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# NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1

4 February 2019

**Sports uniform – Tuesdays**

**Library bags – Fridays**

**School Day:** 9.15am – 3.15pm

Lunch: 11.15-12.15pm

Recess: 1.40-2.00pm

## Term 1 (this week)

- ◇ Kindergarten enter today Monday 4 Feb
- ◇ Library: begins Friday 8 Feb
- ◇ **P & C** Welcome to new parents: Friday 8 February 5.30pm – 7.00pm

## Term 1 Week 3

- ◇ Fundamental Movement Skills: Tuesday 12 February (sports uniform)
- ◇ **P & C** Meeting: Wednesday 13 Feb at 9.15am All welcome
- ◇ Scripture: begins Wednesday 13 Feb at 9.30am
- ◇ Book Club orders **online**: close Friday 15 Feb



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Dear Parents and or Caregivers,

## Welcome: Kindergarten students and their parents

We welcome our new students and parents to our school community. Our school's P&C are hosting a welcome evening this Friday 8 Dec at 5.30pm. We hope everyone can join us.

## Updated Student & Parent Information

It is a Departmental requirement that the school retains current and correct information pertaining to the students in all schools. To assist us to do so, please see the form at the end of this newsletter and indicate any changes, including changes to your occupation, emergency contacts or mobile number and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Please remember to keep the office informed throughout the year, of any changes to your mobile number, address, emergency contacts or your child's health or medical needs.

## Kindergarten Best Start

The Kindergarten Best Start assessment began last Thursday and Friday. It assesses the knowledge, skills and understandings children bring to school, so students may be grouped accordingly. Students' responses are entered directly into Assessing Literacy And Numeracy (ALAN) software and all assessments must be completed by week 5. A parent feedback letter will be generated and distributed to parents and/or caregivers, providing strategies to use at home.

## Student absences

If your child is absent please write a short note of explanation for the absence, or alternatively telephone the Office. It is a Departmental requirement that all student absences are explained, with teachers having the responsibility to mark rolls correctly. I have been informed our school will have a new Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) this year. The HSLO monitors and requests access to a school's attendance records via the Principal.

### **Health Care Plans/Action Plans**

The school is currently reviewing the students' Health Care Plans and Action Plans. You may be asked to update your plan with your local Doctor, and then return it to the school office. We appreciate your response in the interest of student health and safety.

### **Students' birthday cakes**

If you wish your child to celebrate his or her birthday, by bringing birthday cakes to share with other children in the class, we really appreciate small cupcakes. Some of our students, who have specific dietary requirements or allergic reactions, have their own cakes or treats in the staff fridge.

### **Special Religious Education Participation Letter** *All parents to complete*

The Department of Education **now** requires all parents to complete a Special Religious Education Participation letter, which was attached to last week's newsletter. We have attached the letter again this week, so our Kindergarten parents are included. Please complete this new Departmental form and return it to the school office as soon as practical.

### **Road Safety**

As previously reported, the pedestrian crossing will be repainted in the next couple of weeks. Please be mindful of parking and speeding restrictions in Crewe Lane for the safety of *all* students.

### **Back gate**

The school's back gate will be locked as soon as possible after morning circles this term and be re-opened before the end of the school day. The driveway gate will be closed at 9am when the teacher goes on duty in the morning. The pedestrian gate is to remain closed at all times. We appreciate your support in ensuring the gate is not left open.

### **Before and after school**

Morning playground duty begins at 9am. If your child has to be at school before 9am, then they are required to sit on the verandah until the teacher's morning duty begins. In the afternoon, both classes are dismissed from their verandahs at 3.15pm. Teachers wait with students until they are collected. If you are late at the end of the day, your child will be sent to the office verandah. All children are to be collected by a responsible adult or sibling. If you have made arrangements for anyone other than yourselves to collect your child/children, the school needs to be informed in writing or inform Mrs Maclean in the office verbally. If for any reason you are unable to pick your children up on time would you please ring the school so we may reassure your child.

### **Term 1 Week 2 (this week)**

#### **P & C Welcome Evening:** Friday 8 February 5.30- 7.00pm

The P&C are hosting a welcome BBQ for new and existing families, caregivers and grandparents – to be held on Friday 8 February at 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and engage with the Bardwell Park Infants School community. A BBQ of sausage sandwiches and chicken souvlaki and drinks will be available.

For catering purposes, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the P&C box in the school office.

#### **P&C Welcome BBQ Roster**

There is a roster on the notice board, times are allocated to help set up, cook and clean up at the end. Please help your P&C by putting your name on the roster. This is a wonderful way to meet new parents and spend an enjoyable evening.

### **Term 1 Week 3**

**Fundamental Movement Skills: Tuesday 12 February**

Fundamental Movement Skills begin on Tuesday 12 February and thereafter every Tuesday, finishing on the 9 April. Students are to wear their sports uniform. The cost of the 9 week program is \$68.00 per student. All students K-2 participate in this program as it is a component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus. The lesson costs may be paid in full or in instalments. As always if you are having financial difficulties, please make an appointment with the Principal. Please complete the permission note at the end of this newsletter.

**Scripture/Ethics**

Scripture classes begin this week on Wednesday 13 February at 9.30am. Unfortunately, there are no Ethics classes this year, as we have no trained Ethics teachers within our school community.

