

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back everyone to the 2022 school year especially new families to the school. I hope you had the opportunity to relax over the summer holiday, recharge the batteries and spend some quality time with those you care the most about. I hope you survived and are, surviving the hot weather. The weather is a good reminder why we need all students in the school bucket hat. It is joyful to see our students engaging with teachers and each other and beginning the next chapter in their educational journey. We will be continuing to focus on ensuring all of our students have the opportunity to Be, Think and Grow.

The school year has commenced very smoothly and I hope knowing class placements in 2021 assisted with this, and reduced student's (and parents) anxiety over the holiday period. I need to acknowledge the hard work of my teaching and office staff in making this happen. I would like to thank the BPPS community once again for your support, patience and understanding as we navigate the directives coming down from the Health and Education Departments. We will do our best to keep you informed and how they will impact BPPS.

Our focus is on maintaining face to face teaching and ensuring we keep students and staff as safe as possible. We have detailed plans in place if we do have to move to 'distance learning'. Parents can assist us with this planning by making sure:

- 1) you have access to SeeSaw (please see your class teacher)
- 2) your child /children have access to SeeSaw and
- 3) your mobile phone numbers, email addresses etc that the school has are up to date.

To ensure the school continues to operate with minimal disruption, the Department of Education has:

- given direction in respect to mandatory vaccination requirements for staff and visitors to school sites
- given direction in respect to wearing masks
- provided our school with a ventilation plan to ensure appropriate air flow
- Increased the amount of cleaning done in the school
- encouraged social distancing
- supported the implementation of good hygiene practices.

To assist in reducing interaction across year levels and to meet new directives from the Department of Education, we need to make some changes to current practices.

Current guidelines for parents on school sites are:

- Parents can enter school sites
- Parents must wear a mask on the school site (unless they have an exemption)
- Parents are not to congregate on the school site and need to enter and exit as soon as possible
- Parents cannot enter classrooms

To date, parents at BPPS have been fantastic in following these guidelines and we appreciate your support.



Office Hours

Mon - Thurs - 8.00am -4.00pm Friday - 8.00am - 3.00pm

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31st Jan – 8th April Term 2: 26th April – 1st July Term 3: 18th July – 23rd Sept Term 4: 10th Oct – 15th Dec



DATES TO REMEMBER

School Development Days
Term 2: Friday 3rd June

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School Hours 8.30am - 2.30pm Recess - 10.40am - 11.00am Lunch - 1.00pm - 1.30pm

Three Way Conferences Teachers/Parents/Students 30th March 2022





From the Principal's Desk

<u>Assemblies</u> We will not be holding any face-to-face assemblies as directives only allow us to meet in groups no bigger than a class size and parents are currently not allowed to attend assemblies.

We will move to conducting weekly PA assemblies. Winners of Merit and Value awards will be acknowledged at these assemblies, but awards will be handed out in class. Our Student Councillors and Faction Captains will run the PA assemblies. We will also continue the acknowledgement of country and sing the national anthem and school song. At this stage no class items will occur.

<u>Parent Information</u> sessions planned for Week 3 Mon 13th Feb – Thur 16th Feb will go ahead but not face to face. Class teachers will send out information in either hard copy, Seesaw or email etc.

Once you have received the information please feel free to contact the teacher (through email or SeeSaw is preferred) with any questions.

<u>Three Way Conferences</u>. We will again be conducting these sessions in 2022 to inform parents about how their child / children are progressing. These are planned to occur on **Wednesday 30th March**. Like last year, the school will close at 10:40am so staff can **contact all parents by either phone, Zoom etc** (more information to follow shortly on the communication platform). There will be no face to face meetings at this stage. Meetings will run until 6:00pm.

It is expected that all students will be collected from school at 10:40am on this day.

Parents will be able to book a ten minute session online (like last year), with their child's teacher. Teachers will provide a brief update on your child's progress to date, focussing on Literacy, Numeracy and social skills. Feedback from last year's meetings from parents and staff was very positive. Whilst it will be in a different format in 2022 due to current COVID guidelines, we are hoping for the same outcome.

Our Business Plan focus areas for the next three years are Digital Technology, Student Achievement and Quality Teaching. We have already commenced implementing some of the planned strategies.

A reminder that if you have a concern about your child, the first point of contact should be your child's teacher. If you are unhappy with the outcome, you second step is to contact the Deputy Principal aligned to that year level:

Kindy – Year One Mrs Millwood

Year Two – Year Four Mrs Avery

Year Five – Year Six Mrs Bachman

If an appropriate outcome not achieved, you may make an appointment to see myself, Wayne Walpole

Cross Walk Attendants

A reminder to all parents that the crosswalk attendants are there to ensure the safety of students and parents. We strongly encourage you to cross at the manned crosswalks and not cut across the road. Using the crosswalk models positive behaviours to our students.

To ensure the safety of all parties, please make sure when you are driving that you do not cross the white lines marked on the road or commence moving until the attendants have completely exited the road.

We appreciate your support in keeping all members of the BPPS community safe. If you are interested in becoming a cross walk attendant, please see the information contained at the end of the newsletter.

Have a wonderful fortnight, stay calm, stay safe and in the current climate be prepared for change.

