

Bayswater North
Primary School



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A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From the Principal's Desk

With only four weeks remaining of school for the year, there is a lot of excitement building around the events planned to end the year such as Graduation, the Christmas Concert and of course discovering who will be in your class for 2026.

I have been kept quite busy with lots of enquiries and tours still happening for families who are considering joining our BNPS community for next year.

It seems the buzz is out there in the community that there are lots of great things going on at our school!

It was such a joy to take our whole school to Knox Athletics Ground on Tuesday and witness everybody having the experience of participating in events using their fantastic facilities.

I was so proud to see our students demonstrating our school values through the way they supported each other and lifted each other up, tried their very best in all events, and treated all staff, parents and peers with courtesy and respect.

A huge thanks to everyone who made this day possible for our students, and special shout out to Mr Hannah for organising the whole day.

Congratulations to Logan Allison (Captain) and Blue House who were the winning house on the day, and to all the House Captains for their leadership.

There will be a big photo dump on our facebook page in the coming days with some awesome action shots!



Last week I received some fun letters from the Year 1/2 students who have been practising their persuasive writing skills.

A swimming pool and swings were requested as ideas they had that would make our school amazing.

I was very impressed with their writing and spelling ability, and can clearly see the benefit of our Little Learners Love Literacy program through their work.

Despite some impressive arguments being put forward, I am afraid I will have to gently let them down 😊.

Calendar

Friday November 21 2025
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November

Monday 24th
Grade 6 Footsteps
Grade 3 / 4 Camp (Mon-Wed)

Tuesday 25th
2026 Prep Transition #4
9am-10am

December

Monday 1st
Glasses for kids
Grade 6 Footsteps

Tuesday 2nd
Glasses for kids

Monday 8th
Grade 6 Footsteps
Christmas Concert

Tuesday 9th
2026 Prep Transition #5
9am-11am
Statewide Transition Day

Wednesday 10th
Boronia K-12 College Visit
Years 3 & 4

Monday 15th
Grade 6 Footsteps

Wednesday 17th
Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 19th
Last Day of Term 4
1.30pm Dismissal

From the Principal's Desk continued..

Transition Session for 2026 Classes

Over the next three weeks we will have transition sessions for students in Years 1-6.

Thursday 27th November - 1 hour

Tuesday 2nd December - 1 hour

Tuesday 9th December - 2 hours (this is also the Statewide Transition Day)

Students will find out who their class teacher will be as well as the other students they will be with. This process is incredibly important in ensuring students begin building relationships, and feel comfortable and ready to move to the next year level, and reduces anxiety in many students.

Please prioritise attendance for these days so your child does not miss out.

Student Assessment and End of Year Reports

You may have had students coming home and talking about doing a lot of assessment in recent weeks. And this is true.

For mid and end of year assessments, all students are involved in completing a range of assessment tests and tasks that provide teachers with solid evidence of progress and achievement against the Victorian Curriculum 2.0. To break up the assessment process, we spread them over a number of weeks and avoid completing too many assessments in one day as much as possible.

We collect evidence of understanding and learning from both online testing as well as teacher observations of student learning and reviewing student work samples from daily lessons. We call this 'triangulation of data' - three different pieces of evidence to show student achievement at different levels. Some of the assessments are completed one to one with teachers, and others are done as a whole class. It is an exciting and rewarding time as we often see greater growth for the second half of the year in many students, and it is wonderful to celebrate each student's personal growth and achievement.

If you have any questions regarding reporting and assessment, please contact your child's class teacher.

Semester Two student achievement reports will be live to parents through Compass by Friday 12th December.

Fencing Project

There will be further work commencing late next week. The staff carpark will have some spaces limited on Thursday, and be completely blocked off for Friday and Saturday for concreting work.

Although parents should not be using these spaces anyway, I just wanted to make sure everyone is aware.

This will also impact any clubs who use the gym out of hours, and the clubs will be notified as well.

Mrs Graunke
Principal

Upcoming Events



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Please see the Compass Portal for more information. Consent and payment may be required for some events.

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER:
GRADE 6 FOOTSTEPS

**MONDAY 24th to WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 26th:**
GRADE 3/4 CAMP
Year 3 and 4 students will be
enjoying 2 nights at Mt Evelyn
Discovery camp.

