

BONDI BULLETIN

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th May

School Photos

Thursday 11th May

Stage 2 Excursion -

Seymour Centre

Year 6 Leaders going to
RBSC with Mr Maslanka

Friday 12th May

P&C Mother's Day

Breakfast

Monday 15th May

Opportunity Class
applications close

Wednesday 17th May

Gregg Dreise Indigenous
storytelling K-Yr 4

Stage 3 Excursion - The
Rocks

Friday 19th May

Walk safely to school day

Sunday 21st May

Working Bee

Wednesday 24th May

Zone Cross Country

P&C Meeting

7pm in the library

Friday 26th May

National Sorry Day

Principal's Post

Dear parents and carers,

It has been great to see our students launch into their learning and work towards achieving their goals after their Autumn break. On School Development Day our teachers attended a Community of Schools in the Eastern Suburbs (CoSiES) conference with a focus on 'Challenging our Thinking' and presentations from Stan Grant, Eddie Woo and Adam Spencer designed to inspire us to achieve excellence. During the break we had contractors on site working behind the scenes to progress the work of our electrical upgrade which is due to be completed by the end of June. We are excited to announce that our Kindy Playground has reopened and our students are thoroughly enjoying the space. There are some further enhancements which will be finalised in the coming fortnight. The next project due to start is our school's kitchen upgrade (Cottage, BASC and staffroom). Work is due to begin in the cottage in the next fortnight and we would appreciate some assistance from volunteers to help clear the space. Please contact the office if you have some time to help.



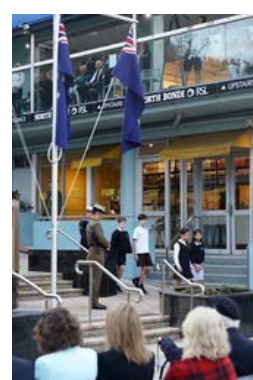
Baby news

Miss Libby Tulip started her maternity leave at the end of last term and we are so pleased to welcome baby Penelope Rose to the Bondi PS community. As you can see she is just adorable! We were even spoiled with a visit and cuddles!



ANZAC Day

Our school leaders and Mr Forbes proudly represented our school at the dawn service on ANZAC day at North Bondi RSL. We are grateful to the staff, students and families for supporting this important event.



Tell Them From Me Survey

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. If you **do not want your child/children to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by 19th May. **[Please click here for link](#)**

Have your say on the Eastern Suburbs High Schools Community Consultation

We are providing this information on behalf of SEC Newgate.

This is a friendly reminder to please complete the survey if you haven't already before May 12th

https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/Needlefish_9_5

This survey is very important to convey your views to the NSW Department of Education about the future of Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' high schools.

With my very best wishes,

Natalia Gregoric

Principal



Deputy's Delivery

School Counsellor

A short note to let our community know that our wonderful school counsellor is currently on leave. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Parent - Student - Teacher Conference Feedback

Last term we introduced the 3 way interviews with an incredible number of families attending (more than 95%), allowing us to work together for the benefit of our students/your children. Thank you once again, for your participation!

The data we collected from the community, staff and students was overwhelmingly positive and in favour of continuing these conferences moving forward. The continuation of the conferences is in line with the "Excelling"

element of the School Excellence Framework - *"The whole school community demonstrates aspirational expectations of learning progress and achievement for all students, and is committed to the pursuit of excellence. Effective partnerships in learning with parents and students mean students are motivated to deliver their best and continually improve."*

We did receive some questions about interviews without students present, which I will address by letting our families know that teachers and parents meet or have phone calls on an ongoing, needs-based basis throughout the year. These meetings are not necessary for all students but are always able to be facilitated when necessary.

Some enhancements to the conferences that we will aim for in 2024 (that have come about from feedback received) include: increasing the length of time the conferences run for, providing all parents with the Learning Goal sheets after the conferences and renaming the conferences so that they aren't confused with our Term 3 Student-Led Conferences.



