

From the Leaders

There was plenty of dressing up for kids and adults this past fortnight! We had a very fun Book Week parade and marvelled at the creativity and quality of the kid's costumes. It is always a joy to see characters from the pages of books come alive, it really is a highlight of the year. A love of literature and the magic of reading is central to a love of learning and is a trait that will stay with our children for their entire life. Books let us escape on thrilling adventures, experience magical new places and build empathy for people from all walks of life. We can experience the richness of all the human emotions and change the way we think and see the world in a new way. Shared stories can help bring us together; kids and adults. The week is a celebration of all that wonder that books bring to our school and our lives. Thank you for embracing it, we hope you enjoyed the assembly and the photos we are sharing in this newsletter.



It wasn't just the kids who had a chance to dress up, parents and teachers put on some flamboyant threads at the Quiz Night! The event was a huge success; fun, friends, trivia, prizes and plenty of laughs! We are so grateful to the dedicated team from the Fundraising Committee who once again pulled together to put on a brilliant event. The purpose of the event was to raise money for the Kitchen Garden Program and it certainly did that, with a whopping \$3300 raised! Thank you to all that joined in or donated a prize! Bravo!!



Top Court Dismissal

Thank you for embracing the changes at dismissal times. The move to the Top Court has allowed much more space and much less congestion as 190 kids try to squeeze down the side of the school and navigate the small flight of stairs. There has been a noticeable improvement to the traffic at the front of the school and with this, fewer kids in and around traffic getting to and into cars.

Our unique layout has always created challenges for a smooth and problem-free pick up and we all endeavour to make this as safe, easy and efficient as possible. One piece of feedback we have had is about parking on the road to the gym which causes difficulties in the flow of traffic heading down, turning at the oval and coming back up. It is a small inconvenience, but an area where improvements could be made. We will monitor this and ask that you be mindful of this challenge too; we are open to suggestions on how to better manage this.

We have had overwhelming positive feedback in our conversations with parents. If you have feedback or suggestions on the change please email: dl.0636.info@schools.sa.edu.au with the Subject 'Top Court Dismissal'.



Student Parliament

It has been a busy time for Student Parliament, they've been quietly going about their work and have achieved a lot.



The CFS visit was a big hit with the kids (who doesn't like fire trucks!) and this was an election promise of the Deputy PM. Ella, our Deputy, was defeated in the PM vote, but PM Annalise supported her in delivering the promise. This is a great illustration of how our Student Parliament works together and considers all voices and ideas. Maybe our Parliaments in Adelaide and Canberra could learn a thing or two from our kids?

A big priority of Student Parliament and our Prime Minister has been to reinvent some spaces in the playground. They have voted to paint more handball courts (this will happen when we get a spell of dry weather) and to improve the soccer goals on the top court (you would have noticed these at pick up time). But the biggest redesigns have been their ideas for the old Birdsnest area and the fenced areas next to it. We have purchased a large outdoor seating and table set to go in the fenced area to provide a calm place to read or draw at break times. The old Birdsnest area is to be transformed into a nature craft space where kids can dig, crush rocks (a Bridgeway tradition!), build with sticks and have mud! Student Parliament are hoping for a donation or a skilled crafts person to help create a mud kitchen. Is this something you can help with? (email jonah.haines959@schools.sa.edu.au if you can!)

The new soccer goals are super popular but Studio meetings and Student Parliament noticed that they were being used by the same people every day. They discussed the problem and agreed that equity of access was important. They had many ideas to solve the problem and decided to trial three different rosters over three weeks and discuss which is best at the next meeting.

Studios also raised the problem of not enough sports balls to use at break times. The students said they aren't looked after well enough so instead of asking for the school to buy more, they decided to ask for donations of old, unused balls from home. Many kids said they have balls sitting around unused at home and so a letter went out to start collecting these. Interestingly, they have reported the donated balls are looked after better than the ones the school bought in the past.

The kids also voted to have a movie for the whole school at the end of each term. They realised this would have to be agreed to by the Senate / Teachers, so it was taken to Staff Meeting and the teachers agreed for this to happen. So, the idea is for Daggy Day to be on the Thursday and then Friday will be a dress in comfy casuals and watch a movie with snacks. Sound like a great way to celebrate the end of term!

