

A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## From the Principal's Desk

Happy Friday and welcome back to our first edition of THE LINK for 2024.

As you will read in the class updates, all classes have started the year in the most positive way, and it has been really pleasing to see the whole school settle into the year so smoothly.

A special welcome to our new Prep students and their families, as well as any other new Bayswater North families - we are super happy to have you!

I would also like to welcome some new and returning teachers to the school. Miss Aloizos is our new teacher in 1/2A, Mrs Sharkey is in 5/6A and Mr Hannah has returned to teach PE from Wednesday to Friday.

For the first two weeks of term there has been a 'Start Up' program running in all classes. The purpose of this is for students to build or strengthen relationships with their peers and teachers, learn new routines and feel really comfortable in their classes.

All students have participated in a revision of some Friendology practices and created class agreements for behaviour. They have also begun to unpack our new values of Connection, Respect and Perseverance, and explore what these mean and how they can demonstrate them each day.

I had a lovely visit from some of the Prep students while doing their tour of the school. They thought it was pretty special to be behind the Principal's desk, but I think they all preferred being in Prep rather than helping with my work.



### Calendar

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February

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6 Information Night 6pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Grade 1/2 Information Night 5.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Grade 3/4 Information Night 6pm

> Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> The Link

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> District Swimming

#### March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly

Friday 8th The Link

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday

> Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> School Photos

> > Assembly Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

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

There are lots of exciting things happening this year at Bayswater North, including plans for more whole school events with students - keep an eye out for further information to come out in the near future. I will also send out an updated events calendar once we have confirmed a few more dates.

Please keep an eye out on Compass for some start of year information and reminders that are relevant to all families.

A couple of things in particular to note are supervision times and gate closures.

#### **Supervision Times**

Please note that student supervision does not begin until 8:45 am each morning. We do have a very high number of students who arrive at school before this time each day, which is unfortunately becoming a problem.

I understand that family life is hectic in the mornings, and that people need to drop off other siblings at high school or get to work. However we need to ask parents to find another solution than dropping students at school early. This morning there were more than 50 students at school without supervision before 8:35 am. Teaching staff are not required to be at school by that time, and those that choose to come to school early are working on preparing resources for their classes

Other options parents could consider could be to arrange to drop your child off at a friend's house to come to school with them, or to use our OshClub before and after school program. OshClub opens from 7am each morning.

We would really appreciate your help in this matter, so that we can keep all students happy and safe at school.

#### **Gate Closures**

Some parents may have noticed that our boundary gates have been locked or closed during the day. This is to help us meet our duty of care and obligations under Child Safe laws. The school is currently working with the Department of Education to extend our boundary fences around the senior oval and staff car park. This will allow us to have one main access point at the front of the school. There are some temporary signs going up around the school today while we wait for more permanent signage to be installed.

This does include a sign that reminds people that the senior oval is actually school property (this includes the path ways on both ends of the oval) and that people are requested to stay off those areas during school hours. Like the supervision times, this will ensure we are meeting our obligations under Child Safe laws.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this information, please contact the school office or myself, we are happy to help.

Mrs Graunke Principal

## **Our Values**



### **Foundation News**

A big welcome to the 2024 Prep students who are settling in nicely and the grade 1 students in Prep/1 A. The focus has been on settling in and getting to know each other. We are learning the routines and expectations of school – lining up, packing and unpacking our bags, where to play in the playground and where everything is around our school. We have met our specialist teachers for Art, Indonesian, PE and Performing Arts and are enjoying getting to know them. In Literacy we have been learning about the letter 'M' for Munching Mike.

The grade 1's have been learning about different strategies that good readers use and in Numeracy we have been practising our counting and number formation. Last Friday we attended our first whole school assembly which we enjoyed. We have toured our school and had a photo opportunity in Mrs. Graunke's office!

We are loving school life so far!





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## **1/2 News**

It's brilliant being back at school! And how exciting it is to be in 1/2! We have really loved seeing all the bright and shiny faces in our classrooms. Students have settled in well and are getting used to the timetables.

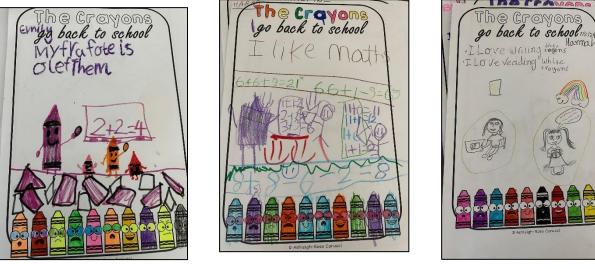
We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet and Greet Teacher Info Night on wednesday 14th February starting at 5:30pm.

