BONDI BULLETIN

The latest news and updates from Bondi Public School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Mon 16th Sustainability incursion Years K-2
- **Tue 17th** Kindergarten orientation 9:15am to 11:15am
- Fri 20th Sustainability incursion Years 3-6
- Mon 23rd Special group photos
- Mon 23rd Kindergarten 2021 'Preparing your child for Kindergarten' via Zoom 12pm or 5pm
- Wed 25th P&C AGM via Zoom 7pm

DECEMBER

- **Tue 1st** Year 6 fundraiser Junior Ninja Warrior
- Wed 16th Last day of school

Principal's report

Dear parents and carers

Over the course of Semester 2, our Year 5 and 6 students have been hard at work rehearsing lines, learning dance routines and creating props in preparation for their performance of the musical Aladdin Jr.

We hope you, your family and friends enjoyed watching the livestream performance come to life. I was most impressed with the talent of our students and staff. With thanks to Mr Bowden for leading the production with his team of assistants.

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is usually held every year in early July. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NAIDOC Week was postponed and the National NAIDOC Committee announced that this year celebrations would be held in November.





NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. This year the theme for NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. We celebrated with a visit from Koomurri Management Group and the students were able to deepen and share their understanding of Aboriginal history and culture.

As a school community we've been talking about the meaning of kindness and doing small things each day to make a positive difference in the world. Our School Captains and SRC leaders have been helping to spread the word with the tremendous support of our amazing teachers and staff members. The word has spread and we were fortunate to learn more about <u>www.kindnessfactory.com</u> and the work of their founder, Pride of Australia medal-winner Kath Koschel. Her goal is to smash the current record of the most acts of kindness in a single day - 20,000 acts in 2020 on World Kindness Day on 13th November. Students have been learning and articulating their thoughts around kindness which links beautifully with our Positive Behaviour for Learning values of being Safe, Respectful Learners.

Natalia Greguric Principal

A message from our School Captains

This is NAIDOC week and we had a special assembly where Russell from the Koomurri Management Group performed a smoking ceremony and didgeridoo performance. He taught us about his totems and life, it was loads of fun and we can't wait to see him again! We are so happy to have had such an opportunity!

On Tuesday, Stage 3 had a 'make-up' camp day as we didn't get the chance to go to the normal camp at Broken Bay. This day was full of fun challenges, laughter and teamwork! I know many people enjoyed it and some even preferred it over normal camp! We want to give a special thank you to the Masters of Fun and Josh and Brett who are the directors, and everyone who helped, for coming in and making this day super special for us. An extremely special thank you to all the teachers who stayed after hours to look after us and make this day enjoyable.

Last week Stage 3 also started surfing, and even though there's only been two lessons so far, it's still been super fun trying something new and for some people, to learn another skill.

World Kindness Day

To us kindness is spreading positivity in and around your community and making someone smile. We believe that it is one of the most important things to do. It can start from making someone's day, to go as far as helping someone's entire life! We think that it is the best motivation for people across the world and that everyone deserves kindness.

At Bondi Public School we value kindness above nearly everything else and we believe that our whole school community should receive and give as much kindness as we give and receive in school hours. To promote kindness even more our school has made many encouraging activities. We've created kindness commendations (which are given out when someone shows kindness) and add to your bronze, silver and gold awards. We've scattered kindness ninja tabs, where students can take a slip of paper if they show kindness, and finally become a kindness ninja! The captains have made a kindness video, including everyone in the school showing kindness. Stage 2 have made kindness posters in the staff room windows and around the school. BPS has also set up a 'Be the I in Kind' backdrop where students can 'interact' and become the I in the word 'KIND'. And students have also been writing cards to the elderly to send to nursing homes, with jokes and touching words. As you can see, BPS values kindness and is something we do every day!

