



# BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 6

8 November 2021

### WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon 8 Nov	7:30pm P&C AGM – via Zoom
Tue 9 Nov	Second Kindergarten Orientation – drop off from 10:00am
Wed 10 Nov	Portrait, Class and Sibling Photographs
Week 5-6	Parent 'Tell Them From Me' Survey Open
Week 6	Year 4 and 5 – 'Tell Them From Me' Survey

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Today our school has moved to Level 3 as per the Department of Education's guidelines. It was wonderful to have our first whole school assembly this morning under the COLA to begin our week. Several children received their Bronze and Silver awards. It was great to see. Attached to the final page of this newsletter is a summary of what Level 3 looks like for us. Just a reminder to keep your child home if they are unwell, even if they are displaying the mildest of symptoms.

The *Tell Them From Me* Survey began last week for parents. This survey provides the school with valuable student, teacher and parent perspectives about the engagement and wellbeing of our students. This important information can be used to identify strengths and successes, as well as areas to target for improvement. I ask all parents to complete this important survey. Your feedback is valued and will be used to guide future decisions. The link to complete the survey can be found later in this newsletter.

I am delighted that school photos will take place this Wednesday, 10 November at school. Mrs Mugglestone is working hard to ensure class, individual and family portraits can all occur on the one day. Unfortunately, no extracurricular groups will be photographed this year. Please ensure that you get your orders in!

Kindergarten 2022 had their first Orientation Day last Tuesday. The second Orientation Day will take place tomorrow Tuesday, 9 November. It never ceases to amaze me how confident these little people are. I look forward to seeing them all back here for their first day of school on Wednesday 2 February, 2022.

To reaffirm what was mentioned in last week's newsletter, please note that the school will not be considering any specific requests from parents regarding placement for their child in 2022. Be assured that your child's teacher knows their students well and will apply their professional knowledge to ensure that all class placements for the following year are well considered.

Finally, if you know your child/ren will not be returning to Boronia Park Public School next year, please notify the school. This information is vital in assisting the school in planning for 2021.

**Mrs Ward**  
*Relieving Principal*

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was lovely to see all our Boronia Park students under the COLA together for our first whole school assembly since earlier this year. It gave us a chance to celebrate achievements and also give out some whole school messages in person.

One of our messages this week was keeping our playground clean and tidy. This is a fitting message this week as it is National Recycling Week. In November 1996, Planet Ark founded National Recycling Week as a community education and media campaign. The aim was to bring a national focus to recycling and the broader themes of minimising waste and managing material resources. Sustainability is an important message for all of us and one we want to help our students understand.

This week on Thursday will be Remembrance Day. This is the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. People in Australia, and many other countries, observe 1 minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died while serving in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

**Mrs Taylor**

### OFFICE REPORT

#### FAMILY STATEMENTS

Term 4 family statements were sent out last week.

No new activities were invoiced this term for Kindergarten and Year 1.



Statements will only be received if there are any outstanding balances on your account or new balances relating to participation in the Athletics Carnival (held, but not invoiced in term 2), extra-curricular and Year 6 activities. Voluntary contributions are optional.

As we begin to finalise our accounts for 2021, we would appreciate payment of your account as soon as possible.

Any credits owed to families will be listed in the middle column of the statement. The Westpac system will also give a credit reminder at the time of payment. Please note that (due to the limitations of the system) if your credit is equal, or is greater than the statement amount, you will need to email the school office to request that your credit be applied.

#### NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

1. Phonics Screening Check note – Year 1
2. School Photographs note

### AWARDS

The following students received their Silver Awards recently:- Abby V 3B, Imali B 2B, Zoe H 2C, Winifred W 4B, Maeve C 4B, Annabel O 2C, Raphaella A 4H, Jasper S 2A, Monica P 6G, Ella S 4B, Harriet M 2C, Talia O 2A, Bronte P 2B, Henry C 2C, Eve P 2C, Harley J 2B, Olive G 4H, Jessica P 4B and Oliver K 4M.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Gold Award



Charlie C 4B



Bryce G 4H

### CREATIVE ARTS

Due to the Department of Education COVID restrictions, band, choir and drama rehearsals will continue online for the remainder of Term 4.

Rehearsals are not permitted on-site at school. The String Ensemble will be able to rehearse as they are not a 'wind' instrument. Mr Speer will be emailing parents regarding this. Please note that there are no choir or drama online lessons this week.

#### TRAINING BAND 2022

Many thanks to all parents who have submitted enrolment forms for training band 2022. Please contact Mrs Nylund ([lindsayandjenny@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsayandjenny@hotmail.com)) if you have any questions. Enrolment forms can be found on the school E-news App.



#### STRINGS PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

A reminder that our Strings program (violin and cello) Zoom information evening is being held on Wednesday 17 November at 7:00pm. A Zoom link to the meeting will be sent beforehand on the school E-News App. It would be appreciated if you could let Mrs Nylund know if you will be attending.

#### MR MASON'S RETIREMENT

Rod, our wonderful band director of more than a decade, is 'retiring' from school band conducting at the end of the term.

