

BONDIBULLETIN

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM BONDIPUBLIC SCHOOL

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th March

Stage 1 Incursion

Tues 26th - Thur 28th March

Stage 3 Camp - Fitzroy Falls

Wed 27th - Thur 28th March

Year 4 Camp - Collaroy Centre

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

Monday 1st April

Easter Monday

Tues 2nd April - Fri 5th April

Parent/Student/Teacher meetings

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 30th April

Students return for Term 2

Principal's Post

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are well and have had a great week. I thought I'd begin my post by including the Principal's Report from the P & C Meeting last week. It was a very productive and positive meeting with lots of exciting and interesting discussion around upcoming events and day to day operations.



Our school leadership team is very proud of the start to the year our students have had. Students and staff alike have settled in well and are working hard to set up for a fun and successful 2024. All 83 Kindergarten students have settled into our beautiful school and our senior year 5/6 students are stepping in and tackling leadership with pride.

We've already had a swimming carnival, PSSA has started and the kitchen-garden program returning in FULL has been very well received by students and our community. Our Yarn Time connection mornings for BPS students who are Aboriginal is in full swing and additional opportunities for our High Potential and Gifted students are about to commence with Maths Games and Maths Olympiad. Tournament of the Minds competitions are being explored for later in the year. We are excited to this year be offering choir opportunities for all students K-6 with K-2 Singalong group, Junior (3/4) Choir who will perform at Town Hall later in the year and Senior Choir (5/6) who will perform at the Opera House also later in the year.



Minds are like
parachutes - they
only function when
open.



Judii E has volunteered to be co-ordinator for a Bondi PS Inter schools winter team. More information will follow around this. Thanks Judii! Please contact Judii through the P & C if you are interested in entering your child into Inter Schools Winter Sports. Information can be found [here](#).

Following a 2023 survey around after school extra curricular learning opportunities, we are currently in the process of finalising French and Spanish language lessons for after school and we are looking into adding additional musical instrument lessons. Update: organisation is now finalised for language lessons - please see Mr White's section!

A huge thank you and congratulations to the P & C and community volunteers who put on a fabulous Lunar New Year and Welcome BBQ celebration. What a way to kick start the events calendar! The atmosphere was amazing and it was lovely to see so many happy faces enjoying connecting with each other! School payment advice emails were sent to K-3 families last Friday, with consideration given to families of students in Years 4-6 who need to pay for camp this term. Emails will be sent to those families in Week 1 next term. We thank our community for contributing financially. We look forward to continuing to provide high quality and additional opportunities for our students.

Projects - thank you to our whole community for your patience and help as we saw out some very big projects in 2023. There was some short term inconvenience for long term gain. Such projects included the kitchen cottage renovation, the building of the outdoor classroom, installation of Top Field play equipment, the return of the chooks and who could forget the biggest project of them all - the mammoth of all mammoths - the heritage roof restorations of the senior bathrooms as well as A and B blocks! Thanks to the P & C and local council for funding 7 new bin enclosures - this has really assisted the playground beautification process.



I am pleased to report that the junior and senior bathrooms will be prioritised in the next round of school funding from the Assets Management Unit. This is very exciting and welcomed news!

Lastly a personal thanks - Anthony and I have had so much support from the community to start the year. From greetings at the gate, to emails and calls expressing confidence and gratitude - we are very grateful. We'll continue to work hard to support our students and ensure BPS is AWESOME!

NAPLAN 2024

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN and do not need excessive preparation or the use of services by coaching providers. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. You can also encourage: a healthy diet, drinking lots of water, getting enough sleep and exercise and relaxation time. These along with arriving at school on time ready to sit the test will help prepare our school to bring their best on the day.

NAPLAN at Bondi PS will take place on the following dates:

Writing: Wednesday, 13th March

Reading: Thursday, 14th March

Conventions of Language: Monday, 18th March

Numeracy: Wednesday, 20th March



(If your child is absent on one of those days, make-up assessments are offered)

Attendance Matters

Please ensure your child is getting to school on time - our first bell goes at 8:55am. Being at school on time sets students up for success as they feel more confident, organised and ready to tackle the day ahead. If your child arrives late to school they must be signed into the office by a parent or carer, with the partial absence explained. Please do not drop them from the car and ask them to sign themselves in.

