

Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to the 2023 school year; I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. School commenced very smoothly at BPPS on Wednesday 1st of Feb. Thanks to the BPPS community for their support, patience and understanding, especially families who had students in our younger years and our new kindergarten students and families. As the weeks have progressed, the students have settled well into their classroom environments. We continue to focus on ensuring all our students have the opportunity to Be, Think and Grow.

Thank you to the parents who have purchased iPads for their Year Five child, we have had well over a 90% uptake. Having BYOD at BPPS is new, so like you, we are learning a lot and having to make adjustments as we go. We thank you for your patience.

It is great to see so many students in uniform and wearing the school bucket hat which forms part of the schools Dress Code Policy. We currently have a focus on ensuring all of our students are in uniform and more specifically the school hat. We appreciate your support and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Over the holidays we had a further staff change with Mrs Lia Long transferred to another school. Lia was one of the foundation staff members and had a positive impact on the school, students, and parents' lives. We wish her well on her new adventure.

Following from above, I would like to welcome a number of new staff to BPPS who are settling in very well. Welcome to Chelsea Hackett (Yr 1 LA 3), Keeleigh McCauley (Yr 1 / 2 LA 4), Amie Fuduric (Yr 2 LA 9), Georgia Magill (Yr 5 LA 22) and Joshua Forrest (Yr 6 LA 32). Join me in making them feel welcome to the BPPS community.

I would also like to welcome back Sarah Sims (Yr 4 LA 20), Jaimi Dent (Yr 2 LA 11), Natasha Domoney (Yr 2 LA 12), Donna Bumbak (Education Assistant) to BPPS.

<u>Parent Information</u> sessions are planned for Week 3 Mon 13th Feb – Wed 15th Feb for most of our classes. This will give parents the opportunity to meet teachers and receive an overview of how the classroom will operate. Parent Information sessions will commence at 2:45pm in your child's classroom.

The schedule for meetings is below:

Monday 13th Feb Pre Primary and Year One parent meetings Tuesday 14th Feb Year Two and Three parent meetings Wednesday 15th Feb Kindy, Year Four and Five parent meetings

*Year Six and LA 4 meetings have already occurred

*Students will be supervised by other members of staff during meeting times.

Our Business Plan focus areas for the next three years are Digital Technology, Student Achievement and Quality Teaching. We have already commenced implementing the 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, your second step is to contact the Deputy Principal aligned to that year level:



Office Hours
Mon/Thurs - 8.00am - 4.00pm
Friday - 8.00am - 3.00pm

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: 1st Feb - 6th April Term 2: 24th April – 30th June Term 3: 17th July – 22nd Sept Term 4: 9th Oct – 14th Dec



DATES TO REMEMBER

School Development Days

Term 2: Friday 2ndJune Term 3: Monday 4th Sept Term 4: Friday 10th November

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

Students Last Day for 2023 Thursday 14th December

Students First Day for 2024 Wednesday 31st January



Kindy – Year One Miss Steel
Year Two – Year Four Ms Salamon
Year Five – Year Six Mrs Bachman

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

<u>Three Way Conferences</u>. We will again be conducting these sessions in 2023 to inform parents about how their child / children are progressing. These are planned to occur on **Wednesday 29th March**. Like in previous years, the school will close at 10:40am so staff can meet face – face with parents and students (more information to follow shortly on the booking process). 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 previous year's meetings from parents and staff was very positive.

A reminder that students should not be at school prior to 8:15am. If students do come before this time, they need to go to the UCA. All school equipment / playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school. Your support is appreciated.

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

Regards Wayne Walpole Principal

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2023

Nominations called to fill vacant positions on our School Board

Bletchley Park Primary School Board is calling for nominations to fill four-parent / community positions, for a three-year tenure. Should we receive more than four nominations; an election process will then be conducted to fill the positions.

It is anticipated that new School Board members will commence later in Term 1 2023 and hold the position for three years. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive contribution to your child's school. The three main areas the school is focusing on in its current Business Plan are Digital Technologies, Student Achievement and Quality Teaching. We are also eager to ensure the School Board represents our diverse school community so welcome anyone interested to apply.

The School Board has the following powers and duties:

To take part in:

- establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- financial planning to support the above;
- evaluating the school's performance in achieving them; and
- formulating codes of conduct for students at the school.
- To approve: charges, contributions, and fees; extra cost optional components of the school's educational programme;
- advertising and sponsorship arrangements;
- items for personal use on the educational programme;
- in consultation with students, their parents, and staff a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.

To provide advice to the principal of the school on:

- a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual, or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education; and
- the implementation of special religious education under section 69(2) of the School Education Act.



In addition to these powers and duties, a significant role of the School Board is to promote the school within our community.