Deputy's report

Late Arrival to School

Thank you to all parents who ensure their child is at school well before the 8:55am bell. The school day commences at 9am, with teacher supervision from 8:30am. Our K-2 students are being supervised in the Middle Playground and our 3-6 students on the Top field.

It is important that students arrive at school well before 9am as this enables them to settle in and prepare for the school day. Students who arrive late are immediately at a disadvantage as they miss out on the introduction to lessons and disrupt the class by their late arrival. Students who arrive after

the morning bell are required to report to the office to sign in and obtain a late note for the class teacher. See the next page for information about why it is important for your child to arrive at school on time and some strategies to try if you find it difficult to prepare your child for school each day. The school's learning and support team may also assist with strategies.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL	
Minutes late per day during the	Approx. Equals days' worth of learning lost in
school year	a year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6 days
15 minutes	9 days
20 minutes	12 days
30 minutes	18 days



School Captains 2021 process

Year 5 students met on Monday 9th November to express interest in being a school captain for 2021. These students will now prepare a short one-minute speech to deliver on Monday 16th November to their Year 5 cohort on why they should lead Bondi Public School in 2021. Once all speeches are complete the Year 5 group will receive a preferential voting ballot paper to vote on who they think will be most suited to be school captain. These votes are collated by the teachers and a group of boys and girls go on to the next stage.

These students will be announced on Tuesday 17th November. They are given two weeks to promote themselves within the school community with posters that the teachers will stick up at predetermined locations around the school. They then create a three-minute speech that they will present to the whole school via Zoom on Friday 4th December. After the speeches are finished, using a Google Form system, the rest of the school will individually vote for their preferred candidates. Once all votes are tallied the captains will be announced at Presentation Day on Friday 11th December.

Enrolment for 2021

Another reminder that if you have a younger child starting Kindy in 2021 please get in touch with the school ASAP. You can enrol online via our <u>school website</u>. If you have any local neighbours or family who are considering coming to BPS in 2021 for the other year groups please encourage them to contact the school for more information. If your plans have changed for 2021 and your child will no longer be attending BPS please let us know ASAP.

Staying hydrated

As the weather gets warmer it is important that our BPS students stay well hydrated. The best way to do this is for our students to bring in a clearly labelled drink bottle which they can refill throughout the day using our drinking refill stations. The Australian Dietary Guidelines recommend drinking plenty of water and choosing plain water in preference to other drinks. The daily fluid intake is between 1.2ltr to 1.9ltr for children (depending on age) with the majority of this intake consisting of plain water. Please make sure that you send your child to school with a clearly labelled bottle. Also make sure that the bottle is not made of glass as this is a safety concern when students accidentally drop them.

Student News

At Bondi PS we love hearing good news stories about our students engaging with the local community and supporting worthwhile causes. We also like to acknowledge the successes of students who have excelled in a particular area. Below are some of the recent achievements.

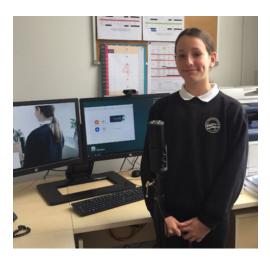
Community Service - Kids Giving Back - Sonny M - 6B

Kids Giving Back is a charity that provides meaningful, hands on experiences for children and young people to give back to others. Sonny provided assistance and support via preparation of meals for the homeless, packing of care packs and creating resources, as well as packing and delivering hampers for people experiencing food scarcity. The organisation said that Sonny is a credit to our school community and displayed a high standard of respect and responsibility with the tasks undertaken. Awesome job Sonny!

Community Service - Long Walk Home - Max D - 6Y

Max participated in the Wayside Chapel's 'Long Walk Home', a fundraiser that raises awareness and funds to support the homeless. Wayside is a local community service and, like many, has been impacted by Covid so Max was keen to do something to help. Event participants were required to walk 28kms over the week of 26th October to 1st November. Max set a target to raise \$280 and completed his kms over five days with his biggest challenge being the final leg on Sunday the 1st due to the non-stop rain. The fundraiser announced 'due to bad weather kms can be continued this week' but he decided, as the homeless don't have a choice rain or shine, he would push on. 'Besides I get to come home for a hot shower' he said. Max blitzed his target and raised \$612 for Wayside. Well done Max!





