



BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 8

13 March 2023

WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon 13 March	Combined Zone Basketball trials (selected students)
Mon 20 March	7:00pm (new time) P&C General Meeting - library
Tue 14 March	Parent Information night - Literacy - 5:00pm-6:00pm 5A/6S
Tue 14 March	Welcome meeting for class parents - 6:00pm-7:00pm
Wed 15-Fri 24 March	NAPLAN (years 3&5)
Sat 18 March	Band Weekend Workshop

COMING EVENTS

Tue 21 March	Parent Information night - Numeracy - 5:00pm-6:00pm 5A/6S
Thurs 23 March	Area Swimming Carnival – selected students

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN begins this week for Years 3 and 5, on Wednesday 15 March. This is the first time that NAPLAN will take place in Term 1. NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time. There are four assessments in total that students will complete- Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Writing will be the first assessment for both grades. I encourage all students to try their best, however it is only one assessment and does not replace all the other assessments that also take place in our classes daily. If a child is absent for an assessment, where possible, the school will try and arrange for missing tests to be completed, however there is a very tight 9-day test window for assessments to be done in, and they must be completed in order.

Tomorrow night is our Literacy Parent Information evening. It will take place 5:00pm-6:00pm in 5A and 6S classrooms (bottom storey of building closest to entry gate on Pittwater Road). This presentation is targeted for all parents, K-6 and will go through how reading and writing are taught in the classroom and what strategies can be used at home to support your child to further develop their skills. I encourage all to attend this important event. Next Tuesday night, Tuesday 21 March, 5:00pm-6:00pm, there will be a Numeracy Parent Information session. The presentation will be a similar format; however, the focus will be on Numeracy. Again, this would be beneficial for parents K-6.

Information will be sent out today regarding Parent Teacher interviews in Week 10, starting Monday 27 March. Parents will be provided directions on how to book in for your child's parent teacher interview. All interviews will be face to face, there will be no zoom interviews. Parent teacher interviews are an opportunity for parents and teachers to come together to share information on a student, to identify progress to date and to develop a clear understanding of future goals. I encourage all parents to book a time. Interview times are limited to 15 minutes and teachers run to a very tight schedule. Please ensure when you book your time that you are able to arrive on time.

The Buddy Easter Hat Parade save the date note will be coming out this week. The long-awaited return of this event is wonderful to see. I hope to see many parents attend on *Thursday 6 April*. More details, including the time of the parade will be sent out next week.

Mrs Ward

OFFICE REPORT

CANTEEN - STUDENT ASSISTANCE

If you have recently received a fee request for payment reminder for emergency lunch supply from the school canteen, prompt payment would be appreciated.



NOTES SENT OUT THIS WEEK

1. Year 6 commemorative Hoodie
2. 2023 Moving to high school – important information

CREATIVE ARTS

Band and choir rehearsals are on as usual this week.

DRAMA ENSEMBLE

Drama group lessons start this Wednesday 15 March 3:30pm in the library. Students are reminded to hang school bags on the hooks outside the library to avoid creating a tripping hazard. We are looking forward to a very creative time!

RECORDERS

Recorders have started the year enthusiastically. All communication will be via bandforte so please ensure you are receiving emails from the system and check spam folders if you have not seen an email from Jackie in recent weeks.

Please ensure all students have their name on their recorder and a thin plastic sleeved folder for storage of music. If your child can't make it to rehearsal, please email Jackie to let her know or text on the morning of rehearsal. Jackie's contact details are brightonjk23@gmail.com or 0419 414 915. Jackie will be marking a roll at each group lesson.

Festival recorders are well on the way to learning the wonderful music for their performance at the Opera House on Friday 16 June. This year the music includes two old favourites; March Militare and Singing in the Rain as well as a brand new composition for the festival called The High Road.

RED RECORDER GROUP 8:45am Wednesdays in 1H

FESTIVAL RECORDER GROUP 8:30am Thursday morning in 1LP.

Please contact Mrs Jackie Brighton if you have any queries: 0419 414 915.

Mrs Nylund

HARMONY DAY

Boronia Park PS will be celebrating Harmony Day on *Tuesday 28 March*, an opportunity to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. The central message for Harmony Day is that *everyone belongs*. Teams of Year 6 students will be taking each class on a journey on Harmony Day. Students from K-5 will be exploring a country and discovering how people live in other parts of the world. The presentations are based on some of the birth countries of Boronia Park students including India, Cambodia, Ireland, Brazil, China, Indonesia and many more. Students will also be learning about the Wallumedagal people, our local Aboriginal tribe and custodians of our land.