Thank you to our families who prioritise student learning by taking family holidays during school holiday periods rather than term time. We understand that sometimes this is not possible but we encourage this, as it reduces the risk of gaps in learning due to absence. Every minute matters! Currently 357 students are sitting above 95% attendance for this term so far, with 260 of those students at 100% - well done!

If you have any concerns around attendance please speak to your child's teacher and visit this [page](#) for more information.



Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences:

Last year Bondi Public introduced P-S-T Conferences in Term 1, to replace Parent-Teacher Interviews. P-S-T Conferences provide an effective platform to give feedback around student learning and behaviour, as well as to form future goals collaboratively. They improve home-school connections and empower our students to take ownership of their future learning goals. The feedback from 2023 was overwhelmingly positive from all stakeholders, and to quote some parents:

"I just thought it was such a wonderful way to do it to have the student there. What an amazingly organised and progressive school."

"The teacher was very engaged and aware of my son's strengths and weaknesses. The session/interview was very open and honest. I felt 'let in' on what was being taught and therefore able to support the teacher and the teaching to better progress my son's learning."

"Fosters educating in partnership between parents and teachers. Writing the goals for the next term gives the student more accountability for their own learning."

"Wonderful for my child to see parents and teachers and students all collaborating and making choices together, especially setting goals. Nice for students to be empowered in part of the decision making. Loved this!"

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences will run again 2nd-5th of April, 2024 (Week 10). More information will follow soon.

If you would like a time to meet with the teacher before this time or if you have confidential items to discuss, please arrange a separate meeting time.

Have a wonderful 3 weeks ahead. Be kind to yourselves and each other.

Kind regards,

Anna O'Connor

Principal (rel.)



Deputy's Delivery

Bondi Public School is committed to educating students and their families about staying safe and kind in an increasingly online world. Next term we have engaged YSafe to come and speak with the students, teachers and the community about the issues students will face online. More information will be provided closer to the date.

In the meantime, there are some [free online webinars](#) for parents and carers that are offered through the eSafety commissioner. These cover topics such as:

- Supporting your child with online gaming, and how to reduce the risks of gaming and how to create better gaming habits.
- The different types of parental controls and how to set them on smart devices and computers, as well as social media platforms, including chat and privacy settings.
- Positive conversations about social media use, managing content and reporting negative online experiences.



Term 1, 2024

eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Understanding how to support your child with online gaming (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- **Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.
- **Online safety and social media: TikTok, YouTube and Instagram (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



 eSafety Commissioner



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Extracurricular Opportunities

Bondi Public School facilitates a number of lunchtime and after school activities through external providers. We are excited to add **Spanish** and **French** lessons to the after school options **from Term 2**. See flyers at the end of the newsletter for more information. Flyers are also available at the office. Both programs require a minimum enrolment to commence.



French lessons will be run on **Thursday** afternoons by Coco Besse. Coco currently offers classes at a number of local primary schools. Please enrol by emailing cocobesse92@gmail.com.

Spanish lessons will be run by Learn and Flow education on **Wednesday** afternoons. These tutors are also active in local primary schools. Contact them on infolearnandflow@gmail.com or [click here](#) to download an enrolment form.

Please see the timetable of all activities offered throughout the week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lunch	Chess	K-2 Hip Hop	3-6 Hip Hop	
After School	Art 3:00-5:00	Code Camp 3:15-4:30	Spanish 3:15-4:00	French 3:15-4:15

Kind regards,

Anthony White

Deputy Principal (rel.)



Is your child doing NAPLAN this year?



Here's how to help prepare them

1

Know what days your child's tests are.

3

Ensure they're at school on time.

2

Make sure they have a good sleep the night before.

4

Remind them to simply do their best.