BPS Reporting Schedule and Semester One Reports

Bondi Public School aims to value and promote parents as partners in learning across the school year. Our formal reporting schedule is as follows:

- **Term One** - Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences at school
- **Term Two** - Written Semester One reports communicated digitally through Sentral
- **Term Three** - Student -Led Conferences at school
- **Term Four** - Written Semester One reports communicated digitally through Sentral



This semester, our reports will be adjusted to reflect updates in the NSW DoE's assessment and reporting policy, in line with the curriculum reform. More information for parents and carers around the curriculum reform can be found here: [Curriculum Reform](#). We will be presenting our new report format at the next P & C meeting and asking for questions and feedback. Prior to the release of our Semester One reports, we will be communicating the confirmed report format to the community to ensure everyone is prepared.

School Photographs

Our school photo day is Wednesday, 10 May. Students will be required to wear FULL SUMMER UNIFORM as communicated last term.

See images below for uniform options for Wednesday. Please note that shoes and socks should be all black. Both polos are acceptable (new ones for Kindergarten students please). We are pleased to let you know that the uniform shop is now selling the correct "crew" length socks in both black and white (white is for sports days).

<https://bondipublicpandc.com/pages/uniform-store>

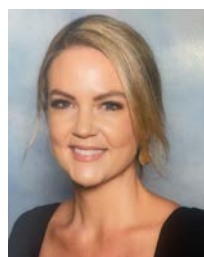
Any hair accessories should be black and/or white. Thank you- we appreciate your co-operation and support!

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anna O'Connor'.

Deputy Principal



Snippets

[Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024](#) [For metropolitan/regional applicants](#)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted. They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4. Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our high potential and gifted students.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 27 July 2023.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between Thursday 30 March and Monday 15 May 2023 at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>.

You must use your own email address and not one belonging to your child. Late applications are not usually accepted.

If you do not have internet access you can apply at a public library or at your child's school. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 30 March 2023.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Natalia Greguric
Principal



Meet our Staff!



MS STEPHANIE ARAVOPOULOS



Role: Stage 1 Assistant Principal & 1/2A class teacher

Time @ BPS: I started in Term 3 in 2022

Outside Interests: Fitness, delicious food and spending quality time with family and friends

Favourite Food: Chocolate, ice-cream and chicken schnitzel

Favourite Children's Author: Pamela Allen

Fun Fact: I performed in the choir in the opening ceremony at the 2004 Olympic games in Athens

MR WILL GAMBLER

Role: Teacher, 5/6G

Time @ BPS: 5 years

Outside Interests: Reading history books, illustration and design, watching the Bunnies win

Favourite Food: Pad see ew, Diavola pizzas and chicken tikka masala

Favourite Children's Author: Shaun Tan

Fun Fact: I flew a plane over Bumi Hills National park



Meet our Staff!



MS ALICE DARVILL



Role: EAL/D Teacher

Time @ BPS: 12 years

Outside Interests: Running, swimming and pilates

Favourite Food: Spaghetti marinara

Favourite Children's Author: Shirley Hughes and Alison Lester

Fun Fact: I have four brothers and one sister

MS LILY VIDLER

Role: Kindergarten, Classroom teacher

Time @ BPS: This is my first year at BPS

Outside Interests: Anything active and listening to "The Imperfects" podcast

Favourite Food: Chocolate (Cherry ripe in particular) and Mango

Favourite Children's Author: Mem Fox

Fun Fact: I used to have a radio show



Celebrating Success



Congratulations to Amelie Deguara and Jessica O'Connell who have been selected for the Randwick Netball Association U11 Representative Development Squad.

Amelie also competed at the Swimming NSW State Junior Age Swimming Championships last weekend. She achieved two seconds, a freestyle Personal Best and she was 9th in the state for the swimming team relay. Well done!

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition



Last term, the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition was held at Bondi Public School. This competition encourages students in Years 3-6 to explore ideas of multiculturalism in Australia while they practise their public speaking skills. The competition was tough as participants presented engaging and entertaining speeches. Selected finalists will participate in a local competition against other schools in June. The finalists are Hugo (3/4W), Clara (3/4W) Teiki (5/6C). Congratulations!

