

# BONDI BULLETIN

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Principal's Post

### Dates for your Diary

**October 25**

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 return to school

**October 27**

Kindergarten Virtual Transition 3

**November 17**

P&C Meeting 7pm

Dear parents and carers,

We have absolutely loved welcoming our Kindergarten and Year 1 students back to school. They have settled into school life beautifully. Thank you for everything you have done on the home front to ensure they are ready to learn at school. Our teachers and school staff appreciate working in partnership with you to ensure a smooth transition. Next week we look forward to welcoming all of the students and staff back on site. Please refer to COVID-19 guidelines below.

#### Response protocols for confirmed cases of COVID-19

NSW Health have made changes to self-isolation requirements for people who are identified as close contacts who are fully vaccinated.

- Close contacts who are fully vaccinated must self-isolate for 7 days (and limit their movements for the next 7 days). Close contacts who are not vaccinated must isolate for 14 days.
- Casual contacts need to get tested and self-isolate until they get a negative test result - even if they are vaccinated.

A reminder that anyone who has the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms must get tested immediately and self-isolate until they get a negative result - even if they're vaccinated. Please visit the COVID-19 response protocols page for fact sheets on close and casual contacts, isolation guidelines for children and to answer your questions.

#### Vaccination requirements for staff and students

I want to let you all know that from 18 October all staff onsite required to support the staged return of students will need to be fully vaccinated. You can have confidence that we are handling the evidence requirements with the department and anyone interacting directly with your students will be fully vaccinated. The only exception is staff supporting Out Of School Hours Care who are required to be vaccinated from 8 November.

There may be some staff members who are not yet fully vaccinated or who have an approved medical exemption to not be vaccinated that we are still undertaking a risk assessment around. For this reason some classes may be covered by another teacher. We appreciate your understanding and the need to ensure staff privacy is protected. COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 now will help to protect both you, your family and our school community.

#### Updated mask requirements

To reflect the changes in community settings mask wearing requirements have been updated for schools.

When students and staff return to school, the following requirements are in place:

- masks are required for all staff and students in Year 7 and above in all indoor settings
- masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary students.

#### Ventilation in schools

Ventilation is an important layer of support under COVID-safe operations alongside vaccinations, mask wearing, reducing mingling across year groups and good cleaning and hygiene. The department's ventilation recommendations have been informed by NSW Health advice, expert advice from the Doherty Institute and the World Health Organisation



This advice tells us that maximising natural ventilation in our learning spaces is the most effective method for minimising the spread of COVID-19 as it is a very effective way to disperse particles in the air. This can be best achieved by opening doors and windows.

To maximise our school's readiness for the return of students and staff, the department also conducted a statewide review of all windows, fans and ventilation systems to ensure schools can operate them as intended. The audit confirms the majority of spaces in schools can be adequately ventilated through natural and mechanically assisted ventilation. We are taking action and working with our local Asset Management team to make sure classes can go ahead within the advice received on ventilation for our school. The intent of the individual school ventilation audit reports is to enable our local Asset Management teams to work with schools to discuss our individual spaces and confirm settings on our sites. We are taking action and working with our local Asset Management team to make sure classes can go ahead within the advice received on ventilation for our school. Any necessary repair works identified by the review, such as easing and adjusting windows to ensure they operate as intended, will be completed before the full return to face-to-face learning from 25 October. Due to the keen interest from the community to fundraise for Air Purifiers, I have liaised with our Asset Management team to conduct an electrical audit to ensure that our school can adequately cope with the increased electrical demands placed upon it. I will feed this information back to the community as soon as it is available so that we can make a decision on the next step. As of Monday 25 October our school will be supplied with 6 Air Purifiers from the Department of Education which will be placed in classrooms that require additional ventilation due to size and number of students. If you'd like more information, refer to the department's [Ventilation page](#).

### **Attendance**

If parents or carers believe that their child has a condition that means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance, we encourage families to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a [COVID-19 Action Plan](#) [External link](#) to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school. If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

### **Before and After School**

In the mornings students will be asked to go straight to their classroom to avoid mingling with cohorts. Teachers will be on duty in their classroom from 8.30am each morning preparing for the day. We kindly ask, if possible please bring your child in from 8.50am. We understand that this is not possible for everyone and we appreciate your consideration of this request.

In the afternoon, Kindergarten will be released at 2.55pm from the Basketball Courts.

Year 1 students will be released at 3.00pm from the Wellington St gates (grass area).

Year 2 Students will be released from the bottom gate on Wellington St (same as term 2)

Students in Years 3-6 will be released to either walk home or come out to the car-line pick up.

### **Eating and Play time**

Each grade/cohort will be playing and eating in separate areas across the school to avoid mingling with cohorts.

### **Classroom equipment**

K-2 students will be supplied with pencils and classroom equipment to share amongst a small group of students. Students are able to bring in their own equipment if this is the family's preference.



**Memorial for Sarah Kelley**

We have had an outpouring of love and support from the community in regards to the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Sarah Kelley.

