

BONDI BULLETIN

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Post

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th Feb

Lunar New Year

Celebration

SCPSSA Friday Sport
commences

Monday 20th Feb

Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Wednesday 22nd Feb

Stage 3 Camp return

Friday 24th Feb

National ride to school
day

March 8th Feb

P&C Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 15th - 17th**March**

NAPLAN testing Yr 3 & 5

April 4th Feb

Cross Country Carnival

Yrs 2 - 6

April 6th Feb

Annual hat parade

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. Students have settled quickly into their classes and the learning has already begun. Our students continue to demonstrate our school expectations of being safe, respectful learners. We warmly welcomed our Kindergarten students into their new classes this week and their Year 4 buddies look forward to helping them around the school. Thank you for your attendance at our Meet the Teacher evening sessions. Our teachers have been collaboratively planning in their Stage teams to deliver engaging lessons for our students. The NSW curriculum covers Stage based learning:

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2

Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

Stage 3 - Years 5 & 6

The curriculum is delivered to a stage rather than a grade. Teachers then differentiate their lessons to address the individual learning needs within the classroom. This ensures that students remain challenged and engaged in lessons.

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NOW, AND
LET US
MAKE OUR
DREAMS
TOMORROW'S
REALITY."

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NAPLAN

Every year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments already conducted in schools. The NAPLAN testing window for students in Year 3 and 5 is from 15th March to 27th March 2023.

For more information on NAPLAN visit: [NAPLAN information for parents and carers](https://www.acara.edu.au/docs/default-source/media-releases/naplan-proficiency-standards-media-release-2023-02-10.pdf)
From this year, parents and carers will get earlier, simpler and clearer information about their child's NAPLAN achievement based on new, more rigorous national standards. For more information see this link: <https://www.acara.edu.au/docs/default-source/media-releases/naplan-proficiency-standards-media-release-2023-02-10.pdf>

Communicating with Teachers

A classroom teacher's priority is to be present while teaching students in class. In order for teachers to manage communication with families, the following expectations will assist us to ensure appropriate correspondence is answered in a timely manner. Parents may email their child's class teacher with a query about academic, behavioural or social concerns or to request an appointment. If the query is complex, the teacher will give you a call or request a meeting. Please note, emails are not checked or responded to during school hours (they will be addressed within 48 hours). Please ensure your child knows their pick-up arrangements for each day and contact the office in the event of an unforeseen change in plans. This should not be a regular occurrence. Please email the office at bondi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to inform them about your child's absence on a particular day. The message function on Dojo is not being utilised. Teachers will post highlights, reminders and updates on the class story each week. General information and updates can be found on our school newsletter and website. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead, celebrating learning and having fun along the way!



Online Safety for Students

We have engaged <https://www.ysafe.com.au/> to work with students, staff and parents on 8th March. You are invited to attend our parent session at 6pm in the school hall. ySafe's holistic and engaging cyber safety programs and services equip school communities to thrive in the online world. This [Online safety checklist](#) is designed to support families navigating the challenges of online safety.

Baby News

A very warm congratulations is extended to Alex Forbes and his family on the birth of baby Ruby. It's great to have Mr Forbes back on deck after he spent some quality time with his family on his recent paternity leave.



Lunar New Year - Welcome BBQ Friday 17th February

We look forward to seeing you this Friday. It's a wonderful opportunity to build community connections with one another. We are grateful for the work our P&C has put in to organise this event.

With my very best wishes,

Natalia Greguric

Principal



Deputy's Delivery

School Uniform & Uniform Recycling

We have certainly seen an improvement in uniform consistency this term and the new uniform items look fantastic. Thank you for your support with this - it's great to see our students taking pride in their school and looking like a team. A reminder that families have until the end of Term 1 to purchase the news sports shirts. Students participating in PSSA will require the shirts from this Friday 17 February.



For uniform items other than the sports shirts, there will be a phase in/out period of 3 years. We *encourage* families to phase out the black jackets with red trim after this winter, due to the inconsistency with all other uniform items.

We would like to remind all of our families that they can use the Back to School vouchers for uniform purchases and that all unwanted/unused uniform items can be recycled through the uniform shop's recycling partnership with [Worn Up](#). You will find the box just outside the uniform shop.



PSSA Sport Years 3-6

This term, for the first time in many years, BPS will be participating in the PSSA basketball and touch football competitions. We wish our students the best of luck as they refine their skills and teamwork when competing against other schools in our local network. We know they will represent our school with pride!