The School Board cannot:

- intervene in the educational instruction of students
- exercise authority over teaching staff or other persons employed at the school
- intervene in the management or operation of a school.

The School Board generally meets at school once per term commencing at 7:00 pm. If required additional meetings may be called. Meeting dates for 2023 are

13th March (Week 7) 6th June (Week 7) 4th Sept (Week 8) Open meeting 23rd October (Week 3) 20th November (Week 7)

Should you wish to become a member of our School Board please complete the attached Nomination Form. As part of the nomination, you are asked to provide a written statement (no more than 150 words) outlining your association with the school and what you might bring to the Board. This summary will then be used to inform parents if voting is required to elect the new School Board members.

Nominations must be returned to the front office or emailed to

Wayne.Walpole@education.wa.edu.au in the subject box please indicate 'School Board Expression of Interest'

by no later than 3:00 pm on <u>Friday 3rd March 2023</u>. Late nominations will not be accepted. If you have any queries about becoming a School Board member, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school on 92346400.

	Bletchley Park Primary School Board Nomination Form
Bletchley Park Primary Schoo	l
PRINCIPAL	
Wayne Walpole	
yours sincerely	

I wish to nominate for the Parent Representative position on the Bletchley Park Primary School Board. I understand that this is for a three-year tenure commencing in March 2023.

Name:		Telephone: _	Telephone:
	Signed:		

Statement:

Nominees are asked to complete a brief statement answering the following questions, and attach this statement to the Nomination Form:

- What is my relationship to the school?
- Why would you like to join the School Board and what do you feel you can contribute to the School Board?

The statement should not exceed 150 words. Please use Time New Roman font, size 12. In addition, an email of your written statement should be forwarded to:

Wayne.Walpole@education.wa.edu.au

Nomination Forms must be emailed or handed in to the front office no later than 3:00 pm on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Please note that late nominations will not be accepted



NAPLAN ONLINE 2023 Parent Information Session

Year 3 & 5 parents are invited to an information session regarding the upcoming NAPLAN Online assessments.

This session will be held in the school library at 1:45pm on Monday February 13th.

To attend in person, please RSVP to Kylie.Salamon@education.wa.edu.au

For parents who cannot attend in person, we will stream the meeting online; you can join via Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 474 984 407 622

Passcode: AteaGm

<u>Download Teams</u> | <u>Join on the web</u>

Third Party - 2023 Please Complete.

This is the link for you to copy and paste so you can complete the Third-Party questionnaire for 2023.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RaA4P3Ru0yDsLdutDYWJ3m9M2DLZeJMg1Hga6n6mp9UOE8xTEZGWkRERTkxRURSNDdLTUUxVUNHTS4u

If you have completed the questionnaire previously you will need to complete the whole form again as it is a new link and we have edited the APPs. Please complete this questionnaire as soon as you can as it is a requirement of Department of Education Western Australia to allow the students and teachers to use the Applications on the iPads.

Many thanks
Sue Bachman



Traffic Wardens

Parents and Carers

As of Wednesday 1st February 2023, we will no longer have a Traffic Warden along Bletchley Park Way. 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 Bletchley Park Way. 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.

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.

PSC News

Hello parent and carers at Bletchley Park Primary School,

Our Annual General Meeting for 2023 will be held next Monday, 13 February, at 7pm in the School Staff Room. We welcome new members at any time throughout the year, but our AGM would be a great starting point if you'd like to join us. Bring along your \$1 membership fee and please note all executive positions will be open for 2023 if you'd like to nominate.

In 2022, our P&C committee for 2022 consisted of 11 financial members. As the children of some our current members are now reaching the end of their primary school years, we do need new parents to join the P&C to keep it going.

All parents are invited to become involved in P&C activities which support school operations, teachers, and students, whilst encouraging a strong sense of community.

Our P&C could be for you if:

- You are brand new to the school OR you have already been at BPPS for years!
- You believe that your children's school and school experience is important, and you'd like to be more involved.
- You work full-time, part-time or from home as a parent and/or paid employee there's a way for everyone to help in some way!
- You have some skills to share and some time to volunteer

Last year our P&C raised over \$35,000 and contributed funds to the following:

- BPPS Chaplaincy Program
- BPPS Hardship Fund
- Library Refurbishment including the installation of new carpet, paintwork, signage, furniture, and shelving.
- ECE Mud Kitchen Rejuvenation
- 6 x Keyboards to enhance the Music Program for all years
- Soccer Goal Installation
- 6 x Water Bottle Fillers fitted to existing drinking fountains across the school grounds



Our fundraising events in 2022 included:

