

Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 10



No. 10

From the Leaders

School holidays are here, woohoo! We hope you have a wonderful time with your family and recharge and refresh. That is particularly important for those families, kids and staff who struggled through the term with illness. It was a hard slog for a lot of people as bugs and viruses seemed to keep coming at us. But we've made it to the school holidays!

We have heard of some great adventures families are off on and we look forward to hearing about those when Term 3 resumes. Whatever you are up to with your kids, have fun and spend quality time together. A lot of parents tell us of their delight to be delivering their kids back to school after the holiday; "They're all yours! I don't know how you do it!". This is of course mainly tongue in cheek, but holidays can be hard work (which is normal and ok); caring for, organising and keeping the kids occupied and entertained, and all the while dealing with work commitments and other pressures life throws at us. Teachers have the benefit of a routine to help kids through the day. We also have to bring an attitude which brightens, not darkens the day and situations. This is not only a professional requirement, but something which also contributes to stronger relationships, higher motivation, productivity and better mental health. It is important the adults in kid's lives model positive and productive thinking for them; and who knows, it might be just the thing to get you through the school holidays!

Why not try playing lots of board game together, or a creative task which stretches over a day or two these holidays. Be present and engaged with your kids; you'll both love it. And it might have the added benefit of stretching the stamina and concentration skills of your child. You might be one of the families who had 'staying on task' and 'concentrating' as your child's goal in their report. It is a common area for growth in our young learners, and it is more and more challenging as the ways we interact change society wide.

Reports

You will have received your child's school report today. This is a mid-year report describing where your child is currently and where they are heading with their learning and disposition. The grades are aligned against the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum for their year level, unless they have a One Plan with negotiated assessment outcomes. Please spend time celebrating your child's successes together!

Staffing Term 3

Lisa (Front Office) has won a School Service Officer position at Heathfield High School, commencing next term. We wish Lisa all the best in this new role and thank her for her contribution to our school. In the short term, we will absorb the front office position amongst our current staff. Ina is heading overseas, so we welcome Leah to our team as Kitchen SSO. Susan will continue as our garden specialist next term.

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Respect



Integrity



Responsibility



Thrive!

Volunteers

We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers and those who have gone above and beyond in our school community recently.



Catherine is always busy working one-on-one, in small groups or in classes supporting learners improve, so we don't know how she also managed to organise such a successful event as Wear It Pink day last week. It was a wonderful sight seeing everyone in pink and it



was a big show of love and support for all those who have been affected by breast cancer. It was a terrific success with \$1246 being raised.



Liam promised he'd dye his hair pink if we raised more than \$500.

We did! And he did!!! Good work Liam.

We've had a couple of camps and an excursion recently. These don't happen without the parents who volunteer to come along. So a huge thank you to Sally H, Kat G and Katie F who all joined us on camps and Ben S, Carly T and Sarah R who joined Studio 1 in the city this week.

The Fundraising Committee have been busy as always. The Croissant Breakfast was delicious, couldn't have happened without the super team and raised \$758. There are many on the committee, and they know we are always grateful. A special thanks to Adam W who cooked a LOT of muffins and organised the majority of food we enjoyed.

Cars vs Kids

A perennial problem around BPS is the congestion of cars at pick-up and drop off because of the limited parking and access for cars. The road set up and parking issues are, despite years of effort, out of our control. What is within our control is the behaviour of drivers and students.

Kids and cars don't mix. We all know this. Kid's safety is our number one priority as a school community. There are some simple, but important things we'd like to see in action;

- ◆ Cautious, slow and careful driving at all times.
- ◆ No parking on the Top Court – many students and families walk across this area.
- ◆ Kerb-side doors used for getting kids in and out of cars.
- ◆ Parking along the road rather than using the neighbour's drive. This often holds up all the traffic behind it on two roads.
- ◆ Cross at the zebra crossing.
- ◆ Cross using the traffic island near the CFS
- ◆ Take extra caution driving through the CFS intersection.

