

BONDI BULLETIN

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Post

Monday 31st July

Kindy Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday 4th August

P&C Trivia night

Wednesday 9th August

ICAS writing assessment

Tuesday 15th August

School Athletics carnival

Whole school event

E.S Marks field

Wednesday 16th August

Stage 3 Bobbin Head

excursion

Sunday 20th August

P&C working bee

Monday 21st August

Stage 2 Clifton gardens

excursion

Thursday 24th August

ICAS Mathematics

assessment

Monday 28th August

Student Led-

conferences, Education

and Book Week

commences

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust you all had an enjoyable break and took some time to enjoy the beautiful weather we experienced. The staff are very pleased to be back at school with your children and engaging with their learning for the new semester. I'm grateful for our leadership team, including Miss O'Connor, Mr Maslanka and Mr White who stepped into higher duties while I was on secondment. Our school is in good hands and aptly led with enthusiasm and positive energy, keeping students at the core of our decision making.

On Monday 17 July, the staff participated in professional learning around building positive classroom culture and high expectations in the classrooms, curriculum instruction with a focus on numeracy, team building activities and staff had the opportunity to reflect and provide feedback on the Department of Education's draft plan for the future of public education. Parents and carers are encouraged to have their say [here](#).



Our projects around the grounds are taking shape. The Kitchen Cottage upgrade is nearing completion and it looks terrific. We have yet to find a suitable applicant to fill the Kitchen Specialist position and encourage our families to spread the word.

EOI - Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program Kitchen Specialist

Please share this link widely. It is indeed how we secured our wonderful Garden Specialist - Miss Nelly and the garden is flourishing! Our electrical upgrade was completed during the July vacation period. We thank everyone for their patience, resilience and understanding whilst this important work was carried out by Ausgrid and School Infrastructure NSW.



We are proud to share the success of our P&C-run canteen [here](#). Kai recently presented at a Sustainable Schools network meeting and our story is featured across a number of platforms. Kai's determination, collaborative nature and humility shone throughout this journey.



With my very best wishes,

Natalia Greguric

Principal



Deputy's Delivery

Welcome Back

Bondi has had such a wonderful start to Term 3. It has been so great to see students interacting respectfully and dedicating themselves to their learning. Continuing on with our Grow Your Mind theme of 'Gratitude', classes have been having conversations around the importance of manners, and how a 'please' and a 'thankyou' can make all the difference. Students have been practising their greetings and learning how you can show someone you care by saying a simple 'Good morning!'.

Sensory Boards

The four sensory boards have been installed and are proving to be very popular with the students. These boards promote peer interaction and provide another option for outdoor play.



Digital Devices

Children are naturally drawn to the engaging nature of digital devices. At school, we teach and promote the safe and appropriate use of devices and the internet, as well as engage external educators to speak with the children about keeping themselves and personal details safe when online. We also teach healthy living and the importance of being physically active to help the growing body stay fit and healthy. We understand it can be challenging for some families to minimise device use and maintain regular physical activity as part of a child's day.

Waverley Council are offering an 'Online safety and digital resilience strategies' information session, aimed at parents of children 9-12 years old. Topics covered include: Online exclusion and bullying, screen time recommendations, online gaming and popular social media platforms. For more information, follow [this link](#).



Deputy's Delivery

NAIDOC Week

A huge thankyou to Miss Devenish and the ATSI team for their hard work preparing Bondi Public's NAIDOC week activities. Please check out their wonderful post below. Bondi Public school is committed to Aboriginal Education and supporting our Indigenous students through the Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) process. Staff have been involved in regular professional learning this year around incorporating Aboriginal perspectives into all curriculum areas as well as the creation of PLPs. For more information about PLPs, please follow [this link](#).

100 Days of Kindergarten!

On Thursday 27 July, students and teachers in Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of learning. It was a great opportunity to celebrate how far children have come since starting at 'Big School.' We have been counting the days of Kindergarten since the beginning of the year, providing an authentic opportunity to apply mathematics to our everyday lives. Happy 100 days of learning!

Student-led conferences, Education Week & Book Week

After great success in 2022, we will be combining Education Week and Book Week again this year. It will be held in Week 7 (28 August - 1st September). We are also very pleased to be holding Student Led Conferences that week as part of our Assessment and Reporting Schedule.

Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) provide a platform for students to discuss their learning and development, including goals, with their parents and carers. Student-led conferences create a link or partnership between the teacher, student, and parents to act as a support network or as stakeholders in the success of the student. Teachers help the students to prepare and organise the sessions and the sessions are then student driven. We will be setting up a booking platform to ensure families have the opportunity to participate in the SLCs on Tuesday, 29 August between 3:15-6:00pm. SLCs will be 15 minutes in duration and only 3-4 families will be able to book per session. The booking link will be emailed next week.

Kind regards,

Anthony White
rel. Deputy Principal



Curriculum Crunch with our Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction

Successful mathematics learners: Finding the right formula

Mathematics formulas such as the famous $E=mc^2$ are created using a combination of numbers and letters that represent different values.

Here at Bondi, the formula to facilitate curious and successful learners is created using two different values. These values are called modes;

Learning Mode and Performance Mode. Both of these modes are dependent on each other to create a formula for academic success but they are also both valuable in their own right. This means our teachers are using the Learning Mode and Performance Mode formula to assist students to respond to the different learning demands in the classroom.



So what does a student in Learning Mode and Performance Mode look like?

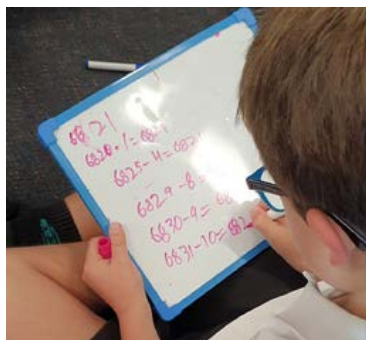
Learning Mode: The student is focused on what they don't know and areas of improvement, errors are used to inform their learning, failure is expected, they are in a constant state of trial and error and the student seeks and responds to feedback in order to improve.

When do we want students in Learning Mode? All day, every day because this is where their competence and confidence grows the most!

Performance Mode: The student is focused on the flawless execution of what they have already learnt, they avoid errors and mistakes and they rarely engage in trial and error.

When do we want students in Performance Mode? During assessments and tests only.

Did you know that Learning Mode and Performance Mode are also used to improve employee's performance in the workplace??? If you are keen to watch a short TED Talk about it, [click here](#).



Karen Albronda
Assistant Principal, Curriculum
and Instruction (APCI)



Meet our Staff!

MS ROS THOMAS



Role: Philosophy Teacher

Time @ BPS: A year and a half

Outside Interests: Semi-professional mum's taxi service

Favourite Food: Fresh oysters or anything noodly/spicy especially for breakfast

Favourite Children's Author: Oliver Jeffers and Shaun Tan for pictures books. Cynthia Voigt and Isobelle Carmody from my own adolescence.

Fun Fact: I love all kinds of malignant critters including sharks and snakes. I'm on-call as classroom spider remover for certain BPS staff!

MRS ALLISON RICHARDSON



Role: Teacher Librarian

Time @ BPS: A year and a half

Outside Interests: Spending time with family and friends, the occasional run around Centennial park

Favourite Food: Vietnamese cuisine especially a very spicy chicken Pho

Favourite Children's Author: Honestly, there are too many to name, but I love pouring over the Children's Book Council of Australia nominations for Children's Book of the year. I am super excited to have Morris Gleitzman visiting this term!

Fun Fact: I am a staunch supporter of the Broncos and Old Maroons during the State of Origin clashes. In fact, all of my family are despite being born and raised in NSW!



Meet our Staff!



MR CALVIN LIM

Role: Classroom teacher

Time @ BPS: 6 months

Outside Interests: Tennis, hiking, board and card games, travelling

Favourite Food: I am a big fan of the culinary delights of the world with a weakness for sweet desserts

Favourite Children's Author: Roald Dahl and C.S. Lewis. Endless adventures escaping into imaginary worlds

Fun Fact: Mountain hiking has allowed me to pursue adventures around the world with hikes in Asia, Europe, South America and Africa. Perhaps it is a pursuit of the imaginary worlds that I read as a kid. It lets me indulge in the things I like best; hiking, card games and travelling.



NAIDOC Week

This week Bondi Public School celebrated NAIDOC Week, with the 2023 theme being 'For Our Elders'. This theme acknowledges and celebrates the history, cultural knowledge, and impact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in past generations and continuing today.

On Monday, we opened the week with a special assembly led by our Aboriginal students and Year 6 leaders. Les, from the Koomurri team performed on the didgeridoo, and taught students about the different animal sounds represented in music.

On Wednesday we welcomed the Koomurri team once again, as they led all students and staff through a day of rotations. Students participated in boomerang throwing and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing, created collaborative artwork, and were taught about artefacts, bush survival, and history. We gathered together at the beginning and end of the day to watch a smoking ceremony cleanse and farewell dance.



