



BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 5

1 November 2021

WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon 1 Nov	Kindy 2022 Parent Information Evening – via Zoom
Tue 2 Nov	First Kindergarten Orientation - 9:40am – 12:00 noon
Week 5	Year 6 'Tell Them From Me' Survey
Weeks 5 and 6	Parent 'Tell Them From Me' Survey Open

COMING EVENTS

Tue 9 Nov	Second Kindergarten Orientation - 9:40am – 11:30am
Week 6	Year 4 and 5 – 'Tell Them From Me' Survey

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was a smooth resumption to normal classes last week. I am so pleased that we have our students back on site and in their classrooms. Teachers have done an amazing job getting students back into routine. I thank the teachers for all their efforts. Staff are also working hard to ensure that everyone stays safe. In the case of a COVID outbreak, schools are still closing at the moment for 24 hours (sometime it can be 48 hours). This allows an opportunity for a deep clean and for contact tracing to take place. Please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Thank you to all the children for wearing their hats. I have noticed a significant improvement in the number of students wearing their hats daily. This is most pleasing to see, particularly as the weather heats up. A reminder to parents, please ensure that your child has a blue BPPS hat to wear at school. These hats are available to purchase online from the Uniform Shop.

Over the past week, several children have been arriving at school and are in the playground, unsupervised before there is a teacher out on duty. Our supervision of the playground does not begin until 8:50am. This is a significant H&S issue. Please do not send your child to school before supervision of the playground begins.

I understand that change, including a new class and teacher, can be an anxious time for both student and parent. Be reassured that our teachers will spend a lot of time towards the end of this term forming the 2022 classes. These draft lists will be carefully compiled. Please note, I will not consider any request for students in regard to placement in a composite class. All students in the school will experience both single year/grade and composite classes during their seven years at Boronia Park PS. Effective and high-quality learning programs and activities are taught in all classes. Every classroom teacher differentiates programs teaching reading, writing and number to satisfy the learning needs of the student.

In addition, we will also not consider any requests for students to be placed with friends or teachers. Students

benefit from being in classes with different students each year. They may be disappointed in the first few days, but they will make new friendships when faced with a different set of peers in their new class. This experience helps build personal resilience, a necessary trait for children as they grow.

Kindergarten 2022 will have their first of two Orientation Days tomorrow. The next Orientation Day will take place the following Tuesday, 9 November. I am looking forward to seeing lots of excited children come through our gates to begin what will be the start of their education journey. Tonight, an information session will be held for kindergarten parents in lieu of our normal meeting in the hall whilst the new Kindy's are at school. I look forward to seeing many parents via zoom this evening. Thank you to Mrs Parr for organising this very important event.

Mrs Ward
Relieving Principal.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week almost felt like we were back to pre-Covid lockdown. Our students are all here, working hard and happy to be with friends and their teachers.

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK TERM 4 WEEK 5

All Year 1 students in NSW DoE schools will be required to complete the mandatory Year 1 Phonics Screening Check from 2021. The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics.

Phonics is important for students who are learning to read. This screening check observes how your child can read words with different letter combinations. The main purpose of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is to provide your child's teacher with information which will allow them to plan for your child's learning.

Each child is individually assessed by a teacher and all Year 1 students will be assessed.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Resources for helping your child with phonics at home can be found on the following NSW Department of Education webpages:

- *Helping your child with literacy and numeracy at home*
- *Phonics*
- *Decodable texts*

Mrs Taylor
Relieving Deputy Principal

OFFICE REPORT

REMINDERS

- The only entrance to the school between 10:00am and 3:00pm is via the Pittwater Road pedestrian gate.
- Procedures for early leavers/late arrivals remains unchanged. If your child needs to leave early, please call the school 10 minutes prior to collection so that we can have them waiting in the office. When you arrive at the Pittwater Road gate, please call again and we can escort them out.

HEAD LICE

We have had several reports of head lice across all grades.



Can you please check your child/ren's hair tonight and treat as required.

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK VIA SCHOOL APP

1. Enrolment Musical Preference – training band 2022

CREATIVE ARTS

Online music and drama ensemble rehearsals continue as usual this term.



