Newsletter Term 2 - Week 8



No. 9

From the Leaders

Bridgey students have been out and about a lot lately. A lot of adults, when looking back on their schooling, will remember the times away from school as their highlights. So it is wonderful to see our students forging their own lifelong memories at recent camps and interschool competitions.

The Year 5/6 Camp recently was a huge success and the kids had a wonderful time at Adare in Victor Harbor. Our Year 3/4's have been on camp at Nunyara yesterday and today, and we are sure they've had a ball.

Bridgey have been taking part in a few different interschool competitions too. Our Knockout Netball team gave their absolute best last week and the soccer team is training hard ready for their upcoming matches. But it isn't just on the sporting field where BPS are competing, we also have a team of senior students taking part in the Adelaide Hills Readers Cup. Competitors read a selection of books and take part in a quiz and performance against other schools.



Readers Cup Team

Whilst the majority of learning happens in the classroom, we are always looking for opportunities to get out and about and do something different. We strive to have something special for all types of students with all types of passions, interests and skills.

WEAR IT PINK

Bridgewater PS is supporting a Wear It Pink Day to help raise funds for world-class cancer research. Catherine has been the driver of this community initiative and we are well on the way to our target of \$500. The money raised will support research focussed on prevention, detection, treatment and stopping the progress and recurrence of breast cancer.

Please support us by wearing something pink and donating a gold coin. We will have pink ribbons available on the day. Scan the QR code on the flyer to get your donation in and/or bring your gold coin on the day.

Liam has pledged to dye his hair pink if we hit our \$500 target!

Our amazing SSO Jill is holding an exhibition of her paintings. It is a beautiful collection of work and we invite you to the opening of the exhibition. Jill's work is stunning and she is exhibiting alongside her sister who has also produced a fine body of work.

You may not realise it, but you have seen Jill's painting already on the walls of the amphitheatre, and on the steps leading into school. We are so proud of Jill and we hope many of you can support her by getting to her exhibition. See back page for all the details on the exhibition.





Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Families,

As part of our Debt Collection policy, I am writing this letter in relation to the 2024 Material and Services Charges of \$ 330.00 per student, which were required to be paid in full by 12th April 2024, or an instalment agreement was to be put in place.

Although regular statements have been sent out, there are still families who have not made any payments and have not set up an instalment plan.

Please contact us, as soon as possible, if you would like to set up an instalment plan or alternatively make your full payment by 21# July 2024.

Our Preferred payment option is via the QKR App, however payment can also be made by:

Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Credit Card or by Bank Transfer to:

BSB: 105-079 Account: 305 113 940 - 'Family Name' fees 2024

If you believe that you may be entitled to School Card assistance please see the front office for a School Card Application Form or apply on line by visiting SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au).

If you have any questions relating to this account please contact our Finance Officer, Christine van Gemert by phone or email dl.0636.finance@schools.sa.edu.au to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Paul Jude Principal

LOST PROPERTY

As the end of term nears, please, please, please check the boxes!

We will have the LOST PROPERTY BOXES easy for you to access near the front entrance during the last week of term.





DIARY DATES Term 2 - 2024 WEEK 9 Mon 24/6 Principal's Tour 9am Mid-Year Intake Transition & Parent Info session 9:00am - 12Noon Tue 25/6 **Knockout Soccer @ Mylor** Selected Students Reader's Cup **PINK DAY Gold coin donation** Thur 27/6 R-6 Incursion - Sticks & Stones Pick up your Pie Drive Order asap when notified please Fri 28/6 **BPS Kindy Visiting WEEK 10 Mid-Year Intake Transition** Tue 2/7 9:00am to 3:00pm Assembly in Gym - 9am Wed 3/7 Hosted by S7 & S8 Thur 4/7 Croissant Breakfast - See below Daggy Day and Fri 5/7 Early Dismissal 2:15pm Term 3-2024 WEEK 1

End of term breakfast!

