



BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3

6 February 2023

WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon 6 Feb	Kindergarten 2023 commences
Mon 6 Feb	Winter PSSA trials 9:30am-12:00pm
Tue 7 Feb	Winter PSSA trials 9:30am-11:30am

COMING EVENTS

Mon 13 Feb	Meet the Teacher night
Mon 13 Feb	P&C meeting
Mon 20 Feb	School Swimming Carnival (yr 3-6 + Yr 2 (turning 8, 2023))
Fri 24 Feb	Welcome to Boronia Family Picnic

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Today we welcomed 70 new Kindergarten students to our school. As they all walked through the gates, some confidently, some with trepidation, they have all begun a journey which will take them 13 years to complete. One of the greatest gifts a child can be given is a solid education and I look forward to supporting both students and their parents as their exciting adventure begins. Our Kindergarten teachers, Miss Scott (Rel. Assistant Principal ES1), Mrs Parr and Miss Rawnsley conducted Best Start assessments with our new Kindergarten students last week. This assessment has provided the teachers with a clear picture of where all our students will be starting from and enabling the teachers to ensure they meet student needs right from the start. The first few days will be spent settling all children in. Kindergarten parents will receive a letter by the end of this week, confirming who will be their child's teacher for the year.

We have several new and returning staff members this year. Firstly, I welcome Mrs April Butler and Miss Caitlin Rawnsley, who were both permanently appointed to our school on the second last day of school last year. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Hollie Burke, who is returning from maternity leave 3 days a week to take 1H. She will be sharing 1H with another new teacher, Mrs Hayley Watts. Miss Lily Hogan has returned to our school for Term 1 only to work with Miss Brittany Roulston, who is completing practicum requirements in Term 1. Miss Roulston will take over 4R fulltime at the beginning of Term 2. I also welcome new teachers Miss Peyton Kelly, who will be teaching 4K, Miss Jessica Tosswill, who will be teaching 5T and Mrs Vanessa White, who will be doing RFF 2 days a week. Considering the challenges of staffing at the moment, I feel very fortunate that we

have a fully staffed school, and I look forward to the value that all our new staff will bring to our school.

Returning to our staff also this year is Ms Alicia Cheng, who was successfully appointed to the role of Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction at the end of 2022. The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction position is a leadership role dedicated to ensuring that literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills are embedded in curriculum and assessment; high quality teaching practices are enhanced; and the capabilities of middle leaders are strengthened in literacy and numeracy instruction. Miss Cheng will be working across all classrooms, K-6 this year, supporting teachers to implement best practice within the classroom. She will also be presenting parent information sessions around literacy and numeracy at the start of this year. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for further information.

Our Years 1-6 students began last Tuesday, and thanks to firm numbers, we were able to form classes on Wednesday. I am so pleased to see students settling into their new classes so quickly. A reminder that all students should be wearing full school uniform. Uniforms give students a sense of belonging and enhance pride in their school. When variances to the uniform begin to creep into the school, it can undermine what has already been established. Whilst it may not seem significant if your child is not wearing the correct school hat, if it continues with a larger number of children not wearing the correct hat, it can affect the 'tone' of the school. The uniform shop is open every Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Any parents who require financial assistance to ensure your child is in correct uniform, please phone the office to make an appointment with me where all conversations will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Information was sent out last week regarding Meet the Teacher meetings on **Monday 13 February** (NOTE: 6G, will be holding their meeting this Wednesday, 8 February at 5pm in 6G's classroom). I am so pleased to see these presentations return to a face-to-face format and I encourage all parents to take this opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher. During this evening, teachers will try to finalise who will be our class parents for the year. The role of class parent is pivotal in providing parents with a one point of contact for information. Class parents can also help to bring people together and introduce new people to one another. This role can be jointly shared. It is important for all parents to understand, this is a volunteer position and that it is not your only source of information. I ask that any parents interested in the role reach out to your child's class teacher now. There will be class parent meetings occasionally with class parents to ensure everyone is supported.

Mrs Ward

OFFICE REPORT

STUDENT SAFETY

For the safety of our students, especially our new kindy students, please ensure that you close the gate behind you on entry and exiting the school at all times.

SCHOOL BYTES

By now all parents should have uploaded the School Bytes portal. Information on how to record student absences will be sent home today. Please ensure the school has your correct email address on record.

