

From the Leaders

We have been holding NAPLAN tests spaced over the last couple of weeks and we have been impressed by the concentration and effort our year 3 and 5 students have demonstrated. For some it is a daunting fortnight and they've had to dig deep, whilst others look forward to testing themselves. We all learn in different ways don't we?

NAPLAN takes a snap shot of where children are at on one day, twice during primary school years. We like to concentrate on the whole journey and beyond. One way we are doing this is through a teacher inquiry project around the areas of impact as described in South Australia's Strategy for Public Education ([Our strategy for public education in South Australia](#)).

These areas are:

- ◆ Wellbeing
- ◆ Equity and Excellence
- ◆ Effective Learners
- ◆ Learner Agency

Teachers are working in professional development teams to explore an area of impact and designing an inquiry project which they believe will have a positive impact on student learning in the BPS context.

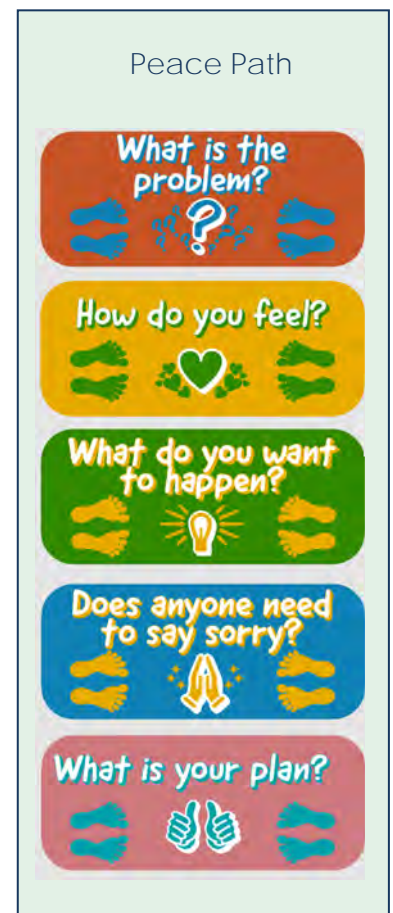
One thing which makes BPS great is the richness of expertise, experience and passion we can draw upon collectively with our teachers. There have been challenging and insightful conversations around the staffroom and our teachers are highly motivated and determined to make a big impact on their students.

Their work is being strongly supported by DfE and has been singled out in the Mount Lofty partnership of schools and Paul will be sharing our journey with other colleagues soon.

Peace Path

A new addition to the school yard is our Peace Path, situated right next to our Peace Pole near Studio 9 and the M-Frame play equipment.

Bridgely has had a longstanding commitment to teaching Peer Mediation to our young people. This involves children learning how to resolve conflict through a mediation process. There are 5 steps and these are what make up our Peace Path. →



Peace Path continued....

Conflict and disagreement are a normal part of social interaction. Peer mediation helps students to learn to resolve this with help of teachers or student mediators. The goal is to independently use the Peer Mediation model to sort out issues when they arise. The Peace Path is a place where students can walk together and seek a resolution together.

This is a great model which is of benefit to us all. Why not try it at home next time your kids are squabbling? Why not model it as parents if the opportunity arises? It is a skill which we never grow out of needing!

Curiosity didn't kill the cat-erpillar

There has been great excitement and curiosity in the garden outside Studios 3, 4 and 6 this last fortnight.

Many students can't wait to get to school to see the resident caterpillars and chrysalis. We love the curiosity, close observation and care which starts each day.



What do you think young lepidopterists? Are we expecting Monarch Butterflies to emerge? Keep your eyes peeled, we can't wait to see what happens!



DIARY DATES

Term 1 - 2024

WEEK 9

Wed 27/3 Hot Cross Bun Breakfast Order through QKR!