BPS Sports Arena

Kindergarten and Year One Cross Country

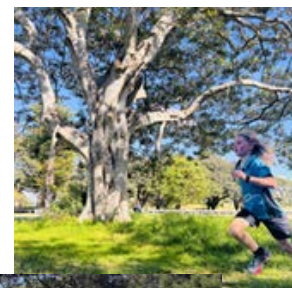
We had a beautiful day for the K-1 cross country. Students did a fantastic job of running around the school. They paced themselves well and everyone had a go. Kindy students had their first introduction to their houses and building team spirit. They cheered on their peers when they ran past and were able to celebrate their success with them. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and helped make it such a successful day.



Years 2-6 Cross Country

Students from Years 2-6 participated in a fun-filled day at Centennial Park last Thursday showcasing their athletic abilities and engaging in friendly competition with their peers. It was great to see the encouragement shown towards others and the dedication and commitment that students had to improve their running from previous years. Students who made top 6 of their age group will be heading to the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday the 24th of May.

A huge congratulations to Miles Taylor who has beaten the record time of 12/13 years boys which stood from 2018!



P&C News

Welcome back to Term 2 - From the P&C Executive

Mother's & Special Other's Day Breakfast - Friday May 12th

We look forward to celebrating all the mother's and significant others in our community on May 12th from 7.30 - 9am.

There will be plenty of activities for everyone including:

- Breakfast options including Brekky rolls and granola cups
- Coffee cart
- Photo booth
- Nail salon
- Craft activities
- Yoga

Pre-sales are now live - book before May 7th to save \$\$\$ -

<https://bondipublicpandcevents.square.site/>

This year we'll also have a bunch of natives you can pre-order that will be available for collection from the school on the morning of Mother's Day, May 14th. Beat the crowds at the florist and help support your school!

Buy here now before orders close on May 5th - <https://schooltrees.com.au/>

Finally, we can't run an event without volunteers so PLEASE come and help out on the morning from 6.30am. Sign up today! <https://signup.com/go/dokOWYq>

Dates for the Diary

Sunday, 21 May 2023: **School working bee** come and help get our school super tidy!
More details to come in the next newsletter.

Friday August 11th at 6pm: **Trivia Night DATE CHANGE** - book in the babysitters and start working on your trivia for the night! The theme will be announced along with ticket sales at the end of May.



Mother's & SPECIAL OTHERS Day *Breakfast* ♥



FRIDAY, 12 MAY | 7.30 - 9.00 AM

- Breakfast buns
- Granola cups
- Coffee cart
- Photo booth
- Family Yoga
- Craft activity
- Nail salon

**Pre-order
& save!**



Canteen Update

Have you popped into the canteen lately and seen some new faces? Kai now has two extra helpers - Ruthie and Chimgee! Find out more about them below and be sure to say hello when you pass by. We want to thank our wonderful casual staff members who have kept the canteen running while we have been searching for our permanent staff.



From L to R: Chimgee, Jennie, Ruthie, Ai and Kai

And just to help you get to know the team a little better, we asked them all to answer a few quick questions...

Kai - Canteen Manager
Favourite menu item: Snack box
Favourite animal: Wombat

Ruthie
Favourite menu item: Pasta bolognese
Favourite animal: Crocodile

Chimgee
Favourite menu item: Muesli cup and raspberry apple muffin
Favourite animal: Birds

Jennie
Favourite menu item: Baked potato
Favourite animal: Sugar Glider

Ai
Favourite menu item: Amazeballs
Favourite animal: Cavoodle

Canteen orders close for the day at 8.45am. We recommend getting orders in as early as possible so that you don't accidentally miss the cutoff. A reduced menu is now available from 8.45am.

If you need to contact the canteen urgently, you must go via the office or come to the canteen in person.

Birthday Freezies require a minimum of 3 working days notice. Please email your order to canteenbondi@gmail.com

With cooler weather coming, we also have a new birthday option of delicious Chocolate mini muffins. Vegan, gluten, nut and refined-sugar free, they're a yummy cake option for your class and can be ordered from next week. Similarly to birthday freezies they require 3 days notice. Please email the canteen and get order confirmation before placing your Flexischools order.



Volunteers are essential to being able to run the canteen efficiently. Tuesdays and Fridays are our busiest days - if you have time on these days, please consider signing up to help out for an hour or two:

<https://bondipublicpandc.com/blogs/volunteering/canteen>

Uniform Shop Update

Long sleeve polos and raincoats have arrived! If you have placed an order, these are being fulfilled and they will be delivered to your child's classroom.