ADVERTISING NEWSLETTER

The Advertising Newsletter is sent home in weeks 3,6 & 9 of each term. If you would like to place an advertisement, the cost is \$20 for a fullpage advert. Please contact the school office on 9817 2778 or via email boroniapk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au at least one week prior (week 2,5&8) if you would like to place an advertisement. Payment can be made via the school website.

BOOK CLUB

Book club magazines will be sent home this week. Order deadline for online orders will be 8:00pm, Sunday 12 February.

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

1. School Bytes parent portal set up note
2. Boys Dance crew (yrs 3-6)
3. Hip Hop Training Crew (yrs 1&2 boys)
4. Meet the Teacher night
5. Recorder Classes (years 2 – 6)

Please note that all notes have been sent home via School Bytes using the email addresses provided to the school.

CLASS PARENT K-6

If you are interested in being a class parent, please let your child's teacher know. The P&C oversee the role of class parents and will assist you with any questions you have.

Parents can nominate on The Meet the Teacher Night or email your child's class teacher before the night to let them know you are interested. More than one parent can be nominated and work together.

CREATIVE ARTS

Best of luck to all students starting instrument tutorials week.



Enrolment application notes for choir, drama, recorders and boys dance should be returned ASAP to the box in the school office.

DEBATING

Year 5 and 6 students interested in being part of our Debating Club will be meeting Tuesday mornings from 8:30am in the library, beginning Tuesday 14 February. *Please note this is a change from the original planning.* Morning meetings will take place in term 1 only.

Students will need to commit to lunchtime meetings in terms 2 and 3. Please return the Expression of Interest note sent home this week to Mrs Hunt. We encourage all students interested to give it a try.



Mrs Hunt, Miss Alcock

HEALTH & SAFETY

The health & safety of our students is always of utmost importance to the Boronia Park School community. As such there are systems and rules in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Before school, at recess and at lunch a student must be able to see a teacher and be seen by the teacher when in the playground. Teachers and School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) wear fluorescent vests so that they can be more easily seen. To ensure that staff can see all the students, the playground play area is to be restricted to visible areas only. This means that some areas are *out of bounds*. These areas are marked, where possible, with double white lines.

Buildings are also out of bounds during breaks. Before school there are 2 staff members on duty, so the play area is reduced in size. The dry creek bed, grass, basketball court and equipment are also *out of bounds* before school so that the 2 teachers can still supervise those that have arrived. At recess and lunch there are three teachers on duty at any one time. During these times these extended areas are now *in bounds* and

students can play in them under the safe supervision of the teachers.

Students are expected to remain in the correct areas for their own safety.

Mrs Simon
WHS Committee

LIBRARY

Welcome back to all students for 2023. There will be a wonderful year of borrowing ahead. Formal library lessons begin this week. Please ensure students always bring a library bag when borrowing. The library timetable for term 1 is:

Mondays: 4K, 4H
Tuesdays: 4R, 1M, 1H, 1LP
Wednesdays: 3B, 5A, 5B
Thursdays: 6S, 6G, KS, KR, KP, 3S
Fridays: 5T, 6L, 2B, 2R, 2L



The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge website gets underway from Monday 27 February. We encourage all students to keep a list of the books they have read over the holidays ready for the launch of the website. More information about logging in will be sent home next week.

Mrs Hunt

MEET THE TEACHER

Reminder that the Meet the Teacher evening is on tonight. Session times as below.

Session times

Classes: 5B, 5A, 5T, 6L, 6S 5:45-6:15pm

Classes: 2R, 2B, 2L 6:15-6:45pm
3S, 3B, 3H, 4K, 4H, 4R

Classes: KS, KP, KR 6:45-7:15pm
1LP, 1M, 1H

P & C Meeting to follow
7:30pm in Library
All parents welcome

Please note 6G parents only – Miss Huggett will be conducting her Meet the Teacher next Wednesday 8 February, 5:00pm-5:30pm in her classroom

Please see below school classroom location map.

Mrs Reynolds

SCRIPTURE

Scripture will begin on Wednesday in week 4. K-2 have their lesson from 11:25am-12:00pm. Years 3-6 from 12:30pm-1:00pm.

New Kindergarten students will have a note in their bag today and it needs to be returned this week.

Each family selects between Special Religious Education (SRE), Non-Scripture and Special Education in Ethics (SEE). Classes for this year have been rolled over from last year, with the exception of SEE. As numbers are restricted in these classes they are closed at the end of each year and those students in non and Ethics reselect. The cut-off date for this was 7 December 2022. If notes were not returned by those non scripture and Ethics students, they have been placed in non-scripture.

