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# BONDI BULLETIN

The latest news and updates from Bondi Public School



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## **JULY**

- **Fri 26th** Opportunity Class applications close
- **Mon 29th** Parent Teacher Interviews begin
- Fri 3rd last day of Term 2
- Tue 21st first day of Term 3

## **Principal's Report**

### Academic reports

Student academic reports will be sent home this Friday and as previously advised they will be a simplified version of our usual reports. This is mainly due to the considerable disruptions to learning and assessment as a result of COVID-19. Some of the changes to reports this semester are:

- the use of a three-point scale in place of a fivepoint scale for achievement and effort
- achievement and effort scores for English and mathematics outcomes only
- effort scores for online learning
- inclusion of a Wellbeing section linked to our school expectation
- student self reflections for Years 3-6 students

I am also very excited to announce that our academic reports will be distributed online via the Sentral Parent Portal. Student reports will be saved in the Portal each year so that parents can access them at any time in the future. Parents should now have received an email with instructions on how to log in.

Please check your emails - if you haven't received an email please contact the office. Your child's academic report will be pushed out to the Sentral Parent Portal tomorrow - we will let you know via Dojo when they are available for viewing.

#### **NSW Curriculum Review**

This week there was a press conference on the planned reforms to the NSW Curriculum, based on the recommendations of the NSW Curriculum Review. A number of recommendations were highlighted along with details of planned curriculum reform that will see a streamlined and strengthened approach to what is taught in our schools. Please read the <u>Parent and carer fact sheet</u> if you would like further information about the Review.

### Kindergarten 2021

This is a friendly reminder that that we are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten students commencing in 2021. Please submit your applications as soon as possible as this will assist us to best plan for 2021. Visit our school website to download:

- Application to Enrol
- Enrolment checklist

At this stage, we are holding off advertising the Kindy Transition days that are usually held in Term 4 as we are awaiting further advice regarding restrictions to non-essential visitors to our site. We are currently working on a back-up plan if we are not able to hold these days as we usually do.



### A message from the front office

There has been an increase in the number of parents who are coming up to the school to drop off items throughout the day. Make sure your child has everything they need; lunch, jumper, hat, water bottle, instrument etc before arriving at school each morning.

Parents are still not permitted to enter our site and our office staff cannot spend their day going out to the gate. Items being dropped off by parents throughout the day will be refused. Any child that has no lunch will always be provided with a sandwich so please don't worry if you forget to pack a lunch. I appreciate your support and understanding with this matter.

## COVID-19 testing

Could you please notify your child's teacher if they are experiencing symptoms and are going to get a COVID-19 test. We are required to make a notification to the Department so please don't wait until you receive your results before informing the school.

#### Glassware

There have been two incidents in the last fortnight where students have brought glass items (drink bottles and lunch containers) to school that have been smashed in the playground and down a stairwell. As you can imagine this is incredibly dangerous for our students. Please make sure your child only brings non-breakable items to school.

This will be the final newsletter for Term 2 so I would like to wish all of our families a restful break. Stay safe and maintain safe social distancing measures and good hygiene practices.

Mrs Olivia Parry Acting Principal

## Deputy's report

#### Late Arrival to School

Thank you to all parents who ensure their child is at school well before the 8:55am bell. We believe that some families are finding it difficult to arrive back into a routine with full-time learning at school. The school day commences at 9:00am, with teacher supervision from 8:30am. Currently our K-2 students are being supervised in the Middle Playground and our 3-6 students on the Top field.

It is important that students arrive at school well before 9:00am as this enables them to settle in and prepare for the school day. Students who arrive late are immediately at a disadvantage as they miss out on the introduction to lessons and disrupt the class by their late arrival. Students who arrive after the morning bell are required to report to the office to sign in and obtain a late note for the class teacher. See the next page for information about why it is important for your child to arrive at school on time and some strategies to try if you find it difficult to prepare your child for school each day. The school's learning and support team may also assist with strategies.

### Lost property

As the weather has been getting colder our lost property bins have been filling up with jumpers and jackets when students are going out to play. Unfortunately a lot of these uniforms are not labelled. Each week an assigned class goes through the bins to sort and deliver items that are labelled. We encourage families to ensure that all garments are labelled clearly and you check on a daily basis that your child has returned home with the clothes they wore to school.

Kate Owen Acting Deputy

# The importance of coming to school on time



## Benefits to arriving on time



Students don't miss out on morning messages and the outline of the day.

Helps your child learn about routines and commitment.



Eases potential separation anxiety as your child will greet their friends before class.



Reduces the possibility of your child feeling uncomfortable when they come into the classroom late.

## Did you know?

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to **strong participation** in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.

It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

## Are these some of the reasons for late arrival?

- Homework not complete
- Staying up late watching TV
- Clothes, books, school work items can't be found
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Test or presentation at school
- Trouble getting out of bed in the morning
- Screaming or not letting go of you once at school

## Strategies to try to be on time

- Set bed time going to sleep and waking up
- Uniform laid out and school bag packed the night before
- Allocate a homework time each day
- TV on for set time frames and only if appropriate
- Positive encouragement about school
- Once at school kiss and hug and leave **promptly**

## P&C news

Hi everyone, well what a year it's been! A few updates from the P&C on what's going on.