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER:
2026 PREP TRANSITION #4
9.00AM - 10.00AM

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER:
GRADE 6 FOOTSTEPS

**MONDAY 1st & TUESDAY 2nd
DECEMBER**
GLASSES FOR KIDS
FREE vision screening, testing
and glasses through the
Glasses for Kids program-for
Foundation (Prep) to Year 3
students.

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER:
GRADE 6 FOOTSTEPS

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER:
BNPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Bring along your Christmas
cheer for what will be a
fantastic night!
GRADE 6 FOOTSTEPS

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER:
2026 PREP TRANSITION #5
9.00AM - 11.00AM

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER:
BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE VIST
Year 3 & 4 Classes

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER:
GRADE 6 FOOTSTEPS

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER:
GRADE 6 GRADUATION

MORE INFORMATION
Contact us on 03 9729 1744
or check our website
www.bayswaternorth.vic.edu.au

Junior School News

Hello families! Here's what has been happening in junior school over the last two weeks:

Literacy

Recently in LLLL, Grade 2s have been continuing to explore suffixes and prefixes. For example, when to use suffixes -er and -or and how they can change a word's meaning. We've also learnt a spelling trick when to use -or, after -ct, -it or -ate.

The Grade 1s have been reading short texts with questions, and then solving word searches with words that have graphemes we have learnt this year.

In writing, students have been looking at persuasive writing. They have just finished their persuasive letters asking their teacher for a class pet. There are a lot of excellent arguments in their letters, we'll have to wait and see if any teachers were persuaded!

In reading, we are still looking at inferred and literal questions, this week we will be reading a non-fiction text about Jane Goodall. Students have also completed many recent reading assessments with their teacher and we have to say a big well done to them all!

Maths

Students explored capacity in measurement in a fun and hands-on way. They took a variety of containers outside and experimented with how many cups of sand each could hold. After measuring, they ordered the containers from the smallest capacity to the largest.



Kitchen Garden

We have had a fun couple of weeks in Kitchen Garden. We have planted more veggies, learnt about waste and even built a climbing frame for our baby tomato plants.



In the Kitchen!

This week we made pumpkin cookies with Ana. We got to read and follow the directions in the recipe, measure each ingredient, and then mixed them all together. To finish them off, we decorated them with choc chips! They tasted delicious!



House Athletics

Our House Athletics Carnival was a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork and school spirit. Students enthusiastically participated in a range of track and field events, encouraging one another and celebrating each house's efforts. It was wonderful to see so many students challenging themselves, trying new events and demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout the day. A big thank you to the staff and families who supported the event and helped create such a positive, memorable experience for all.



Grade 3/4

In Literacy, students have been developing their skills in summarising texts. They have been practising how to identify the most important points and express them concisely in their own words. In addition, we have begun revising expositions, exploring how to structure persuasive writing, use strong arguments, and support ideas with evidence. Students are demonstrating growing confidence in both their reading comprehension and writing abilities, and it has been exciting to see them apply these skills in their work.

Our focus in Maths has been revising fractions. Students have been exploring how to identify and compare mixed numerals and improper fractions, as well as how to convert between the two forms. We have also been applying these skills in practical contexts and problem-solving scenarios, helping students understand how fractions are used in everyday situations. It's been wonderful to see the students gaining confidence and using clear strategies to work through challenging questions.

It has been fantastic to see students displaying a strong understanding of rounders in 3/4 Sport. They are not only refining their individual skills, such as batting, catching, and fielding, but also demonstrating excellent teamwork. Students have been working together to develop strategies and support each other on the field, showing both sportsmanship and resilience.

We were so proud of all the 3/4 students during our whole school athletics day. It was inspiring to watch them encourage their peers, try new events, and give their best effort. The students' positivity, determination, and team spirit made the day a huge success, and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

A friendly reminder that we leave for camp on Monday! This is an exciting opportunity for students to build independence, develop friendships, and enjoy a range of fun activities. Please ensure you follow the "What to Bring" list when packing and clearly label all items. Students should bring a snack, lunch, hat, and water bottle for Monday. We encourage everyone to pack thoughtfully to ensure they have everything they need for three days of adventure. We are looking forward to a safe, enjoyable, and memorable experience for all our 3/4 students.