You can pre-order our new winter items (tracksuit pants, varsity jackets and puffer vests) on our website, but please note that they are not anticipated to arrive until June / July:

bondipublicpandc.com

Everything currently available is online and our most up to date information is posted there: bondipublicpandc.com.

General Volunteer Callout

Please use this link to sign up if you're able to volunteer at any time with the P&C activities for the school

<https://bondipublicpandc.com/pages/volunteering>

There are countless options to volunteer 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)
- Anything else you may think of, reach out and get in touch!

Here's to a busy term ahead!

Rachel, Kate, Kellie, Judii & Candace

BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL



Welcome

Kindergarten 2024

Enrolment Applications DUE NOW!

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parent Information Evening (school hall):

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 6:00-7:00PM

Transition Day 1:

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 9:30-11:00AM

Transition Day 2:

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 9:30-11:00AM

Transition Day 3:

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 9:30-11:00AM

Fortnightly School Tours- call our school office to book

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Snippets



Collect bread bags and earn sports equipment for your school!

In 2023, Wonder is teaming up with 2000 Aussie schools to help us collect bread bags which they can exchange for points to redeem for new sports equipment and Bondi Public School is one of them!

Be sure to collect your soft-plastic bread bags (any brand) and bring them into school to put in the box at the front office. We're not sure about your household but plenty of bread is consumed in ours and this offers a great way to recycle some of your soft-plastics while also supporting our school.

Bags just need to be free of as many crumbs as possible but not washed.

The more bread bags we can collect, the more new sports equipment we can get for our school!

If you're interested in finding out more, head to the Wonder Recycling Rewards program parents hub - <https://www.wonder.com.au/articles/wonder-recycling-rewards-parents-hub>

MOTHER'S DAY NATIVE BOUQUET



**P&C
Fundraiser**

From
\$40

Sourced directly from the Sydney Flower Markets, and delivered fresh to the school, these large native bouquets not only look fabulous but last well in any vase.

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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 May 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.

SYDNEY COMMUNITY QIGONG

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STARTING APRIL 26TH 2023

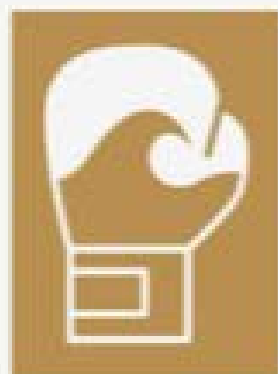
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RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Program

Randwick Boys' High is pleased to advise that applications for the 2024 High Potential and Gifted Education Program for Year 7 students will be available from **Tuesday, 2nd May 2023**.

This is an exciting opportunity for academically gifted students to be part of a specialised learning program. The program offers a stimulating educational experience designed to extend students' skills and talents across all curriculum areas.

**An information session will be held in the school library on
*Tuesday 2nd May 2023, at 5:00pm.***

**Please register your interest with the Front Office.
Tel: (02) 9399 3122 Email: randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

**Applications will open 2nd May, 2023
and close on 26th May, 2023.**



Students who wish to gain a position in this exclusive class are required to sit an academic placement test, attend an interview and present a portfolio. For further information, please contact Ms Emma Payne, Deputy Principal, or download the information package from our website.

<https://randwickb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented-program.html>

Randwick Boys' High School is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.

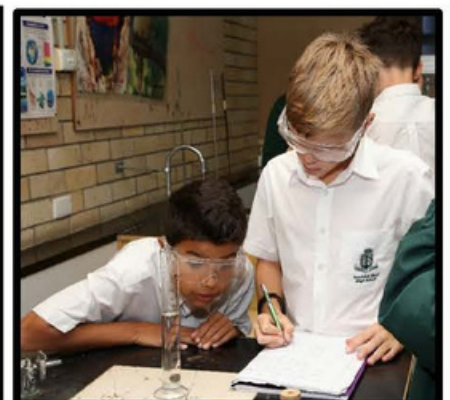


2021/2022 Highest ATARs

1. 98.1
2. 97.95
3. 96.75

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