I have just received notification that the Bahai community can now provide a teacher. If you are interested in your child being a part of Bahai scripture, you will need to email the school by COB on Wednesday 8 February. If there is not enough interest, we will not run this class and your child will remain in their previously selected class.

Mrs Simon
SRE/SEE Coordinator

SPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 20 February 2023 at Ryde Aquatic Centre for **competitors only**.

For our carnival to run smoothly we are calling on help from the parent community. The main jobs include timekeepers, lifesavers, judges, and marshalling. If you can assist on the day, please email Elise and John McLachlan at: BPPSports@outlook.com.au

Mr Smyth

STAGE 1 (year 1&2) SCIENCE TERM 1 EARTHWORMS

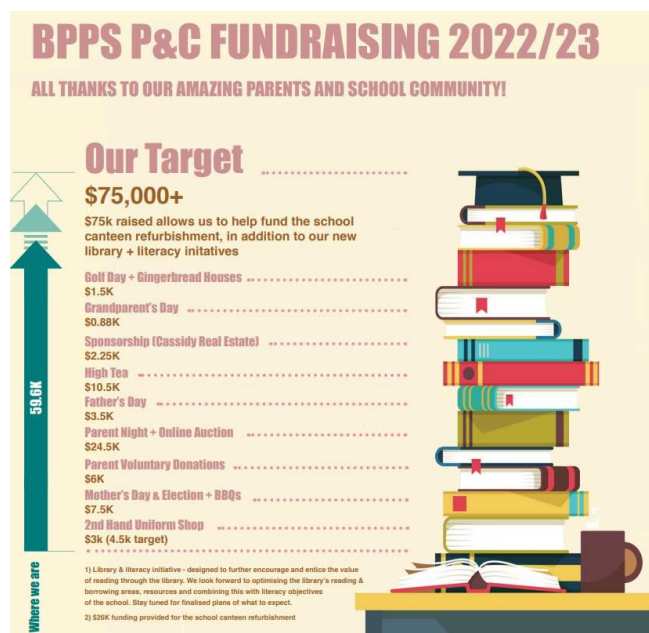
Stage 1 is completing a unit on Earthworms this term. If you are cultivating some healthy Earthworms at your house and would like to donate some for us to study, could you please contact Ms Reynolds.



Ms Reynolds

P&C

The P&C hopes everyone has had a great summer break and is looking forward to the year ahead. Thank you for your support in 2022 - we raised \$59.6k to help fund the school canteen refurbishment and new library/literacy initiatives which you will hear more about this year.



TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

We understand how busy everyone is so here are some important dates to help with planning the term ahead. Put these in your diaries now so you can volunteer, attend or donate some baked goods. Every bit of assistance is very much appreciated.

P & C general meeting	Monday 13 February
School Swimming Carnival	Monday 20 February
Welcome to Boronia Family Picnic	Friday 24 February
P & C executive meeting	Monday 27 February
Class Parents & Volunteer Welcome	Wednesday 8 March
Dads & Kids - Paper Planes	15 or 16 March (TBC)
P & C general meeting	Monday 20 March
Mum's Catch up	Friday 24 March
Election BBQ & Cake Stall	Saturday 25 March

Keep up to date with all P&C events by attending P&C meetings or via the *Boronia Park Public School Community Group* Facebook page.

WELCOME FAMILY PICNIC FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

After the success of the end of year picnic, we are kicking off the year with a *Welcome to Boronia* family picnic from 5:00pm on Friday 24 February. We hope to see you there.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE P&C IN 2023?

If you would like to be involved in P&C events or fundraising, please reach out to Sarah Kay (Kindy & Y3), Claire Bethell (Y2 & Y4) or Nicole Stevens (Y2 & Y4) or via bppspandc.fundraising@gmail.com.

You can also contact the new President, Jessica Collins, via bppspandc.president@gmail.com to get involved in P&C activities.

CANTEEN

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

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new school year. A reminder that orders can be placed in person at the canteen or via FlexiSchools.

Please note that the cut-off time for online orders through Flexischools each day is 8:30am.

Students can continue to place their orders in the traditional way by bringing their order to the canteen by 9:20am each day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Canteen is a great way to see the kids interact with their friends during recess and lunch, meet other parents and support the school. Our roster is looking a bit lonely, so whether it's only for a few hours a month, a few days a year, or end of term BBQ's, your time is greatly appreciated.

