

BONDI BULLETIN

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

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World Environment Day

June 13th

Queen's birthday Public
holiday

June 15th

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Carnival

June 16th

Cyber Safety Police Youth
Liaison Visit

July 1st

Last day of Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

I'm proud of the way our beautiful, cohesive staff work together as a team to get the best outcomes for our students. Like most workplaces, we have faced staffing challenges due to the ongoing impact of COVID and the increasing impact of a difficult flu season. Each morning (many hours) before the school day begins our Deputy Principal, Anna O'Connor is busily organising the day ahead based on staff absences due to either their own or family illness. She is aptly supported by our team of Assistant Principals. Most days we are able to cover classes with casuals. However, casual teachers are increasingly in short supply and some days we have to collapse programs such as library, Creative Arts, STEAM or Philosophy, to cover classes. Other days classes are split across the grade. Anna and I also cover sessions where necessary to avoid disruption. These specialist classes are made up for students usually within the next fortnight. As we head into the winter flu season we are bracing ourselves for more illnesses and we will continue to work together to support the students in our care. Thank you for your understanding and for keeping your children at home when they are unwell.



Staffing

We are pleased to have secured Lance O'Keefe to teach 4/5R for the remainder of the term and we are still looking to fill the Garden Specialist position as we were not able to find a successful candidate for that role in the recent recruitment process. If a member of the community is interested in the position please contact the office and ask for a copy of the expression of interest to be sent via email. Many of you are aware that we have been without a General Assistant since the beginning of February because Paul Brooke is not well. The office and teaching staff have been fulfilling additional duties and we have engaged trades people to attend to urgent matters. Many thanks to the P&C for their kind gesture of sending a get well package to Paul.

Thank you

A special mention to the quiet volunteers in our community who see a need and do something about it. We appreciate the assistance of our volunteers who are happily pottering away in the garden to ensure that it is maintained to ensure the smooth running of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We see you and appreciate you.

Road Safety

We have engaged with Waverley Council, our WHS Advisor and Road Safety Consultant to review our school drop off and pick up procedures, including our car-line pick up and drop off and the traffic light crossing area. We sought advice around better ways to manage this busy area. Thank you for supporting us with the initial change in arrangements whereby students are called to their vehicle from under the arches on the sandstone building and pedestrians are using alternative gates. Separate to this issue, on Monday 30th May our Road Safety Committee (including parent representatives) met with Waverley Council and Transport for NSW to hear about a planned safety upgrade involving the removal of two right turns at Wellington St and Bondi Rd. Community members are encouraged to contact Waverley Council about this project.



Assets (site work)

Assets will be engaging a builder to construct a new garden deck, which is brilliant news.

We are working with Assets on a more permanent solution to the asbestos that was found in the Kindergarten/Year 1 playground area. I will have more information to send to the community from School Infrastructure NSW next week in regards to the next steps.

End of Year certificates

Following feedback from students about how much they value the comments on the end of year certificates, we will be asking staff to complete these before the end of term 3 to avoid the clash with the busy end of year reporting season.

Musical

We are excited to announce that we will be going ahead with a K-6 Musical this year and we have engaged the support of a professional company called Footsteps who will help us bring it all to life. Footsteps will work with each class and their teacher each week to learn and choreograph their segment for the musical, at a small cost to families of \$3.00/wk per student. Families will be invoiced next term and as always, we encourage anyone experiencing financial difficulty to contact myself or our school office for assistance. A save the date will be coming out shortly.

Reducing the risk of illness this winter

All students, staff and their families should follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect our schools this winter such as the flu. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:

- staying home if unwell. If children present with symptoms at school it is department policy to phone parents/carers to arrange for them to be sent home. Thank you for your understanding.
- keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now. Flu vaccines are free for all from 1 June to 30 June.
- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result.
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water.
- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.





With my very best wishes,

Natalia Greguric

Principal



Deputy's Delivery

Attendance

As the borders to many countries have now opened, we are seeing an influx of applications for principal-approved leave from school. Visiting family is so important as our wellbeing relies heavily on interpersonal relationships and connections. In saying this, with many days of classroom learning lost over the past 2 years of Covid lockdowns and ongoing isolation periods, we ask that families carefully consider their child's educational needs and the timing, when booking overseas travel.

