiences that nurture their passions, your child will embark on a journey that ignites their imagination and showcases their unique talents.

A wide variety of experiences

- Cooking
- Active Play
- Art & Craft
- Mindfulness
- Group Games
- Lots more!

OSHC Information Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about Your OSHC Before and After School Care, Rocketeers Extraordinary Holiday Programs, our inclusive CARE program, and everything else in between. From registration and bookings to billing and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), the 2024 Info Sessions will cover everything families need to know about their journey with Camp Australia.

Session 1: 13 February 2024, 6:30pm ACDT
Session 2: 15 February 2024, 12:00pm ACDT
campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

Register your child for Your OSHC

Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. By registering now, it gives you the freedom to book whenever you want! Register now for peace of mind later!

pp.campaustralia.com.au

Benefits of OSHC

For parents and families:

- Peace of mind, knowing your child is socialising and having fun!
- Convenient location
- Child Care Subsidy enabled so eligible families can save money!

For children:

- Builds confidence
- Meet new friends
- Explore new activities
- Learn through self-directed fun

Register for Your OSHC campaustralia.com.au

Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families by Camp Australia