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A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Calendar

From the Principal's Desk

Grade 6 Graduation

Next Thursday December 9th we will be holding our grade 6 Graduation ceremony at school. To keep within the current Health guidelines, we will be reorganising this event to make sure our students are safe as they enjoy the last couple of weeks with us. Further details will be provided to our grade 6 parents when details are finalised. We know the students are looking forward to celebrating this event and we want to congratulate each one on the achievements they have made, especially during the last two very difficult and interrupted years. This is a significant event as we celebrate the culmination of seven years of primary schooling.

Reports

Tuesday December 7 is Transition Day for all the secondary schools in our area. During this time our 2022 preps will also be joining us for the first time altogether from 9 till 12noon and during the last hour on Tuesday students from prep to grade 5 will be able to move into their new classes for next year and meet their new teacher. This is an opportunity for children to see who is in their future grade and enjoy some time with their 2022 teacher.

You will also receive your child's End Year Written Report on Tuesday. Please take plenty of time to read the report with your child and celebrate their achievements during this disrupted year. We need to remember that it is often through difficult times that we gain strength and realise that we are capable of more than we thought. Personally, I would like to congratulate each child for their stamina and the positive outlook they displayed during home learning and when they were able to return to school. If you have any specific questions arising from your child's report, please contact your child's teacher in the days ahead.

School Structure and Staff Arrangements for 2022

Following you will find the anticipated teaching roles allocated for next year. You will note some changes. The changes for next year are due to a range of factors such as, the departure of some staff. At this stage we expect 270 students in 2022 and will have 12 classes again next year.

Monday December 6th,
2021

DECEMBER

Tuesday 7th
Transition Day

Wednesday 8th
StarWartz Presentation

Thursday 9th
Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 10th
Grade 6 Activities

Monday 13th
3/4 Lego Land
Grade 5/6 Camp

Friday 17th
Last day of term
1:30pm finish



From the Principal's Desk Continued...

Staff Changes

We would like to congratulate Mr Dante Scießere who will be leaving us to take up an ongoing position at another school in the east. We have appreciated his work in the 5 / 6 area and more recently with his 1 / 2 class.

Maxine DeMan will be taking long Service leave at the beginning of 2022 and Emma Roche will be taking our Prep A class. We are fortunate that Emma has already had the opportunity to meet her class during transition activities.

As you can see from the staff list below, we have a few changes with Sandra Gray and Cathy Stirling moving to the 3 / 4 area and Kathy Ward and Katie Riley moving to the 5 / 6 area. The remainder of staff will continue working in the same level. It is worthwhile for teachers to become familiar with different levels throughout the school as they bring a fresh perspective to curriculum planning and delivery.

We are also fortunate to have our Tutoring program continuing into next year supported by Carly Baker.

Our planning for next year has focussed on our commitment to ensuring the provision of the best possible learning opportunities for all our students. I am very confident that the following structure will support that goal.

Class / Role	Teacher	Room
Prep A	Emma Roche	1
Prep B	Samantha Tyrrell	2
1 / 2 A	Nathan Keyter	3
1 / 2 B	Jasmine Cook	4
1 / 2 C	Mary Holland	5
1 / 2 D	Carolyn Akaruru	6
3 / 4 A	Cathy Stirling / Susan Greig	8
3 / 4 B	Sandra Gray	9
3 / 4 C	Vicki Mahon	10
5 / 6 A	Liz Demarte	11
5 / 6 B	Kathy Ward / Scott Hannah	12
5 / 6 C	Katie Riley	13
Music	Mark Nunis	
LOTE - Indonesian	Mary Ellen Dowling	
Physical Education	Scott Hannah	
Art	Ebony Dijk	
Tutor program	Carly Baker	7
Integration Aides	Cathy Reid, Teresea Rocco, Narelle Cox, Bec Ward, Ana Novaceanu and Rachelle Ingwersen	
Chaplain	Alan Silverwood	
IT support	Joseph Dowsett	
Business Manager and Administration staff	Nadine Drijfhout Deb Brown, Tegan Annells	
Assistant Principal	Kerry Peake	
Principal	Cathy Jones	

You will be notified of the class your child will be in via a note included in your child's report sent home on Tuesday, December 7th. Teachers and I have already spent many hours working on placing children into the very best possible class for next year to ensure their maximum learning success. I have received input from teachers, (who have in many cases sought input from the children about friendship groups), and some parents who have made specific confidential requests for their child's class placement when invited earlier in the year. I give every request careful consideration and whilst it is never possible to accommodate every single factor raised, we have, in past years, managed to cover most issues and have ensured that each child is in a class where they have the potential to achieve their best. The children will spend an hour with their new teacher on Tuesday the 7th which will be an important step in building the positive student-teacher relationship.

