

BONDI BULLETIN

The latest news and updates from Bondi Public School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- **Mon 14th** - Year 6 talent quest
- **Wed 16th** - Year 6 graduation assembly
- **Wed 16th** - Last day of school

JANUARY

- **Fri 29th** - First day of school for Years 1 to 6

FEBRUARY

- **Wed 3rd** - First day of school for Kindergarten

Principal's report

Celebrate success

Today is about celebrating success. Bondi Public School proudly provides opportunities for children to be involved in a broad variety of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities to enable them to shine in their own unique way. Today, we celebrate successful achievements and acknowledge the people who helped the children achieve their personal best.

During 2020 the Bondi Public School community has demonstrated courage to overcome many challenges throughout the pandemic. Creative problem solving is what makes our school unique and I believe you all truly shone and came through even stronger.

Teachers and support staff at Bondi Public School genuinely love what they do! We are passionate about learning and we continue to learn and grow together. So, a very warm thank you is extended to each and every teacher and support staff member for your dedication and commitment to excellence in developing the whole child and ensuring our operations run smoothly.

Each year we also farewell a number of staff members who will be taking on new adventures in 2021. Each of the following staff members has made a significant contribution to Bondi Public School and we sincerely thank you for your dedication to serving the Bondi Public School community:

Breanna Moody, Georgie Pritchard, Molly Coulter, Olympia Fourtounis, Michelle Shirlaw, Mary Naughton, Lynette Allen, Bronwyn McCormack, Kimberley Nicolussi, Shannon Bligh, Taylor Burgess and Kate Owen. You will always have a special place in the hearts and minds of the Bondi Public School community.

A huge thank you is extended to our parents. Thank you for trusting us to teach your children. We borrow them for six hours each day and aim to instil a love of learning and values that will take them well into adulthood. We truly value your partnership and encourage you to continue on this journey with us together. Your children love seeing you involved in school life and it is proven to make a big difference to their overall performance. We look forward to having more time together on site when the restrictions have eased. Thank you to our wonderful P&C and team of dedicated parents who work behind the scenes to ensure our students have the very best opportunities and have lots of fun along the way! Thanks also to our fabulous canteen staff and volunteers for nourishing us throughout the year with delicious food.

Last but not least, thank you to the students of Bondi Public School who make it a joy to be here. Your cheerful, friendly faces and smiles make it all worth it!! Each one of you is unique and it's our job to make sure we teach you well so that you can dream and believe in yourself to achieve your personal best.

I also acknowledge the fabulous leadership provided by our School Captains and the leadership team. I am impressed by your proactive approach and solution-focused energy providing a positive outlook on the world which inspires others to follow you.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the School Captains 2021:

- Maura Perez - Captain
- Archer Bull - Captain
- Izzara Clarke - Vice Captain
- Olly Corfield - Vice Captain

I extend to all members of our School community my very best wishes for seasons greetings and a refreshing and safe holiday.

Best wishes

Natalia Greguric
Principal

Sincere thanks to our parents, staff and community for dedicating their time and talent in coming together to make our Year 6 farewell such a memorable experience.



Thanks to Gelato Messina for providing the complimentary dessert!



Deputy's report

Opportunity Class placement update - Year 5

If your child sat the OC test on 18th November please keep an eye out for an email which will update you on the process. Results for the test are expected to be released to families in mid-January 2021. Parents who are offered placement on behalf of their children will have just one week to respond to their offers.

Student news

Bondi's budding artists

A group of Year 4 students are part of an after school art club known as the Bamboo Bois. They were recently selected to paint the front facade of La Piadina cafe in Bondi as part of the Activated Walls Project.

Next time you're on Glenayr Avenue make sure you check out their work!



Bookmark brigade - Stage 2

A group of Stage 2 students have been hard at work making, decorating and laminating 150 bookmarks to raise money for the Barnardo's Christmas Appeal. This week they set up a pop-up store outside the school gates and they were able to raise \$170 for the Christmas Appeal.

Supporting communities - uniform donation

We are pleased to announce that over 100 second-hand coloured sports shirts have been donated to the Jilkminggan School in the Northern Territory. BPS parent Kelly Wright is founder of a charity called Deciding to Make a Difference which sees her regularly heading north to work with the remote Aboriginal community. The community is five hours south of Darwin and is home to 300 people, with 107 children enrolled at the school. At present a lot of the pupils attend school early to have breakfast and a shower so it's great the teachers will be able to hand the children the clean tops to be fresh for their day. They are so happy to be receiving the generous donation and will send some pictures to update us once they arrive. If you are interested in learning more about the charity you can visit the [Deciding to Make a Difference website](#).



Jump Rope donations

This week we were notified that Bobin PS and Wytaliba PS received our Jump Rope for Heart donations. They again expressed how grateful they were to the students and community of Bondi PS and wished us well for a safe and happy holidays. We also received a letter of thanks and a plaque from the Heart Foundation this week acknowledging our fundraising efforts. As a community we raised close to \$18,000 for lifesaving heart research, support and programs for the Heart Foundation. I hope this tradition continues long into Bondi PS future.



