

Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 2



No. 11

From the Leaders

The cold hasn't stopped a great start to Semester two, although it has certainly made it hard to get out of bed during these first two weeks! It can be hard enough to get back in the swing of school after the break without the cold making it just that little bit more difficult. But the winter temperatures weren't the reason for the extra day of holidays for our students, our staff had a big day of Professional Development. BPS joined with a number of other Hills schools to focus on Wellbeing for Learning and to learn about best practice whole-site approaches for student regulation.

Regulation is the ability to notice and manage your emotions, attention and energy levels to match the demands of a situation. Bridgegy is working hard to develop student skills in building an emotional vocabulary, awareness of internal body sensations (interoception) and how to regulate themselves. Some strategies being used at Bridgegy include brain and movement breaks, learning about and using Zones of Regulation charts and strategies to calm or energise to be ready to learn.

Our goal is to create a safe, nurturing and engaging environment for all our students to thrive in; socially, emotionally and academically. We are working together as a staff to develop a whole school, consistent approach for our students to learn and apply regulation skills and strategies. This is also an opportunity to fine tune a range of whole school 'ways of doing things' and we are seeking feedback, input and critique from our students and families about what is 'The Bridgegy Way'.

Each class already has a retreat/regulation space and we are delighted to have won a \$12,450 grant to help transform the Amphitheatre too!

New Soccer Goals

Winter weekends for many of our families are jam packed full of winter sport! We have strong links with our local sporting clubs and were delighted to partner with the Bridgewater Junior Soccer Club to purchase some brilliant new goals! Pete McLean braved the cold, wet weather to collect and assemble the goals over the holidays and they were a welcome sight for soccer fans and players when school started this term! The U8/9 sized goals are of great quality and will be a feature on match days, soccer practice and playtimes for years to come! Our Student Parliament has been asking for soccer goals for a while, so what better use of Jonah's Governor's Civics Award prize money!

Keep up with all the happenings at the Soccer club here:

<https://www.facebook.com/bridgeysoccer>



Knockout Soccer Competition

See page four for the full match report by Liam, Superstar Coach of the BPS Knockout Soccer Team.

August 2024

Respect



Integrity



Responsibility



Thrive!

Quiz Night Fundraiser

The Quiz Night is imminent and there are plenty of amazing prizes up for grabs! (The BPS Staff team are quietly confident of winning a few of them!) It was a fun filled night last year and we know this year's will be even bigger and better!

Met Gala Quiz Night
Wear something fabulous, or awful or both!

PRIZES FOR BEST & WORST DRESSED

SAT 17 AUGUST 6-10PM
BRIDGEWATER HALL

Booking options:

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

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

Licensed bar non alcoholic available.

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

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

Bridgewater
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again the dedicated Fundraising Committee have put in a lot of hard work to make it happen and we anticipate a good amount of money to be raised. These events and the funds raised are essential to keep our Kitchen Garden program going. A large proportion of the money raised goes towards paying the salaries of our

terrific cooking and garden specialists. One of the most active and key members of the Fundraising Committee has found herself as the beneficiary of her own hard work this term. Leah is stepping into the role of kitchen specialist for five weeks this term whilst Ina is on holiday. She is already proving herself a natural and we love having her as part of the team!

Click on the link below to keep up to date with all that's happening with fundraising and BPS community events...

[Bridgewater Primary School SA Fundraising | Facebook](#)

The Hut Food Drive

Times are tough for many people and families in the Hills at the moment and there is no better organisation offering support than The Hut. The Hut reached out and supported a number of our families late last year and helped ease their financial hardship.

We are asking those who can to help The Hut help those in need this winter. There is a basket for collecting food stuffs for their Winter Food Drive and help fill their Community Food Pantry. Any non-perishable items are welcome. Please drop your donations into the basket by Mr Jude's door in the Front Office.



DIARY DATES Term 3 - 2024

WEEK 3

Tues 6/8 Governing Council 7pm

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

WEEK 4

Tues 13/8 Knockout Soccer @ Campbelltown

Wed 14/8 Author Adam Cece visiting

Sat 17/8 **QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

WEEK 5 BOOK WEEK

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 pm

WEEK 7

Fri 6/9 **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**
Show Day - OSHC Available

WEEK 8

Mon/Tue? Lightning Carnival TBC

Tue 10/9 Governing Council 7pm

Thurs 12/9 Festival of Music Choir Concert - 11am onwards

WEEK 9

Tue 17/9 RAA - Street Smart

Wed 18/9 RAA - Street Smart

WEEK 10

Tue 24/9 3 Way Chat Showcase Night

Fri 27/9 Principal's Tour 9am

Daggy Day & 12:15pm Early Dismissal

WEEK 2 of SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Tue 8/10 Language Alive at BPS
More info to follow



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Banana Dad



Banana Dad, aka Brenton our guitar teacher, performed last weekend in Stirling with his backing The Splits featuring Sonny (S1) on drums and former student Jarvis on bass. There were plenty of Bridgeway kids in the audience and there was a sea of bananas rocking out to Banana Dad's rockin' tunes!



