

From the Principal's Desk

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

COVID UPDATE

Like all of you we can't wait for all our students to return to school. The dates students return are below. All students return on 5 November. Yeah!!

From Monday 18 October (third week of Term 4)

- Prep (Monday to Wednesday)
- Grade 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday)

From Tuesday 26 October (fourth week of Term 4)

- Grade 3 and 4 (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Grade 5 and 6 (Thursday and Friday)
- Year 7 (Monday to Friday)
- Years 8 and 9 (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Year 10 (Thursday and Friday)
- Year 11 (Monday to Friday)

From Friday 5 November

- All students are expected to return to onsite learning Monday to Friday.

FACE MASK MANDATE FOR STUDENTS

Victorian students in grades 3 to 6 will be required to wear a face mask in classrooms as schools start to welcome children back.

This will begin on October 18. Chief health officer professor Brett Sutton flagged the new rule on Friday, saying schools needed to adopt "appropriate measures" as more students returned. But face masks for children in prep and grades one and two would only be "strongly recommended". "There is good evidence to support this decision," Professor Sutton said. "We have certainly seen in cases such as England and the UK where schools reopened without strong mask use from the get go ... there was an estimated 8 per cent of students absent from school in those early weeks with suspected or confirmed Covid." "In many states in America, school mask mandates have been put in place and they have helped to reduce transmission." Chief health officer Brett Sutton said it would help mitigate the risk and "keep a cap on transmission" rates in schools.

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OCTOBER

Friday 8th
The Link

Monday 18th
Prep students return
Monday - Wednesday

Thursday 21st
Grade 1 and 2 return
Thursday – Friday

Friday 22nd
The Link

Tuesday 26th
Grade 3 and 4 return
Tuesday & Wednesday

Thursday 28th
Grade 5 and 6 return
Thursday – Friday

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 2nd
Cup Day
Mon 1st & Wed 3rd Preps at
School
Wed 3rd 3/4 at School
Thur 4th 1/2 & 5/6 at school
Friday 5th
All students return to onsite

Our Vision

Bayswater North Primary School seeks to give every one of its students the opportunity to learn to their highest potential, capitalising on their personal qualities and unique talents whilst supporting and nurturing them in a stimulating and caring educational environment.

From the Principal's Desk continued.....

5/6 CAMP/GRADUATION Revised Dates

We are not sure at this stage what we will be allowed to do later this term. We do know we will make events as special as we can if we need to do them at school. Once again our fingers are very crossed.

The 5/6 camp is now at Allambee Camp. The 5/6's will be at the camp in the very last week of school in term 4, starting on Monday 13 December. They will return in time for the final assembly on Friday 17 December at 1pm. All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

Signing Grade 6 t-shirts will be on Friday 10 December as will be the Grade 6 organisation of a sports round robin for the whole school.

The grade 6 Graduation will be on Thursday, 9 December.

Grade 6 - Year 7 transition to secondary college and 4-year-Old Kinder Transition Day is on 7 December.

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS/VIRTUAL TOUR

We were hoping to do school tours this term. Currently we are still unable to do school tours, as advised by the State Medical Advisor. In terms 2 and 3 we have sent out information to all the local pre-schools and childcare facilities. We also have a Virtual Tour available on our website and Facebook page. Kerry and I are happy to talk to prospective parents on the phone. If you have a child who you wish to enroll for Foundation 2022 could you, please contact the school. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child, please ask them to contact Kerry or I. Thank you!

PLANNING FOR 2022

Early in Term Four, we begin the process of planning for the following year.

Ensuring your child has a smooth transition to a new grade next year is an important focus in term four, especially this year with the impact of COVID restrictions and online learning on all our students. Teachers will be helping to create new classes, based on each child's needs, and providing orientation opportunities for children to ease into their next class.

Parents sometimes ask if they can request a particular teacher for their child for the coming year. Unfortunately, when parents make these requests it makes our class planning extremely difficult. Teachers put much time and effort into arranging children into appropriate groups, taking into consideration their academic, social and emotional needs. When requests for particular teachers are added to this delicate mix, difficulties arise in organising balanced classes. If you have any particular concerns about your child's placement due to individual issues, in terms of social, emotional or academic needs, please discuss these issues with Kerry Peake or me. Please ring Kerry or I at school. These discussions should be completed by the end of October. If after discussing your request, you need to advise us of your request formally, **please put it in writing to me by 10 November**. I cannot guarantee that your request can be accommodated but I will inform you of the outcome by 10 December.