DIARY DATES Term 3 - 2024	
WEEK 7	
Fri 6/9	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Show Day - OSHC Available
WEEK 8	
Mon 9/9	Bus Safe Sessions
Tue 10/9	Governing Council 7pm
Wed 11/9	Year 5/6 - Lightning Carnival
Thur 12/9	Festival of Music - Choir Concert - 11am till late
WEEK 9	
Tue 17/9	RAA - Street Smart
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WEEK 10	
Tue 24/9	3 Way Chat Showcase Night
Thur 26/9	Daggy Day - Clean-up Day
Fri 27/9	Principal's Tour 9am Casual Day / Movie Day Early Dismissal 2:15pm
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - WEEK 2	
Tue 8/10	Language Alive at BPS More details on page 4
SIGNIFICANT DIARY DATES For Term 4 - 2024	
WEEK 2	
Fri 25/10	Twilight on the Green TBC
WEEK 4	
Tue 5/11	Rec-Yr2 Excursion
Thur + Fri	Yr5-6 Surf Ed
WEEK 7	
Thur 28/11	Sports Day
Fri 29/11	STUDENT FREE DAY
WEEK 8	
Wed 4/12	EOY Concert
WEEK 9	
Thur 14/12	Year 6 Graduation



Student Parliament Continued...



One consistent request from a studio is for a class pet. Class pets have a lot of paperwork hoops to jump through and are actually very difficult to arrange in schools. Staff are looking at options for the loan of pets, which happened in a few studios last year. But to fill the void, King Jude brought his puppy, Bowie, in for a visit!



Behind The News

Thank you to George Inglis, who arranged for BPS to get the opportunity to be on BTN doing a school shout out! We know a lot of students love BTN and we often hear chatter about the excellent daily short shows. Keep an eye on the weekly full episode for some of our Bridgeway students!



2024 Parent Survey

The annual Parent Survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 8th September. For more information please visit the [department's website](#).

This survey aims to get your views on:

- What we're doing well
- Where we can improve
- What's important to you as a parent/carer.

Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school. You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed.

Please take the time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school. If you cannot find the previously sent link, then please use this one:

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/F1O0svvSAytiBr4L8gl6MA2>

BPS Alumni

Congratulations to ex-BPS student Eva C, who will be competing (running) for Athletics SA and representing the great state of South Australia in the National Cross-Country Championships in Tasmania!

The whole family are all travelling over the ditch to support Eva, and everyone at BPS will be cheering for her too!

It is no wonder Eva is the poster girl for Little Athletics.

If you've been inspired by the Olympics or Eva, why not give Little Athletics a go?



BPS FUNDRAISING

Keep up to date with all that is happening with BPS fundraising / BPS community events.

Click on the link below:
[Bridgewater Primary School SA Fundraising | Facebook](#)

National Tree Day

Adelaide Hills Council, Bridgewater Friends of Cox Creek and Activating Bridgewater invite you to join us for a special day revegetating Cox Creek in Bridgewater Recreation Reserve.

This event offers the opportunity to plant native rushes and sedges along the watercourse to help restore valuable habitat for the local Rakali and other native wildlife, with nature play activities for the children, and special guest speakers.

Participants will also receive a free native plant purchased from Kersbrook Landcare Nursery to take home with them for their garden.

Find all the information here - [Riparian Restoration of Cox Creek in Bridgewater Recreation Reserve Tree Day Site Details \(planetark.org\)](https://planetark.org/riparian-restoration-of-cox-creek-in-bridgewater-recreation-reserve-tree-day-site-details)

Sunday, 08 September 2024 - 11:00am to 2:00pm



Paralympics

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games are taking place between 28 August and 8 September. There will be 4400 athletes from around the world competing in 549 medal events across 22 sports.

We will all be cheering on the Aussies to inspire us, bring home medals and create memorable moments.

Victoria has been introducing our students to some of the Paralympic events in PE. Our kids have played versions of Wheelchair Basketball and Sitting Volleyball.



Languages Alive!

October Program 2024

School of Languages



Join us during the October school holidays at Bridgewater Primary School for Languages Alive!

Discover and learn about new languages and cultures with the School of Languages! Our school will be holding interactive cultural activities for students from Reception to Year 6 where they will explore new languages and cultures! Exposure to learning languages is central to developing cultural understanding in young people. A key aim of all activities will be to provide participants language learning opportunities in a range of languages, including Auslan, Japanese and Indonesian.

Where: Bridgewater Primary School, 46 Morella Grove, Bridgewater

When: Tuesday 8 October 2024
(Registration) 9:30am (Start) 9:45am – 3:15pm

Cost: \$10 per student per day; FREE for School Card/Health Care Card Holders

Register: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive>

For photos from previous events please go to: <https://schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au/>

Please note that all children will need to wear comfortable clothing; including a hat, and bring a bottled drink (water only), a snack and a packed lunch. There will be no catering facilities on site.