Spotlight on Learning



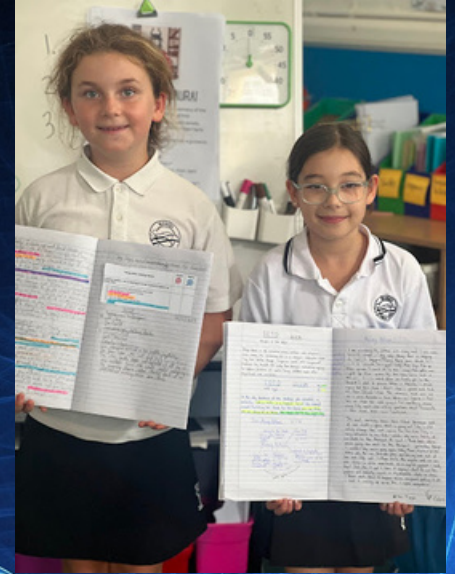
4M with Miss Murden

4M have been busy across all areas of the curriculum. We have dived straight into our English unit and have been exploring narrative and characterisation through an analysis of the text, 'The Thing About Oliver'. Students are planning, drafting, and revising a narrative sequel using an orientation, complication and resolution structure and writing it from a character's perspective (Oliver). We have been eagerly waiting for the climax in the text! Students have been able to apply their prior knowledge to make some insightful predictions and connections. 'The Thing About Oliver' has allowed deep and rich conversations about how our brains are wired and how we all think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Only a few more days until the final chapter!

In mathematics we have been building students' understanding of whole numbers and additive relations to build a strong foundation for topics throughout the year. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction and then move into more complex multiplicative relations.

Students in 4M demonstrated persistence in our school swimming carnival and four members of our class have gone on to represent Bondi PS at Zone level this week. Well done.

4M have been busy working on their culinary skills as we welcome back kitchen lessons. They participated in their second kitchen lesson and did so responsibly using teamwork, and organisational skills. We loved eating the pizza and Brazilian dumplings - delicious!



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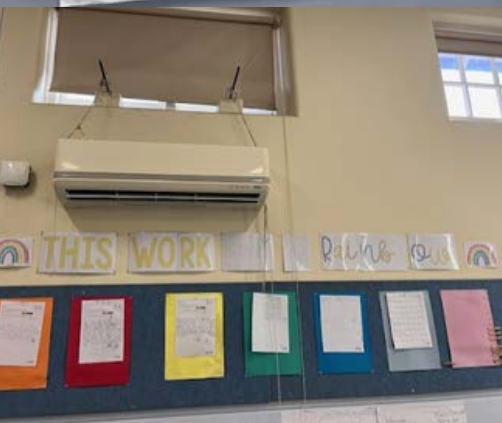
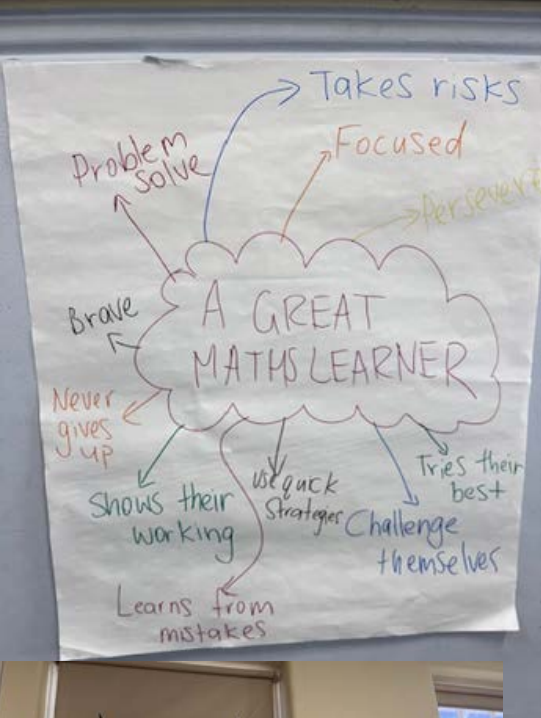
2S with Miss Sinclair



It has been a fabulous start to the term with all of the 2S students settling into our class seamlessly. The classroom has been alive with excitement and students have been working together to build a happy and productive learning environment. We have been focusing on the importance of how to look after our brains to ensure all important functions are 'talking' to one another, and therefore, information we are being taught is being transferred from our short-term memory to long term storage in our brains (our hippocampus).

In English, we have been focusing on quality literature such as 'Welcome To Country' by Joy Murphy Wandin, 'Peggy' by Anna Walker, 'I'm Australian Too' by Mem Fox and 'Where The Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We have been exploring how to become superstar readers by predicting, inferring, making connections and echo reading! Alongside this we have also been exploring the importance of quality sentences and structure when creating our own paragraphs in a narrative. We LOVE using our iceberg planning sheet where we build on our problem to the very tip of the iceberg using a 'pebble, rock and boulder' structure.

