

From the Leaders

Welcome back to Term 2!

There is plenty to look forward to this term with swimming, camps, inter-school netball and soccer competitions, the district mountain bike championships and cross country and much, much more on the horizon. Autumn is a special time of year in the Hills and the kids are loving playing with the fallen leaves. On day one back at school there was a wonderful game of building a leaf mountain which was started by the Receptions and Year 1s; soon most of the school joined in! Piles of leaves were jumped in, leaves were thrown and laughter filled the air! We loved seeing all ages playing together and kids treating each other with care and respect as



the 'leaf war' erupted. These moments are the type that last long in the memory and it was a privilege to witness. I can imagine the Leaf War of 2024 getting a mention in Graduation speeches in the future and being talked about when these kids send their own kids to school one day!

We are making the most of the good weather and conditions by having the oval open and used at recess time. This gives more space to play and allows another three or four soccer and footy games to be played by our sports mad kids! Some kids asked Mr Jude about why the oval was closed at recess time and he discussed the matter at staff meeting and the change was made. We value real student voice which leads to real changes. An example are the new, impressive Bridgewater Soccer Club jumpers which have made an appearance this week; they are accepted as uniform thanks to a Student Parliament Law which was passed a few years ago to allow Bridgewater Sports Club jumpers to be allowed as uniform. I told you the kids were sports mad!

Students and staff have been dropping almost as fast as the autumn leaves lately! We have had a significant number of absences and unfortunately we have seen COVID rear its ugly head again. Please help our community stay healthy and keep kids at home if they have any symptoms and consider a day off if they are a close contact, as often kids are testing positive a day or so later and have been at school. Stay healthy everyone.

We are pleased to welcome a number of new families to Bridgely this term. They have settled in well and already feel like part of the big Bridgely family. It is always heart-warming to see the way kids welcome and support new students in their class. It says a lot about the school culture that kids will rally around new students without needing to be asked and do it with their kindness, care and patience. One of our new students was doing short days to transition into their new school and there was a nice moment when, around midday, he was asked if he'd like to stay the whole day. He decided he would and his whole class cheered! You can't get a much clearer sign that you belong here!!



Farewell and Thank You Josie

We said farewell to our wonderful Kitchen and Garden specialist Josie last week. Josie is one of those people who everyone finds a delight to work with and the kids just adored their time in the garden and kitchen with her. Josie accepted a full-time offer elsewhere, which was too good to turn down. We wish her well in her new full time position, at the school where her own children go. The beauty of the garden is that we will still reap the rewards of her work for a long time to come.

We are delighted to be welcoming back Ina to take over the Kitchen side of the job and are looking at appointing a similarly excellent garden specialist soon.



Families online survey of OSHC service

Dear OSHC Families,

We invite you to provide brief feedback on the operations of the OSHC service via this [family survey link](#). It should take no longer than a few minutes.

The feedback will be collated by the Department for Education and a summary provided to the school principal and governing council.

We thank you for your input which will provide opportunity for the OSHC provider to implement quality improvements in the service.

The survey due date is **24 May 2024**.

Families can scan the QR code to complete the survey.



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



Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in weeks 2 to 5 of term 2 (Monday 6 May to Friday 31 May 2024).

Purpose of the survey

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

How will students complete the survey?

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. **If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.**

Will students' information be kept confidential?

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately. It is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole. Students can skip individual survey questions if they wish. Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au

2024 Pie Drive Fundraiser

It's back! Here's your chance to stock the freezer with quick and delicious meals for winter and support the school at the same time. McCue's bakery will be supplying the tasty treats. Why not ask your extended family, neighbours, friends or work colleagues and coordinate a big order?! All profits benefit the 190 students at Bridgewater Primary School.

Here's the plan...

-Record your order on the form sent home *today*

-Return it to the school by Wednesday 12th June with your Grand Total payment (Cash or QKR – instructions at the bottom of the order form)

-Bring insulated bags and collect your order from the school on Friday 28th June at approximately 11:00am – (to be confirmed). We will contact you when orders are ready. Please have someone available to collect on this day and time, as we can't refrigerate all the orders.

Enjoy!

Mountain Bike Success!

Finley, Cooper and Sonny substituted the pens and pencils for helmets and gloves today as they represented Bridgewater PS in the SA School Sport Mountain Bike Championships. The event took place at Sturt Gorge Recreational Park, Craighburn Farm. The boys finished in an incredible 3rd place overall. Congratulations boys!






somewhere under the rainbow
Silent Disco
Saturday May 18

for young people aged
12 to 25 living in the
Adelaide Hills

photo booth, neon face
painting, temporary tattoos
giant games and more!

 this is an inclusive event
and a safe space for all
young people

finger food, nibbles
drinks provided
this is an alcohol free event

two sessions

12 - 15 years 5:00pm - 7:00pm

16 - 25 years 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Location: Aldgate Oval Hall

Cost: \$10 per person
includes food and drink

This event is a collaboration with Headspace Mount Barker



If cost is a barrier to you
attending this event,
please call to see how
we can help.

To book scan the QR code



or call The Hut 8339 4400

We acknowledge that we operate on the land of the Kaurna and Peramangk Peoples and pay our respect to Elders past present and future. This centre's programs are part funded by the Department of Human Services.


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Thank you Bridgewater Raiders Football Club for the generous donation of a giant bag of footballs!

Why not return the support on Mother's Day & at their Disco!



Mother's Day
CANTEEN SPECIAL

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

- BACON & EGG IN A BRIOCHE BUN
- COFFEE
- MIMOSAS

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



RAIDERS DISCO!

**BRIDGEY WINTER WARM UP:
WOMEN'S SOCIAL SOCCER**

WANT TO HAVE FUN WITH OTHER LOCAL WOMEN?
WANT TO GET FIT, GO WILD, BE A MATILDA?
NEVER PLAYED SOCCER? NO PROBLEM!
NOT SURE WHAT YOU'LL DO WITH THE KIDS? BRING THEM ALONG!

JOIN US: SUNDAYS STARTING 26 MAY 4-5PM
AT: BRIDGEWATER MAIN OVAL (TBC)
FOR: SOCCER SKILLS TRAINING, FITNESS, SCRATCH MATCH

WHY: BECAUSE ITS AWESOME
WHAT NEXT: TEXT ELLEN 0478505335, JACLYN 0433 639619, CLAIRE 0439342715 TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR ASK QUESTIONS

*No special gear needed

If you love it as much as we do, you'll want to make a team to play Stirling Twilight soccer competition Oct/Nov



THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT HEADED BY 'THE SOCCER QUOKKAS' AND WILL RELY ON ALL PARTICIPANTS TO PITCH IN, SOME RING-INS TO TRAIN US UP AND SOME PRO SOCCER KIDS TO TEACH US THE RULES!



It's Party Time

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
\$25

SCAN ME



WHEN: SATURDAY 25TH MAY

WHERE: BSSC

TIME: 6:00PM-9:00PM