Thank you and farewell

As this is my last Bondi PS newsletter I would like to thank and acknowledge the wonderful staff, community and students for making Bondi an amazing place to work. Writing about the above community-focused events exemplifies the Bondi spirit of being respectful and thinking about others. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. May the force be with you!

Kate Owen
Acting Deputy Principal

A message from our School Captains

It is devastating to know that this is the last newsletter we will ever write as the Captains of Bondi Public School. These seven years at BPS have been the best times of our lives and we will never forget how much fun primary school was and how much love and support we received.

On Wednesday the 9th of December the Year 6's celebrated with a graduation dinner. It was amazing to catch up with our lovely teachers who taught us in the past. The night was unforgettable and will definitely be one of the many highlights of our primary school years. We have made so many amazing moments, friends and skills that will stay with us forever. We will miss this school very much and we wish all the students the very best for the rest of their primary school years.

We also wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone at BPS which has made our experience so memorable and amazing. To Paul our handyman, who has the legendary duck noises who has been making all of us laugh since day one. Angie, Kim, Kimberley and Steph, the office staff, who work tirelessly to send messages and look after us when we can't look after ourselves.

To Mr. M, Mr. Forbes, Ms. Kennedy-White and Mr. B who have taught us to be better readers, investigators, thinkers and musicians and to be proud of everything we do and to be independent. These people have made our school years and have been prominent role models in our life and will be remembered for everything they have done.

Lastly Mr. Jones who made the school the way it is today. He was a man who persevered through hard times with a smile on his face. He had a vision to make the school a better place and he certainly reached his goal. It is important that we, the students, teachers and staff continue to strive to keep his wish alive and continue his mission to make this school an even better place. Thank you Mr Jones, and the rest of the BPS community for making our school years so memorable and for making us feel like we belong. You have all taught us how to be the best people we could possibly be and to never give up. We are so grateful to have spent our primary school years at such an amazing, joyful and hardworking school. We will miss every single student and staff member dearly but we will never forget everything you have taught us.

Love the Captains (Ingrid, Aarya, Roxie and Kelian)

P&C news

It's a wrap for 2020!

While many of us will breathe a collective sigh of relief next Wednesday and look forward to a summer break, we should also reflect on how lucky we are to be part of such a strong school community.

The P&C Executive team of 2020 has thoroughly enjoyed the challenges that the past year has thrown up. We came together at the end of 2019 with a mix of experience and new faces to fill the key roles and set the direction for this year.

Our primary goal was to engage with the school community in a way that made every community member feel welcome and comfortable with participating and contributing to the school in whatever capacity they were capable. At the 2019 AGM a number of key projects and funding were discussed, and a number of operational areas were identified for focus including the uniform shop, online banking, financial reporting and completing the transition of the canteen from school to P&C management. It was also to be a fete year.

The year got off to a great start, we held a very productive and collaborative meeting in term one but was quickly turned on its head by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. There was a high level of uncertainty around school operations, which directly impacted on our canteen and uniform shop.

As soon as it was confirmed that the school would transition to online learning the P&C Executive's primary focus shifted to protecting the school canteen and its staff. The Jobkeeper support payment was secured so that all our employees were paid throughout the lockdown period, and ensuring we were able to offer the same quality service when the school resumed face-to-face learning.

During this downtime, we were also able to address a number of key governance issues to ensure that the P&C, and specifically the canteen business, was compliant and meeting all of our legal obligations. All statutory payments, including superannuation, are up-to-date, automated payroll has been implemented, a break-even operating budget has been approved and most importantly the canteen employees are now properly protected. Standard employment contracts are now in place for most employees to ensure wage compliance and leave entitlements (with leave entitlements backdated to when they commenced employment in January 2018).

As a result, we not only have a great canteen but one that now meets all its obligations to the staff, P&C and the school. We thank Carolyn and the canteen team for their commitment to delivering healthy, nutritious and delicious food to our children. We also extend a big thank you to Sam Merrick for supporting the uniform shop while we were unable to have volunteers at school.

Despite the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on the P&C's calendar, a number of other achievements were also reported at this year's AGM, including:

- Purchase of STEM resources to have an immediate impact on the Makerspace (\$15K);
- Installation of drink bottle filling stations in the four main playground spaces;
- Funding of a new mural on the top playground;
- Completion of the new library shelving, co funded by the P&C;
- Short term improvements to, and deep cleaning of, student toilet blocks;
- Securing a NSW Government grant for \$22,500 for the outdoor classroom space;
- Keeping the Uniform Shop operational during the school shutdown period;
- Employment of a casual Uniform Shop Coordinator;
- Supporting staff and student wellbeing weeks over the year;
- Contribution of \$18K to the initial purchase of interactive whiteboards and a commitment to contribute further funds dependent on fundraising outcomes;
- Welcoming our new principal, Natalia Greguric; and
- Providing five representatives for teacher merit selection panels.