Arriving late to school

It's important that students arrive at school on time, to set them up for a successful day. We have been noticing many students coming in the front gate after the start of school bell at 9:00am. From next week, the gates will be closed when the 9:00am bell goes. Students who arrive after this time will need to buzz in and go to the office for a late arrival note. If you are having issues getting your child to school on time, please make a time to discuss with their class teacher. Our first "moving" bell rings at 8:55am.

Safe and Respectful Digital Citizenship

In an ever-evolving and technology-rich climate, educating students around their responsibility in being safe and respectful digital citizens has never been more crucial. Digital technology has a huge role in education, is a huge part of our present and the future, and provides endless learning opportunities. In saying this, it can also present challenges and complexities - even with adults, not to mention children whose social and emotional capabilities are still very much developing.



Whilst digital citizenship education is built into our curriculum, we continue to seek best methods of empowering our students to make positive choices in this space. A space where privacy controls are constantly evolving, where students are accessing a wider variety of sites and online communication platforms, and where parents and schools both play major roles in the education and supervision of young people in the cyber world.



Deputy's Delivery

In response to recent and ongoing parent concerns around student communication on devices, we have again connected with our local Police Youth Liaison Officer, to help supplement our Stage 2 and 3 education around safe and respectful online behaviour. It is becoming more and more evident that students are accessing a wide variety of online content in households and from an increasingly young age. We are currently working hard on addressing the following elements of digital citizenship: cyber bullying (what is it and what do I do if it's happening to me?), respectful communication, protecting privacy (setting and not sharing passwords), and safe and legal age for social media platforms (why platforms can be unsafe and why there are age restrictions).



The NSW Department of Education has an excellent, user-friendly bank of resources for parents:

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/parents-articles>

This page allows parents to view articles and advice around many different aspects of cyber safety - gaming, social media, digital footprint, managing screen time, online speech and the law, and digital resilience. I strongly urge all parents to engage with these resources.

The familiarisation and education needs to start very early - as soon as your child first touches a device or sees a parent interacting with a device. I must also assure you that it's never too late to open up these conversations, and as a family co-design rules and expectations around safe and positive use of devices and online services.

We will continue to work hard in this area at school and look forward to partnering with families to promote the positive use of digital technology in empowering our students to be safe and respectful digital citizens. Thank you, in advance, for playing your part.

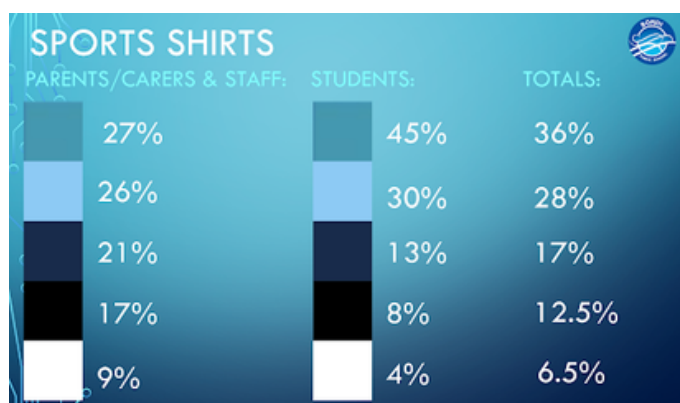


Deputy's Delivery

A timely reminder that phones, smart watches and any devices with mobile data capability need to be handed into the office when students arrive at school. Students are not permitted to use such devices until they have left the school grounds and/or been collected by parents.

Sports Uniform/Birthday Treats Survey results

Thank you for having your say. We had 157 staff/parent/carer responses and 473 student responses - which amounts to a good representation. As presented at the recent P & C Meeting:



Sports Shirts Outcome

2 shirt designs (light blue & medium teal) will be refined by the school in consultation with the uniform committee and presented to the community and students for the final vote.

Birthday Treats Outcome

The school will provide a list of healthy/allergy-friendly options until the canteen has the capacity to offer healthy treats for bulk purchase, for families who wish to send something in. Sugary/unhealthy options will not be permitted and will be returned home. This will launch in Term 3 - Term 2 remains treat-free.