As the number of children attending the school is crucial in our planning, **early notice of student transfers is important**. If you have any plans to relocate from our area and/ or enroll your children at another school, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be online on Wednesday 13 October at 9.15am. The link to the assembly will be sent today, Friday 8 October.

HATS

Just a reminder that in term 4 our students need to wear their hats outside. Could you please make sure your children have their hats and they have their names on them. Thank you!

Best wishes,

Cathy Jones
Principal

Chaplain's Report

'EXTERNAL Developmental Assets for Children'

Welcome to Term 4. As promised, here is the first 20 of the Developmental Assets which are vital for the growth of our children. You may not identify with all of them, but their resource has found all of these to contribute well to a child's development.

External assets are those positive experiences that occur through sources outside your child's own internal world, such as family, school, daycare, and other adults. The Search Institute has focused on these four key external asset areas:

Support

Support your child with plenty of love, care and attention. Show you are interested in their passions and hobbies. Support them by answering questions and helping them work through issues. When you disagree or when they misbehave, make sure they still know you love them unconditionally.

- (1) Give them family support by providing lots of love from all members.
- (2) Communicate with them in positive ways, and make sure they feel comfortable with you.
- (3) Provide other positive adult relationships for them.
- (4) Provide opportunities for them to experience caring neighbours.
- (5) Encourage positive relationships with teachers and schoolmates, and make sure they are in a caring, encouraging school environment.
- (6) Become actively involved in their school life, and help them succeed in school.



Empowerment

Empower your child to use their talents and abilities to help other people. Find community service projects. Encourage them to write letters to the local newspaper on issues that affect them in the community. Gradually increase the amount of control they have in their daily schedule.

- (7) Ensure they feel valued and appreciated by the adults in their life.
- (8) Include them in family meetings and decisions.
- (9) When possible, involve them in your community service projects.
- (10) Provide them with safe environments at home, in the neighbourhood, and at other care locations.



Boundaries & expectations

Set firm, yet reasonable, boundaries and high, yet realistic, expectations. Make sure other caregivers are providing consistent boundaries. Remain strong on boundary issues that affect their safety (i.e. wearing a helmet). Constantly challenge your child to do their best, and be available to help them with homework.

- (11) Provide clear and consistent rules and consequences. Make sure you always know where they are.
- (12) Make sure that their school provides clear rules and consequences.
- (13) Encourage your neighbours to take responsibility in monitoring your child's behavior.
- (14) Provide several positive adult role models for your child.
- (15) Encourage friendships with children who model positive, responsible behavior.
- (16) Begin setting high, yet realistic, expectations for their performance at school and in other activities.



Constructive use of time

Find activities for them which will make constructive use of their time. Keep them engaged in a variety of activities and play. Give them opportunities for structured, adult-supervised activities outside of the home. Teach them basic time management skills so they can learn how to create a healthy work/play balance.

- (17) Provide opportunities for your child to participate in music, art, drama or creative writing.
- (18) Provide structured school or community activities for your child at least twice a week.
- (19) Regularly attend religious services together as a family.
- (20) Balance your child's time at home between high-quality interaction with you, and free time alone or with siblings. Limit the amount of screen time.



Have a great week! Feel free to contact me if you would like a chat about any concerns. We could perhaps meet at an appropriate time on your child's Google Classroom if that is a good option for you.

Food fact For Kids: It takes about 50 licks to finish just one scoop of ice cream.-

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain - Pastoral care for our community. [Wednesday and Thursday] [alan.silverwood@education.vic.gov.au]
Supporting the School community in emotional, social, spiritual and practical wellbeing.

The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2022



Bayswater North Primary School

ENROLMENTS WELCOME FOR PREP 2022!

At BNPS we strive for academic excellence and actively support student wellbeing in a vibrant, safe and caring school environment.

- ★ We offer nurturing & caring teachers who implement best practice to deliver a curriculum that is relevant, challenging & appealing to a diverse range of abilities.
- ★ We have architecturally designed buildings and classrooms with landscaped gardens and expansive outdoor areas suitable for sport, relaxation and play.
- ★ We also offer a literacy program that focuses on building skills in Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening.
- ★ A mathematics program that provides meaningful, realistic, stimulating and challenging activities that are relevant to real life situations.
- ★ Our Specialist classes include Music, Physical Education, Indonesian, Visual Arts & Performing Arts

You may also like to visit our webpage for more details & a virtual tour
www.bayswaternorth.vic.edu.au



Please phone the Principal Cathy Jones for details about our School on 9729 1744

Community News



TAKING TERM 4 ENQUIRIES

PIANO ON KEYBOARD PROGRAM

OFFERING ONLINE LESSONS DURING COVID WITH GREAT SUCCESS!