BAND INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to all those who attended the Zoom band information evening. If you are intending to enrol your child in the band program (current year 2 and up) and were not able to attend, please contact Mrs Nylund. An enrolment form was posted on the school app and can be filled out, scanned or photographed and returned to Mrs Nylund.

STRING (Violin & Cello) INFORMATION EVENING

A reminder that the Zoom information evening for families thinking of enrolling their child in the strings program, will be held on Wednesday 17 November at 7:00pm. A link will be posted on the school app. Students currently in Kindergarten, year 1 or year 2 and all students in years 3-5 can participate in the strings program.

CONCERT AND PERFORMANCE BAND VIRTUAL BAND VIDEO

Students in concert and performance bands will be participating in a fantastic virtual band video which is being professionally edited. Our wonderful P&C is sponsoring this special project and we are very grateful indeed for their support. A full set of instructions will be emailed to parents via parent band coordinators. Parents will need to read instructions carefully for filming their child. The final product will be released near the end of the school year in December.

Mrs Nylund

SRC

A huge thank you to the semester 1 student representative council for their tremendous efforts, organisation and participation at our meetings.

Due to the current circumstances, we regret to inform you that there will be no student representatives voted in for semester 2. No meetings will take place for the remainder of the year.

Miss Kilmore and Miss 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 of their child's experience at school.

To complete the survey, please go to the following link:
nsw.tellthemfromme.com/boroniapark

Miss Kilmore and Mr Pasternatsky

TELL THEM FROM ME - STUDENT SURVEY

During the next two weeks, students in years 4, 5 and 6 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 well-being, 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

Miss Kilmore and Mr Pasternatsky

P&C

DONATE YOUR SCHOOL SHOES WITH PROJECT KINDNESS!

Project Kindness is a Sydney based charity founded by Clementine Hartson (projectkindness.com.au).

Clem and her team of volunteers make a habit of bringing joy to the lives of people doing it tough. Connecting those who have with those who have not. Fiona Thornton, a BPPS Mum and supporter of Project Kindness, dreamt up this idea and approached the school and P&C. We hope that our fabulous school community will get behind this great initiative.

Do you have any school shoes with little wear & tear due to homeschooling? Or maybe kids have just grown too quickly! If so, please tie the laces or buckles together and pop them in the Project Kindness bin by the main gate on Pittwater Rd. Fiona and Clem will make sure they go to a child in need for 2022.



Don't forget to give yourself a pat on the back for being so kind!

P&C AGM – MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 7:30PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

The time of year has come for the P&C Annual General Meeting! Please be invited to hear a summary and report of the activities of the P&C over 2021. Despite a Covid-

curtailed year, we are looking forward to a renewed 2022 with events and activities to reinvigorate our community!

The AGM will be held online due to current restrictions. All positions will be declared vacant and interested parties for any position should be nominated and seconded by a P&C member in writing or email to the P&C secretary. For any further information or questions on positions, please contact any of the current office bearers below.

We look forward to seeing you online!

John Kwan – President
(e: bppspandc.president@gmail.com)
Simon Fleet – Secretary
(e: bppspandc.secretary@gmail.com)

John Carew – Treasurer
(e: bppspandc.treasurer@gmail.com)

Zoom: <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/83967021437?pwd=NzJlOFNlOXh1a1habVp0d3pCaTV2UT09>

Meeting ID: 83967021437
Password: 123456

Or Telephone: +61 2 8015 6011
Meeting ID: 839 6702 1437
Password: 123456

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

CHAR GRILLED CHICKEN BURGERS

Wednesday is delicious CHICKEN BURGER day. Burgers come standard with chicken, lettuce & mayonnaise and cost \$5.00. (Please write on your order if no lettuce/mayo is required).



ONLINE ORDERING NOW AVAILABLE

No Cash – No problem. Canteen orders for recess and lunch can now be placed through Flexischools. Please note that the cut-off time for online orders 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.

UPDATED PRICE LIST

The canteen menu has been revised to comply with the NSW Health Guidelines. The updated menu and price list is available on the website and the school app.