Sarah has been a member of the Bondi Public School community since 2018. She was a valued member of staff, forming strong ties with her colleagues. Sarah was a highly competent teacher who also contributed to many programs beyond the classroom, including Positive Behaviour for Learning, our ATSI committee, Planeteers team and Junior Choir. She worked with great energy to ensure she exuded quality practice throughout her time here. Her success was keenly evident with the children she worked with everyday, including her beloved class, 4Y.



Sarah's family will hold a memorial for her on Friday 29th October. The memorial will also be live streamed. If you would like to attend the memorial either in person or via live stream, please RSVP with your name, email and phone to [bondi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bondi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and the office will send your details to the family who will subsequently send you the memorial details. Many members of our school community have asked what they can do to help Sarah's family. The Kelley's have requested that any contributions are directed towards Wayside Chapel, Bondi Beach - a charity close to their hearts.

We would like to thank each of you for your kindness and generosity in helping us as a school community to keep going and continue supporting one another and of course the students of Bondi Public School.



Ms Barlow

**Farewell and Welcome**

This week Miss Toibin started her maternity leave and we would like to thank her for her fabulous contribution to 5/6 R and Bondi Public School this year. We wish her all the very best in the lead up to the birth of her babies.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Wong who will be teaching 5/6 R for the remainder of the year and Ms Barlow who will be teaching K-6 STEM while Mr Forbes teaches 4Y for the remainder of the year.

**Celebrated in Australia on Friday 29th October**

World Teachers' Day 2021 is an opportunity to celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact on our lives.

Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'.

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Warm regards

**Natalia Greguric**  
Principal





# Deputy's Delivery



## The return of Kindergarten and Year One

We couldn't be more proud of the way Kindergarten and Year One students have really taken the return to on-site learning in their stride. Seeing the joy on students' faces as they have been reunited with their friends has been truly beautiful. Classes are settling wonderfully and teachers are so happy to be back to face-to-face teaching. We are looking forward to welcoming Years 2 - 6 back to school next week!

## Intentions for 2022

It's hard to believe we are in Term 4 and starting to think about 2022 and all of the wonderful things it will bring. It has been a year like no other and one we will certainly remember. We are so proud of the way our students, staff and families have worked together to ensure our students have continued to learn and grow.

Is your child(ren) returning to Bondi Public in 2022? To help with essential planning including class formation we request that all families complete this short survey. All responses will be kept confidential with only school executive accessing responses.

You will need to complete the survey for each of your children. For example if you have three children it will need to be completed three times. For our current Year Six students, there is no need to respond.

Please complete the survey by the end of Week 4 (Friday 29 October).

Intentions Survey: <https://forms.gle/X9GgvhbcvkkeoxV4A>

## Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Sport - Have Your Say!

Sydney Coastal Primary Schools Sports Association provides students with the opportunity to play in an inter-school sports competition, in addition to attending all zone carnivals (swimming, cross country and athletics). The aim is to promote sport through inter-school competition amongst the zone's primary school students. It is for boys and girls aged eight to thirteen years (or Years 3-6).

Bondi Public School does not currently participate in PSSA Sport, however, we are surveying staff, students and our community to gauge how much support there is for our school's entry from 2022. Have your say - Please find attached survey with all the details including other schools currently participating in our local area.

PSSA Survey - Have your say: <https://forms.gle/s1Ekq4GjWUxZeNgRA>

## Pokemon Cards/Trading Items

Due to ongoing issues surrounding Pokemon Cards, the school is asking that they stay at home please. They can cause distraction from learning, often they are lost resulting in upset children, some cards are very valuable and we ask that any valuable items are not brought to school, and trading has become problematic.

Thank you for understanding this decision and for your support in ensuring your child/ren does not bring to school.



Have a wonderful fortnight ahead. Take good care of yourselves and each other.



Warm regards,  
**Anna O'Connor**  
Deputy Principal



# Spotlight on Learning

## 1/2R with Ms Murphy



Throughout home learning, 1/2R has done the most spectacular job in dedicating themselves towards their work. Their impressive focus, tenacity and positivity towards their learning has been continually impressive, and I could not be prouder! Their joy in learning was particularly seen when we started looking at procedures in our English Unit last term. Students really took to writing, creating and developing their own procedures, and what they came up with was truly impressive! Recipes were followed and enjoyed, newspaper pirate hats were made, extraordinary lego contraptions were developed and wonderful arts and crafts were produced!

In their own time, students continued to learn and grow by creating their own dance routines, write AND record their own songs and play and share differing instruments that they are learning - all of it posted onto Google Classroom, to share their learning love with their class. WOW!

With only a few weeks of home learning in sight, the home stretch for all is near! Keep up the hard work 1/2R, you have all been super stars!