In mathematics, 2S we have been participating in differentiated groups where we are working hard and challenging ourselves to be the best mathematicians that we can be. We have been focusing on the importance of knowing mathematical terminology to then apply this knowledge to Matharoo word problems. We have been working with Miss Sinclair in small groups, where we are then moved to consolidate our learning working on the same strategy, independently. WE LOVE MATHS!



Curriculum Crunch

with our Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction

The beginning of a new school year often resembles a change of season, bringing to mind the onset of Spring. The start of Kindergarten symbolises birds hatching and leaving the nest for the first time, older children emerge as tall and strong as a sun-kissed sunflower and the return of old and new friendships bloom and flourish like a garden bed filled with flowers. Teachers are like the bees, frantically hovering and visiting each student to ensure their class of students is known and cared for.



Now that the students have settled and routines are in full swing, another year of learning adventures has begun! For students in Year 3 and Year 5, this means participation in a variety of NAPLAN assessments. Let's unpack the purpose of NAPLAN a little more and what it looks like at Bondi Public School.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that requires students to complete 4 tests over a short period of time. The data collected from the Reading, Writing, Conventions of language and Numeracy tests provide information to teachers, parents, education authorities and governments with insight to how education programs are working in schools across Australia.

Here at Bondi PS, we recognise that these tests are just one piece of the puzzle and capture very broad data at a very specific time in students' learning. In the classrooms, teachers take pride in using a range of meaningful assessments and feedback on a regular basis to drive the best educational outcomes for students on a daily basis. As a result our NAPLAN expectations are that students simply apply what they have learnt in class and try their very best.

Although the continuation of our teaching and learning programs is paramount, there are a few things we have taken into consideration to ease any feelings of anxiety and to ensure students are prepared to be at their best. Some NAPLAN practice has been allocated so teachers can show students how to navigate the online assessment format. They have also been reinforcing our Performance Mode expectations (as discussed in our newsletter early last year) and giving practical hints and tricks on how students can manage their time effectively.

If you are keen to read more about NAPLAN, please click [here](#)



Karen Albronda
Assistant Principal, Curriculum
and Instruction (APCI)



Meet our Staff!



MISS GEORGIA DEVENISH



Role: Kindergarten Teacher

Time @ BPS: 3 years

Outside Interests: I love to travel, sew and cook!

Favourite Food: Anything Italian

When I was young I wanted to be: A teacher

Favourite Children's Author: Aaron Blabey and Bronwyn Bancroft

Fun Fact: I have visited about 30 countries

MR WILL GAMBLER

Role: 5/6G Classroom teacher

Time @ BPS: 7 years

Outside Interests: I enjoy cycling, going to Italian restaurants with my 2 year old, reading non-fiction and I have a hat collection

Favourite Food: Currently it's a Bahn Mi breakfast sandwich from Waverton

When I was young I wanted to be: A tree house maker

Favourite Children's Author: Shaun Tan

Fun Fact: I have a star named after me - well at least that's what the certificate says!



Meet our Staff!



MISS KATIE RICHARDS



Role: 1R Classroom teacher

Time @ BPS: First year

Outside Interests: I love sport, currently playing AFL. I love to travel and visit new places.

Favourite Food: Asian cuisine

When I was young I wanted to be: A cowgirl

Favourite Children's Author: Julia Donaldson

Fun Fact: I am from Tamworth and love to boot scoot!

MR ALEX FORBES



Role: STEAM Teacher

Time @ BPS: 14 years

Outside Interests: Spearfishing, cooking and playing with my kids

Favourite Food: Fresh fish

When I was young I wanted to be: A Ninja turtle

Favourite Children's Author: Alvin Schwartz

Fun Fact: I love to play the Cello!



BPS Sports Arena

The summer PSSA competition is well underway and it is great to see our teams doing so well in the sports of touch football and basketball. Very soon, students will be trialling for the winter sports of AFL, soccer, netball and possibly rugby league, depending on interest. A massive thankyou to our teachers who give up their mornings to run training before school. You can see the girls touch football teams in action below! Go TEAM BONDII!!



We are thrilled to share the resounding success of our incredible swimmers at the recent Zone Swimming Carnival! It was a day of sheer determination, unwavering spirit, and outstanding sportsmanship as our aquatic stars navigated the waters.