Student Requisites for 2022

Note changes for next year.

Students' stationery and materials for 2022 have already been delivered to school. They will be distributed to your child when they come to school next year and names will be applied then. This means that all our children can be ready to start their learning activities on day 1.

The office will be open to accept school fees payments on school days during office hours (approx. 9:00 to 4:00) or you can pay by phone during these hours.

Please note that the office will not be accepting payment on Friday December 17, the last day of the school year.

Acknowledgements

At this time of the year, it is important to reflect on the many successes and achievements made since January and to acknowledge those who have contributed to these. We need to acknowledge the challenges of this year and focus on the skills our students, teachers and parents developed as we adjusted to on-line learning. Through Google Class meets we were able to come together across many different settings and share our learning.

While these experiences caused many of us some frustrating moments, they also brought us together to support one another and consolidate us as a community.

The staff approached this year with high expectations, but quickly had to adjust their plans in order to accommodate on-line education for their students once again. I would like to thank them for the work they did supporting students at home and at school throughout the year. Our team of Integration Aides have further been pivotal in providing support to our teachers and students who attended school during lockdown.

I would like to thank the PTFA for supporting us with adjusted fundraisers and always being willing to try and work within the confined parameters in which we found ourselves. To the school council I would like to say thank you for your flexibility via on-line meetings, often conducted in homes or even in cars while returning from work. Your willingness to raise community concerns and actively seek productive solutions has been appreciated.

My final acknowledgement is to our office staff who have maintained school procedures and routines in order for us to operate successfully. Their calm approach and humour have certainly been appreciated throughout the year.

I wish to inform our community that Mrs Jones is well on the way to a speedy recovery after fracturing her shoulder at school and will be back with us next year.

Final

All the very best to our departing Year Six students and to those families who are ending their association with Bayswater North Primary School. I thank you for your contribution to BNPS and wish you the best of luck for the future. I trust that you will continue to be friends of our school.

Have a very safe and happy Christmas with your families. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Kerry Peake
Acting principal

As we draw closer to the end of another challenging year, I wanted to share a few words. It has been disappointing to hear and witness some of the abuse and anger that our community has displayed. As a parent it is sometimes hard to see the big picture, but the rules that are being enforced aren't there to infuriate but to protect all and above all are guidelines that are set by the department not the school. 2 years ago, I almost lost my child to influenza, this circumstance is something that I would not wish on any parent, so am definitely not keen to see what happens if he ever gets COVID. For this reason, I am asking for all parents to put themselves in others shoes, follow the rules and have respect for all. Times are hard for everyone.

With Thanks

COVID 19 Update

Vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop-off and pick-up, must adhere to physical distancing, face mask requirements, respiratory etiquette, and good hand hygiene.

Parents, carers, and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings must check-in using the QR code.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings (see examples below) must have two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception. If they have not, there are some limited exceptions in which they can enter school buildings:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- when attending briefly and not involving any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.
- **Attending school for drop-off and pick-up and not enter school buildings**

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work need to show evidence of vaccination when entering a school building. This includes for the purpose of activities such as school tours and kindergarten transition programs.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending a gathering at school, such as a fete, school play or graduation ceremony, whether indoors or outdoors, need to show evidence of vaccination on arrival.

When parents and carers do not meet vaccination requirements, the school should hold meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) virtually.

STAR THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK WARTZ

BNPS – Star Wartz Presentation

Please join us via WebEx as we present our amended
Production of Star Wartz the Musical
WEDNESDAY 8th December at 2:35pm.

We are looking forward to showing you our hard work
and dance moves! The presentation will be
approximately 40 mins.

<https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=mcb5256c41c9334721e90907e7e640ed1>

Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021 2:35 pm
Meeting number: 2650 412 5165
Password: Galaxy