Some things we have been working on in class...

Class puzzles which show we are all connected!



#### The Crayons go back to school!



One of the new favourite maths games.

#### What's the Difference!

You will need a dice, some unifix, lego or blocks that stick together. Each person takes a turn to roll the dice, they make a tower with that number. The person who has more blocks gets to keep them!



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#### Mr Chicken All Over Australia

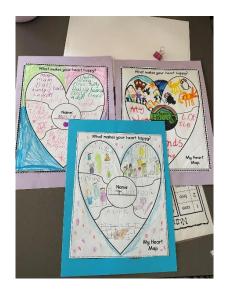


We have been looking at our school values in class and recognising how we can show them in the classroom, the playground and community!



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My Heart Map shows things that make our hearts happy.



From the 1/2 Team



## **3/4 News**

What a terrific start to the year we have had in 3/4! It has been wonderful to see how settled the students have been since returning to school. Within each class we have unpacked our school values of Respect, Perseverance and Connection, completing tasks related to each value. It was so fantastic to see students demonstrate perseverance when faced with numerous challenges during our perseverance activities. It was great to hear and see the students encouraging each other and showing teamwork as they navigated each of the activities.

It has been lovely getting to know everyone and seeing new friendships being made. It's already been a great start to the school year and we are all looking forward to the fun year ahead!

#### 3/4 Team



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### **5/6 News**

Welcome back for 2024 BNPS families! Well done to our 5/6 students for starting the school year with such a positive attitude. It has been great to see them settling into their role as senior students during our start up program.

We took the opportunity to snap a 'last first day of primary school' photo of our Year 6 students!



#### Literacy - Recounts Galore and Magical Misfits!

The 5/6 students have been putting in an awesome effort and having a lot of fun with writing some very creative and descriptive holiday recounts. They are sure to make a fabulous display with their attached 'photos' when they are finished... watch this space!





We have commenced reading a new class novel - 'The Magic Misfits' by Neil Patrick Harris. We've only just begun, but pleasingly there have been many positive comments from students. Important, as research shows that reading for enjoyment can promote stronger reading skills, as well as writing ability. We will continue to use this text in our Reading lessons this term.

#### Maths

We have been having fun revising the times tables, getting ready for some exciting Maths learning after our start up program finishes up at the end of this week. We are looking forward to seeing the 5/6's using their great enthusiasm to do some great Maths learning this term.

#### New school values - CONNECTION ~ RESPECT ~ PERSEVERANCE

Part of our start up program over the last two weeks has involved unpacking our new school values. The students have worked hard to determine what these values mean to them, and what they look like in the classroom, in the playground and in the community. So many insightful and mature ideas were presented. Well done 5/6's!



#### 5/6 Parent Information Night

This coming Tuesday evening we are holding a parent information session. This will be a chance for us to provide information to parents and carers about routines, programs, activities and curriculum your student will participate in throughout 2024. This will also be a chance for parents and carers to meet the 5/6 teaching team and ask any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

• Details: Tuesday 13th February at 6pm, Room 11 (5/6A's classroom)

Best wishes, The 5/6 team.

### **Visual Arts News**

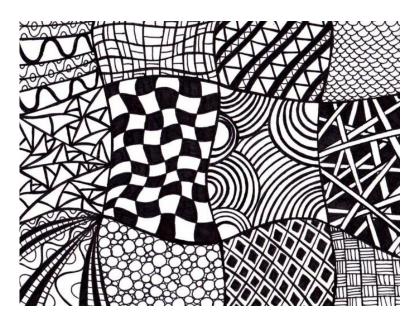
We have had a great start to the year in Visual Arts. The students have been really settled in their new classes and they have been keen to get straight into art making. Students began to work on their Visual Art Diary covers, which is where they put all of their ideas, sketches, notes and practises in. It's an important part of their learning in Art and it is always lovely to see where they begin and end up.

The 3-6's have been looking at perspective and creating form with letters as well as drawing zentangles. Zentangles are an easy-to-learn, relaxing, fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns, called tangles. Tangles can be made using a combination of dots, lines, simple curves and shapes. The repetition of creating the patterns and adding detail can create a feeling of 'zen'. It is a very mindful practise so is very good for your wellbeing and anyone can do it, so give it a try sometime.

Here is an example...

Grade 1/2's have also had a play with simple zentangles and have practised drawing a self-portrait, with crazy zentangle hair, as well as looked at the rainbow colour spectrum using the acronym ROYGBIV to create their covers. Foundation students are getting used to the art room and processes and have been doing some drawing and get to know you activities.