- Dough-Raiser Doughnut Drive
- Easter Colouring-In Competition
- Mother's Day & Father's Day Stalls
- Second-Hand Book Sale
- Entertainment Books
- Battle of the Decades Quiz Night
- Hawaiian Luau Disco
- Pop-Up Hair Accessory Stall selling hair bows and ties in school & faction colours
- Free Dress Days including One Colour Day, Career Dress-Up Day and PJ Day

If this all sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, we'd love to welcome you as a new P&C member this year and see you at our AGM on Monday night. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out on our Bletchley Park PS P&C FaceBook page or you can email bppspc@gmail.com

Opening Soon - Our P&C Second-Hand Uniform Shop

We're thrilled to announce our latest P&C initiative - a Second-Hand Uniform shop onsite to provide affordable and sustainable preloved uniforms for BPPS families.

Clear out your outgrown uniforms and help our P&C! We welcome and appreciate donations of freshly laundered preloved uniforms at any time via the LIME GREEN collection bin outside the school office.

Please only donate good quality uniforms – we cannot accept torn or stained uniforms or non-uniform items. And please remove any name tags prior to donation to prevent any confusion over ownership after the sale.

Thank you so much!

Volunteers needed...

Initiatives like these rely on the generosity of volunteers to assist. There are a few different ways to help and there are many benefits to being involved not to mention knowing that you're helping to

Gecond Hand
Uniform
Shop

The American Shop

provide our school community with sustainable and cost-effective school uniforms options.

We're always looking for more volunteers to join our friendly group. If you can spare an hour or two once or twice a term to help us fill orders and manage donations, please get in touch via bppspc@gmail.com

Remember to follow *Bletchley Park PS P&C* on FaceBook to stay up to date on our news and events.

We look forward to another fantastic year ahead!

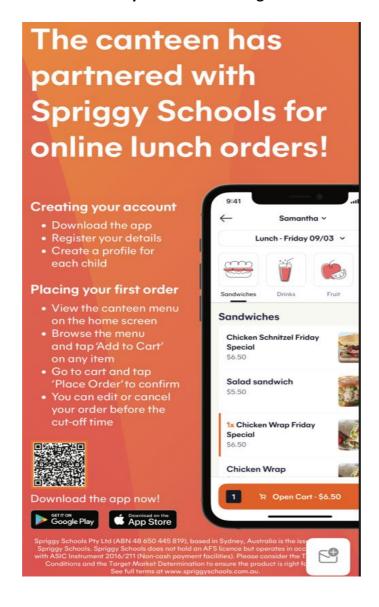


School Canteen - New Ordering System 2023

Hello Bletchley Families

The canteen re-opens in Week 2 of Term 1

Robyn - Canteen Manager





School Health Nurse

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 or 0400 180 273 or ShahramianFard@health.wa.gov.au

Sporting

8 Week program in Term 1 (commencing Saturday 11th February)





Parking

DID YOU KNOW

Option 1

It is an offence to park on a footpath. Blocking pathways gives pedestrians little choice but to walk on or near the road, increasing the risk of an accident. If you are parking near a school please consider the safety of children.

Option 2

Parking on private property or a verge opposite the private property is unlawful unless the property owner has given permission. Don't risk getting a fine and be considerate of residents who live around schools.

Option 3

Walk or ride to school if you can. Research has shown that exercise has many positive effects including improved health and wellbeing and better learning outcomes at school. Walking or riding to school instead will help relieve congestion and reduce your carbon footprint through less car emissions. If it's too far to travel on foot or bike, consider being dropped off at a safe place closer to school and walk the rest of the way.

Option 4

Congestion around schools can be a major traffic hazard. Some motorists double park or park contrary to signs causing visibility issues or creating blind spots, which put young lives at risk. Please obey all signage and road rules to provide a safer school environment and consider alternative travel such as walking, cycling or public transport.

Option 5

If you get to school by car, plan your travel to assist in creating a safer environment by reducing congestion and ultimately saving time. Try arriving a bit earlier or later in the day to avoid peak drop-off and pick-up periods. Reducing the number of vehicles in the area at the same time will reduce the risk of accidents and crashes. Where it's safe to do so, you could also drop off students a short distance from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Option 6

Instead of trying to find limited parking spaces around the school or risk being fined for illegal parking, why not walk to school or take turns with other parents to walk a group of children to school – you can all enjoy the health benefits. Walking can help children get their daily hour of recommended physical activity, which builds strong bones and muscles, improve fitness and helps maintain a healthy weight. Walking also saves you money on fuel and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Option 7

Rangers at the City of Gosnells use the City's *Parking Local Law 2012* to ensure parking remains safe, lawful and allows traffic to flow. Don't risk a fine for parking illegally around a school – many parking infringements are \$100. If you can't find anywhere around the school, consider parking further away and walk the rest of the distance. Better still, if it's possible, leave the car at home and walk or cycle to school to improve your health and red



