



# THE LINK

A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Calendar

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Preps 2022

Presently we are conducting a number of transition activities for our preps for 2022. It is always lovely to see the smiling faces, as they planted their sun flowers last week. We will be running an information evening this Tuesday night 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be happy to clarify any questions parents may have regarding our Foundation program.

#### 5 / 6 Camp

Our grade 5 / 6 students are really looking forward to camp in the last week. We have had to ask for parent assistance to staff this camp and I would like to thank our parents for their positive response. Just a reminder that Graduation will take place on Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> which is the week before camp, and we still hope to have a final assembly on the last day December 17<sup>th</sup> when the children return from camp so we can farewell our grade 6 students. This is an important event!

#### Grades

The class teachers take a lot of time and effort drafting grades for next year. We look at maintaining a balanced academic spread, consider friendship groups and identify children who work well together. Please be assured that we do a number of drafts and consult various teachers to ensure that your child is part of a positive learning environment next year.

#### Reports

Reports will have less detail this year as we have focused on the English, Mathematics, Integrated and Wellbeing components of the curriculum during lock down. Teachers have utilised various assessment tools to ascertain the academic level for each child at the moment. While some students have struggled with on-line learning, we expect progress to escalate once we are able to provide a normal school-based program.

#### Uniform

This term students need to remember to wear their named hats in the yard. Please check that names are also on jumpers as hopefully the warmer weather arrives, and our students often discarded them during play. We will return named items if found. The uniform shop is open each Thursday if you need to purchase larger items as our children keep growing. A great Xmas present!!!

#### Production

Mark Nunis will be filming the production from November 22 and children can wear any outfit that reflects "Star Wars". If this is difficult, they can wear free dress on the day their class is being filmed. Children will be watching the Production during the second last week.

Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### NOVEMBER

##### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Production Filming begins  
Prep – 2 Swimming

##### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Prep Information Night  
Prep – 2 Swimming

##### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Prep – 2 Swimming

##### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Prep – 2 Swimming

##### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Prep Transition  
Prep – 2 Swimming

#### DECEMBER

##### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 Graduation

##### Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

3/4 Lego Land  
Grade 5/6 Camp

##### Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term  
1:30pm finish

## From the Principal's Desk Continued...

### Requisites

This year the school requisites will be delivered to the school in bulk and distributed to grades where they will be placed in students tubs ready for the first day next year.

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, please continue to care for yourself and those around you.

Kerry Peake  
Assistant Principal

## COVID 19

### Latest update from the Education department

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, some significant changes have been made to how cases of COVID-19 and contacts of cases are managed in schools as we reach the 90% double dose milestone for eligible people in the coming days.

Schools will continue the process of identifying contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at schools; contacts will no longer be contacted by the Department of Health with quarantine requirements. If your child is identified as a contact the school will contact, you directly.

Contacts will be required to complete a standard (PCR) test within 24 hours from when they are identified by the school as a contact.

If the PCR test returns a negative result, the student can immediately return to school, with evidence of the negative result provided to the school.

It is strongly recommended that contacts complete five days of rapid antigen tests in the morning before they attend school.

You will be able to obtain these testing kits from testing centers from Monday 22 November if your child is required to complete a standard PCR test.

Where students are currently in quarantine due to an existing school exposure, they will be able to provide evidence of a negative standard PCR test and return to school following the instructions above.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine that contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, students will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

Face masks will now only be required by staff, visitors, and Grades 3 to 6 students in an indoor space within a primary school (or schools which have primary students such as P-12 school).

The wearing of masks remains recommended elsewhere where physically distancing cannot be maintained, and also be reminded that parents have to have one vaccination to come into the school now but after November 29 you will need to be double vaccinated.



Star Warts the Musical has been the production that we have been rehearsing throughout this year. However due to the various lockdowns we have had to change our plan on how to present it.

Just a reminder to all families that students will need to bring in their costumes to school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** in preparation for filming starting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

We are planning on a 'viewing' opportunity via WebEx on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Just a reminder that we are asking families to please provide a basic costume for your child to wear when we film their dance. The costumes are to be 'Space/Star Wars' theme. Some options include *Star Wars costumes, Star Trek costumes, Alien Suits, Alien head piece/costumes etc. Crazy wigs could also work.*

You can be as creative as you like. We do not expect you to go out and buy expensive costumes at all. If you are unable to find or source costumes, then students are able to bring in **casual clothes** to change into when their class is being filmed.

## School Fundraiser!

Fundraising has never been more fun. Just scroll through the great range of products and select the ones that most appeal to you. Choose either to get them sent out to the school for you to collect or to get them delivered directly to your home address. We'll do the rest. Every dollar you spend helps Bayswater North Primary School reach our fundraising goals.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bayswaternorthprimary.fundraisingpage.com.au>

Scroll through the range and kick off your Christmas shopping

Place Orders by December 3<sup>rd</sup> (for delivery to the school) and receive your order by December 10<sup>th</sup>

A promotional graphic for a school fundraiser. It features a colorful geometric background of blue, green, and purple triangles. In the center, there's a white rectangular area containing several images: a LEGO dog, a Parisian street scene, a wooden tray of round snacks, a QR code, several Rubik's cubes, a colorful geometric puzzle, and a silver hourglass. To the right of the images, there's a teal box with the text 'Help us raise funds and have some fun'. Below that, it says 'Puzzle Club Fundraising' and features a green frog logo. At the bottom right, it says 'Bayswater North PRIMARY SCHOOL'.



