# Newsletter Term 1 - Week 10



No. 5

## From the Leaders

We trust you all had a great Easter break. The kids have been telling us all about their adventures on the road camping, visiting family and fun times at home. It sounds like the Easter Bunny was generous around Bridgewater too!

The Hot Cross Bun breakfast at school was a wonderful way to kick things off. We loved seeing another big community gathering: these events are so vital to the harmonious, positive and inclusive school community we have. We are very grateful to the excellent Fundraising Committee who have once again banded together to put on a successful event. We are also grateful for the generosity of our community in supporting the fundraising side of this event. We are proud to report we raised just over \$600!! When this is added to the Acquaintance Night event we have raised over \$1000 already this year! Without these funds and your generosity we can't run our Kitchen Program or our Garden Program. Bravo Bridgey!



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One of the most generous people in our school community is Heather VK. Not only is her terrific arts program run almost entirely on donated and reclaimed materials, but Heather also looks for any and all opportunities to raise some extra funds when she can.



Did you know our wonderful Nature Play sandpit area by Studio 7 & 8 was paid for from years' worth of Heather's famous Mother's Day stalls?

Well, Heather has done it again! We had a dishwasher in the student's Kitchen break down. Heather just happened to be passing by when it was being discussed and said "I'll take care of that!" Heather dipped into the money she has been raising by selling brand new clothes she managed to lay her hands on. What a legend!

We think Heather is the living, breathing example of our School Value of Thrive. Heather's first instinct is to dedicate herself and her energy to allow others to Thrive. She never lets pass an opportunity to give. Heather knows helping and seeing others Thrive is a reward in itself. We agree with our students that Heather is at the centre of what makes Bridgey so special. Thank you Heather.

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Another thing which makes Bridgey great is the space and opportunities for students to follow their passions. One example are the 7.111 Comic makers from Studio 1 who have been working towards setting up a small business every Wednesday at Lunch. They love creating their comics (my favourite is Donut Man) and are going to be open for business (20c a comic, 50c a poster) next term.



We like to support our students to Thrive in the areas they are passionate and skilled in because this commitment and purpose stays with you well beyond Primary School. It is part of why Bridgey kids stand out from the crowd when they head to High School.

The Heathfield Entrepreneurial Program especially loves Bridgey kids, and I'm sure our 7.111 comic creators will be strong candidates if they choose that pathway.

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We were so proud of BPS alumni Delilah who recently went to Canberra to advocate for a cause she is passionate about and committed to. Delilah and her dad Craig spoke 1:1 to politicians at Parliament House with Olivia Nassaris, CEO Parkinson's Australia. Some important and powerful pollies learnt how intelligent, articulate and persuasive Delilah is, including: The Hon Mark Butler MP, Allegra Spender MP, Senator David Pocock, Steve Georganas MP, our local member Rebekha Sharkie MP and Senator Anne Ruston.

Delilah has also written letters to others to encourage them to make time to meet with her in Canberra, for those in S.A. to meet here and/or join the Parliamentary Friends of Parkinson's group.

All power to you Delilah!

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# **DIARY DATES** Term 1 - 2024 **WEEK 11 - Parent Teacher Interviews** Catch up Photo Day Mon 8/4 **BW Kindy visiting** Daggy Day Fri 12/4 Early Dismissal 2:15pm **DIARY DATES** Term 2 - 2024 WFFK 1 WEEK 2 Thur 9/5 Principal's Tour WEEK 3 STUDENT FREE DAY Mon 13/5 OSHC Available - bookings essential Tue to Fri **R-4 Swimming Lessons** WEEK 4 Tue-Fri Scholastic Book Fair in Hall **District Cross Country -**Tue 21/5 **Selected Students** WEEK 5 Mon 27/5 -Year 5/6 Camp - ADARE Wed 29/5 WEEK 6 WEEK 7 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** Mon 10/6 WEEK 8 Thur 20/6 -Year 3/4 Camp - NUNYARA Fri 21/6 WEEK 9 Mon 24/6 Principal's Tour **Mid-Year Rec Transition** Tue 25/6 9:00am - 12Noon Thur 27/6 R-6 Incursion - Sticks n Stones Fri 28/6 Pie Drive Pick Up **WEEK 10 Mid-Year Rec Transition** Tue 2/7 9:00am to 3:30pm Daggy Day and Fri 5/7 Early Dismissal 2:15pm

### District Athletics

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the grounds of Cornerstone College came alive with the spirit of athleticism as 29 of our students participated in the District Athletics event. Throughout the events, our students showcased not only their athletic abilities, but also the values we uphold as a school community. It was heartening to see many students expressing their gratitude to staff at the end of the day, a testament to the positive experiences they had.



Leading up to the event, our athletes had been training diligently, and their efforts bore fruit on the field. We are immensely proud of all our students who competed and gave their best. Special congratulations are in order for those who achieved placements and ribbons in their respective events, listed below:

• Lilly G: 10 Yr Shot Put (3rd), Discus (2nd)

• Audrey: 10 Yr High Jump (Equal 2nd)

• Josie: 11 Yr Shot Put (3rd), Discus (4th, only 3cm from 3rd!)

Patrick M: 11 Yr 200m (2nd)

• Patrick R: 10 Yr 800m (3rd), 1500m (3rd)

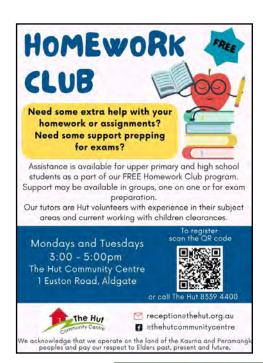
• Jane: 10 Yr 800m (2nd), 1500m (3rd)

Denver, Logan, Patrick M and Jake: 11 Yr Boys Relay (2nd)

We extend a massive shout-out to Victoria and Catherine for their exceptional dedication and hard work leading up to, and during, the event.

In the final tally, Bridgewater Primary finished 4th overall and also 4th in the adjusted result, matching our position from last year in the adjusted category.

As we celebrate this success, there's no time to rest! Next week marks the beginning of training for our next District event, Cross Country!















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