Students across the school may wear mufti for the day (with a touch or lots of orange), national/traditional dress or a guides, scouts or Red Cross uniform along with a *gold coin* donation (the smaller the better!) and beautiful manners. The proceeds will be donated to the Mahoni School in Ethiopia, through the Ethiopian Enterprises foundation. <http://ethiopianenterprises.org/>

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

LOCKOUT DRILL

All schools must conduct emergency procedure drills throughout the year. These drills ensure that everyone understands the procedures and reduces panic if a real situation happened to arise.

This week we will be conducting a lockout drill. Lockouts are when we wish to keep students away from something, for example if there was a medical emergency in the playground and we did not want the students to witness treatment. It may be called if there is a bad thunderstorm and students needed to be protected from lightening. Students cannot leave the room during a lockout.

A bell will ring with a beeping sound and an announcement will be made stating that it is a lockout. Doors will be locked and blinds pulled down, but classes will continue with normal classroom activities throughout a lockout situation.

Mrs Simon
Health & Safety Committee

LIBRARY

Congratulations to the following students on completing their Premier's Reading Challenge last week:



Anya B, Flynn T, Tyson B KP, Mila O KS, Nicholas V 2L, Jamie H, Leah R, Mia K, Oscar K, Rafael F, Sophie P, Tilly S 3B, Aden B 3S, Abby W, Airlie R, Angus F, Bronte P, Gabrielle K, George M, Harley J, Harrison W, James P, James V, Lily G, Maahi M, Maddie T, Odyssie G, Otis V, Sophie K 4H, Aalira S 4K, Annabel O, Imali B, Rishi P, Zac R 4R, Alex C, Chloe B, Jack S, Jessica A, Lucinda C, Poppy S, Rohan M, Roy S, Sienna T 5A, Andrew A, Bay H, Charlie P, Chloe A, Gui M, Jesse D, Jessica C, Keira H, Kiera F, Lachlan K, Laurent Y, Liam J, Luca C, Mia K, Oliver S, Oscar N, Rebecca B, Sebastian P, Sebastian S, Tilly B, Valentin D 5B, Alex T, Grace C 5T, Elyana A 6S, Lilyana K, Olive G 6G.

Mrs Hunt

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place in week 10 (27-31 March 2023). A note has been sent out today via School Bytes with all relevant information regarding booking an appointment through the School Interviews website. Bookings will open Thursday morning, 16 March at 9:00am and close on Thursday 23 March at 3:00pm.

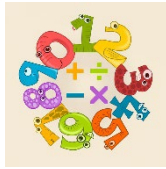
Interview timeslots will be 15 minutes.

Miss Smith

Pi DAY

PI DAY – LUNCHTIME COMPETITION

International Pi Day π is Tuesday 14 March. This is not a pie eating competition but instead, a special day in mathematics for students to memorise as many digits as possible (3.1415... etc) and recite them in front of a live student audience. The competition will be held during lunch under the COLA. Interested students can register with Mr Lau today. All students are invited to watch the competition. Time to start memorising. Best of luck!



Mr Lau

SPORT

ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our zone swimmers. CHAMPION school 2023!!



Sydney North swim championship is set for Friday 24 March @ SOPAC. Students selected would have received their permission note already. If not, please see Mr Smyth. All notes need to be signed prior to the carnival date.

Congratulations to Flynn C-G who was crowned zone junior boy champion.

CONGRATULATIONS AREA SWIMMERS

Finley B, Grace C, Lily C, Flynn F-G, Kiera F, Layla H, Harrison H, Evie H, Luella H, Ameila Mc, George M, Ally N, Chloe P, Elliot R, Hayden R,

PSSA

Results can be found on the Ryde Zone website.

COMBINED ZONE BASKETBALL

We wish Ollie S. all the best as he trials for the combined zone team today at 1:30pm.

SYDNEY NORTH TOUCH TRIALS

We also wish Bronte N the best of luck trialling for Sydney North touch today.

Mrs O'Brien and Mr Smyth

SRC SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

We are excited to share with you that our school is participating in a pilot looking at how to embed sustainability into schools.

In 2022, the Department of Education launched [Our Commitment to Sustainability](#). This pilot will help inform the first goal of embedding sustainability into school practice. As one of twenty schools participating in the pilot, we have the opportunity of shaping the overall sustainability program that will be rolled out across the state in 2024.

Over the next 12 weeks, we will be working through a series of activities focused on waste and litter reduction and using an online tool to capture and track our progress and achievements.

So far we have trained our lead teacher/s and students driving the initiative with the support of DoE's environmental education centres staff.

We will be doing a school waste and litter audit which will demonstrate what we could be recycling that currently goes into landfill. We will then develop a Waste Reduction Action Plan which will help us increase our recycling and decrease our waste. As part of this, we will be installing new bin infrastructure across the whole school.