BPS Award System Changes from 2024

After a review last year by the Positive Behaviour for Learning and Executive teams, there will be a change in our award system to ensure that it is fair, consistent and in-line with the Positive Behaviour for Learning approach. From 2024, commendation tallies will not be carried over to the following year. From 2024, we will be encouraging all students to strive to achieve their Gold awards each year and we will be introducing an additional award for students who earn 40 commendations to ensure they still have something to work towards. Please touch base with stage Assistant Principals if you have any questions.



What a Start!

A huge congratulations to all of our students for a magnificent start to the 2023 school year. An extra special shout out goes to our new Kindergarten students who have taken the whole "Big School" concept in their stride and are already working hard and making new friends! Play is a big and important part of Kindergarten and our newest BPS students are enjoying getting to know each other, our staff and all the routines that help them each and every day!



Have a wonderful fortnight ahead. Be kind to yourselves and each other...

Kind regards

Anna O'Connor



Deputy Principal



School Staff 2023

Principal

Natalia Greguric

Deputy Principal

Anna O'Connor

Assistant Principal (off class)

Libby Tulip

Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction

Karen Albronda

Class Teachers

KD Georgina Devenish

KJ Rachel Jessen

KV Lily Vidler

KW Neil White (A.P)*

1M Therese Martin

1/2A Steph Aravopoulos (A.P)

1W Lauren Wickham

1S Alec Sprague

2MC Tracy Murden

Summer Coper

2S Helenah Sinclair

2H Grace Hill

3L Leanne Liang

3T Lisa Thomson

3/4D Delia Tyler

3/4W Anthony White (A.P)

4L Calvin Lim

4O Lance O'Keefe

5/6C Nick Christensen

5/6G Will Gamblen

5/6L Lauren Leckie

5/6M Michal Maslanka (A.P)

Learning and Support Teacher

Sarah Ireland

School Counsellor

Monica Pinkus (Tu-We)

Teacher Librarian

Allison Richardson

Creative Arts Teacher

Laura Pattison

STEAM* Teacher

Alex Forbes

Philosophy Teacher

Ros Thomas

School Learning and Support Officers

Alysha Stamatatos

Deb Macneal

Alba Perez

Tanya Nancarrow

EaL/D* Teacher

Alice Darvill

Garden Specialist

Nell Butterworth

K-6 Teachers

Biljana Blanusa

Jasmine Moredoundt

General Assistant

Isaiah Brunt

School Administration

Kim Morris (Admin. Manager), Angie Curry, Melissa MacBeath & Karen Sorenson

*A.P - Assistant Principal *EaLD - English as an Additional Language/Dialect

*STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics



Captains Report

BPS Swimming Carnival

We were so thrilled to see everyone having fun at our BPS swimming carnival last tuesday at the Andrew Boy Charlton Pool.

It was great to see all the houses cheering and supporting their teammates, we also enjoyed watching the house captains support and lead their houses to success.

We were so happy to see so many amazing people participate in the races and also congratulate those who won a ribbon. It was also great to see so many kids having fun in the novelty pool with Mr Gamblen and Miss Paterson.

We would like to say a special thank you to Miss Sinclair and Mrs Richardson as well as the Bondi Public School sports committee for all their hard work organizing this incredible event for us.

We hope everyone who attended had a great time!

Thank You, Your school captains - Daisy, Teiki, Josh.S and Josh.G



P&C News

Welcome back to 2023!

The P&C has hit the ground running this year with our new executive team and wonderful group of volunteers working to deliver the best for our school.

Class WhatsApp Groups

Be sure to join your class WhatsApp group to stay up to date with the happenings of the school. You can use the QR codes on the next page for your specific class that will join you immediately to the group. If you have already submitted your details via the P&C website, you will receive an email from your class parent shortly or you can join via the QR codes below.

New Uniform Update & Back to School Vouchers

The new uniform is now being worn by students throughout the school and it's very exciting to see! Thankyou to everyone who has been patient and understanding as we work with all of you. If you still need to purchase, the Uniform Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.45 - 9.15am or you can purchase online at bondipublicpandc.com and have it delivered directly to your classroom. Moving forward, all online orders will be delivered straight to classrooms.

If you had previously ordered online and not made it to a pick up yet, it was sent to your child's classroom.

We are low in stock on some sizes of the polos, sports shirts and hats but expect a delivery in the coming weeks. Please note if you have pre-ordered a raincoat or a long-sleeved polo, these are on their way and due to arrive next term and later this term respectively. You will receive an email once they arrive.

A reminder that for anyone waiting for new stock to arrive, you have until the end of Term 1 to phase in sports shirts and 3 years for the existing uniform. We also still have stock of the old uniform at a discounted price that is available.

If anyone needs larger than a size 16 in the sports shirt (or other uniform items) please email us below to arrange a special order.