IN GRADE 5/6...

Reading

Students have been practicing their predicting skills by making thoughtful predictions while reading Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. They used clues from the title, text, illustrations, character and previous chapter to make informed guesses about what might happen next.



As the fog settled over the streets, Hyde somehow vanishes, and no one can see him anywhere! Mr Utterson hears footsteps behind him and his heart begins to race. He starts to think maybe this is when he is about to come face to face with Hyde! – Payton

As the sun set below the horizon and the moon beamed over London streets, Mr Enfield was investigating the overgrown laboratory at the back of Dr Jekyll's house all alone. Glass, bottles and science recipes written in messy handwriting made Mr Enfield confused, he had to report back to Dr Jekyll and Mr Utterson. Mr Enfield was convinced Mr Hyde was up to no good so he grabbed all the evidence he can and shoved it into his coat. The glass bottles were clinking and clanking as he walked trying to find out more. Suddenly, the lights turn off leaving Mr Enfield in complete darkness, then the heavy wooden door creaks open. Mr Enfield's heart was racing, he knew something bad was about to happen. – Jayla

Maths

We have started our Measurement Unit, and our current focus is on length. To make the learning hands-on and engaging, students created their own paper plane designs and tested them by flying them across the hall. They then measured and recorded the distances each plane travelled. Students also practiced converting these measurements from metres to centimetres.



Remembrance Day



As part of Remembrance Day, Grade 5/6 students created poppies to honour the soldiers who have served in wars and to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Students discussed the meaning behind the poppy and reflected on why it is such an important symbol of remembrance.



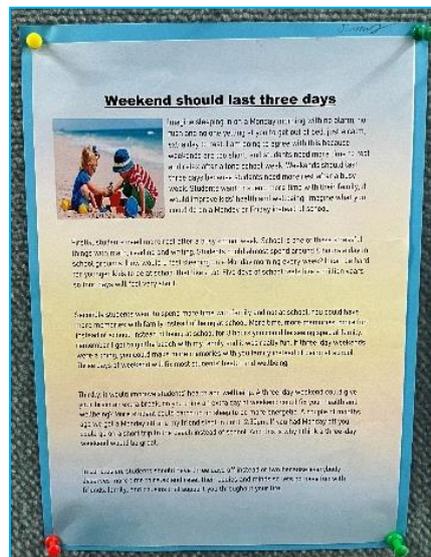
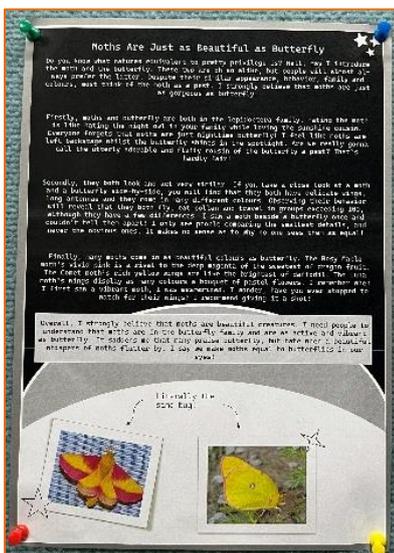
Remembrance Day is a day to remember all of the people who served for us. – Morgan

The poppy is a symbol of peace and shows respect to the soldiers that fought in war. – Xavier

Remembrance Day is a day to remember the ones who died in war. – Jimmy

Writing

The Grade 5/6 students have finally published their persuasive writing pieces. Each student planned, drafted, revised, and edited their work, carefully considering compelling arguments to support their opinions. It's great to see everyone's growing confidence in expressing a topic persuasively.



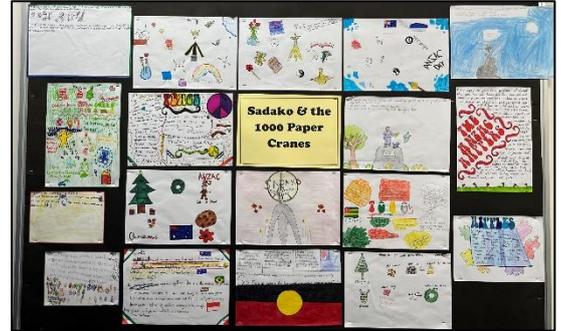


Semester 2 Testing

Grade 5/6 students have been working extremely hard completing their tests, showing just how much they have learned this year, and giving their best effort!