Why WASTE?

The impact of reducing litter and waste are immediately obvious.



As part of the NSW Government's *Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041*, targets of 80% average recovery rate from all waste streams by 2030 have been introduced and the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 2030 needs to be halved. Under this, schools are subject to mandatory waste separation practices from 2025.

So there is no time like the present to act now and get on the front foot!

We will have access to DoE environmental education teacher support for our school on this journey and new teaching and learning materials and staff training that have all been adapted to the NSW Curriculum, enhancing the teaching and learning experiences at our school.

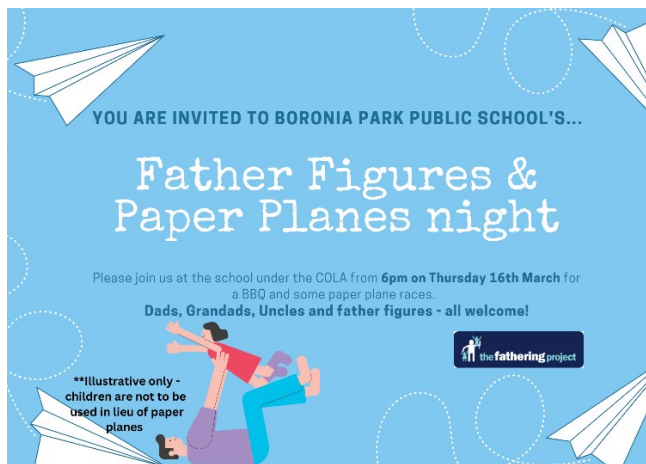
Ultimately, the sustainability program will look at more than just waste. A similar program that has been running in Victoria, has saved more than \$41 million on bills, planted 5,271,038 trees, saved more than 118,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, diverted 194,000 cubic metres of waste from landfill and saved 1,884,783 kilolitres of water.

Miss Smith, Miss Huggett and the SRC

**FATHER FIGURES AND PAPER PLANES
THURSDAY 16 MARCH 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

The BPPS Dads' & Father Figures event will be held this Thursday evening under the COLA. We'll have a BBQ sausage followed by paper plane making and decorating. Dads, granddads, uncles, father figures, BPPS kids and siblings all welcome! Remember to bring a pencil case to decorate your planes.

Help needed! We need about 4 – 5 dads from around 5:00pm for table set up & to manage the BBQ. Please RSVP to bppsdadsgroup@gmail.com if you can help and for catering purposes (particularly if you require a vegetarian option).



**MUMS' & MOTHER FIGURES NIGHT OUT FRIDAY
24 MARCH**

With an overwhelming demand for tickets, our friends at Boronia Kitchen are excited to activate *The Laneway* and increase capacity to 140 guests. This means we have 30 more tickets available! Enjoy a fantastic evening listening to Tim Conlon, eating the delicious food specially prepared by Chef Simon, catching up with friends and meeting some new ones. This is also a great opportunity for BPPS to show our support to Simon and his team who have generously donated to our school for many years.

Don't miss out! Book your tickets

<https://BPPSMums2023.eventbrite.com.au>



**ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL SATURDAY
25 MARCH**

The P&C organises and runs the very popular *BPPS BBQ and cake stall* for the community to enjoy while voting. This event is as much about fundraising for the school as it is about giving back to the local community. The event raised \$5.5k last year which went towards vital support for our children and school.

We are in need of volunteers to help set up/pack up, cook snags, sell food and/or bake cakes or cookies. It's a fun day and all help is very much appreciated - you can sign up via the following link:

[BPPS Election Day Cake Stall & BBQ — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

**SAVE THE DATE – DADS'/FATHER FIGURES &
KIDS CAMP**

This will be the 4th Dads'/Father Figures and kids camp and is always a highlight for BPPS families. It will be held at Del Rio Riverside Resort, Wisemans Ferry on Friday 15 & Saturday 16 September. Come for one or both nights - the cost is roughly \$75 per night for a campsite (or if you don't like camping come anyway and book a cabin!).

Book directly with Del Rio on 02 4566 4330 or email them at visit@delrioresort.com.au. Our reference number is 131215 and please let Tom Hollings know when you've booked by emailing bppsdadsgroup@gmail.com.

Lock it in the diary, book and pay so you don't miss out!

**LIKE PLANNING AHEAD? TERM 2 & 3 IMPORTANT
P&C EVENT DATES**

Friday 12 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday 26 May	Parent's Night - Annual Fundraising Event
Wednesday 21 June	State of Origin Dads & father figures catch up.
Friday 1 September	Father's Day Breakfast
Saturday 9 September	Annual High tea