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NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1

3 February 2020

Sports uniform – Tuesdays & Fridays

Library bags – Fridays

School Day: 9.15am – 3.15pm

Lunch: 11.15-12.15pm

Recess: 1.40-2.00pm

Term 1 (this week 2)

- ◇ Kindergarten enter today Monday 3 Feb
- ◇ Library: begins this Friday 7 Feb (library bag)
- ◇ Assemblies begin: Friday 7 Feb directly after morning circles

Term 1 Week 3

- ◇ Fundamental Movement Skills: begins Tuesday 11 February (sports uniform)
- ◇ Scripture: begins this Wednesday 12 Feb at 9.30am
- ◇ **P&C Welcome BBQ:** Wednesday 12 Feb 5.30-7pm

Term 1 Week 4

- ◇ **P&C AGM Meeting:** Wednesday 19 February 7-9 pm



Dear Parents and or Caregivers,

Welcome back to the start of the school year for 2020. We trust everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday with family and friends. Our fingers are crossed we have seen the end of the bushfires and smoke.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 students have been at school for three days already. I commend the students who have so enthusiastically undertaken extra responsibilities such as the sports store room and raising of the flags. Year 2 student polo shirts were distributed last week.

Welcome: Kindergarten students

Welcome to our Kindergarten students who had their first day at 'big school' today. Please promptly collect your child from the verandah at 3.15pm. If for any reason you are running late please ring the office so we are aware. Do not be surprised if your child is tired at the end of the day or comes to the realisation that big school is just the start of his or her learning journey.

BPIS P&C Welcome BBQ: Wed 12 February, 5.30-7.00pm

'On behalf of the Parents' and Citizens (P&C), we would like to welcome you and your family to Bardwell Park Infants School for 2020. BPIS is a great little school with a beautiful space, wonderful teachers and fantastic kids. The BBQ commences at 5.30pm. Food and drinks will be available for parents, students and siblings of BPIS.

Come along and we hope to meet as many of you as possible.

Asset Management over the school holidays

I am pleased to report there were no incidences from our school gates opening daily throughout the summer holidays, in the Department's *Share Our Space* program. My feedback-survey has been submitted. Painting and grouting in the school was completed on 19 and 20 December. In January, a large tree was removed from the front of the school, near the Kindergarten classroom for safety reasons. This decision was undertaken based on the last 2 annual arborist's reports and despite remediation of the tree in previous years. An aerial assessment of our 'big tree' was also scheduled in January but unfortunately this was postponed due to tree work in bushfire affected areas.

Update advice for parents Novel Coronavirus

Our school website continues to be updated by the Department of Education regarding the Novel Coronavirus. The Department of Education continues to work with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus. Please find last night's most recent updated advice for parents attached to the newsletter.

Kindergarten Best Start

Kindergarten Best Start assessments began last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A few students will be undertaking the assessment this week. Best Start assesses the knowledge, skills and understandings children bring to school, so students can be grouped accordingly. Students' responses are entered directly into Departmental software and all assessment data is entered by week 5. A parent feedback letter will be generated and distributed to parents and/or caregivers of Kindergarten students shortly thereafter.

Staffing

Mrs Greige is our Kindergarten classroom teacher. Miss Hammoud is the classroom teacher of Stage 1, Years 1 and 2. Mrs Maria Kritsotakis will be working as our EAL/D teacher on Thursdays. I will be working as the RFF, Teacher Librarian and Learning Support Teacher. Mrs Colette Samerski is our School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). Ms Polina Udachina is our school Counsellor and will be with us one day a fortnight, as per our Counsellor allocation. We welcome back Mrs Maclean, our School Administration Manager (SAM), who will be managing the office Monday to Wednesday. Mr Mick O'Malveney is our school's General Assistant (GA). I thank all our staff for their hard work, dedication and care of our students.

