BONDI BULLETIN

The latest news and updates from Bondi Public School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Fri 28th 2Y Assembly
- Fri 28th to Sun 1st Junior Dads Camp

MARCH

- Wed 4th Zone swimming carnival
- Fri 6th 6B Assembly
- Fri 6th Chinese NY Welcome BBQ 4.30pm 6.30pm
- Tue 10th School photos
- **Thu 12th** Selective High School Placement Test
- Fri 13th 2R Assembly
- Mon 16th to Wed 18th Stage 3 Broken Bay Camp

Principal's Report

There was excitement in the air this week as students from Bondi PS entered the AFL Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day. On Wednesday Miss Pentney entered two teams into the competition and although they didn't progress to the semis, the 38 students in attendance represented our school with excellent pride, sportsmanship and skill. It is wonderful to see so many Bondi students getting involved in extracurricular activities as the benefits are well-established.

I've been working closely with the P&C to streamline **communication** across the school. Please refer to to the newsletter or the school website for up and coming dates and ensure that you have notifications activated on dojo. There was some discussion around separating your dojo feeds into individual accounts so that your stories are not overcrowded. We welcome your feedback around streamlining this process further.

The **Chinese New Year Welcome BBQ** is going ahead on Friday March 6. Hopefully the good weather remains so we don't have to postpone.

Congratulations to our 2020 **school leaders** who were inducted at our special assembly in Week 4. There are many opportunities for students across our school to develop their leadership skills. Some of these are:

- assisting in the facilitation and smooth running of whole school events
- being a good role model for other students
- leading whole school assemblies
- representing our school at out of school events
- contributing their view point on whole school related issues
- · respecting school rules and values



Helping out at school is a great way to get involved in your child's education as well as get to know the staff and other parents and carers. Research shows that children benefit when their parents or carers are actively involved in their education and school life. The vast majority of volunteers in schools are parents and most are exempt from obtaining a paid **Working With Children Check** WWCC from the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG). The Department requires exempt parents volunteering at school to visit the front office to complete a declaration and provide photo ID. All other volunteers will need to apply for a volunteer WWCC via the OCG website, visit the front office, complete a declaration and provide 100 points of ID.

This is a gentle reminder that parents are not permitted to wait in school buildings or the playground before 8.30am or after 3.15pm. Before and After School Care lease the majority of our school site during these times and it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to ensure the safety and protection of the students in their care. This includes, but is not limited to, parents waiting for children who are involved in music tuition, art classes, jujitsu, or Go Go Healthy Kids.

There has also been an increase in the number of students who are arriving at school well before supervision commences at 8.30am. Generally these are the students who walk to school on their own. If your child walks independently to school, please remind them that they should arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am.

I am also very excited to announce that Bondi PS has been successful in our applications for:

- Local Schools Community Fund I received notification from Dave Sharma, Federal member for Wentworth, that our 'Interactive Whiteboard Upgrade Project' was successful and our school was granted \$19 221. This money was used to purchase four new boards which have been installed in our Kindergarten rooms.
- Sustainable Schools Program Gabrielle Upton, member for Vaucluse, announced this week that our 'Wicking and Pumping Project' was successful. The \$15 000 that we will receive is going towards reinstating the six existing rainwater harvesting systems that we have on our site that have previously been unused. Once connected these systems will supply water to our toilet blocks and gardens. A small portion of the money is also going towards purchasing the final few wicking beds to make our self-watering, sustainable garden complete!

A special thank you needs to be extended to Mr White and our amazing garden specialist Fiona for driving these projects.

Mrs Olivia Parry Acting Principal

STOP THE PRESS at Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden

It is time to stop and acknowledge what we have achieved at our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden.

2020 has charged ahead without considering my somewhat overwhelmed self!

My head is spinning with the amazing support our Stephanie Alexander Garden has been given by the following funding bodies:

- Waverley Council Grant \$5000
- Woolworths Landcare Grant \$1000
- 2019 Year 6 Bondi Public Fundraiser \$3000
- Sustainable Schools Grant \$15 000

So here is the low down on what all the students at Bondi Public School are working towards: the entire garden is being revamped in 2020. The old beds are out and being replaced by a wicking bed solution.

Wicking beds take the garden off the current drip-fed irrigation system. Wicking beds have a reservoir of water beneath the soil which is drawn up via a wicking system into the soil to the roots. To those who have questions, there is an outlet drainage system to avoid flooding! The benefit of these beds are a saving of at least 90% of our current water usage. The beds only need watering every four to five weeks.

We are working closely with <u>Water Ups Down Under</u> run by Ian Collins who has designed and created the beds we are using. Ian is giving us great support and discounts to make this project happen.

It is a huge undertaking for our students to make this transformation happen. I am awestruck at the dexterity and ingenuity of all students at Bondi Public to make this a reality. The funding allows us to buy the equipment but it is the students that are making it happen! This garden is truly a legacy for all current and future students at Bondi Public School.

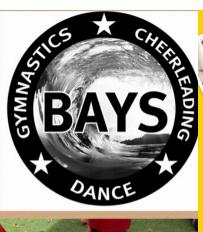
The NSW Sustainable Grant funding also allows us to upgrade all the tanks with water pumps to generate a sustainable watering system for the school's gardens and toilet flushing systems.

This is also the time for me to ask for volunteers to enter the garden. If it is outdoor exercise you are looking for then it is the school garden where you can get it. Shovels are also required to help burn the energy. Don't be shy and Dojo me if you would like to lend a hand. I can also be contacted on 0466 938 345. Lots of soil to move, beds to make and set up and old wood to be pulled apart. I am in the garden Tuesday to Thursday.

A big thanks to all of us at BPS from SAKGP!

Tuesdays 10.00-10.45am (play until 11.00am) Cooper Park Community Hall, Bellevue Hill \$20 per session Drop in













Cheerleading Session **Every Tuesday** Cooper Park Community Hall, Bellevue Hill Sian@baysgymcheerdance.com www.baysgymcheerdance.com















Gymnastics Cheerleading and Dance sessions Held at Double Bay School, William Street



Every Saturday in Term Time

Gymnastics and Cheerleading 9.45-10.30am 2.5-4 years old 10.45-11.40am 5-6.5 years old 11.45am - 12.45pm 7 + years old

Dance - Hip Hop and Jazz 1.00-1.45pm - Primary Ages 1.50-2.50pm- Secondary Ages

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SUNDAY MARCH 22, 10-11am

After, join The Paddle Out for Protection











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I am a year 8 student offering maths tutoring for up to year 7.

I love maths and I'm good at explaining it.

Last year I came top of my year in maths. I'm

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If you're interested, please call me on:

0424 265 191

(but please do not call me 9am – 3:30pm on a weekday as I will be at school).





OPEN NIGHT

Join us for our annual Open Night to gain information about the diverse curriculum and opportunities on offer. Come and meet our studets and staff.

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