# Spotlight on Learning

## 3 Blue with Ms Tyler



The students of 3Blue have worked amazingly hard throughout Term 3's home learning phase and have returned to Term 4 refreshed and ready to learn. Students in 3Blue have participated in online check ins this week and demonstrated enthusiasm by actively engaging in conversations about reading, writing, spelling and maths. Here are a few snapshots of what learning looks like for 3Blue. They certainly have been busy becoming technology experts, pursuing creative interests, learning about mechanics and even inviting virtual animals to be a part of their learning!

At the end of Term 3, students participated in an Art History challenge and recreated some artworks. Here are some examples of how creative 3Blue are:



## Celebrating Success

### STAR STUDENTS WEEK 3

#### Class

**KB** - Aurelia K and Lincoln B  
**KG** - Maya G and Mabel W  
**KO** - Temuulen B and Maya B  
**KP** - Patrick P and Zach M  
**KR** - Hendrix F and Loic B  
**1B** - Harry L and Caden P  
**1O** - Summer M and Leo A  
**1P** - Remy B and Coco C  
**1/2R** - Molly D and Savannah F  
**2B** - Zazie R and Jago L  
**2O** - Sebastian D and Darcey J  
**2R** - Juliet B and Eden M  
**2Y** - Yasmine B and Imogen F  
**3B** - Winnie W and Otto S  
**3O** - Leo D and Kit D  
**3P** - Mani C and Rocco F  
**3/4R** - Scarlett W and Bijou B  
**4B** - Amelia D and Hunter B  
**4Y** - Viva T and Jasmine H  
**5/6B** - Vivienne A and Meika P  
**5/6G** - Ashley L and Tonere G  
**5/6P** - Benyapa N and Zoe A  
**5/6R** - Archer B and Felix C



**Deputy's Award** - Nash B in 1P and Ava L in 3B

**Principal's Award** - Alexson M in 1B and Veronica L in 5/6G

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS FOR YOUR HARD WORK**





## Celebrating Success

### Kindy Virtual Transition

Over the past fortnight our Kindy 2022 students picked up some beautiful Transition Packs and have been completing virtual transition activities. Last week they enjoyed watching Mrs Elasi read a story called "My First Day". Then they followed instructions to create and dress a paper person wearing our BPS uniform! This week it was Miss O'Connor's turn to read "Under the Ocean". Children completed a number activity which involved cutting, gluing and sticking sticker on a jellyfish. Kindy 2022 parents posted photos on their Dojo portfolios. With currently over 90 enrolments, we are looking forward to one more virtual transition to help prepare our newest students for Big School.





# Snippets

## Uniform shop update - Call out for uniform donations

Hi everyone,

With the return to school and lots of growth spurts in lockdown, there have been lots of uniform orders coming in! We have also been getting lots of requests from everyone, as well as the new Kindy 2022 parents coming on board, for second hand uniforms. In order to make second hand items available online we need donations, especially in small sizes. If you have any old uniforms that you'd like to donate, that are clean and still in good condition, please leave them at the front gate, bagged and tied off, during morning drop off.

Hopefully we will be able to have second hand items available for you in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks,  
The Uniform Shop



# Snippets



A big thank you to Sean Prendergast. Father of Alice year 1 and Sofia year 4. Sean has generously donated two apple trees from his orchard in Bilpin. His apples are used to make cider for Bilpin Cider Co.

Though we are not planning to make cider any time soon we are excited to enjoy the apples. I do recommend however that if you are ever in the Blue Mountains to put the historic Bilpin on your list of places to visit. The orchard is open to visitors where you can picnic and enjoy the surroundings. Check it out at [bilpincider.com](http://bilpincider.com) it looks amazing.

The trees were planted with the help of Teddy and Ziggy. If you see the beautiful blossoms on the trees please don't pick them as they will become apples which we can all enjoy.

The trees also mark the entrance of the new Bee Garden which has been made possible by Landcare.







**bkd.**

**BONDI KIDS DRAMA**

**TERM FOUR NOW ENROLLING  
AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**

**DRAMA AGES 7-9**

Mondays 3:30pm (25th Oct - 13th Dec)

Tuesdays 3:45pm (26th Oct - 14th Dec)

**DRAMA AGES 10-12**

Mondays 4:45pm (25th Oct - 13th Dec)

**SHORT FILM AGES 9-12**

Wednesdays 3:30pm (27th Oct - 15th Dec)

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PERSON  
TEACHING!**



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# LJ Hooker

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## Local Parents, Local Agents.

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**Nicholas Breadman 0407 551 446**  
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If a property sells as a result of this ad we will donate 10% of the commission to Bondi Public School to improve facilities for our kids!



# LEARN BALL SKILLS

- ✦ Easy to join, fun to play
- ✦ Inclusive program for all abilities
- ✦ Outdoors non-contact



## JUNIOR BLASTERS

**AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS**

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



**STARTER KIT**



**RETURNER KIT**

## MASTER BLASTERS

**AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS**

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



**MASTER BLASTERS KIT**

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**Eastern Suburbs Junior Cricket Club**

Junior Blaster Friday and Saturday

Master Blaster Friday and Saturday

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