



BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1

19 July 2022

WEEK'S EVENTS

Tue 19 - Thu 21 July	Life Education van visiting
Thurs 21 July	Ryde School Spectacular Choir rehearsal – Beaumont Road PS (selected students)
Fri 22 July	SISA K-2 commences

COMING EVENTS

Mon 25 - Thu 28 July	Life Education van visiting
Tue 26 July	Senior Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal (selected students)
Tue 26 July	Arts Alive Drama Rehearsal (selected students)
Thurs 28 July	Ryde Schools Spectacular Boys Dance Auditions (selected students)
Thurs 28 July	Festival of Instrumental Music (selected students)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year. A busy term lays ahead of us once more.

COVID remains ever present in our schools. The department has updated its policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for employees following an independent risk assessment of school (and corporate) settings and consultation with unions and relevant stakeholders. While vaccination will no longer be a requirement for our staff from 1 August 2022, the Department continues to strongly encourage all our staff to keep up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as a way of protecting themselves, students, and our school community.

Cleaning at school remains a high priority, with an increase in cleaning in school hours and a subsequent reduction out of hours. Day cleaning will continue to focus on high touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

Mask wearing is strongly encouraged for at least the first four weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result).

The department will send another round of RATs to our school early this term, which we will provide to families in the form of 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits per student. These RATs can be used as required. Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or PCR tests. Positive RAT results must be registered with ServiceNSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.

Ventilation remains a priority, and teachers are working to maximise natural ventilation whilst balancing thermal comfort. A reminder that any students displaying flu like symptoms will be sent home and parents are asked to keep students at home until they are well again. I understand the pressure that this places on families, however it is important that we continue to remain vigilant, particularly during these colder months. It is hard to believe that 12 months ago we were in lockdown. As we learn to live with COVID in our community it is important that everyone does their bit to get through this time.

We are currently experiencing a significant shortage of casual teaching staff. As our teachers become ill, it is quite likely that classes will be split. Whilst everything will be done to prevent this happening, at times it will be unavoidable.

During the holidays I know several families took the opportunity to come to school and use the grounds utilising the Share our Space Program. The NSW Government is keen to know what you think about using our school through their [ONLINE FEEDBACK](#) form. Now that the program is complete, if you would like to provide some feedback, please do so, following the above link.

Mrs Ward
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust everyone had some opportunity to rest and revive.

As has been mentioned previously, attendance at school is compulsory. If your child is unwell, they are required to stay at home. If your child is absent for more than three (3) days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

COMPASS makes it easy to send an attendance note for an unexplained whole day absence. Please follow the steps below:

ENTER STUDENT ABSENCE

OPTION ONE

Tap on student's photo.

At the top of the page select *approvals*

Go to the bottom of the phone and tap on plus sign located in the blue circle

You will now be able to enter student absence/reason



OPTION TWO

Go to the bottom of the phone and tap on 3 lines (*more*)

Tap on *open* in browser

Tap on *Add attendance note*

You will now be able to enter student absence/reason.

SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Go to the bottom of the phone and tap on 3 lines (*more*)

Tap on *open* in browser

Tap on *send an email*

You will now be able to email teacher

NB. The teacher's reply will go through to your email and not through the Compass app.

ie. You will need to open your emails in your browser.

Just a reminder to only record WHOLE Day absences on the Compass portal. The office will record partial absences upon the student's arrival or departure.

Our primary concern will always be the wellbeing and safety of our students. If any families require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Taylor

Relieving Deputy Principal

OFFICE REPORT

An updated 'Application for extended leave' form is on the school website for all future leave request. You will find the form under the *Newsletters and notes* tab. A paper copy can also be collected from the school office.



CREATIVE ARTS

Rehearsals are on for the rest of this week except Junior Choir.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior choir is cancelled this week due to the Ryde Schools' Spectacular combined choir rehearsal with the Senior Choir.



SENIOR CHOIR

A reminder that our first combined choir rehearsal for the Ryde Schools' Spectacular is on *this Thursday 21 July*. Students should meet Mrs Nylund & Mrs Butler at the

flagpole in the playground at **8:15am** wearing full school uniform. Bring a water bottle, hat, recess and lunch. Students will be provided with song booklets to be used at rehearsal (additional to the ones that have already been issued).