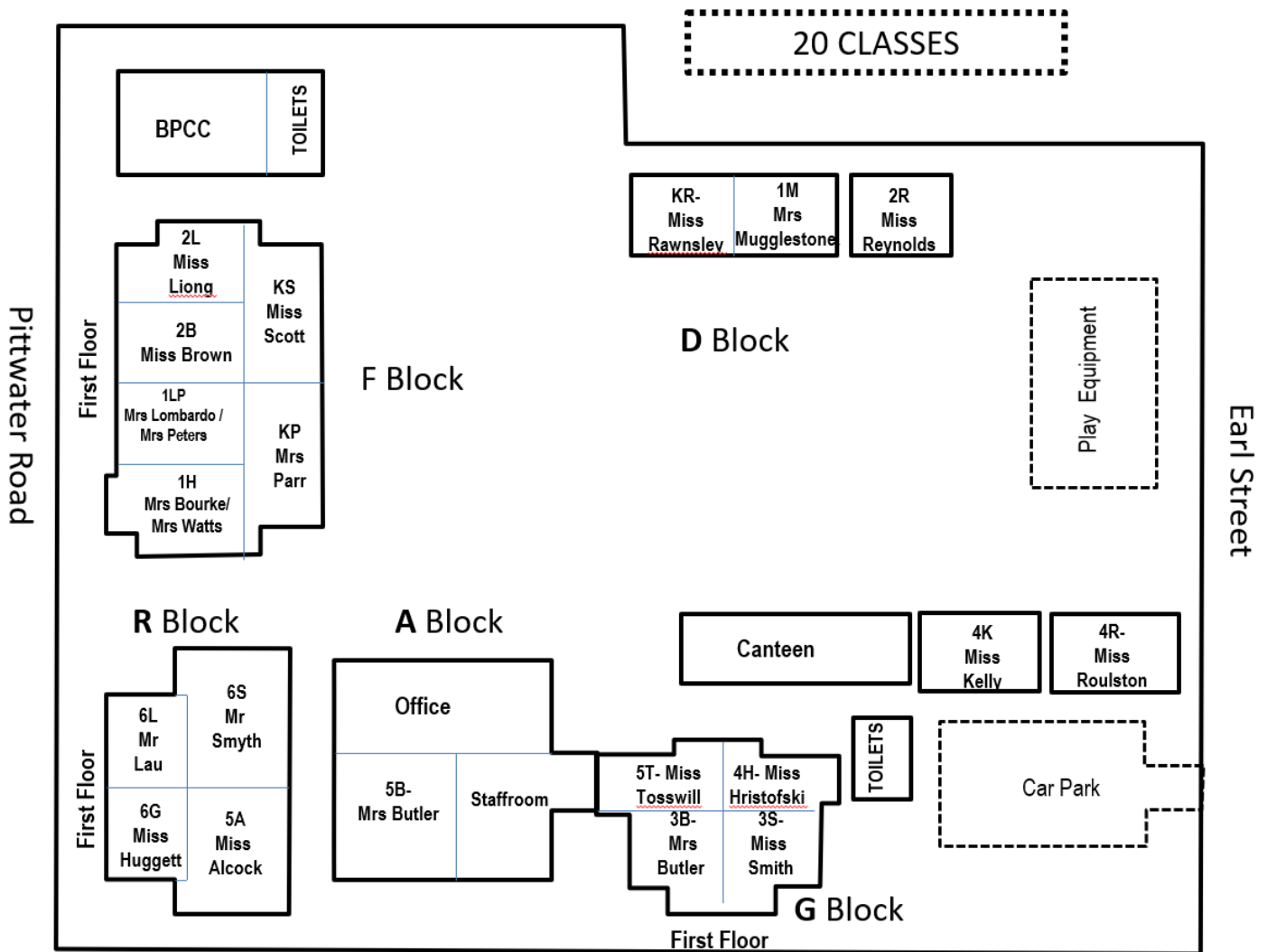


If you're not sure what is involved, don't be shy, pop in and say hi. Sign up link for Term 1 is <https://signup.com/go/SUfDByO>

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

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





BPPS P&C Welcome Picnic

Friday 24th February
5-7pm at School

BYO Picnic Rug, Food and drinks
(inc Alcohol)

Purchase Food from Oregano & Co (Pizza), The Beef Burger, Little Amsterdam (Pancakes & Coffee & Gelato!



Listen to the school choir !

Rock out to our very own parents
band ' The Hunters Hill Collectors'

We hope to see you there 😊

Help keep the school green & clean, please don't bring
Glass & take your own Rubbish home.
Thank you