Deputy's Delivery

Fundraising for Flood Affected Schools

A HUGE thanks to our extremely generous school community. Through our Five for the Floods mufti day and one of the Mother's Day stalls, we sent \$6, 627.00 total, to Empire Vale, Wardell and Cabbage Tree Island public schools.

A mammoth effort!

This contribution will be used to support families and children from the schools, who lost clothes, toys, books and other home contents.

We will aim to run another initiative later in the year, with the next donation going directly to the schools for replacing resources lost in flood waters, as they will hopefully be closer to moving back to their home school bases. School Principals

Ms Avery, Mr Owen and Ms Anderson were very grateful to receive our donations. Thanks again!

Grandparents Day

On Monday we invite grandparents into classrooms at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea under the cola from 2:30pm. The choir will perform a song at 2:50pm.

That's a wrap for Week 6! Have a wonderful fortnight ahead - be kind to yourselves and each other.

Warm regards

Anna O'Connor



Deputy Principal



Captain's Report

School Leadership Forum

Last week the Bondi Public School leadership team all enjoyed a day out to Rose Bay Secondary College. It was a beautiful school and we gained lots of ideas for school, working in RBSC classrooms and the teachers' lounge which is where we had some snacks.

We met with lots of other school leaders from Bronte Public school and Woollahra Public school. They helped us learn new things and shared with us new ideas of what we could do to make our school better.

We learnt about leadership, how to communicate as a leadership team, and spoke about ways we could make our ideas happen.

We learnt new things and played some games to help us work on our teamwork and leadership skills. We began by playing some ice breaker games to get to know the other leaders as well as some of the Rose Bay Year 12 school leaders. Then we broke into teams and completed three rotations. In the first rotation, we discussed our ideas with leaders from other schools and brainstormed ways that we could make them happen. In the next rotation we built towers with marshmallows and raw pasta with leaders from other schools to help develop our communication and teamwork skills. In the final group we discussed the qualities that make a good leader.

Now that we have learnt this we will try and create lots of new and amazing initiatives at our school to make BPS a better place.



Crazy Hair Day

It was great seeing everyone with your crazy hair. We loved seeing all your beautiful smiles and your crazy styles, everything from glitter and paint to hilarious wigs. We hope that everyone had a great day

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Your child may have mentioned the Premier's Reading Challenge over recent weeks, as we aim to have more children involved this year. Whilst not compulsory, it is a great way of encouraging our students to engage in and develop a positive attitude toward regular sustained periods of reading. You may also include books which you read aloud to your child.

For more information on how to complete your child's Student Reading Record, see the How to Guide below. There is still plenty of time left to complete the challenge which closes on Friday 19th August 2022.



ICAS



Bondi Public School is pleased to offer our students the opportunity to participate in the 2022 ICAS Assessments, which will take place in Term 3. This year, our students can nominate to sit the Writing, English and/or Mathematics assessments. The assessments are designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in Writing, English and Mathematics. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development.

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments Parent Payment System (PPS). Through this system, parents can pay for ICAS directly online, while tests will still be held at our school. Please note, assessments will be held 7:30am-8:30am with sitting dates to be finalised in coming weeks.

For more information about ICAS, visit <https://www.icasassessments.com/>



Library News

Handy with scissors and contact? Or willing to have a go?

We have received so many generous book donations, and have been able to purchase some wonderful new titles thanks to your ongoing support of the Scholastic Book Club. We protect each of our Library books with contact to ensure they have a longer shelf life, however I have not been able to keep up with all of the book covering. If you are handy with a pair of scissors and a roll of contact, and are interested in spending a morning at school to help out, please email me at allison.richardson4@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday 17th June. The expected date of this event is Thursday 30th June.