**P & C Meeting: Wednesday 13 February**

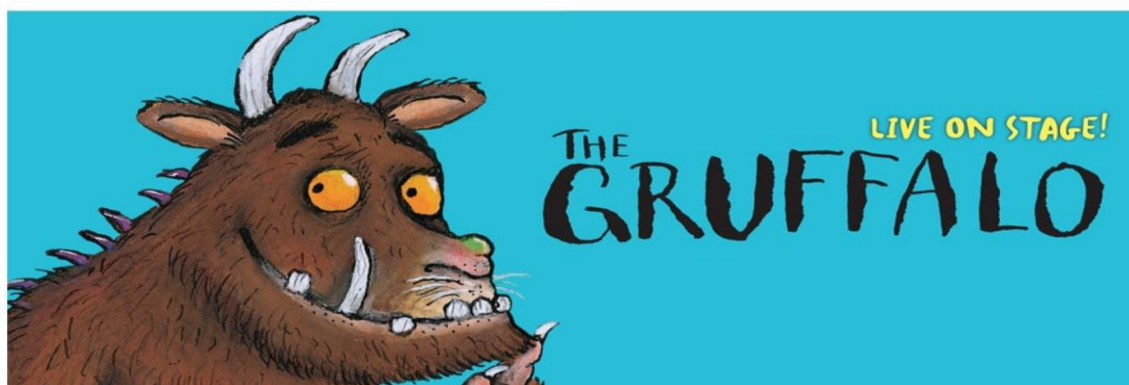
The first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 13 February at 9.15am. The meeting will be held in the Library. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at the first meeting for 2019. This is a really important way of becoming involved in your child's schooling. The P & C will send its own newsletter on yellow paper when the need arises. The roles of the P&C are attached for you to read.

**Book Club orders online: due Friday 15 Feb**

Book club booklets/order forms were distributed today. Orders are to be placed online through Scholastic. Cash and or cheques are not be accepted at school for Book Club. Orders will close on Friday 15 February.

**The Gruffalo excursion: Thursday 28 February at school by 9am**

Students will attend a performance of *The Gruffalo* at the Seymour Centre in Chippendale on Thursday 28 February. Travel will be by bus. **Students are to be at school by 9am** so teachers can mark rolls. The bus will leave the school at 9.15am sharp for the 10.00am performance. The cost of the excursion is \$25.00. The school is subsidising some of the cost of the bus travel. The excursion links to the English and Drama Syllabus and is suitable for students from Kindergarten to Year 2. Please complete the permission form at the end of this newsletter.



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**P&C WELCOME TO BBQ****PLEASE ORDER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ sausage sandwiches

We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ souvlaki

## **UPDATED STUDENT & PARENT INFORMATION**

**(only complete if you have changes)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts: 1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts: 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to Publish: Yes/ No      Online Services: Yes/ No

Student Medical Concerns: eg. (Allergies, Asthma, Anaphylaxis \_\_\_\_\_) (See the school office)

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### **PERMISSION for FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS      2019**

Students will be participating in the Fundamental Movement Skills Program every Tuesday beginning 12 February and finishing on the 9 April. The cost of this program is \$68.00. You are welcome to pay in instalments or in full. Payment may be made with cash or cheque but the preferable method would be through the *Make a Payment* tab on the school website. Please advise us if your child is not able to participate for any reason in any of the program as they are a part of the regular school curriculum.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Fundamental Movement Skills program in Term One. I am aware the program is run within the school grounds and that my child is expected to participate each week.

Signed Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **THE GRUFFALO PERFORMANCE - THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the performance of

The Gruffalo on Thursday 28 February. I understand that the cost of the excursion will be \$25.00 and that

travel to and from the event will be by bus. The excursion has the permission of the Principal.

Signed Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics Participation Letter

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

The school website (insert link) provides information on these options to support parent/carer choice.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

If your preferred SRE or SEE option is not available please contact the approved provider. Students not attending SRE or SEE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

The following options are available at Bardwell Park Infants School. Please choose one.

## **SRE Options**

- ☐ Option 1: Greek Orthodox
- ☐ Option 2: Uniting Church
- ☐ Option 3: Catholic

OR

- ☐ Please check this box if you do not wish for your child to attend SRE. Your child will participate in alternative meaningful activities.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BARDWELL PARK INFANTS SCHOOL - THE ROLE OF THE P&C**

Each year a new P&C executive committee is elected. In the upcoming P&C meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place. Below is more information about each of the roles. If you are considering becoming more involved in your child's education, joining our P&C is the perfect platform to do so. Bardwell Park Infants has a very active P&C Committee who are responsible for coming up with new fundraising ideas and the successful execution of any events held.

### **THE ROLE OF THE P&C**

The P&C's role is not just the creation and provision of a supplementary form of funding for their local school but a place where parents can actively engage and support the education of their children by participating in the decision making process.

#### **The President is responsible for:**

- Chairing the P&C Meeting
- Liaising with the Principal where necessary
- When necessary being the face for the P&C at School Functions
- Being signatory on the Association's bank account

#### **The Treasurer is responsible for:**

- Liaising with the school office
- Collecting bank statements/bills from office
- Banking cheques (Commonwealth Bank)
- Writing P&C cheques (2 signatures needed)
- Bank reconciliation each month
- Reporting financial position at each P&C Meeting
- Encouraging members to understand the state of the P&C finances
- Ensuring books are kept correctly recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association

#### **The Secretary is responsible for:**

- Preparing Agendas in consultation with the President
- Recording the minutes of meetings
- Receiving and tabling all correspondence and answering correspondence as needed
- Distributing minutes to the school admin staff for the newsletter
- Maintaining official records of the P&C Association

#### **The various Fundraising Co-Ordinators chosen are responsible for:**

- Ordering materials for Mothers Day & Fathers Day etc
- Co-ordinating events such as chocolate drives, trivia nights, fetes etc
- Directing helpers to assist with P&C activities
- Liaising with the Principal and school office.