Wellbeing

As part of our reading of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, Grade 5/6 students created their own paper cranes. As they folded each crane, students reflected on Sadako's story and the meaning behind the tradition of making one thousand paper cranes. This activity was a wonderful opportunity for them to practise patience and perseverance, as well as follow step-by-step instructions.



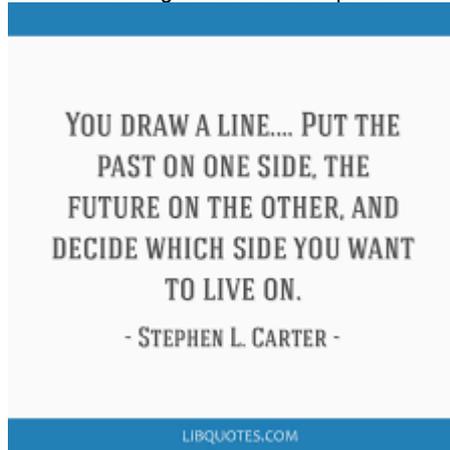
Grade 6 Footsteps & Grade 5 Leadership

Our Grade 6s have been working hard, practicing their dance, and attending Footsteps every Monday! On the other hand, all Grade 5 students have been actively engaging in leadership activities to prepare for next year.



Chaplain's Spot

Drawing a line under the past



Remembrance Day is held on November 11th each year. It marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918. It is a solemn reminder of the cost of peace, and of the courage shown by generations of Australia in its pursuit.

Remembering helps us honour people who wanted to keep the freedom we enjoy in Australia. Many of them died during World War One. There was also a second world war, and there have been wars around the world ever since. However, I am sure that most people would love all people to live in peace, and to 'draw a line' under these wars, to never experience them again.

Drawing a line under the past means to decide to stop thinking or talking about something, or to stop something from continuing, and consider it finished:

There comes a time to draw a line under your failures, or disappointments and move on.

To "draw a line under the past" means to consider it finished and move on, which can be done mentally by accepting the end of a period and focusing on the future. It's a metaphor for consciously deciding to let go of past events, failures, or difficult situations to start fresh and move forward more productively.

How often do we hear 'I'll never forgive you!'. Perhaps we have even said this, in frustration or anger, maybe several times over the years. Sometimes when I have been meeting with a student, they refer to something another child said or did 'back in Prep', years previously. Unforgiveness can have a devastating impact. It can eat us up inside, until we explode with unhappiness.

On a personal level, I 'lost' 6 months of friendship with my best friend back in 1976-77, due to a misunderstanding. It made me very unhappy, and it meant that neither of us were in each other's bridal party for our weddings. It became such an issue for me that I had to speak with him. I told him that I wasn't sure what had happened, but I wanted to sort it out, so we could be friends again. We talked it through, and discovered what had caused the rift in our relationship. I am very thankful that we talked about it, and restored our friendship. We had a lot of fun before things went bad, and when our friendship had been renewed, we were both thankful that we could again be strong friends.

I wonder if there is something that you are 'holding on to', that needs to be relinquished, let go. Perhaps there is something that someone did that made life tough for you, that you don't need to carry anymore. I know from experience how free and unburdened we can feel, when we 'draw a line' under that experience.

It may be something that you can talk through with the person involved, and it might bring healing of that relationship. On the other hand, it may not be possible to meet with them, or they may not be open to talking. However, for our **own** benefit, we can move on from such an experience, and live without that burden.

I encourage you to 'take courage' and make a choice to move on from the past that holds you back, and seek a fresh perspective in relationships and in your sense of worth, and freedom to live to your potential.

Most Wednesdays and Thursdays, I coordinate games in the library at recess or lunch-time. This Wednesday's focus was jigsaws and UNO. The largest jigsaw is the one below, where up to 6 people helped during recess, and 3 returned at lunch-time to finish this. It was a Map of the Solar System, with 300 pieces, measuring 60 X 90 cm! It included lots of facts about our solar system, as well as many interesting characters 'in the sky', heaps of space junk, with animals, vehicles, and all sorts of whacky flying stuff. It was a fun project.