Public Speaking Bondi Network final - Isabel D - 6Y

Last Thursday Isabel represented Bondi PS in the Bondi Network Public Speaking final. Due to COVID restrictions Isabel had to film her prepared speech prior to the event and send it in to be judged. Her prepared speech topic was on sustainability and the need to look after our planet. On Thursday all the participants logged in via Zoom to go through the impromptu speech process. The topic was on 'travel'. Rather than focusing on travelling to different locations as some of the other participants did, Isabel took a different approach and spoke about travel in terms of getting your positive message to 'travel' around the world and make a difference. After the adjudicators convened they came back with the results and Isabel won the competition. She will now be representing the Bondi Network at the Grand Final on November the 18th. Congratulations Isabel!

Kate Owen Acting Deputy Principal

The importance of coming to school on time



Benefits to arriving on time



Students don't miss out on morning messages and the outline of the day.

Helps your child learn about routines and commitment.



Eases potential separation anxiety as your child will greet their friends before class.

Reduces the possibility of your child

Did you know?

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.

It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.



feeling uncomfortable when they come into the classroom late.

Are these some of the reasons for late arrival?

- Homework not complete
- Staying up late watching TV
- Clothes, books, school work items can't be found
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Test or presentation at school
- Trouble getting out of bed in the morning
- Screaming or not letting go of you once at school

Strategies to try to be on time

- Set bed time going to sleep and waking up
- Uniform laid out and school bag packed the night before
- Allocate a homework time each day
- TV on for set time frames and only if appropriate
- Positive encouragement about school
- Once at school kiss and hug and leave promptly

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P&C news

We've moved our fundraising online - please donate now!

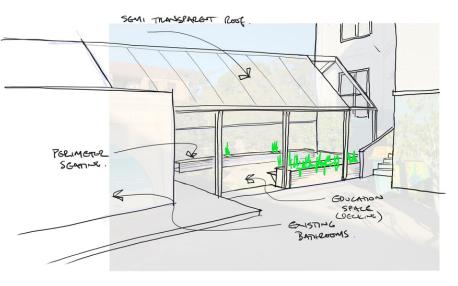
Our first ever online fundraiser is in full swing – thank you to everyone who has been able to donate so far. We've raised over \$14,000 (and not a single BBQ has been turned on), but we still have a long way to go to reach our target of \$65,000. If you have not already, PLEASE DONATE NOW.



This year we would have normally held the Halloween Fete – our biggest fundraising event – that essentially finances core P&C activities, events and projects over a two-year period. Thanks to your support of past fetes, and our smaller annual community celebrations, the P&C has in recent years funded the completion of the library renovation with new shelving, installed drink bottle filling stations in each playground, delivered the new top field play space, purchased BPS branded gazebos and banners for sporting events and purchased equipment and banners

for sporting events and purchased equipment for the Makerspace (science room) including iPads, a document camera, and a set of Sphero Robots.

WE HAVE BIG PLANS FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, SO WE STILL NEED TO FUNDRAISE. The P&C secured a grant to help fund a new outdoor learning space in the corner of the middle playground. We still need an additional \$25,000 to deliver the project in collaboration with the school. The fete would have raised those funds. The space will be used regularly for music, science and library lessons and a much-needed sheltered provide outdoor space for more passive play.



In 2021 we plan to support the final phase of the development of the Makerspace which will include design, purpose-built storage, furniture and more equipment. We all know first-hand just how much the students are enjoying their science lessons. Our fundraising will make a big difference in this space. The school has asked for assistance to help fund the purchase of 14 new interactive whiteboards. They are crucial in every classroom to support our teachers and students to achieve the high-quality teaching and learning that we are very proud of.