School Development Day: SDD Tuesday 28 January

Teachers had a productive school development day completing mandatory training including Child Protection 2020, Code of Conduct and Corruption Prevention e-learning. Teachers revisited the School's Plan and priorities in preparation for the development of our Performance and Development Plans (PDPs). Class teachers also had time for programming for Term One and ongoing discussions of our students' social, academic and emotional needs for planning purposes.

Technology

The 1/2 class now has 6 touch screen notebooks which replace the previous stand-alone desktop computers. I will be replacing the Visual Arts room with 6 touch screen computers over the coming weeks. I have set up classes for Reading Eggs, Studyladder and the student portals. Classroom teachers will provide access to students either in the classroom or at home. Home Learning will not begin until next week (week 3).

Term 1 Week 2 (this week)

Assembly

The first Assembly will be held this Friday, directly after morning circles in the Connected Classroom. All welcome.

Library

Library begins this Friday. Please bring a library bag.

Term 1 Week 3

Home Learning

Home learning begins next Monday (week3).

Fundamental Movement Skills: Tuesday 11 February

Fundamental Movement Skills begin on Tuesday 11 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 \$65.00 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

Scripture begins this Wednesday morning. Thank you to our Scripture teachers/volunteers who provide religious education for our students every week. If at any time you choose to move your child to another Scripture class or attend non-Scripture, please ask the Office for an SRE letter to change your preference and provide a signature.

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P&C Meeting AGM: Wednesday 19 February 7-9pm

The P&C AGM and meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February from 7-9pm in the Connected Classroom.

FYI: Reminders

Student absences

If your child is absent please write a short note of explanation for the absence, or alternatively phone the Office. It is a Departmental requirement that all student absences are explained, with teachers having the responsibility to mark rolls correctly. I will be meeting with the new Regional Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) tomorrow. The HSLO is given access to a school's attendance records via the Principal, to monitor student attendance.

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 timely 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.

Road Safety

Please be mindful of parking and speeding restrictions in Crewe Lane for the safety of *all* students.

Gates

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 older 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 please inform Mrs Maclean in the office verbally. If for any reason you are running late please ring the school so we may reassure your child.

Interviews

Please ring the office to make an appointment to see a teacher if at any time you have concerns regarding your child, so a suitable mutually agreeable time can be arranged.

PERMISSION for FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS 2020

Students will be participating in the Fundamental Movement Skills Program in Term 1 every Tuesday beginning 11 February and finishing on 7 April. The cost of this program is \$65.00. You are welcome to pay in instalments or in full. Payment may be made with the correct cash or cheque but the preferable method would be through the *Make a Payment* tab on the school website. Please see the Principal or office if you are experiencing financial hardship. Please advise us if your child is not able to participate for any reason as it is part of the 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: _____

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)



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 12 February 2020, 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.

BARDWELL PARK INFANTS SCHOOL - TERM 1, 2020

MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
JAN/ FEB WEEK 1	27 AUSTRALIA DAY	28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	29 YEAR 1 & 2 Best Start K	30 Best Start	31 Best Start	1/2
FEB WEEK 2	3 Kinder start today	4 Admin Audit	5	6		8/9
FEB WEEK 3	10	11 FMS K/1 9.15- 10.00 1/2 10.00-10.45	12 P&C Welcome evening 5.30-7 Scripture begins	13	14	15/16
FEB WEEK 4	17	18 FMS	19 P&C Meeting 7-9pm	20	21	22/23
FEB/ MAR WEEK 5	24 SCHOOL PHOTOS Meet & Greet evening 7pm	25 FMS	26	27	28 Clean Up Australia Day	29/1
MAR WEEK 6	2	3 FMS	4	5	6	7/8
MAR WEEK 7	9	10 FMS	11	12	13	14/15
MAR WEEK 8	16	17 FMS	18	19 National Day of Action- Bullying	20 Harmony Day	21/22
MAR WEEK 9	23	24 FMS	25 P&C MEETING	26	27	28/29
MAR WEEK 10	30	31 FMS	1	2	3	4/5
APRIL WEEK 11	6	7 FMS	8	9 Easter Hat parade	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11/12