FIRST DAY OF TERM

OSHC Available - must book

PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 22/7

Join us in the community kitchen
Thursday July 4th from 8am
Everyone Welcome

Parents, carers, grandparents, family and friends. students must be accompanied by adult until 8.30am

cheese & ham croissant \$5
plain croissant \$3
fresh baked muffin choc chip
or blueberry \$3
Hot chocolate \$2
byo keep cup

All orders via QKR by Monday 1st July Please let the front office know of any dietary dietary requirements

Action Research

At Bridgewater Primary School our staff have been conducting some action research with the purpose of improving learning conditions at BPS. Sometimes just a small change can make a huge difference!

Liz, Liam, Meagan, Victoria and myself formed a Wellbeing Group and posed a question around break times and the impact they had upon our children.

Our question stemmed from Victoria, our PE teacher, noting that our children were not ready to learn after breaks, and not always organised to shift to the next lesson easily. She timed each class as they transitioned from play to a PE lesson, they averaged from 6 up to 15 minutes just to move to the gym!

Our question: In what ways do break times impact students' readiness to learn upon returning to the classroom, and what factors contribute to the levels of success during these transitions?

Each day for two weeks, we surveyed three classes after break times. We asked the children questions like:

Did you have enough time to eat?

Was play fun?

Did you get to play with your friends?

Are you ready to learn?

Did you eat all of your food?

Are you still hungry?

We found from the surveys that over half of the kids did not have enough time to eat all of their food, half were not ready to learn after break times, and the majority stated they were still hungry after the break.

As a group, we propose that children be given time after breaks to eat food instead of before play time. This should possibly be managed differently for our very young children, who could have an option to begin eating before the break, and then finish their food after the break.

The calming effect of quietly eating after a break for ten minutes would also give children time to relax after a frantic play and so be ready to learn.

Hilary Agar

CHOIR T-SHIRTS

Please ensure we receive your order and payment by 26th June 2024 - Payments through Qkr! please

Knockout Netball

Last Friday, the Bridgey netball team went to Hahndorf to play in the first round of the School Sport Knockout Netball Competition. We played three tough games of netball in wet conditions against St Michael's, Meadows and Uraidla. We had a versatile team that played well together but unfortunately, struggled with our shooting accuracy and we were unable to convert our goals. It was a wonderful experience for students and we are excited to give it our all again next year.



A massive thank you goes out to our parent volunteers, Chris, Adam and Jen for transporting our students, with an extra shout out to Jen, who stepped in to score all our games. We would also like to thank Lani (2023 Bridgey graduate) for umpiring our games and to our other parents that stopped by to cheer the team on. The knockout competitions cannot happen without the help of parents and volunteers like you and we are extremely grateful for your time and assistance.





Call out to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, neighbours...

CAN YOU HELP US?

Now our Kitchen Sessions have recommenced, we are in need of volunteers to support the program.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact the school:

Phone 8339 1600 or email dl.0636.info@schools.sa.edu.au



Jill's Exhibition



Views of our World

HUGHES GALLERY 5 July - 28 July

Through this collection of stylised and semi-abstract artworks, sisters Jill Halliday and Lesley Stevens explore the varied elements of nature on the landscape, and the rhythms of life, past and present, on the world around them.

Official Opening

Fri 5 July, 6 - 8pm

Exhibition Open

Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm Sat & Sun 1pm - 4pm Sat 27 July 9am - 4pm (MARKET DAY)

HUGHES GALLERY

Fullarton Park Community Centre 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Ph: 8372 5180



Views Of Our World Jill Halliday & Lesley Stevens





Winter adventures at Woodhouse Adventure Park!

Whether the kids are doing the 'Drop & Go' UNPLUGGED program, you're visiting as a family for the day, or settling in for an overnight stay, you can expect memorable screen-free fun at Woodhouse in Piccadilly!

UNPLUGGED features adventures designed to keep primary school kids active and entertained for the whole day... with a different theme daily, always including Challenge Hill obstacle course and Tube Slide (weather permitting). Just \$75 per day (Scout Members save 20%) from 9am to 5pm.

www.woodhouse.org.au