Community wellbeing: Each Thursday, we run a Breakfast Club program before school in the Canteen. This is open to all students. We are part of the Foodbank program, and we are able to offer fruit, cereal, toast, and mini milks.

We have plenty of **second-hand uniforms** for sale, for gold coin donations – including many polo shirts. There are also several **school bags**. **Come and check out our stock.**

We have some **food items** available from Foodbank. These include cereal, tinned fruit, lunch snacks, tinned baked beans and spaghetti. Feel free to visit us at Breakie Club if you would like some of these, or you can email me or see me on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Roster: If you would like to help regularly, or just occasionally on our team, please let me know. We would be rapt to welcome any new team members.

Contact: If you need to contact me, you can email, phone, or see me on my days at school. Whatever concerns you, I am happy to support you and your family.

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

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Supporting the School community in emotional, social, spiritual and practical wellbeing.



Our Chaplaincy program is funded by the Federal Government's 'National Student Wellbeing Program', the GRPS School Council and donations.



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COME AND TRY

BAYSWATER NTH OSHCLUB

**PARENTS AND CHILDREN:
COME DOWN AND EXPERIENCE A RISE
THEN SHINE SESSION TO GET A TASTE
OF WHAT OSHCLUB IS ALL ABOUT!**

Tuesday 11th November
Tuesday 25th November
Tuesday 9th December
8:00-9:00am

Community News

Artisticat

FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
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- Super affordable
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FREE GIRLS FOOTY SKILLS PROGRAM

A free program for girls aged 7 to 17 who play, love or are interested in footy!

NEW & EXISTING PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

- WED 19/11/25
- WED 26/11/25
- WED 03/12/25
- WED 10/12/25

5.30PM - 7.00PM AT THE BAYSWATER JFC 799 MOUNTAIN HWY BAYSWATER

Contact Bernie Kilpatrick to join the fun!
0413 528 794
treasurer@bayswaterjfc.com.au




Community Carols Celebration

From 4:30pm Sunday 14th December

Jesus was a Refugee
A Christmas Story



Free kids activities - Gingerbread decoration, Christmas tree baubles, pony rides, disco, face painting, balloon animals.

Plus BBQ, cold drinks, coffee, gourmet cakes, & ice cream van

Join the Fun
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crossvc.org

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265 Canterbury Road
Bayswater North



THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

BY C.S. LEWIS
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY GLYN ROBBINS
DIRECTED BY JASON TRIGGS

"STEP THROUGH THE WARDROBE AND JOIN THE BATTLE FOR NARNIA!"



27TH NOV - 7TH DEC 2025

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY

Sunday 30 Nov
10am - 2pm
Undercover Carpark

Enjoy a day of festive fun with free Santa photos, meet and greet with Chase from PAW Patrol, pop-up stalls, kids' activities, live music and giveaways.

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SHOW US HOW YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Enter our drawing competition for a chance to **win 1 of 10 \$100 gift cards** and have your submission featured in our Christmas Art Display.

Complete your details below and submit your artwork at the drawing booth located near ALDI or email it to marketing@croйдонcentral.com.au.

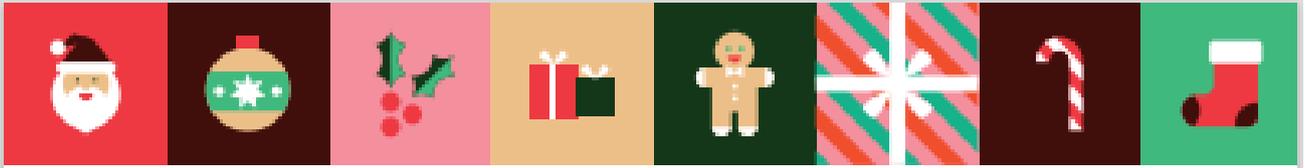
Competition closes Friday 5 December 2025. Winners will be announced Monday 8 December 2025.



Child's Name:	Child's Age:
Parent's Name:	
Phone:	Postcode:
Parent's Email :	

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