For those with any Back to School vouchers left, we are able to scan these in-store (please be patient if we are busy) and if you'd like to use online, please email bondiuniform@gmail.com with a screenshot and we will send you a discount code for the voucher amount.

Lastly, we are still accepting second hand uniform donations so please drop these off at the uniform shop or the office.

Kindy Parents Morning Tea

After a beautiful start to kindergarten with Miss O'Connor reading all of the new Kindy's a story, parents joined the P&C, Ms Greguric and Ms Tulip for the Tears & Cheers Morning Tea.

Whilst there weren't too many tears, it was a lovely morning to welcome our newest parents to the school. Special thanks go to the Year 1 parents who baked and helped with set up and to our events maestro Leonie Du Bois also.

We look forward to celebrating many more milestones with them throughout the coming year!



Iceblocks at the Swimming Carnival

It was a perfect day for the swimming carnival and the P&C's annual tradition to hand out iceblocks to those at the carnival too!

A wonderful team of parents worked quickly with our P&C team to get delicious freezies out to all the kids on the day to enjoy and help with cooling down.

Congratulations to the winners!

Lunar New Year Welcome BBQ

This Friday 17th February from 4.30pm, we will be hosting a Lunar New Year and Welcome BBQ on Top Field. We encourage all families to join us as we celebrate all that 2023 will bring for our community.

Keep an eye on ClassDojo for the menu announcement and be sure to wear something red.

For the diary - Election Day

Come and vote on Election Day, March 25th, 2023, at Bondi Public School and get your democracy sausage while also supporting your school community. We will need volunteers to help staff this, so please use the QR code below if you can help.



Call Out for Volunteers for 2023

None of the work the P&C do is possible without volunteers. If you can help out in anyway, get in touch via this link - <https://bondipublicpandc.com/pages/volunteering>

Options to volunteer are endless and we can utilise any skill level!

- Uniform Shop - packing orders and serving; Mon, Wed, Fri 8.45 - 9.15am
- Canteen - help with food prep, no skills necessary; Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm (for any amount of time that you can spare)
- BBQ's at events throughout the year - if you can use tongs, let us know; various times and dates
- Anything else you may think of, reach out and get in touch!
























Looking forward to seeing you at all of our events and around the school in Term 1,
Rachel, Kate, Kellie, Judii & Canda



Scan your class code to be
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Please note by scanning this code you agree to be contacted by your class parent and the P&C on school matters. You can choose to leave a group at anytime.



Yoga

Every Tuesday and Friday from 6am to 7am
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Entry via back gate (Henderson Street)

Minimum \$10 contribution
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MindQuest 23

NSW Talent Centre Pty Ltd
PO Box 577
Toronto
NSW 2533
Tel. 02 9748 1084

St George Girls HS Victoria St Kogarah Saturday & Sunday 1 & 2 April 2023

Dear Coordinator of High Potential & Gifted Students,

With your support, we had a very successful weekend in September. It was great to be back after 3 years away! May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support in the past 25 years of the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekends. I hope that you will consider involving the students of your school in the MindQuest program again.

Please find enclosed brochures advertising courses for the 97th MindQuest program which will be held on Saturday & Sunday at St George Girls HS on 1st & 2nd April 2023, 9.30am-3.30pm. You may wish more students to have an opportunity to attend through advertising the activities in your newsletter. It is anticipated that many of the **courses will be full before the closing date**. Feel free to photocopy any additional information required or ring me for additional brochures. Please encourage students to send in their application forms as soon as possible.

Many parents of students from **low socioeconomic backgrounds** may find difficulty in paying the course fees of \$240(Inc GST). May I draw your attention to a limited number of **part scholarships** for the enrichment weekend program, please contact me if you know of students who need financial assistance. I hope that you will promote this program to the staff and students in your school. I have appreciated the wonderful support schools have given in the past and I look forward to your continued support in the future.

Yours sincerely

Shelagh Poray

Director, NSW Talent Centre Pty Ltd

Closing Date is Friday 10 March 2023

We would be grateful if you could advertise the program in your newsletter.

MindQuest **ST GEORGE GIRLS HS** **VICTORIA ST KOGARAH**

On **Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd April 2023** the 97th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *MindQuest* will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **33 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$240 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 9748 1084
Closing Date: **Friday 10 March 2023**



Join the School band!

Learn an instrument in 2023 and join the Bondi PS concert band program!

Band enrolments for Bondi PS are now open for 2023!

No Experience required. Band is open to all children in years **2-6 2023**

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

Band \$17.50 + 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 \$42+ GST
- 1/2 hour Paired Lesson \$30 + 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!

alexbieteri@musicpartnership.com.au

Need to Hire Instrument?

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www.facebook.com/MusicPartnership/

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 6 February 2023.

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.

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