REGISTER NOW

Bridgewater CC

Offering U12 Girls team in SGCL Upper Fleurieu competition.



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JOIN IN THE FUN!



Cricket Blast is an energetic & fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, make new friends and play cricket in a team environment!

Bridgewater Cricket Club

Bridgewater Oval
Mondays 5.30pm-6.30pm
-Term 4 only
-Term 4 & Term 1 programs

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PLAY CRICKET



Register now for reception in 2025!



In South Australia, the first year of primary school is called reception. Children who turn 5 years old:

- **before 1 May** can start school in term 1
- **between 1 May and 31 October** can start school in term 3 (mid-year intake)
- **after 31 October** can start the next year.

Children who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Children who start school in a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.



Register your interest for 2025

Registrations of interest are now open to start school in 2025. If your child is starting school in term 1 or term 3, you are encouraged to submit your registration of interest by the end of term 2, 2024.



Scan or click [here](#) for more information

you're invited to
THE HUT COMMUNITY CENTRE'S

Quiz Night

Funds raised help us continue to support the Adelaide Hills Community

Book a table with friends

Silent Auction

BYO Food & Drinks alcohol permitted

Test your knowledge and join us for a fun evening with games, prizes and more!

Friday September 6

7pm - 10pm

please arrive at 6:30pm for an on time start.

Stirling RSL
Merriion Terrace, Stirling

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.

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THIS WEEK
**In the
 Garden**



The weather was lovely and the kids had so much fun in the garden:

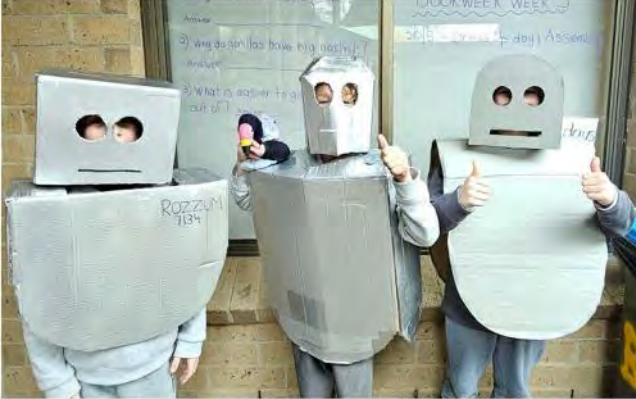
- Exploring textures and using observation skills to create abstract paintings using vegetable dye paint which will be turned into seed packets.
- Learning harvesting skills to present our market stall
- Planting tomato slices to grow our own heirloom tomatoes
- Upper primary worked on preparing and designing their water tank mural and space
- Propagating salvia for the water tank flower garden
- Engineering a water course to fill the pond which they have been working on with Susan, they also completed a log bridge across the water way
- Exploring for overgrown weird parsnips!
- Mulching with the wood chips to fill up the paths





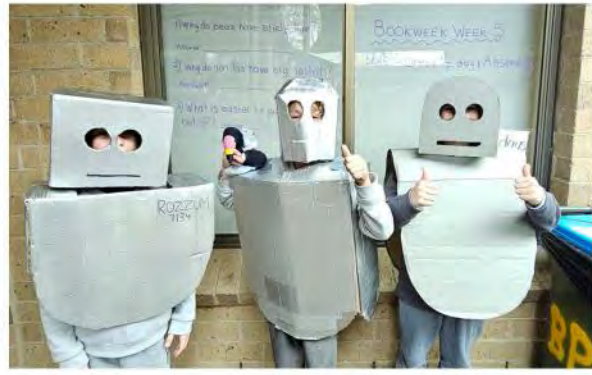
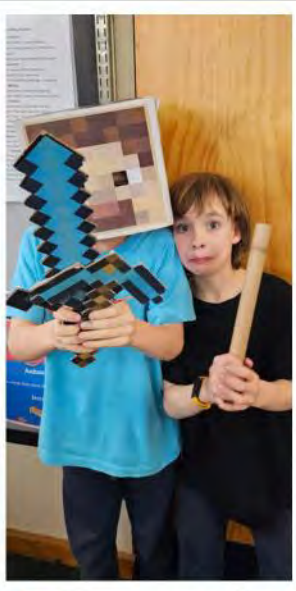
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