### Uniform Shop

Unfortunatley we're still not able to welcome all parents onto school grounds to access the Uniform Shop so please continue to order items via Flexischools and they will be delivered to your child's classroom. If there are any changes, updates will be posted on Dojo. A big thank you to Sam Merrick for helping to keep us operational since school has returned, your help has been greatly appreciated.

## New paid role - Uniform Shop Coordinator

The P&C is seeking expressions of interest from the school community to fill the position of Uniform Shop Coordinator. It will be a paid role, averaging two to four hours per week during school term, supported by volunteers when needed (pending an easing of current COVID-19 restrictions). If you are interested please email <a href="mailto:bondiuniform@gmail.com">bondiuniform@gmail.com</a> with your contact details and a short letter outlining relevant experience by next Wednesday 1st July. We'd love to have this position in place by the beginning of Term 3.

## Outdoor classroom designer

Some great news! We were successful in securing a NSW Community Partnerships Grant for \$22,500. This money will go towards the development of the currently unused corner in the middle playground (by the canteen entrance) to create an outdoor classroom space. If you, or anyone in your network, has skills or expertise in designing such a space and is happy to share them with us please email <a href="mailto:bondipublicschoolpcsec@gmail.com">bondipublicschoolpcsec@gmail.com</a>

We need to refine designs and budget to progress to the next stage quickly.

## Fundraising and the Halloween Fete

As you know it's the year for our usual BIGGEST fundraising event - the biennial Halloween Fete. Given social distancing requirements, we are uncertain if we will be able proceed with it this year, which is really disappointing. The fete is a great school community celebration and a highlight for students. We are in discussion with the school executive team and will make a decision at the end of this term.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas for alternate fundraising activities please reach out. We welcome them all. There are still many amazing initiatives we'd love to fund to benefit our children. The two main 'priority projects' for fundraising this year are the outdoor classroom and our makerspace.

## Term 3 P&C Meeting - Wednesday 19th August at 7pm

All parents and carers of current BPS students are welcome to join us (in a socially distant manner) to hear the plans for the rest of the year and the latest updates from Mrs Parry. Details will be confirmed closer to the date to ensure we are complying with the relevant public health orders. We are planning to broadcast the meeting via Zoom. If you have any questions in the meantime, please direct them via your class parent/s.

A final thank you for your patience and understanding as we all adapt to the constantly changing circumstances of the last few months. It's been a less than ideal year for many, but we thank everyone in our community for their respect and for following the recommendations to ensure we keep our school community safe and healthy.

Enjoy your holidays!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

9AM-3PM COST \$40 PER CHILD PER DAY 5-12YEARS | RECESS & LUNCH NOT PROVIDED

MON 6 JULY Multisports | Arts & Crafts

WED 8 JULY Basketball | Multisports

FRI 10 JULY Kids Fitness | Arts & Crafts

MON 13 JULY Mini Olympics

WED 15 JULY Basketball | Multisports

FRI 17 JULY Judo | Multisports

CHILD REQUIRED TO BRING MORNING TEÄ, LUNCH AND WATER BOTTLE | STRICT HYGIENE AND DISTANCING MEASURES IN PLACE LIMITED SPOTS ONLY- BOOK NOW ONLINE OR BY CALLING 02 9314- 2536 OR EMAIL EASTERNSUBURBS@PCYCNSW.ORG.AU 26A BUNNERONG ROAD, DACEYVILLE NSW 2032







# STEM COURSES

CODE, CREATE, DESIGN AND HAVE FUN-TAKING YOUR TECH SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL THESE HOLIDAYS!!



## Live Online Courses July Holidays

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

DESIGN THINKING TO THE STATE OF THE STATE OF

Learn the basics of 3D modelling in Tinkercad and how the experts design 3D models for use in 3D printing and VR Game design. MAKING

MAKING WEBPAGES

Explore playing with the building blocks of web development: HTML and CSS in this hands on course to become a web wizard! INTRO TO

CODING 10

Get hands-on with Scratch and learn the basics of coding by making your own animations. Suitable for novice coders



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July 2020 School Holidays

(Tues Wed Thurs only)

Half-day camp 9am - 1pm \$45

E: admin@eastcourtstennis.com.au
W: eastcourtstennis.com.au

Places are limited... Enrol online today!









A great way for children to enjoy their Holidays, be active, try new sports, make friends and most importantly having fun.

A different program each day so check our website for all info

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WHO:
ALL KIDS
FROM 5 TO 12 YEARS
(BOYS AND GIRLS FROM ALL LEVELS)

Monday 20th July Limited Spots

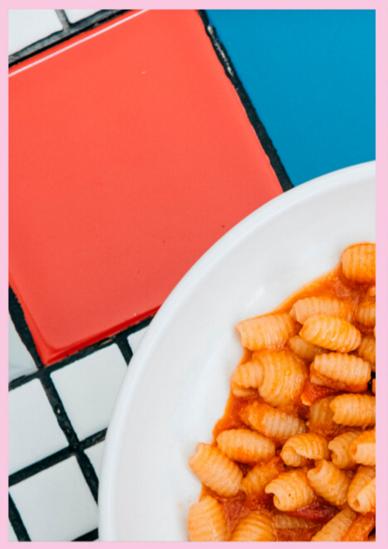
Full Day 9am - 3pm Half day 9am - 12pm

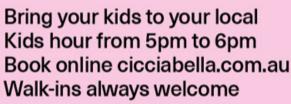
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