DIARY DATES Term 3 - 2024

WEEK 1

Mon 22/7	PUPIL FREE DAY - OSHC available / bookings essential
Thur 25/7	Knock Out Soccer at Mylor Selected students

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

Tues 6/8	Governing Council 7pm
Thur 8/8	Reader's Cup Performance in Gym 6pm (BPS hosting)

WEEK 4

Wed 14/8	Author Adam Cece visiting
Thurs 15/8	Sticks & Stones—Take 2
Sat 17/8	QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WEEK 5 B O O K W E E K

Mon 19/8	Choir Rehearsal 12-3:30pm
Tue 20/8	Book Week Dress-up Day & assembly ----- Principal's Tour 5:30pm

WEEK 6

Fri 30/8	SACA Clinics
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WEEK 7

Fri 6/9	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Show Day
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WEEK 8

Tue 10/9	Governing Council 7pm
Thurs 12/9	Festival of Music Choir Performance - 11am onwards

WEEK 9

WEEK 10

Fri 17/9	Principal's Tour 9am ----- Daggy Day & Early Dismissal 2:15pm
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Cars vs Kids Continued...

Did you know there is more space down near the gym and oval for parking? You can even arrange to meet your kids at the Compass/Kitchen area or top court for a shorter walk to and from the car.

Does your child walk to Coles? If so, the school holidays might be the perfect time to reiterate some road safety essentials. Why not practice the walk together to ensure students are crossing the road safely. We have had reports of near misses around the CFS intersection, especially when kids cross at the bottom of Morella Grove rather than using the traffic island. The traffic island can feel a bit out of the way, but it was placed there to allow a much clearer view for cars and pedestrians alike.

Another issue after big rain is the famous giant puddle by the train line. We have had reports of children encouraging drivers to drive through it to make a big splash. This is potentially very dangerous as kids get too close to the traffic and cars can easily lose control should they be foolish enough to splash through. Oh, and not to mention deliberately splashing a pedestrian is part of the 'driving without due care and attention to other road users' offense. A fine would be the least of our worries if there were to be an accident!

Please be a safe driver. Please support your child to be a safe pedestrian.

And feel free to write to the council and local MP if you would like to see the roads around our school improved!

BPS Met Gala QUIZ NIGHT!



PRIZES FOR BEST & WORST DRESSED

SAT 17 AUGUST 6-10PM BRIDGEWATER HALL

It's back! Tickets are now open for our annual Quiz Night!

Saturday 17th August, 6-10pm, Bridgewater Hall.

Book in your babysitter, make a table with your friends, and book out a table of 10.

Don't have 10 people? No worries! Book individual tickets and we'll make up a table of 10 on the night!

This fundraiser will help support the school and kitchen garden program.

[Quiz Night- Met Gala theme - Bridgewater Primary School | Humanitix](#)

Booking options:

- \$12 per head - We'll find a table for you.
- \$100 - Book a whole table for 10
- Book a platter.

Licensed bar non alcoholic available.

Bring (lots) of \$2 coins for a chance to win a game.
BYO Snacks but no drinks please.

Enjoy the quiz and help to raise funds for our school.
Donations to our silent auction welcome.
Adults only due to licences.



<https://events.humanitix.com/quiz-night-met-gala-theme-bridgewater-primary-school>

IN THE GARDEN WITH SUSAN

The last Garden lesson of the term was a lovely wind down success for the Children.

A cooking fire was the theme. The children first entered the Garden with the beat of an American Indian drum connecting to the heart beat of the earth and their own hearts, calmly, respectfully sat safely around the fire and brought positive wishes for themselves and the world into the space.



They collaboratively told a story taking turns to add to this adventure. Discussions of the fire; what is safe, what burns well, Eucalyptus oil and many other things occurred

depending on the individual class.

The children were appreciative of the previous class for wrapping their potatoes and kindly reciprocated, counting out and wrapping potatoes for the next class.



The children delighted in eating the baked potatoes and vegan marshmallow treats.

Some classes drew charcoal images, sung a song and others sawed and collected wood, found lizards, helped in the process in setting up and others putting the fire out, packing things away.



I so appreciate your wonderful gifted children, amazing Teachers/SSOs, and fantastic volunteer help. May your holidays be filled with memorable experiences/adventures!

Abundant regards,
Susan Robin-Gadd
Garden Specialist