After a long career with over 35 years experience as a professional musician, music director, conductor, adjudicator and woodwind tutor, Rod has been an inspirational force in the Sydney music and music education scene. His specialist band education techniques embracing teamwork, and fostering pride, creativity, confidence and a love of music, have positively touched every young musician in our band program over the years. Rod has already been awarded an OAM and a Gold Aria in his career, but we Boronians would like to award Mr Mason the title of *Most Esteemed and Awesome Retiring Boronia Band Conductor* in honour of his amazing work! Thanks Rod for your passion and dedication, and for teaching the children to work hard and strive for success in all they do.

We are very fortunate that our bass guitar tutor and highly experienced musician and school band director, Mike Rix, will be taking on the role of Performance Band conductor in 2022, whilst the delightful Nate Porter will continue as the training and concert band director. You can be assured that the high standard and continuity of our band program will most certainly continue!

#### HIRED INSTRUMENTS HAND-IN DAY FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

Please note that all instruments which have been hired from the school this year need to be returned on the morning of Friday December 10.



Mrs Nylund

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Due to the easing of some COVID restrictions, we are now able to have photographers on our school grounds. Individual portraits, class and sibling photographs will now be taken on **Wednesday 10 November**. Unfortunately, we will not be taking sport and extracurricular photographs.

Students need to wear their full summer uniform: a short-sleeved school polo shirt and shorts, a skirt or a skort. All students are to wear blue socks and black shoes.

If you wish to purchase these photographs, you will need to order them **online** via the school photographer website: [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) and use our school code **X1471EL44BP**

**Please note, sibling photos must be ordered before Wednesday 10 November.**

Mrs Mugglestone

## OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TEST

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021.

*Students must arrive at school by 9:00am.* Parents should have received by email a 'Test authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test.

Go to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test. This bulletin should be read carefully.

**Ms Tracey Scott**

## TELL THEM FROM ME - PARENT SURVEY

As part of our focus on school effectiveness, Boronia Park Public School will be participating in an online 'Tell Them From Me' survey for parents and the second snapshot survey for students.

The parent survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and teaching practices. The survey will be opened for parents to complete from 1 November to 12 November. It typically takes 15 minutes and all responses will remain anonymous. This survey is optional, however, it will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school.



To complete the survey, please go to the following link:  
[nsw.tellthemfromme.com/boroniapark](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/boroniapark)

**Miss Kilmore and Mr Pasternatsky**

## TELL THEM FROM ME - STUDENT SURVEY

During weeks 6, students in years 4 and 5 will be given the opportunity to participate in the student TTFM survey at school. Students' answers will be anonymous.

The survey observes topics of emotional and social wellbeing, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. It will also allow students to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If you **do not** want your child to complete the survey in class time or if you would like more information about the survey, please contact your child's teacher via email or visit the following website –

[education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me](https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me)

**Miss Kilmore and Mr Pasternatsky**

## SPORT

Could all PSSA students please return their washed winter and summer PSSA jerseys to their coaches.



**PSSA Coaches**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

As 2021 draws to a close, we have a vacancy to fill on the School Council for 2022. The School Council is a forum for the school community to participate in the planning and direction of the school and is made up of representatives of the school executive, teachers, parents and the President of the P&C. If you are interested in nominating for the role or would like to know more about the School Council please contact the President of the School Council, Carla Liedtke, at [carlaliedtke@gmail.com](mailto:carlaliedtke@gmail.com) or visit the School Council page on the BPPS website.

The School Council will be meeting on Monday 8 November. If you have any issues that you would like raised at the meeting, please contact Carla.

## P&C

### P&C AGM – TONIGHT @ 7:30PM

Members of the school community are invited to attend and celebrate another successful P&C year and elect our office bearers for 2022.

Due to current restrictions, the AGM will be held online once again.

We look forward to seeing you! Zoom: <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/83967021437?pwd=NzJlOFNlOXI1al>

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If you have any old school shoes with little wear and tear, pop them in the Project Kindness bin by the main gate on Pittwater Rd. We hope our amazing school community will get behind this great initiative, run by a BPPS parent Fiona Thornton.

Donated shoes will go to a child in need for 2022.  
Thank you for your kindness!

**The Boronia Park Public School P&C Team**

## CANTEEN

Mondays: Sushi \$3.70 or \$7 for two (for same child)  
Tuesdays: Roast chicken rolls \$5.00  
Salad boxes with chicken \$5.50  
Wednesdays: Alternating chicken/beef burgers  
Thursdays: Sushi \$3.70 or \$7 for two (for same child)

Wed 10 Nov: Lean Beef Burgers  
Wed 17 Nov: Char Grilled Chicken Burgers

### LEAN BEEF BURGERS

Wednesday is delicious LEAN BEEF BURGER day. Burgers come standard with a lean beef pattie, lettuce & tomato and your choice of BBQ or tomato sauce. All for only \$5.00. (Please write on your order if no lettuce/tomato is required and your sauce option).



### ONLINE ORDERING REMINDER

Please note that the cut-off time for online orders through Flexischools each day is 8:30am.

Students will still be able to place their orders in the traditional way by bringing their order to the canteen by 9:30am each day.

## Term 4 roadmap

### From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.

- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

### From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

## Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

### Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.



### Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.



### Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.



### Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.



### Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.



### Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.



### Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.