The impact of the fete cancellation means that about \$65k that we would normally be raising to invest into the school has not made it to the bank. If we want the best learning environment for our children – we still need to fundraise. With the support of our entire school community we are confident we can still reach our fete fundraising target of \$65,000. We've kept it simple – there are no cakes to bake, no burgers to flip, no late-night meetings, no tickets to sell, no donations to source.

For those yet to donate - it's really easy! Please click on the link below to donate now and share the link with friends, family and the community who would have supported our fete. Every single dollar amount will help. If you are able to, please consider donating the amount you would have spent at the fete and other school celebrations over the year. If you are in a position to dig deeper, we thank you. <u>https://www.gofundme.com/f/bondi-ps-pandc-annual-fundraiser</u>

Uniform Shop

Keep an eye out on Dojo for Flash Sales of second-hand uniform items starting next week. All items have been professionally laundered ready for sale. A big thank you to the growing team of uniform shop volunteers supporting Nil to ensure that our new 2021 kindy families have their uniforms orders hand delivered over the coming weeks.

The Canteen needs you

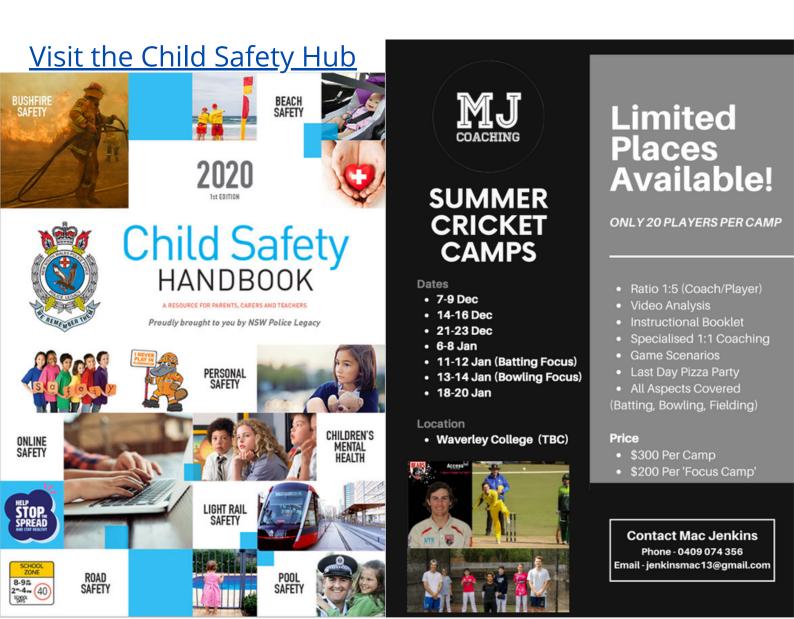
Thank you to everyone who has been able to sign up for a shift this term, the support of volunteers helps to keep prices low and meet demand. There are two shifts each day starting at 9am and 11am and we can be flexible around your work and home commitments if you can only spare an hour. Jobs vary on any given day and nothing is too complicated or requires any special skills at all. Please use the link to sign up for a shift this term: <u>https://signup.com/go/xQZjgfc</u>

Tea towel fundraiser

The class parents did a great job coordinating student and teacher portraits this week for the BPS tea towel fundraiser in record time. Thank you! Keep an eye out for the order link – orders will need to be placed next week to ensure delivery this term.

Term 4 P&C meeting and AGM - 7pm Wednesday 25 November via Zoom

All Parents and Carers of current BPS students are welcome to join us to review the year, discuss plans for 2021, and hear from our new principal Natalia Greguric. Office bearers and roles will also be confirmed for next year. If you have any questions, suggestions for the agenda, or would like to be more involved email Lukey <u>bondipublicschoolpcsec@gmail.com</u> We would love to hear from you.





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