## TEN DELICIOUS COOKIE DOUGH FLAVOURS

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. We are excited to announce we are holding a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** drive as a major fundraiser this term. All the funds raised will go towards some exciting changes in our library.

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours including their popular Choc Chunk and NESTLE® SMARTIES® cookie dough. There is even a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough for your special fury family members! Their cookie dough is only available through fundraising and is not sold in stores, so stock up!

**Final Orders Due: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**How Do We Fundraise?** All orders will need to be placed online. Students, with assistance from a parent/guardian, will need to create an online account and promote their page digitally with family and friends. Families with multiple students can choose to create an account for the family or for each individual student. Make sure you get the dough-rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

**Incentive Prizes:** Students who sell 1 tub or more are entitled to an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to set your own fundraising goal - the more tubs you sell the more prizes your child will receive! There are 12 prizes up for grabs so start selling! Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time! Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold.

**Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit card/Paypal.**

**How do we create a Fundraising Page?** Creating a fundraising page is easy!

1. Go to [www.cookie dough.com.au](http://www.cookie dough.com.au) to create your Fundraising Page by clicking the "Register Now" button and fill in your information as a parent/guardian.
2. Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
3. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. How Easy!

**The Leader board Challenge** – The highest tub seller in our school's leader board will automatically go in the draw for the chance to win an Apple Prize Pack valued at \$3,300. That is super exciting!

Thank you and Happy fundraising! **BNPS PTFA**

## Chaplain's Report

### 'The Importance of Telling our story' [Flynn Coleman]

International human rights lawyer, social innovator, author, educator, founder and CEO



Here are some thoughts about the importance of telling our story, from an article written by Flynn Coleman. As a Chaplain, I understand its significance, especially as I invite students [and adults] to share their story with me, and as their story unfolds I 'walk' with them as they process what this means for their life. I am also about to publish my memoirs, and so I have understood the power of a story of someone's life.

"Storytelling is as old as humanity. Our earliest ancestors told stories in pictures on the walls of caves. Stories make us human. They allow us to connect with our world and with ourselves, bringing meaning to our lives. In this sense, storytelling is a form of mindfulness. I spend much of my life immersed in stories.

Why are stories so powerful? They are more memorable than facts. Our brains are wired to respond to stories which help us relate ideas to our own experiences, with richness and texture. Stories bring us into a world of colours, sights, smells and emotions, making us feel as though we are actually living the story.

The greatest stories weave together symbols of our common humanity and our values. Martin Luther King, Jr. didn't just have a few ideas. He had a *dream*, which he shared. He asked listeners to participate in his vision of a fairer world. John Lennon did the same. He invited us to *imagine* it with him.

In today's information-saturated society, one of the most valuable skills you can acquire is the ability to tell stories. If you want to be a good storyteller, practice listening to others. A crucial part of good storytelling is empathy, the ability to perceive what others are experiencing, and then forge a connection on that basis.

Storytelling allows us to be present with our experience, and to also draw others into that experience. Ever told a child a story? Laugh or light up your eyes at Dr. Seuss? Or when you were a kid, how excited you were to tell your parents about your hand-crafted macaroni necklace, or your friend about your new tricycle?

We yearn to tell our stories, and to be seen for who we are and what we have survived. But to accept and then tell your authentic story, you need to commit to your own vulnerability, which is actually

the origin of your greatest power. Brené Brown, a visionary of this work, has found through her research that:

*Owning our story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as running from it. Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky but not as dangerous as giving up on love, belonging and joy; experiences that make us the most vulnerable. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the power of our light.*

We're all imperfect, yet we're all worthy, just as we are. It's beautiful and worth telling. Vulnerability is also the path to our greatest creativity, courage, love, transformation, and connection. It leads us to our purpose, passion and our place in this world. It's how we shine, and how we show others they can shine, too.

Don't diminish your story. Don't hide it. Realize that, no matter who we are, or what has happened to us, our disappointments and struggles can be the most compelling parts of our stories. People will rally around you with love and connection. If you allow it, your wounds can become the source of your greatest gifts. It just takes a shift in your mindset to see the big picture. Mindfulness helps us achieve these radical shifts by helping us have compassion for ourselves and others, giving us confidence to live our stories to the fullest.

The world becomes a better place when we share ourselves with others, letting them into our story. We might discover that we have something in common with someone we once saw as different, or that our vulnerabilities help others to overcome their own fears. Remember, what that other person really wants to hear -- what all of us really want to hear -- is your story."

*Have a great week! Feel free to contact me, if you would like to [tell your story](#).*

Fun fact For Kids: Sea sponges are considered the "least evolutionarily advanced" animal on the planet.

*Alan Silverwood – Chaplain - Pastoral care for our community. [Wednesday and Thursday]*  
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