Waverley Council - Safe Routes to School Program - Parent Survey

Waverley Council is kicking off our Safe Routes to School program, which aims to make walking safer and easier. We're also looking to encourage parents and children to choose walking, scooting or riding to school. The well-understood benefits of walking to school include increased physical activity, better concentration in class, and improved wellbeing through a degree of independence. This is in addition to reducing car congestion around schools.

Bondi Public School has joined in our first round of the program. Achieving this requires teamwork. Council can improve footpaths, install crossings, improve lighting, and other infrastructure and safety upgrades where it's needed most. We would like your feedback about the most important upgrades needed so you child can safely travel to school.

Please do so via the survey and map at

<https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/safe-routes-school-survey>

You can use any existing Waverley Council Have Your Say login or create a new one by clicking "Join" on the Have Your Say homepage and following the prompts.



BPS Sports Arena

2023 BPS Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 15th August, we will be holding our annual athletics carnival at ES Marks sporting field in Kensington. This year, the carnival will be a whole school event where students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will also have the opportunity to participate in running and field events, as well as a range of novelty events hosted by C&M Sports. Students in Years 3-6 will participate in track and field events. The 1500m for ages 10, 11 and 12 will be the first event, commencing at approximately 9:00am, followed by 100m, 200m, and 800m races. Field events include Long jump, Shot Put and Discus.



Students are asked to arrive at school at 8:10am to ensure a smooth transition onto the buses which will depart school from 8:30am. Students will depart ES Marks at 2:15pm, arriving back to school approximately 2:50pm.

As there will be no canteen facilities on the day, please ensure that your child brings recess, lunch (nude food is preferable) and sufficient water for the day. School canteen orders are also unavailable for the day. No electronic devices are to be taken on the excursion. Please ensure your child/ren's belongings are labelled. Spiked shoes are permitted in 100m, 200m, relays and Long jump events, but NOT in the 800m or 1500m events.

Due to the FIFA Women's World Cup it has been very hard to secure a backup date and as such, the carnival is an 'all weather event', so students should pack wet weather gear in the event of rain. In the event of significantly inclement weather however, please keep an eye on the BPS school Dojo page for updates.

Parents are most welcome to attend the Carnival and we look forward to seeing you there!



Library News

ICAS - FINAL CALL FOR ICAS ENROLMENTS

Bondi Public School is pleased to offer our students the opportunity to participate in the 2023 ICAS Assessments, which will take place in Term 3. This year, our students in Years 2-6 can nominate to sit the English and Mathematics assessments, and Years 3-6 can nominate to sit the Writing assessment. The assessments are designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. 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. Testing dates can be found here:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/event-calendar-australia/>

To order assessments for your child, please visit:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and use the school code: **KYS561**

Please note, the Parent Payment System portal will close on Monday 31 July.

ICAS Assessment dates are as follows:

Wednesday 9th August - Writing 9:15am - 11:15am

Wednesday 16th August - English 9:15 - 11:15am

Thursday 24th August - Mathematics 9:15 - 11:15am

Please ensure your child has a set of headphones to use during the assessment.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We are excited about the upcoming Book Week celebrations during which time we celebrate our favourite children's books and authors through a variety of activities. The Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week theme for 2023 is '*Read, Grow, Inspire*'. This year our Book Week celebrations will run across weeks 6 & 7. Key dates to note are as follows:

- Tuesday 22nd August: 3-6 Author Incursion: Morris Gleitzman
- Monday 28th August: Book Week Parade, commencing at 9:15am on the top field.
- Monday 28th August - Friday 1st September - Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday 30th August: K-2 '*Way Too Cool*' Incursion run by Perform Education - 9:15am

Permission notes containing further information for the incursions will be uploaded to the parent portal in the coming days.



Twins Night

**AUGUST 4TH : BOND
6PM - LATE : DIGGERS
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P&C News

The final few tickets for the trivia night are now on sale!

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

Raffle tickets are sold out but there may be a few surprises on the night. Be sure to bring your gold coins!

Be sure to get your outfits ready as there will be a prize for the best dressed on the night. Prizes will also be given to the first 3 teams and a special prize is reserved for last place too.

This will be our main fundraising event for 2023 and we are planning a fun night to come together, have some laughs, raise some money and find out who will be the BPS P&C Trivia Masters of 2023!

Term 3 Meeting

The Term 3 P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th August in the school library (located on the ground floor of the same building as the school office). Join us from 6:30pm for wine and nibbles with the meeting starting at 7pm.