Premier's Reading Challenge Student Guide

Step 1 - Open Internet Browser

Step 2 - In Address Bar - Type in 'NSW Premier's Reading Challenge or type <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> into your browser page and press enter

Step 3 - Click 'Log in'

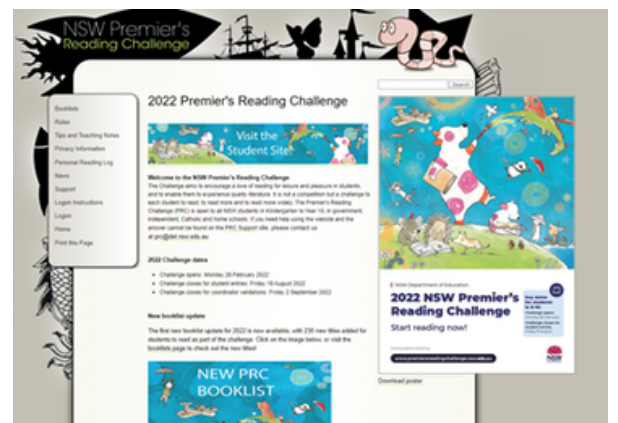
Step 4 - Enter your Student User ID and Password.

Your name will appear on the top right hand side of the screen as shown, once logged in.

Step 5 - Click on the Blue Banner - 'Visit the PRC Student Site!'

Step 6 - Use the Yellow Banner - Discover books to read to search for titles either by year level or by Genre, or, click on the Blue Banner to search books by Title, Author, ISBN or Premier's Reading Challenge ID (PRC ID - then click add to reading log.

Remember to read the rules for your year level to ensure that the books you are reading will count towards the challenge.



Snippets

KINDERGARTEN AND NEW ENROLMENTS 2023

Do you have a child turning five years of age before 31 July 2023 who will be ready to start school next year? We are busy at the moment enrolling students from our local intake area for 2023.

School Tours: Our school tours take place on a fortnightly basis during Terms 2 and 3. They provide an excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to observe our school in action. Bookings can be made through the school office.

Enrolment: Our enrolment officer can be contacted on 02 9130 6998 and will be happy to assist with any enquiries regarding your child's enrolment. Our new online enrolment process makes it easier and faster to enrol your child at your local school. [Enrolment - Bondi Public School](#)

As outlined in the department's enrolment policy, our school may accept enrolments from outside our local enrolment area if places are available. We will assess applications for non-local enrolment on a case-by-case basis.

We will be holding a **Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 31st August at 6pm** in the school hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to outline the transition process and provide information to families regarding the start of the school year for Kindergarten 2023.

Transition programs: Starting school is a big milestone for children and their families. The transition between learning environments can be both challenging and exciting. We have three dates for children and their families to attend our Transition Program. 19 October, 26 October and November 2. Further information will be emailed to confirmed enrolments.

We are looking forward to welcoming new children and families to our school.





**WORLD
ENVIRONMENT
DAY 6TH OF JUNE**



**Please help us celebrate World
Environment Day with a
NO WASTE DAY.**

**Students are asked to bring "nude food"
on Monday.**



BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Welcome Kindergarten 2023



Enrolment Applications DUE NOW!

<https://bondi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parent Information Evening:

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 6:00-7:00PM

(in our school hall)

Transition Day 1:

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 9:30-11:00AM

Transition Day 2:

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 9:30-11:00AM

Transition Day 3:

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 9:30-11:00AM

**Fortnightly School Tours- call our school office to book
91306998**



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Thanks to the amazing volunteers who have helped in our SAKGP. You are the backbone of our program, and we thank you for giving up your time for making our kitchen and garden run smoothly.



An extra big shout out to David (Zuri and Imara's Grandfather) and Nicole (Ollie and Max's Mum) for their amazing love and tenderness of our garden. They have put hours into weeding and maintaining our beautiful garden beds which are looking fabulous, enabling us to create some delicious recipes in the kitchen.

W 7	9:15am	3T	2S	1W
	11:45	3L	1M	4P
W 8	9:15am	5/6L	5/6G	3/4W
	11:45		4/5R	3D
W 9	9:15am	5/6M	1/2E	2A
	11:45	2TD	1D	4H
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	11:45	3L	1M	4P



To join in our exciting and rewarding kitchen classes, here is the schedule for the remainder of Term 2.

To sign up for our kitchen classes please use the link below and please ensure your Working with Children declaration has been completed and submitted to the office.

<https://signup.com/go/KagJFpR>

Looking forward to seeing you in the Cottage soon. Happy cooking!!