Regards Wayne Walpole Principal



Bletchley Park Primary School Term ONE Planner 2022

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School Hours
8.30am – 2.30pm

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8.15am – 4.00pm
Friday - 8.15am – 3.00pm



Term ONE - 2022

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|--|
| | 24 Jan Admin Return | 25 Jan Admin Return | 26 Jan Public Holiday | 27 Jan School Dev Day Teacher/Admin Return | 28 Jan School Dev Day Teacher/Admin Return |
| 1 | 31 Jan | 1 Feb | 2 Feb | 3 Feb | 4 Feb |
| 2 | 7 Feb | 8 Feb | 9 Feb | 10 Feb | 11 Feb |
| 3 | 14 Feb PAT Testing On Entry | 15 Feb | 16 Feb | 17 Feb | 18 Feb |
| 4 | 21 Feb On Entry PAT Testing P&C AGM | 22 Feb | 23 Feb | 24 Feb | 25 Feb Senior Awards |
| 5 | 28 Feb On Entry | 1 Mar | 2 Mar Staff Meeting | 3 Mar | 4 Mar Junior Awards |
| 6 | 7 Mar Public Holiday | 8 Mar On Entry | 9 Mar | 10 Mar | 11 Mar Senior Awards |
| 7 | 14 Mar School Board Meeting | 15 Mar | 16 Mar Staff Meeting Yr 6 incursion | 17 Mar Yr 6 incursion | 18 Mar Year 6 Summer Carnival Junior Awards |
| 8 | 21 Mar | 22 Mar Harmony Week | 23 Mar | 24 Mar | 25 Mar Ride to School Day Harmony Week |
| 9 | 28 Mar | 29 Mar | 30 Mar 3 Way Conference Parent/Teacher/Student | 31 Mar | Senior Awards 1 April Year 2 Excursion Junior Awards |
| 10 | 4 April | 5 April | 6 April | 7 April | 8 April Senior Awards |

COVID Information for our Community

This page is dedicated in providing information for our BPPS community.

WA Government Information Websites

COVID-19 coronavirus (www.wa.gov.au)

WA Health Department Website

COVID-19 (coronavirus) (healthywa.wa.gov.au)

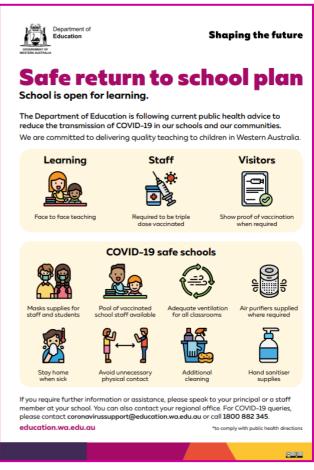
If you need advice or support for your child's education due to COVID-19, your school or Education Regional Office is best placed to assist you. There are 8 Education Regional Offices throughout the State and you can find the one for your school by looking up the school's name on Schools Online.

If you need help with a health-related matter, please contact the WA Department of Health on 1800 020 080 or visit health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

You can also call our Parent COVID-19 helpline on 1800 882 345 between 8.00am and 4.00pm weekdays or email CoronaVirusSupport@education.wa.edu.au

COVID-19 vaccine information in your language | Australian Government Department of Health

We will endevour to keep our community updated as quick as possible through Facebook, Seesaw, Newletter and Email.





Community Information

Bikelinc Australia is a great way to register your bike, helps to reduce bike theft and return bikes to their righful ownere.

Click of link belor for more details https://bikelinc.com.au/



Bikelinc connects you, your bike, police & the cycling community.

Traffic Wardens

The Childrens Crossing Unit is looking for new Traffic Wardens, if there are any parents/grandparents interested in becoming a Traffic Warden please contact the Childrens Crossing Unit on 6274 8731

This is a two hour per day paid employment, great for retirees wanting some extra cash.

Parents and Carers

As of Friday 11th February 2022 we will no longer have a Traffic Warden along Balfour Street There is no replacement at the stage due to the shortages of Traffic Wardens. Please be vigilant while crossing the road with your children and if there are any children coming to school unattended please let them know that there will be no Traffic Warden attendant to assist them in crossing the road along Balfour Street. Please encourage them to follow all road rules and be safe while crossing the road at all times. Your cooperation in the matter is muchly appreciated.





Helping Hands









Library 2022

Welcome Back everyone

This week the students will start borrowing books so please remember your library bag.

We now have a new library system called Oliver v5 and you will be able to access it from home too. This means the students can search for books they may like to borrow.

Please feel free to click on the link below. Each class will be shown over the next few weeks during their library time.

bletchleyparkps.softlinkhosting.com.au

There's no place like the library

We have some exciting displays

Happy Chinese New Year - Year of Tiger Noongar Seasons and we are currently in Bunura season A very Hungry Caterpillar in the picture book area.

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Mrs Isgar









PSC Information

The Bletchley Park P&C - Join us in 2022...

The Bletchley Park Primary School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is a small group of parents and staff who volunteer some of their time, skills and talents to support our amazing school. Our meetings are held once a term on a Monday evening in the Staff Room.

All parents are encouraged to be involved in the P&C – we're a friendly bunch and more ideas and more parents working with the school means greater contributions from the P&C for the benefit of all students.

The P&C asks for a small contribution each year from families attending Bletchley Park and holds fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for spending on facilities and equipment for the school.

Some of our fundraising events last year included our Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls, a Hair Accessories Stall, a Cookie Dough fundraiser, themed Dress Up Days and our ever-popular School Disco.

Significant projects we supported in 2021 included supporting the purchase of ICT and the school chaplain to be at school for an extra day each week.

Last year our P&C raised over \$19,000 thanks to our volunteers and the support and participation from our students and families.

We have some exciting new projects to fund and some great events in mind for 2022, so if you'd like to be part of the committee, please come along to our AGM.

Monday 21st February at 7:00pm in the school staff room.

Parents attending will need to wear their mask and social distance.

We look forward to welcoming more members of our school community into the Bletchley Park P&C.

If you have any questions about the P&C in the meantime, please feel free to contact our President, Darren Warrick on 0433 546 051 or at darren.warwick@shi-g.com





School Health Nurse - 2022

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Shabnam and I represent the Canning School Team, comprised of five Community Health Nurses.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, we can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact us on 9258 8053.

Community Information