All school community members are welcome to attend our meetings and contribute their ideas and questions. Please RSVP here to note your attendance:

<https://forms.gle/yJayNpTR7hrmPSWH8>

FUTY Yoga



A reminder that our wonderful From Us To You Yoga team will be back in Term 3 to run sessions in the hall every Friday morning for \$10.

Join them for an hour to give back to yourself with yoga, that will change from week to week to suit all manners of self-care.

All proceedings will go to the P&C. All are welcome! BYO mat and blanket or shawl. The school car park will be open on Henderson St.

Book your spot today -

https://bondipublicpandc.com/products/community-yoga?_pos=1&_sid=78363b4e0&_ss=r

P&C News

Canteen Update

A reminder that our new fruit stand is in the canteen and supported by our friends at Woolworths Metro Bondi Rd. If you could encourage your child to only take fruit if they are hungry, that would be appreciated.

REMINDER: Only parents should be using Flexischools to order from the canteen.

Recently we have had a number of kids place their own food orders and make mistakes (4 tubs of pasta for lunch anyone?). The only way this can be fixed is to cancel the whole order, we cannot cancel part of an order once placed. The best way to avoid this is to only allow parents to place orders on Flexischools.

We've also seen some of the older children access the accounts to create new names for themselves. This makes it very difficult for us to sort out and allocate to the correct child. Please be sure that your children's names on their Flexischools order matches their enrolment.

We are again looking to hire a **Canteen Assistant Manager**. The role is perfect for someone who's looking for a great work/life balance or needs shorter working hours to spend more time with the kids. The hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 to 3pm, during school terms only. If you or anyone you know are keen on cooking and looking to join a lovely team, please apply here: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/68678302>

Don't forget **birthday** Freezies and chocolate mini muffins require a minimum of 3 working days notice. Please email your order to canteenbondi@gmail.com

Most importantly, we always need volunteers to be 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

All available stock is now listed here - bondipublicpandc.com and can be ordered for delivery to your classroom.

Varsity jackets, puffer vests, tracksuit pants and raincoats are in store now, as are both black and white socks.

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE - 50% off all 2022 uniforms!

Do you need some new items to get you through this year? All of our remaining 2022 stock is now 50% off so grab a bargain and some backup uniforms before they all sell out. Remember these uniforms can be worn till 2025 but the school kindly asks kindly students to stick to the 2023 uniform items.

Did someone say volunteers????

There are always 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 here - <https://bondipublicpandc.com/pages/volunteering>

Have a wonderful break!

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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ART LAB SCHOOL

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES AT BONDI PUBLIC AGES 5-12



Art Lab School is delighted to offer Creative Workshops at Bondi Public School for children 5 - 12 years of age: Starting Term 3, every Thursday, 3pm-5pm.

Our art classes are process-based, all our instructors are practicing artists who will introduce children to a range of mediums that aim to inspire creative thinking, while teaching fine art techniques. We will cover classical drawing techniques, colour theory and colour mixing, painting, ceramics, working from life and botanical illustration. We also look at Art History. Even our youngest students will be taught the foundations of drawing. All students work towards our annual end of year Exhibition.

Creativity inspires critical thinking and encourages curiosity and individuality. Essential skills for an ever-changing world. All our classes are taught in an eco friendly, safe and nurturing environment..

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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 24 July 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.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Rose Bay Secondary College is scheduling school tours for interested prospective parent/carer and child/ren.

Tours will be held on Tuesday at 10am – beginning Tuesday 1 August - until Tuesday 29 August 2023.

The tours will run for approx. 1 hour. Tour numbers are limited. Contact the school on 9301-0300 to book

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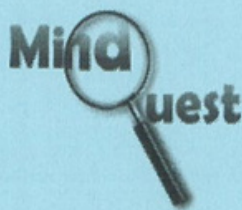
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St George Girls HS Victoria St Kogarah Saturday & Sunday 16 & 17 September 2023

Dear Coordinator of High Potential & Gifted Students,

With your wonderful assistance, we had a very successful weekend in April this year at St George Girls HS. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your great support in the past 25 years of the NSW Talent Enrichment MindQuest 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 98th MindQuest program which will be held on Saturday & Sunday at St George Girls HS on 16 & 17 September 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 copy 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 18 August 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 16 & 17 September 2023** the 98th 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).

MindQuest is now enrolling on line at mindquest.net.au.



MindQuest Shelagh Poray 02 9748 1084
Closing Date: Friday 18 August 2023