



# BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 6

16 August 2021

### WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon 16 Aug	Learning from home continues
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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Due to the current covid restrictions our 2021 K-6 school concert is cancelled. We had hoped to hold a modified concert later in the year, but there is too much uncertainty about students returning to school and parents being allowed on the school site.

Thank you to all the parents who have been involved with the concert preparation whether it was through organising costumes or rehearsing for the parent band. Thank you to Mrs Nylund, Miss Huggett and the concert committee who have worked tirelessly to prepare for the concert. I, like everyone else in the community, am very disappointed that we have had to make this decision for the second year in a row.

There is also uncertainty about some upcoming events. Mrs Mugglestone has been able to have the school photographs postponed until the first week of term 4. Mr Lau has re-organised the stage 3 Canberra excursion for later in term 4. Decisions about the year 4 Earthkeeper's Camp, the year 2 swimming scheme and kindergarten orientation will be made in the next few weeks.

When the teachers prepare the home learning grid they are trying to ensure there is a manageable balance of work. Our primary focus is on literacy and numeracy i.e. English and maths. The Department of Education (DoE) has provided time expectations to help families manage their children's learning time.

Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students should be working for 2.5 hours on the grid activities. This includes:

- 45-60 minutes of English,
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics
- 30-60 minutes of activities across other Key Learning Areas

Years 3 to 6 students should be working for 3 hours on the grid activities. This includes:

- 45-60 minutes of English,
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics,
- 1-1.5 hours of activities across other Key Learning Areas.

My thoughts are with students and their families as well as our school staff as we all work together and stay safe.

**Mrs Stanford**

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I recently came across this poem, which I hope may reassure many of our parents that you truly are doing a great job. I hope you enjoy.

*During school closures, if you're having difficulty and feel stressed with the added pressure of now being teacher to your child/children, please remember:*

*You don't need to replicate the school experience.  
Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher.  
Just keep being the teacher you ALREADY are.  
We trained for years to teach the way we do,  
just as you trained for years to  
teach the way you do.  
We couldn't do your job overnight,  
you won't be able to do ours.  
Read with your child.  
Cook with your child.  
Enjoy nature with your child.  
Make and create things with your child.  
Sing and dance with your child.  
PLAY with your child.  
And above all, keep being the kind, calm  
role-model your child needs through  
this challenging time.  
This is how you teach.  
Keep doing you.  
Your child is learning every single day.*

**Mrs Ward**

### LIBRARY

#### BOOK WEEK

To celebrate 2021 Book Week, Boronia Park PS library is conducting a poster competition. All students are encouraged to participate, and the winner of each year group will receive a book prize. Entries must be on A4 paper and include the book week theme *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. Full details will be distributed via the learning grids and submission of the work is through classroom teachers. Posters due this Friday 20 August 2021.



## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

So far, 439 Boronia Park PS students have completed their Challenge. Reading logs are due online by 3 September.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Challenge last week:

Katelyn Y KL, Alegra C 1M, Kingsley Y, Matias T 2B, Zane L 2C, Fin S 3B, Cassius H, Joshua H 5K, Jackson O, Neve M 5P, Hamish P-O, Kunsh G, Tahlia H 5S, Adrian D, Finn M, Lucas O 6L, James R 6S.



**Mrs Hunt**

## CREATIVE ARTS

All Zoom rehearsals for bands, choir and drama groups are on this week.

## VIRTUAL CHOIR VIDEO



The deadline for the virtual choir video is next Sunday 22 August. If there are any issues please let me know.

**Mrs Nylund**

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Today, students in 5K and 5S will have the wonderful opportunity to work closely, via Zoom, with Hunters Hill Council. They are involved in the design project of Figtree Park.

What's the project? Hunters Hill Council has been successful in securing \$4.75 million, as part of the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program, for the enhancement of Figtree Park. Figtree Park is located on Ryde Road and is right near the Hunters Hill Village shops. This project will seek to create a place where all people in our community can feel connected in a quality green open space.

This is where 5K and 5S come and help the Council design the space! Students will review the project, discuss the opportunities and share ideas in a collaborative way.



Hunters Hill Council is looking forward to working with the year 5 students. I hope they all enjoy this experience.

**Mrs O'Brien**

# Got It!

## Starting the Day Right

Is your child struggling to get started?

Children's brains and bodies are better able to get ready for learning when they have a consistent morning routine. This will also help prepare them for transitioning back to school.

**Ideas to start the day right:**

Start the day at the same time each day

Start the day with a healthy breakfast

Go for a short walk or do some child yoga

Have everyone in the household name something they are grateful for.  
The power of positive thinking can improve their mood and happiness!

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