Sam



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



This cooking cycle the students thoroughly enjoyed delicious Arepa's with black beans, pickled vegetables, tomato avocado salsa and coriander sauce. Also on the menu was Spinach and ricotta pizza as well as Turnip and carrot soup.

Perfect for a winter's day!!



P&C News

Update on our Election Day BBQ

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Election Day BBQ. We sold 600 democracy sausages and raised \$1,900 for the school all while having a great time!



Collection for Paul

As many of you may know, Paul, the beloved General Assistant at Bondi Public School, has been off for some time while he looks after his health. As one child noted, Paul's superpower is making kids smile and his warmth and humour are greatly missed.

The P&C have donated a small amount for a hamper or similar to let Paul know we are thinking of him. If you would also like to contribute for a gift for Paul, you can do so before Friday the 10th at <https://app.grouptoegether.com/CollectionforPaul>

What would mean more than anything to Paul would be to hear from the kids. If you or your kids would like to write a card or record a short video we will be collecting them and making sure they get to him. You can drop a card at the office or save a video here -

<https://bit.ly/3zfg6ye>

#CupRescue coming to Bondi Public

Over 1 billion cups end up in landfill each year because they're lined with plastic and need to be processed separately to be recycled. Kai, our Canteen Manager, has arranged for Bondi Public School to team up with 7-11 and take part in the #CupRescue program to make sure that the cups used at our school are recycled and don't end up in landfill. Starting very soon,

kids will find these Cup Rescue stations at a couple of points around the school. All they need to do is separate the cup and lid and pop them into the units. Once they are full, we'll drop them at the nearest 7-11 processing store and they'll be properly recycled.



Calling all spooktacular creators...

The BPS Halloween Fete is coming up and we need your help! We want you to enter our Halloween art competition.

The winning creation will be used all over Bondi with your name on it to tell everyone where and when to find the BPS Halloween Fete! We also have some very scream-worthy prizes on offer. The competition form will be coming home shortly so please keep an eye out for it.

And finally...

There will be a very brief extraordinary P&C meeting on 14th June to vote on new officeholders. If you are a financial member of the P&C and can attend, please RSVP at

<https://forms.gle/bjHSjrv4aEkZC2RKA>.



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Bondi Public School is held on Mondays from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, starting on 1 February 2021.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.





Join the School band!

**Did your child love The Hot Potato Band?
BAND is BACK at Bondi! Sign up now!**

No Experience required. Band is open to all children in years 2-6 2022

Instruments you can play in band include: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Bass Guitar and Drums

Band \$15 + GST per Session

Private Music Lessons

- Being in the band means also having a private lesson on your instrument.
- Lessons run at school before and after school hours with specialist tutors.
- 1/2 hour Private Lesson \$41 + GST
- 1/2 hour Paired Lesson \$28 + GST (subject to availability)

To ENROL and further information:

<https://musicpartnership.com.au/school/bondi-public-school/>

EMAIL us to find out more about joining the school band!

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activities ahead of next term. Scan to book now.



July School Holiday activities at PCYC

COST: \$50 per day (\$65 for 13/7/22)

AGES: 5 to 12 years old

TIME: 8:30am to 3pm (3pm to 5pm \$20 extra)

Location: PCYC Eastern Suburbs

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ADDITIONAL INFO:

Please pack morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and water. We have additional hours available from 3pm to 5pm \$20 extra. Wednesday the 13th of July is \$65.

Mon 4th	BASKETBALL + BUBBLE ART
Tues 5th	JUDO + MULTI SPORTS + TIE DYE (bring your own t-shirt)
Wed 6th	SOCCER + MULTI SPORTS + ARTS & CRAFTS
Thur 7th	DODGEBALL + TISSUE PAPER ART
Fri 8th	MINI OLYMPICS + MASK MAKING
Mon 11th	BOXING + LAVA LAMP MAKING
Tues 12th	JUDO + ARTS & CRAFTS
Wed 13th	LASER TAG + CODING (CODE4FUN)
Thur 14th	HANDBALL + HIP HOP
Fri 15th	BASKETBALL + TIE DYE (bring your own t-shirt)



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For more information please call Lilia on 0401370380.