Week 3 will be my last week for a little bit as I take some long service leave and I try my hand at building furniture and cabinetry at TAFE. I will return for the last two weeks of Term 2 and immediately be preparing for our 2024 Art show that will happen at the end of Term 3. Very exiting!



In the meantime, the students will be in the very capable hands of Caroline Bowen, who is very excited about teaching Art. She will be visiting on Monday to get to know some of classes and work with me on what will be happening this semester in Visual Arts. You can get to know her as well as the other new teachers to BNPS in this LINK.

Please remember to bring named Art smocks if you have not done so already, as students will be using them in the coming weeks.

Thank you to those who already brought theirs.

I'll miss everyone while I am away, but I will no doubt come in to visit, do relief teaching and possibly add to the pole murals on my 'days off'.

Bye for now,

#### Ebony Dijk (Visual Art Teacher)

### **Chaplain's Spot**

#### Welcome to 2024 @ BNPS!

How was your Christmas holiday break? Mine was relaxing - sleeping, walking, reading.

Welcome to new students and families. I trust that your time at BNPS is fabulous.

This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year as Chaplain here, and I love working with people of all ages.

A Chaplain's role is to care for our school community, providing support in whatever ways are necessary, as noted below.

If you would like your child to speak with me: There are many students at BNPS with whom I interact. We talk about family conflict, separation, death and loss, anxiety, the world, faith, peers, whatever we need. If you would like your child to speak with me, there is a Consent Form that I can provide. You can complete this form and forward it via email or your child. It would be helpful if you can make contact through Compass or my email below, to advise the background of the issue.

I aim to support the whole school community in various ways. Here are some of the aspects of how this care is provided:

**EMOTIONAL:** Many students come to talk about their emotions, their feelings, and we talk about strategies, and what we can or cannot control ..... and we play games.

**SOCIAL:** School can be a challenging place, with many different personalities. Students often need to talk this through, sometimes with their friends in a restorative situation ..... and of course, games

**SPIRITUAL:** I am happy to discuss faith or world issues at any time, and pray for anyone. This is always an option that is available as part of my pastoral care ..... and games.

**PRACTICAL:** Every Thursday before school we have our Breakfast Club program, plus second-hand uniform items are available for a gold coin donation. The uniforms are available in the Hall foyer. There is a container for \$ when you purchase items.

Contact: If you need to contact me, you can email, phone, or see me on my days at school.

Alan Silverwood: Chaplain - Pastoral care for our community. [Wednesday, Thursday]

[alan.silverwood@education.vic.gov.au] Supporting the School community in emotional, social, spiritual and practical wellbeing.









The Chaplaincy program is funded by the Federal Government's 'National Student Wellbeing Program'.

## **Get To Know Your Teacher**

### Get to know your teacher



#### Introduce yourself and tell us a little bit about you

Hi, my name is Ms Aloizos, and I am new to Bayswater North Primary School. I love to travel, but the thing I love to do most of is .....to read!!!!!

#### What's your favourite thing about teaching?



I love teaching and spending time with students and learning all about them; what they like, dislike, their wonderings, and how their share their unique creativity with others! Most importantly, I love helping them to improve in their learning, and seeing them grow to their highest potential.

#### What would you have been if you hadn't become a teacher?

A librarian! I love books!!!!

#### What are your hobbies? What do you enjoy when you're not teaching?

Well, I love to read, so going to bookstores, or looking on-line for books I would like to buy. I love yoga and going for walks, especially past coffee shops, where I can stop for a drink!

#### Who is your favourite children's book author and why?

I love Anthony Browne books. When you read his books, you will be able to find about his family and some of the real life experiences he has had.

#### What is your favourite cuisine or food?

I love most food, but especially Thai or Greek.

What is your favourite colour? Blue

What is your favourite season? Autumn

What is your favourite music/band/singer? Paul Kelly

What is your favourite sport/team? Essendon

What is your favourite animal? Turtle

Where is your favourite place to visit/travel? Bright

Do you have a motto or favourite quote? What's your best piece of advice? "There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks them all'.

### Get to know your teacher

# Caroline Bowen

#### Introduce yourself and tell us a little bit about yourself ...

Hi! My name is Caroline, but everyone calls me Cazz :) I live with my beautiful bengal cat Bella and my son Harry. My birthday is January 24th

#### What's your favourite thing about teaching?



I love getting to know lots of awesome young people and building relationships with families. I am very excited to step into the creative space, and can't wait to explore lots of arty activities in term 1 and 2.

#### What would you have been if you hadn't become a teacher?

I always wanted to be an archaeologist!