BPS Alumni

We were excited to hear our ex-student Cooper B (Chelsey S2's brother) is a member of the Australian U18 Men's Volleyball team competing in the Asian Championships in Bahrain. Go well Cooper, we are proud of you!

Kitchen Garden Program - Volunteer wanted!

We invite you to come and see what the kids do in our Kitchen and Garden classes, the life-long lessons they learn, and how this program enriches their time at BPS allowing them to thrive in other ways. This program has been an integral part of Bridgewater Primary School for many years. Do come join us!



Kitchen Sessions are held on Wednesdays

Session 1 - 9:00-10:40am

Session 2 11:00-12:40pm

Gardening Sessions take place on Thursdays

9:00am to 3:00pm

If you, or any of your family members, or even your neighbours, wish to volunteer or possibly donate items or excess produce, please contact the school on 8339 1600 or email dl.0636.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

**BRIDGEWATER NETBALL CLUB
REUNION EVENT**

17TH AUGUST 12PM-2PM AT BRIDGEWATER
NETBALL COURTS

**We're inviting all current and ex-players, coaches,
umpires, life members and supporters to celebrate
our club's legacy.**

What to expect

- Free facepainting
- Fun activities for the kids.
- Delicious lunch available for purchase.
- Reconnect with friends and teammates from past and present.
- Watch our current players in action

A chance to win free subs for next year.



**Mt Lofty
Volleyball Club**

**FREE YR 4-6
TRAININGS**

4.45PM TO 5.45PM
MT LOFTY COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

STARTS TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST
(5 WEEKS OF TRAININGS)

COME AND LEARN THE SKILLS OF
VOLLEYBALL IN A FUN AND
FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT! NO
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/QJUVHIMQVU](https://forms.office.com/R/QJUVHIMQVU)



Year 5/6 Knockout Soccer

Match Report by Liam Bucco

Match Report: BPS KO Soccer Team Shines!

After having to reschedule our games due to bad weather, the BPS KO Soccer Team wasn't deterred. The boys had been training hard three days a week during lunchtime, and were ready to show off their skills. Bridgewater was pitted against St. Michaels PS, Aldgate PS and Hahndorf PS, in what was clearly a tough draw.

Game 1: BPS vs. St. Michael's Lutheran PS

It didn't take long for BPS to register their first goal of the day, thanks to some beautiful link-up play from defence to attack, led by Marley, Emerson, Theodore, and Max. Max continued his goal-scoring spree, managing to score some long-range efforts too. Evan had little to do at the back and marshalled his defence with great zest, with Emerson, Marley, and Nicholas forming an impenetrable fortress, conceding only one goal. BPS emerged victorious, 4-1. Goal scorers: Max (4).

Game 2: BPS vs. Aldgate PS

Game 2 was a much tighter affair. BPS conceded early, going 1-0 down, but quickly rebounded to make it 1-1 going into halftime. A quick pep talk by Coach Liam and some tactical substitutions revitalized the team, leading to BPS scoring the next goal to make it 2-1. Sonny beautifully put the ball past the opposition keeper to score his first-ever goal. The midfield pairing of Lachie W and Theodore proved too strong for the opposition, with both boys delivering incredible passes to the speedy wingers Patrick R, Pat M, and substitutes Sonny and Cooper. BPS won 3-1. Goal scorers: Max (2), Sonny (1).

Game 3: BPS vs. Hahndorf PS

The final game was a must-see event. The BPS fans were in full swing, eager to see the boys finish the day flawlessly. The pre-game message was to keep doing the simple things well: get the ball, head up, pass and move. Known for their encouraging nature, co-captains Theodore and Max maintained this from the first whistle to the end. Hahndorf PS showed early that this wasn't going to be an easy game. The boys had to work incredibly hard to break down the opposition to get their first goal. Max netted his seventh for the day, thanks to passing from GK Evan to Nicholas and eventually to Pat M to Max. Some more tactical substitutions gave the BPS bench good minutes. Pat M went on a magical solo run, netting his first goal and BPS' second for the game. BPS won 2-0 and secured a spot in the next round of the competition.

A special mention must go to David, who was a late inclusion to the side. David really stepped up and ran hard to keep the BPS defence strong across all three games. The boys are back in training at school and will play Maitland and St. Francis of Assisi in Week 4 at Campbelltown.



BPS Knockout Soccer Team
Coach: Liam Bucco