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 Please wear school uniform

Fri 5/4 Assembly 9:10am in Gym

WEEK 11 - Parent/Teacher interviews

Mon 8/4 PHOTO CATCH UP DAY

BPS Kindy visiting

Fri 12/4 DAGGY DAY
2:15pm EARLY DISMISSAL

CYBER SAFETY POLICE VISIT

Lucas from the Mount Barker Police has worked with our students over the last two Fridays.

Lucas talked about cyber safety and police work in the community.

The children asked some great questions!

Thanks for visiting Lucas!



Lunch and Crunch Volleyball Competition

Last Wednesday our year 5 and 6 students attended the annual "Lunch and Crunch" at Heathfield High school. This involved several schools coming together to experience mini volleyball games on different surfaces.

The day started with an excited (insert: loud) bus ride and meet and greet at the high school. Year 8 students were given the task of leading their groups around grass, beach and indoor courts. Our BPS students did us proud with their enthusiasm, team spirit and can do attitude. It was also evident that they have an awesome coach in our very own Victoria, with some skilful serves, digs, sets and spikes witnessed.

Overall the students had a great time and were inspired to keep on practising and improving their skills.

It was fun playing with my friends – Finley U.

Lunch and Crunch was fun, and I got to play with people I don't always play with – Josie A

The best part of my week was 'Lunch and Crunch' because I played volleyball with my friends and my year 8 instructor was nice – Winnie K.

I had a super fun time – Denver L.



BREAKFAST IS COVERED!!

HOT CROSS BUN AND A HOT DRINK
\$5

WEDNESDAY 27TH
IN THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN
8AM...830AM

Please order by midday Tuesday 26th
March via QKR
cash available on the day
With any dietary requests to the front
office
all proceeds supporting the kitchen
garden program

Finance Matters

- Lunch & Crunch Volleyball \$7.50
Year 5/6 **NOW OVERDUE**
- Athletics Day \$5.00 year
participating students Year 4,5 & 6
due **02/04/2024**
- School Fees \$330.00-ALL due
12/04/2024
- Swimming Rec-Year 4 \$50.00 due
10/05/2024
- Adare Camp Year 5/6- \$300.00
due **23/05/2024**
- Nunuyara Camp Year 3/4 -
\$180.00 due **13/06/2024**

PLEASE USE QKR APP FOR PAYMENTS.



MURAL BY GYM

You might have noticed an amazing transformation on the brick wall near the gym.

Late last year a team of artists, led by our very own 'Artist in Residence' Heather V.K., took on the task to renovate the wall with a colourful mural.

The children decided that as this was a sports area near the gymnasium, it should depict sport and sporting people. They were also very keen on the artist Banksy, and so the final piece of the mural shows a young girl with balloons (Banksy style), with the slogan 'Never Give Up'.

Sonny, one of the artists, said "We wanted to remind everyone to keep trying and don't give up on your dreams."

Artists involved in the project were Harley K, Hunter D, Jake K, Lachie W, Joey H, Sonny G and Topper F. Thanks for making this an inspiring and colourful place team!

Hilary Agar

Blue Light
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TICKET TO: KUNG FU PANDA 4

FRIDAY
12 APR 2024

START: 6:30 PM
FINISH: 9:00 PM
AGE RANGE 6 TO 13 YEARS

RATING: PG COST: \$15
MOVIE: DJ BRAD COLLINS
VENUE: WOODS CINEMA 187 BARROO RD, ARLBURG, SA
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BOOKING LINK OR BY CODE BELOW
<https://www.thefox.com.au/cinema>

POLICE SUPERVISOR / LOCK-IN EVENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT

KUNG FU PANDA 4

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT HILLS FLEETFIELD POLICE ON 0800 1352

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
Government of South Australia
Woods Cinema
variety

HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 26 March, 2024
4pm - 7pm

To book and for more information please scan the QR code or visit our website www.hhs.sa.edu.au/open-night

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HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Applications are now open for year 7 students commencing in 2025 for our Entrepreneurial Specialist Learning Pathway and Special Interest Volleyball Program

More information can be found on our website www.hhs.sa.edu.au/specialinterest

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