Our students dove into the competition with enthusiasm, showcasing not only their swimming abilities but also the values of teamwork and perseverance that make Bondi Public School shine. From thrilling relay races to nail-biting individual events, our swimmers demonstrated skill, focus, and a true passion for the sport.

We are delighted to announce that our Bondi Public School swim team brought home a collection of ribbons and successes with Archer, Zanda-Jex, Matthew and Hugo making it to the Sydney Coastal PSSA Swim Team. This is a testament to their hard work and dedication. Their achievements reflect not only individual success but also the collaborative effort of our entire school community.

A heartfelt congratulations to each and every participant for their remarkable performances, and a special thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive families who stood by our swimmers every stroke of the way!

P&C News

Lunar New Year BBQ



What a way to bring in the New Year here at BPS!!! Such a fun night for all of us here and it was wonderful to have the event back in the Kindy playground too. Our wonderful Lion dancers were brilliant and it was beautiful to see all the families interacting with the lions as well as each other throughout the night.

A HUGE HUGE HUGE thanks goes out to all of our volunteers on the night. We can't do events like this without the people who come and help man the BBQ or other food stalls, paint faces to see our kids smile or just help in any way they can. A special shout out to **Kym Thomas** and **Sarah Djemal** who really went over and above with their help on the night and afterwards. And to our superstar face painters **Cat Daenzer** (<https://www.littlefeet-events.com>) and **Anna Banana** (**Face Painting with Anna Banana**) who provided free face creations for the kids! Thank YOU all SO much.

Special thanks also to our sponsors and supporters for the night. We could not have had such a successful event without their help either.

P&C News

Class WhatsApp Groups

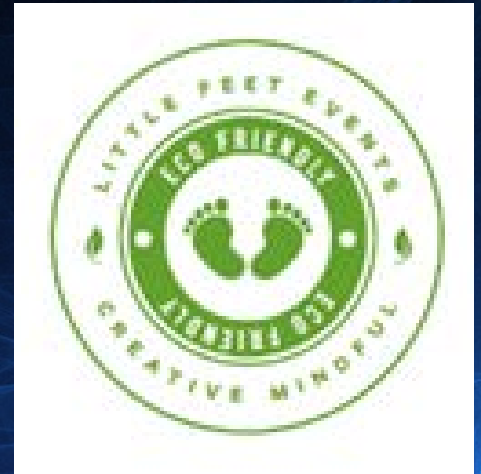
Most of you have already joined your new class WhatsApp groups and are utilising them. For those that haven't, please go into the BPS P&C Community and find your correct 2024 class and request to join. Please remember that the groups are a great way for all of us to share information about the school, organise class catch ups and figure out which shirt to wear on which day! Be sure to keep all of your messages safe and respectful as per our group guidelines.

If you have any questions about the groups, please email us bondipublicschoolpcsec@gmail.com

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting was held in the library in week 5 and we wanted to thank everyone who came. P&C Meetings are a great way to learn about what's happening in our school and how you can help make a difference for your child. We also serve wine and snacks so it's a nice opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy a glass on us.

Our next meeting will be on May 29th at 6.30pm in the library so see you there!



Face Painting with Anna Banana

Little Feet Events

Eco-Friendly Kids Parties & Face Painting in Sydney

ZERO WASTE,
NO ELIMINATION,
MAXIMUM FUN



October 27th is the day for this year's Halloween Fete and we can't wait to scare every single one of you and your friends with how fantastic a day it's going to be. Put the date in everyone's diaries and invite everyone you know. 20th March, 6.30pm - first fete meeting for class reps to learn about what's happening - be there to get great info about choosing your stall and other ideas. Week 8 - posters will be given to children to help design the final poster which will be voted on by the whole school. Encourage your child to draw to their heart's content with a Halloween theme. Dates for the Diary Mother's & Special Other's Day - 7.30 - 9am, Friday May 10th Term 2 P&C Meeting - 6.30 - 8pm, Wednesday May 29th



FUTY Yoga



A reminder that our wonderful From Us To You Yoga team runs 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 proceeds 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.