Communicare Term 1 Free Workshops

To find out more information about each workshop go the Term 1, 2013 Planner Link below:

Parenting Support Services - Communicare Corporate

2023 What's On



South East Metro Parenting Support Service

Workshops for Parents and Carers of children 0-18 years living in the South-East Metro

Term 1 Parenting Program

January

Young Active Parents Program Tuesdays 10 January - 4 April 2023 (Term One) 9.30am - 11.30am

Communicare 28 Cecil Avenue Cannington

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au Little Sprouts Tuesdays 31 January - 28 February 2023 10.30am - 12.00pm

High Wycombe Library 15 Markham Road High Wycombe

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au



Circle of Security Parenting Mondays 6 February - 3 April 2023 12.45pm - 2.15pm

East Maddington Child and Parent Centre 79 Pitchford Avenue (opposite 171 Westfield Street)

Maddington

Bookings:

E cpceastmaddington@centrecare.com.au

Circle of Security Parenting Wednesdays 8 Februray - 29 March 2023 9.30am - 11.00am

Armadale Community Family Centre 101 Challis Road Seville Grove

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au

Grow them Up Thursdays 9 and 16 February 2023 9.30am - 11.30am

Seville Grove Library 78 Champion Drive Seville Grove

Bookings: T 08 9394 5800 E libevents@armadale.wa.gov.au Belmont Babies Fridays 10 February - 10 March 2023 9.30am - 11.30am

Belmont Hub 213 Wright Street Cloverdale

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au



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March

The Power of Play Tuesday 14 March 2023 9.30am - 11.30am

Kalamunda Library 7 Williams Street Kalamunda

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au

Let's Talk Toilet Training Tuesday 21 March 2023 11.00am - 12.30pm

Meerilinga Child and Family Centre 104 Edney Road High Wycombe

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au

Parenting after Stressful Events Friday 24 March 2023 9.30am - 11.30am

Online (Zoom)

Phone, tablet or laptop with camera required.

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au

The Power of Play Tuesday 4 April 2023 9.30am - 11.30am

April

Manning Community Centre 2 Conochie Crescent Manning

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au Let's Talk Toilet Training Friday 17 March 2023 9.30am - 11.00am

Forest Lakes Family Centre 39 Towncentre Drive Thornlie

Bookings: E info@familycentre.com.au

Let's Talk Toilet Training Wednesday 22 March 2023 9.30am - 11.00am

Manning Community Centre 2 Conochie Crescent Manning

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au

Kids and Anxiety Friday 31 March 2023 9.30am - 12.00pm

Communicare 28 Cecil Avenue Cannington

Bookings: T 08 9251 5777 | M 0435 754 190 E parenting@communicare.org.au





All workshops are provided free to parents and carers living in the South-East Metro area. When registering please provide your full name, the name of the workshop, contact number and your residential postcode. Thank you.





Workshop Overviews

Belmont Babies (5-session program)

For parents and carers of babies 0 - 9 months

Have you had a new baby? Join us for a cuppa in a relaxing and welcoming space, to share and learn about your baby's growth and development, along with others who are also on this important journey. Topics and information will include:

- · Calming and connecting with your baby through massage
- Understanding your baby early brain development
- · Tuning in to your baby social and emotional development
- · Playing with your baby building brains through play
- Taking care of you, so you can take care of baby.

Bringing up Great Kids (6-session program)

For parents and carers of children 0-10 years

The Bringing Up Great Kids (BuGK) program is built on the understanding that parents need good support to be the kind of parents they aspire to be. It recognises the significant challenges faced by parents and provides self-care strategies for them. It also helps parents understand that there is no perfect recipe for raising great kids!

The program promotes respectful interactions and encourages the development of children's positive selfidentity.

BUCK is fun, interactive and guilt-free. It gives parents practical help to understand the emotional development of their children, develop attentive communication skills with them, and enjoy the two-way learning journey of parenthood.

Circle of Security Parenting (8-session program)

For parents and carers of children 0-5 years

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us.

The Circle of Security Parenting program looks beneath behaviour to make sense of what your child is really asking from you. It provides a 'map' to help better read your child's needs, understand your child's emotional world, support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions, build their self-esteem, support their need to build new skills and strengthen the relationship you have with your child.

Grow them Up (2-session program)

For parents and carers of young people 3-12 years

Discover new ways to build knowledge, skills and motivation in your children that help them achieve their goals, build strong relationships with family and friends and make good decisions in different areas of their life.

Come and explore with other parents - topics such as increasing capacity in social skills, building strong values & identity, managing money wisely and creating a vision / motivation toward future goals.