BANDS

Permission notes for Training, Concert and Performance Bands for participation in the Australian Schools Band and Orchestra Festival are on Compass and paper copies will also be issued. Please return as soon as possible to band coordinators or the box in the school office.

Mrs Nylund

LIBRARY

Students have one month left to complete their Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following students on completing their Challenge over the last three weeks:



Harry H KM, Owen L, Shaylin D KT, Eloise S, Stella R 1M, Aalira S, Oscar K, Stella J 2L, Lily G, Zac R 2/3B, Layla S 4S, Cameron S 5P, Jesse W 6C, Adeline M 6L, Catalina N 6S.

Mrs Hunt

SPORT

PSSA - MEADOWBANK PARK

It has been requested that parents **DO NOT** park in the Netball carpark at Meadowbank Park. Around 20 school buses drop off and collected students from this carpark. It is extremely dangerous when students are moving around cars to get to their respective buses. Parents can park in the TOP car park (Constitution Road entrance - behind the tennis courts)



PSSA ROUND 11

Winter PSSA training and matches will resume this Friday 22 July. All game details, match results and competition ladders can be found at:

[Home - Ryde PSSA - revolutioniseSPORT](#)

PSSA LUNCH ORDERS

Please ensure that when ordering lunch orders on Fridays through Flexischools that you click on the **PSSA alert** button. There will be no guarantee that your child receives their hot food order if the canteen has not been advised that they are heading out to PSSA. Buses cannot wait for orders to be filled.



K-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our athletics carnival will take place on **Monday 8 August** at Dunbar Park Marsfield. To help the organisation of the carnival please fill out the event entry form below. This is for students who are turning 8 this year in year 2, and year 3-6 students who will compete for a place at the Ryde Zone carnival. Please fill out by Friday 22 July.

<https://forms.gle/RrhCKogHsntC2mjMA>

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELP REQUIRED

Carnivals can only run smoothly with the assistance of willing parent helpers on the day. The main jobs include: - timekeepers, course set up, judges and marshalling. If you can assist on the day, please email John and Elise McLachlan at: BPPSsports@outlook.com.au. If you have not completed a Department of Education declaration form for *Volunteer & Child-related services* during your time at BPPS, or are unsure, please contact the school office to confirm.



IMPORTANT: There are to be NO dogs brought to the event with spectators.

Mr Smyth

P&C

PARENTS NIGHT - SATURDAY 30 JULY

The P&C is hoping to raise \$25k over the next 3 weeks to go towards our \$100k goal to achieve our two fundraising aims (below) this year.

You can support in two ways: · Buying tickets to 2022 BPPS Parents Night ~ Cocktail Fundraiser on Saturday 30 July. We only have 80 tickets left! Don't miss out, jump on to [Flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au) or the Flexischools app to buy your tickets (\$75 each) by Tuesday 26 July. You'll get a welcome drink, food, and a cracking band for a fun night of dancing playing all classics (Hip Fidelity feat Kathy Barr 2019 Show Reel - YouTube).

From Friday 22 July start bidding in our First Online Auction – over 100 great items to bid on ranging from \$15.00 up. There is something for everyone. The online auction will run for two weeks until Friday 5 August. Keep an eye out for the Compass comms later in the week.

1. Library & Literacy initiative - designed to further encourage and entice the value of reading through the library. We look forward to optimising the library's reading & borrowing areas, resources and combining this with literacy objectives of the school. Stay tuned for finalised plans of what to expect.
2. Continued support for specific educational programs within the school supplemented by our invaluable school learning support officers (SLSOs).

Thank you for your support!

BPPS Fundraising & Events Team

CANTEEN

Mondays: Sushi \$3.70
Tuesdays: Roast chicken rolls \$5.00
Salad boxes with chicken \$5.50
Wednesdays: Chicken and beef burgers
Thursdays: Sushi \$3.70

BUSY CANTEEN – HELP WANTED

The canteen continues to get busier and we need your help!



The new roster for Term 3 is now open. Along with our usual shifts, we've introduced new half day shifts on Thursdays and Fridays to help manage the lunch time rush. There are also Friday afternoon ice block sales shifts available.

To make it easier for our volunteers the canteen roster is now online. If you know you have a free day coming up, jump online and add yourself to the roster.

The roster can be found at or by scanning the QR code: <https://signup.com/go/huwfTkq>



FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

The canteen is open on Friday afternoons from 3:20pm. Come by to get your end of week treats.