On behalf of the school community we thank our teaching and support staff for their incredible efforts to transition the school to online learning, and for the support, guidance and patience they gave us. Their innovation was inspiring.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our biennial Halloween fete which provides the majority of P&C fundraising. It was a real shame as it is such a wonderful community celebration. Despite this setback, fundraising efforts continued with a gofundme page and BPS memento tea towels, providing much needed funds of approximately \$25,000 which will be contributed to the outdoor classroom, Makerspace and interactive whiteboards. That we were able to raise such significant amounts in a year of so much uncertainty is testament to the resilience and generosity of our school community.

In recent years the P&C has had difficulty in getting people to volunteer for the key executive roles due to the time commitment and responsibility involved. This year, however, we saw a group of parents step forward and put their hands up for 2021. This allowed the existing executive to collectively make the decision to step down.

Each of the outgoing executives has thoroughly enjoyed their role this year and we look forward to supporting the P&C, school and community moving forward. It will take a lot of collective effort on the part of everyone to rebuild connections and reunite the community after such an unsettling year. We can't rely on a small group of parents to do that.

It will come down to the everyday interactions within the community, the sharing of ideas, tapping into the individual expertise we are lucky to have, and listening to each other. Most importantly, we must set an example for our children on how to be active and positive community-minded citizens.

Congratulations and good luck to the new Executive office bearers. We encourage the community to support them in their new roles and to show appreciation – they are taking on lots of responsibility on behalf of the community. We wish you a safe and happy end to 2020, and hope that we are able to come together to celebrate our wonderful community in the new year.

2020 P&C Executive

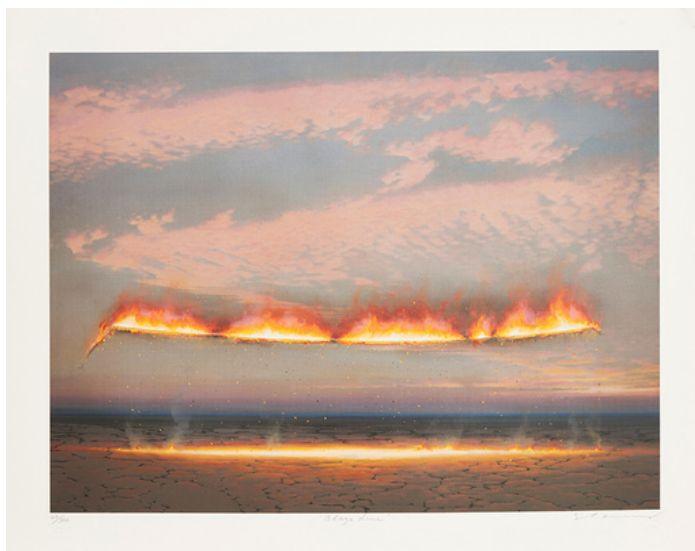
Rachel Hurford, Ben Waters, Michelle Caley, Yael Super, Adrien Meredith and Luke Unsworth



Ethics classes need volunteers for next year

Calling all BPS parents! Are you looking for a different way to volunteer in the school community? BPS kids have the weekly opportunity to participate in the 'Primary Ethics program' every week. Classes consist of 30 minutes of age-appropriate discussions to build moral reasoning skills, engage in respectful discussion (even when they disagree) and deepen critical thinking skills.

This program can't run without volunteers and we are looking for parents, grandparents or community members who want to give their time to be a facilitator. Training is free (but takes some time) and feedback from our many volunteers is that it's a challenging but rewarding gig!! Classes are weekly on Mondays at 2pm or 2:30pm during the school term, so if you are available during this time slot and want to know more, please send Natalie an email to ethicsbps@gmail.com as soon as possible or go to primaryethics.com.au to find out more.



Greeting from the new P&C team of President Zoe Pester, Vice Presidents Marina Makhlin and Leonie Du Bois, Treasurer Nick Breadman and Secretary Catherine Joseph.

We are excited to start by thanking Rohan Hawthorn for his generous donation of framed prints by acclaimed artists Tim Storrier and Adam Cullen to be raffled in early 2021 (see pictures above).

Covid prevents us from hosting our annual Volunteers Morning Tea to thank those who give their time and expertise to the school. This includes Canteen, Kitchen Garden, Ethics, Scripture, Class Parents and those who pitch in as required. A huge thank you to you all; your contribution makes BPS a better place for our children. If you would like to be involved or have skills to offer, feel free to contact bondivolunteers@gmail.com as there are jobs large and small for all.

Communication between the P&C and the school community will continue through the fortnightly newsletter and Dojo. We look forward to being on school grounds again next year (fingers crossed) to enjoy some great P&C events.



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WEDS 23rd DEC
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Week 2 - January

TUES 5th JAN
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WEDS 6th JAN
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THURS 7th JAN
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Depart: 9.30am Return: 3.30pm

Week 3 - January

TUES 12th JAN
SKYZONE



Depart: 9.45am Return: 3pm

WEDS 13th JAN
PREMIER KARTING



Depart: 9.30am Return: 3.30pm

THURS 14th JAN
JAMBEROO



Depart: 8.45am Return: 4.30pm

Week 4 - January

TUES 19th JAN
VR KINGDOM



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Depart: 10.15am Return: 3pm

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