I am a professional photographer and mostly photograph tiny babies, which I really love too.

#### What are your hobbies? What do you enjoy when you're not teaching?

I absolutely love to travel the world. I have been to many different countries, and especially enjoying experiencing different cultures. I love photography, and anything creative really! I also enjoy reading and being active outdoors.

#### Who is your favourite children's book author and why?

I have always loved Mem Fox, my favourite book of hers is Koala Lou... I will probably read it to you!

#### What is your favourite cuisine or food?

Vietnamese, anything Asian with lots of flavour and spice!

#### What is your favourite colour? PINK!

#### What is your favourite season?

Summer...I love sunshine, blue skies and don't mind the heat at all.

#### What is your favourite music/band/singer?

hmm that's a tricky one. I'm a bit old school...but I love a variety of music, from current pop hits to country music.

#### What is your favourite sport/team?

I love gymnastics and used to coach it in my younger days!

#### What is your favourite animal?

I'm definitely a cat person!

#### Where is your favourite place to visit/travel?

It's a long list but I do visit Bali every year to escape our winter.

#### Do you have a motto or favourite quote? What's your best piece of advice?

I love a good quote and have lots of favourites!

Here are a few:

"Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful"

"Fill your life with adventures, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show"

"Believe you can, and you're halfway there" (Theodore Roosevelt)

### Get to know your teacher

# **Janelle Sharkey**

#### Introduce yourself and tell us a little bit about you

Hello! My name is Janelle Sharkey and I am very pleased to be the classroom teacher for 5/6A this year. You might have seen me around BNPS last year as I think I worked in every classroom at some point as a casual relief teacher. I am fairly new to teaching after having a previous career in as a scientist in medical research, and I bring with me a passion for science and STEM. I am local to Boronia where I live with my family - husband (who is also a primary school teacher) and my two sons (11 years old and 15 years old) and my lovely 17 year old cat, Booboo.



Some things you might like to know about me: - I am an identical twin - I love anything to do with space (particularly the moon and Mars) - I have a huge collection of shoes!

What's your favourite thing about teaching? Seeing young people feel proud of their achievements.

#### What would you have been if you hadn't become a teacher? An astronaut!

#### What are your hobbies? What do you enjoy when you're not teaching?

My favourite sport is basketball and I enjoy coaching my son's team, and play myself with a group of friends. I am a keen volunteer in my community and enjoy being involved with our basketball club committee, local scouts group committee and my son's school PFA.

#### Who is your favourite children's book author and why?

Mo Willems because he teaches great life lessons in his books in a very entertaining way!

What is your favourite cuisine or food? Mexican style food.

What is your favourite colour? Green

What is your favourite season? Spring

#### What is your favourite music/band/singer?

I love lots of different artists and kinds of music, but some old favourites include Nirvana, Faith No More and Madonna

What is your favourite sport/team? Basketball - I follow the Southside Flyers in the WNBL

What is your favourite animal? Cats!!!

Where is your favourite place to visit/travel? New Zealand

#### Do you have a motto or favourite quote? What's your best piece of advice?

If you're not making mistakes, you're not learning!

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2024**

#### Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

#### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Eligibility |</u> education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

#### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### **Eligibility Date**

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on 29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024.

#### Payment amounts

#### **CSEF** payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. **For ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: <u>Camps, Sports and</u> <u>Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au</u>

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

### How to complete the application form – Forms are available at the office

#### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

 Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section. Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

- 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.
- 4. If you have previously applied for CSEF it will automatically be processed if still eligible.

### **Community News**



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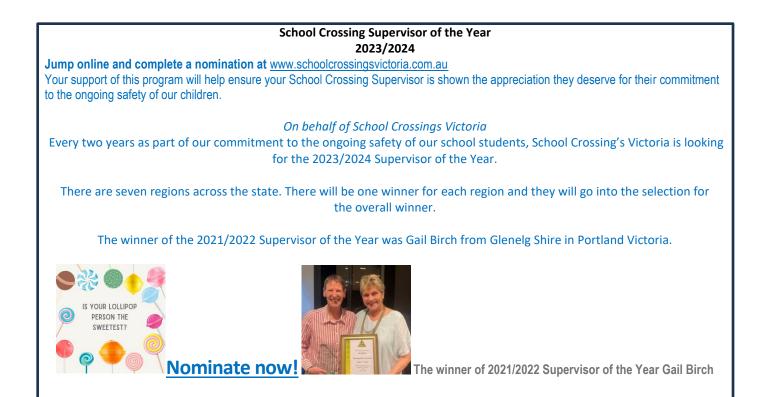
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