PRIVATE ONLINE LESSONS FOR THE SAME PRICE AS GROUP LESSONS*

(*TO ASSIST ONLINE LEARNING, LESSONS ARE FORMATTED AS A SHORTER PRIVATE LESSON)

ONE FREE LESSON DISCOUNT FOR NEW STUDENT ENROLMENTS!

ENQUIRIES: Phone or E-mail Katrina 

Ph: 9733 6332 or E: soundfoundationsmusicschool@gmail.com




ParentZone Term 4 2021

Online parenting programs * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

<p>Dads Matter Dates: Wednesdays 20th Oct to 24th Nov 2021 Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children Contact Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495</p>	<p>Raising Resilient Kids Dates: Thursday 21st Oct 21st to 25th Nov 2021 Time: 10:00 to 3:00 pm For parents of school-aged children. Explores strategies to help children bounce back from adversity, cope with change and deal with anger, and anxiety. Contact Sharon at Sharon.Muir@anglicarevic.org.au</p>
<p>Emotion-Focused Parenting Dates: Mondays 18th Oct to 29th Nov 2021 Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm Explores emotional intelligence and supports parents to deal with challenging behaviors Contact Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495</p>	<p>Safe & Respectful Program Contact: Michelle on 0438 646 744 for dates / times A supportive space for parents to consider strategies to support children in developing identity, sexuality, sexual health, and relationships.</p>
<p>Living with Autism Dates: Thursdays 21st Oct to 25th Nov 2021 Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Support for parents living with a child with Autism to explore parenting strategies Contact Joanne on 97213632 or 0429 296 575</p>	<p>Strengthening Parents Support Program Contact: Michelle on 0438 646 744 for dates / times Monthly peer support groups for parents who have a child with a disability or developmental delay.</p>
<p>Parenting Preschoolers Dates: Wednesdays 27th Oct to 1st Dec 2021 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm For parents of preschoolers to better understand their child, learn positive discipline strategies, improve communication and develop resilience Contact Laurie at laurie.amowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au</p>	<p>Talking Teens Dates: Wednesdays Oct 20th to Nov 24th 2021 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm For parents of 12 to 18-year-olds, topics include teen behavior, dealing with feelings, communication improving relationships, and resolving family disputes. Contact Sharon at Sharon.Muir@anglicarevic.org.au</p>

Further enquiries: parentzone.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au **PARENTZONE**

My Money



Free money information sessions for women of all ages

This online series covers everything from the importance of budgets to avoiding scams. Whether you are just leaving school or home, having a family, starting over after separation or entertaining retirement - it's never too early or too late to learn more about money management.

- ▶ **Budgets and Bills - 29 September 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**
Plan and manage how you spend your money and find out where to get help when you need it.
- ▶ **Super and Insurance - 6 October 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**
Whether you're insuring your first car or returning to the workforce after a break, understanding how insurance & superannuation work can help secure your future.
- ▶ **Managing Debt - 13 October 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**
Falling behind on repayments is stressful. Learn strategies to avoid getting into debt.
- ▶ **Avoiding Scams - 20 October 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**
Scammers try and steal your money or personal information. Learn how to protect yourself.
- ▶ **Planning your Future - 27 October 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**
It is never too early to have a plan and to protect your financial wellbeing. The earlier you do this the better, but it's never too late.

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 Please register separately for the session(s) you wish to attend
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 For enquiries, please contact Eastern Community Legal Centre on 1300 392 52 00 or visit www.ecd.org.au/mymoney






Parenting Workshops and Webinars

2 hour sessions * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

<p>Alleviate your Child's Anxiety Monday 15th November 2021 Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm For parents of children 5 to 12-year-olds Discover the causes of anxiety and learn a parent-led approach to alleviating your child's worries. Learn the skills of resilience, and strategies to help your child obtain a more resilient mindset. Email Laurie to register your interest. laurie.amowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au</p>	<p>Setting Boundaries When: Monday 22nd November Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm For parents of children 5 to 12-year-olds Discover how to work together to develop clear boundaries with school-aged children and what to do when boundaries are challenged. Bookings: Click here Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au</p>
<p>Learn to Play, Play to Learn Monday, November 1st 10:00 to 12:00 pm For parents of children 0 to 5-year-olds Understand how young children's play supports early learning and development. Discover a variety of free and low-cost activities to engage your child at home Bookings: Click here Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au</p>	<p>Teens and their Screens When: Wednesday 1st December 2021 Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00pm For parents of children 0 to 5-year-olds An interactive webinar to explore strategies to encourage young people to balance screen time and real life. Support in how to establish clear screen time rules together Bookings: Click here Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au</p>

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