

### *From the Leaders*

It was our pleasure to welcome The Hon. Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Skills and Training to a special BPS assembly last week. He awarded Cheryl (S8) with the inaugural Minister for Education's Medal of Appreciation in recognition of her care and dedication during and after Margot's accident last year.

It was an emotional experience for many present; this was a highly traumatic event for many in our school community and the effects, although easing with time, still linger. However, from the worst of circumstances we saw the best of Bridgely. We work hard at building a strong, inclusive and close community and that came to the fore. We all feel a sense of gratefulness when we see a happy, thriving Margot skip into school and we all share Luke and Liza's admiration for Cheryl and what she did for Margot and their family.

The assembly was a special experience to be part of and we are sure that all parents in attendance, including Paul and Jonah, went home and gave their kids an extra-big-super-special-cuddle!

Minister Boyer wasn't the only politician of note at our assembly. We had our three candidates for Student Parliament Prime Minister give their campaign speeches. It takes courage to nominate yourself and it takes further courage to stand up and share your ideas to the school. We were impressed and proud of our candidates and those who stepped up to support them.

Each year we elect a PM, Deputy PM and two representatives to sit in our Student Parliament. Each year the choice is a tough one and the PM candidates had to work hard to win the votes of their peers across the school.

Last Friday was Election Day and Annalise claimed victory with an impressive 70% of first preference votes! Congratulations Annalise! Ella was elected Deputy PM and we hope Orson will be involved

in our Parliament too, as a representative or Parliament official.



Left - Young voters cast their ballots

Right - Orson, PM Annalise and Deputy PM Ella



## NAPLAN

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia will take part in the NAPLAN tests next week. The purpose of this testing is to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement, both at an individual student level and at a school-wide level. By understanding your child's performance in these key areas, we can better support their learning and growth.

Bridgewater PS does very well in NAPLAN testing and we are proud of our results. However, most of what we do and learn at school is not assessed in NAPLAN. Bridgewater PS Teachers provide learning opportunities in a wide range of different areas to grow academically and as good humans. NAPLAN assesses just two aspects of education, on one day, twice, during their primary school journey. We like to think of it as taking a screenshot of a movie; whilst there is something to see, it is not the whole story of your child at school.

Literacy and Numeracy are core learning areas and we work extremely hard to teach them. NAPLAN gives us some good information to better meet the needs of our students. Bridgey also values the Arts, PE, Play, STEM, Drama, Music, Cooking and Gardening, Social Skills and Conflict Resolution, creativity and being active democratic school citizens. We value and see in our students their kindness, resilience, humour, fairness, inquisitiveness, curiosity and love of books, nature, culture and fun.

DIARY DATES	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
Mon 11/3	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Adelaide Cup Day
Wed-Fri	NAPLAN
Wed 13/3	Lunch & Crunch Volleyball HHS—Yr 5/6
Fri 15/3	Police Cyber Safety Session 1
<b>WEEK 8</b> NAPLAN Continued this week	
Fri 22/3	Police Cyber Safety Session 2
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
Fri 29/3	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Good Friday
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
Mon 1/4	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Easter Monday
Wed 3/4	District Athletics (selected students)
Thur 4/4	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Fri 5/4	Assembly 9:10am in Gym
<b>WEEK 11 - Parent/Teacher interviews</b> Details out soon	
Mon 8/4	PHOTO CATCH UP DAY ----- BPS Kindy visiting
Fri 12/4	DAGGY DAY 2:15pm EARLY DISMISSAL



### A message from Josh Teague MP

Congratulations to Annalise and all the students who have been newly elected to Bridgewater Primary's Student Parliament. I have enjoyed being involved with BPS's Student Parliament in the past; I opened Student Parliament and was Honorary Speaker at Student Parliament which was good experience before taking the Speaker's chair at State Parliament.

It is always a pleasure to meet Bridgewater Primary students at Parliament House as I did in 2022 for a series of workshops and a tour of where I work. I would like to invite Student Parliament to visit State Parliament House this year and look forward to hearing about the excellent work Student Parliament does this year to make BPS even better!

With best wishes to all students, staff and families.

Josh

**JOSH TEAGUE MP**  
**MEMBER FOR HEYSEN**

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## AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER

As the Autism Inclusion Teacher at Bridgewater Primary School, I am here to support any child with neurodiversity (brain difference).

In 2023 every school in South Australia was appointed an AIT (Autism Inclusion Teacher). All AIT's undertook intensive training for this role.

My role is to work with teachers whenever needed to ensure that all of our children are given every possible opportunity to succeed and learn in a safe and happy environment.

Hilary Agar  
BPS Autism Inclusion Teacher

# Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) Role

## Family information

### AITs support teachers to

Understand autism and support evidence-based practice in autism

Build relationships and promote autistic student voice and agency

Share evidence-based resources and training

Suggest sensory and environmental adjustments

### AITs do not need to

Provide direct support to autistic students

Develop personalised learning plans for all autistic students

Attend student led conferences for all autistic students

Develop funding applications for student support

**In the first instance, go to your classroom teacher to discuss your child's school support needs**

**Your classroom teacher can seek support from the AIT on how to best support autistic students**



## Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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Experience the delights of other languages and cultures

**APRIL 2024**



Languages Alive! is a program of engaging and interactive language and cultural experiences for R-6 students.

Delivered by highly proficient speakers of the relevant language, the program will run during the April school holidays in metropolitan and country locations.

Workshops will explore a range of languages including: Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese & Serbian.

#### WHO:

Reception to Year 6 students

#### WHEN:

April 2024

#### WHERE:

School of Languages: Tues 16 & Wed 17 April

Mitcham Primary School: Thurs 18 April

Pilgrim School: Fri 19 April

Nairne Primary School: Tue 23 April

#### COST:

\$10 per day

**FREE** for School card/Healthcare card holders

Register online by April 5 at:  
[www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive)







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MODDIES U3-U12  
U14 BOYS  
U14 GIRLS  
U17 BOYS

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

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