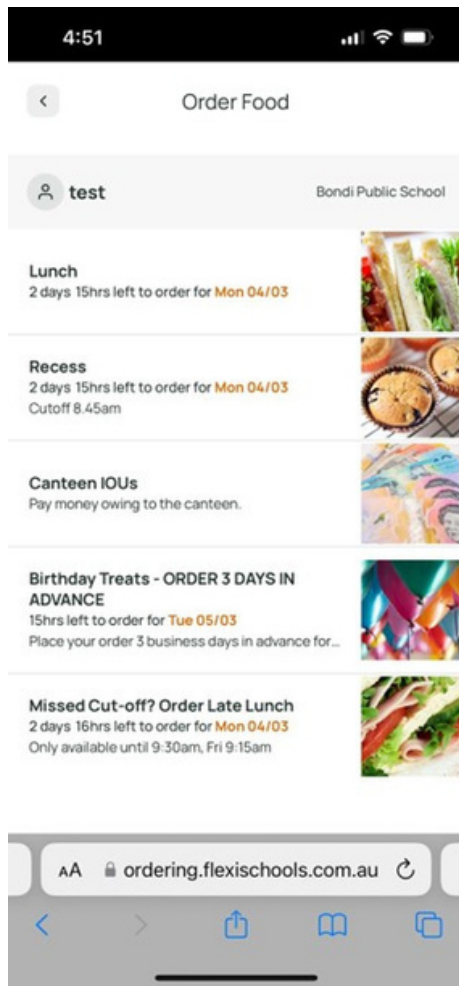


Book your spot today -

<https://bondipublicpandc.com/products/community-yoga>

P&C News

Canteen Update



Missed the cut off for lunch orders???

We have a new system in place on Flexischool to help! You can now order and pay via the special page **“Missed Cut-off”** on Flexischool after our usual cut off time from 8:45am till 9:30am Mon-Thu and 9:15am on Friday.

We offer a reduced menu of basic snacks, drinks, hot meals and fresh sandwiches. Please note this service is only for those who missed the cut off for LUNCH on the day and we still encourage everyone to place the order by night before ideally.

We **no longer accept** late lunch orders via phone call, email or over the counter. All late lunch orders must be placed via Flexischool.

If you need to **cancel an order**, please do so online via Flexischools by the cut off time as we will no longer be accepting calls to the office or email cancellations.

Please note birthday Freezies and chocolate mini muffins require a minimum of 3 working days notice and do not include holidays. Please email your order to canteenbondi@gmail.com

Thanks to all of our wonderful new volunteers who are helping out in the canteen. We always need help though! 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>

REMINDER: Only parents should be using Flexischools to order from the canteen and children’s names should match their enrolment.

Uniform Shop Update

Cotton polos have arrived and are pretty much sold out! We have placed a larger order for more that will arrive later in the year and we'll keep you updated closer to their arrivals.

We can also always use volunteers at the uniform shop and it can even be outside of our opening hours as there are always orders to pack and items to sort. If you can help, please use the links below to let us know.

Call Out for Volunteers for 2024

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!

Here's to a fun rest of the term!

Kate, Judii, Leonie, Zoe & Candace





FRENCH

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French teacher since
2002 with the
Alliance Française

\$22 per student per hour
Thur 2 May - Thur 4 July
Term 2 : 10 weeks
3.15 - 4.15pm

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Listening and Reading
comprehension

Writing and Speaking +
songs (material provided)

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at Bondi Public School

- Learn Spanish from qualified and native Spanish speaking teachers.
- All levels welcome.
- Our program is based on interactive learning through music, songs, movement, stories and games.

Wednesdays: 3.15pm to 4pm

Starts term 2: 1st May, 2024

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Bondi Performing Arts

April School Holiday Acting Workshop

Short film, improv, and
drama workshop

Ages 9-12 yrs

Wed April 17th - Fri 19th,
9.30am-3.30pm

Term 2 after school drama
class enrollment also open!

Enquiries:

bondiperformingarts@gmail.com

Location: Bondi Scout Hall,
63A Wairoa Ave, Nth Bondi, 2026



[Register Here](#)





234.50 for 3 days! Offer ends March 10!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** Rugby, AFL, Soccer, Netball and Basketball on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP!

Dates

Autumn school holidays. See website for more details

LOCATIONS INCLUDE

- Heffron Centre, Maroubra
- University of NSW, Daceyville
- Perry Park Alexandria
- Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock
- Concord
- Sydney Boys High, Moore Park



It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants



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Opening March 2024

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