



BORONIA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 6

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WEEK'S EVENTS

Wed 2 March	Clean Up Australia Day – Years 3&4
Wed 2 March	Ryde Zone Cricket (selected students)
Thurs 3 March	Clean Up Australia Day – Years 5&6

COMING EVENTS

Tue 8 March	Leaders Conference (selected Year 6 students)
Tue 8 March	Literacy Parent Information Evening
Wed 9 March	Zone Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was most heartening to see the announcement of significant changes to COVID settings within the school last week. I know staff are especially happy to see the end of staggered finish times to our days. Whilst this was a necessary practice as we managed COVID initially, it is a welcome relief that it is no longer necessary. I welcome all parents back onto the grounds this afternoon to collect your children. Gates will open from 3:10pm for 3:20pm collection. Parents are asked to move on quickly once you have all your children. RATs were distributed to students last Thursday/Friday. This will be the final distribution of these tests.

This term will see the introduction of our new system Compass School Manager. Teachers have already begun using Compass in the classroom to mark rolls. As time progresses it is hoped that using this program should significantly reduce our use of paper regarding notes and information sent to parents. This program will also lead to the phasing out of the School Enews app. Further information regarding Compass will be mailed out today. Your first step is to download the App to your phone.

Class parents play such an important role in our school. They help teachers to disseminate information and provide support that allows other parents within a class to communicate with one another. It is not the class parent's role to organise whole class events on their own, nor to organise costumes for Concerts. It is hoped that where assistance may be required, that the class parent can arrange for many parents to come together to help each other. I thank the parents who have already put their hands up to assist our teachers. We are still in need of a class parent in KS, 1LP, 3T and 6C. If you are available, please contact these class teachers, I know they would be very happy to hear from you. Further information requesting sharing of contact details with class parents will also be coming out today.

I was delighted to attend the Welcome to Boronia BBQ yesterday afternoon with many of my staff, as we welcomed new families, and caught up with some

familiar faces, in a relaxed social setting. It was also lovely to have Mrs Stanford (our retiring Principal), return to plant a flowering gum tree that was presented to her as a farewell gift from the P&C last year. Located in the Dry Creek Area, I know that this tree will provide much shade to all our students in the future. Thank you to the P&C, who provided a wonderful event that really highlighted all that makes Boronia Park such a great school.

Mrs Ward

OFFICE REPORT

Masks are still compulsory this week if you are entering the school site. Please contact the school office if you need to drop off lunch, schoolwork etc and an office staff member will come to the front gate on Pittwater Road to collect it.

COMPASS

Your personalised Username and Password will be forwarded to you by mail today.

If you do not receive your letter by the end of the week, please email the school.

Notes sent home last week via school app

1. Stage 1 Light and Sound incursion
2. Covid update
3. Clean Up Boronia Park School Day

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student for recently receiving his Gold Award



Nathan G 5K

CREATIVE ARTS



Rehearsals for Training, Concert and Performance Bands, String Ensemble, Junior & Senior Choirs and Rock Band are all on this week.

TRAINING BAND INSTRUMENT TRY OUT

Interested students in years 3 and 4 attended our instrument try out session last week. Invitations to learn an instrument and join the band program have been sent to families who may wish to take up the offer. Thank you to those who have already returned notes. Information emails will be sent to parents this week.

Drama Group commences next Wednesday 9 March at 3:30pm-4:30pm in the 6S classroom

Boys Dance Crew (3-6) and T-Crew continues each Thursday lunchtime and Friday morning.

Band Instrument Sectional Workshops - Saturday 19 March from 2pm. Students from training, concert and performance bands will attend a 1 hour intensive group tutorial. A permission note will be sent home in the next fortnight.

Mrs Nylund

LIBRARY

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

Let's begin! The PRC website opened today! Login details were sent home mid-February. Please make contact via your classroom teacher with any login problems.



The PRC is a state-wide reading initiative and part of our school's literacy program. Students K-2 will need to experience or share 30 books, and 3-6 are to read 20 books from The Challenge Booklists. A full list of the PRC rules and booklists can be found online at: online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/.

Any books read from September 2021 to August 2022 can be included in the current challenge.

All students who complete the PRC will be awarded a Boronia Park merit award which contributes towards the Bronze/Silver/Gold award system. In December an official PRC certificate will arrive. Students are welcome to challenge themselves and complete further reading logs in the year, which is fantastic to see their commitment to reading. Please note, that only one entry can be made online, and only one Boronia Park merit award in a calendar year will contribute towards the school's award system.

Mrs Hunt

SPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to all parent helpers and Elise and John McLachlan for their help at last week's carnival. It was a great day, and the behaviour of all students was excellent. Zone notes for eligible students will be distributed shortly.



SUMMER PSSA Round 2 – Friday 4 March

Cricket – BP v Denistone East @ Boronia Park

Newcombe Ball/Volleyball

- BP v Denistone East @ Boronia Park

Softball/T-Ball – BP v Denistone East @ Boronia Park

Mr Smyth

P&C

WELCOME TO BORONIA

Thank you to all the parents, children and grandparents who came to school on Sunday for the Welcome BBQ. Also, a special thank you to all the volunteers who made the day possible!

It was a magic day with the sun out and the children (and adults!) playing games in the schoolyard for hours. Hopefully some new friendships were formed between families. A highlight of the day - we were fortunate to be joined by Mrs Stanford, who planted a tree near the dry creek.

Keep an eye out for details of the next event - it's so great to be out socialising with the BPPS community again!

The Boronia Park Public School P&C Team

CANTEEN



The canteen remains closed. No orders are to be placed online. Parents will be advised as soon as it is up and running.

UNIFORM SHOP



Orders for uniforms will continue online via Flexischools. The Uniform Shop will fill orders on a Monday and Friday and deliver to the school office for distribution to your child's class.



Term 1 - 2022

Welcome to the first edition of the School Zone newsletter for 2022.



This is a reminder for everyone to take extra care as school returns. There is more traffic at drop-off and pick-up times while Covid-19 related restrictions remain in place at schools.

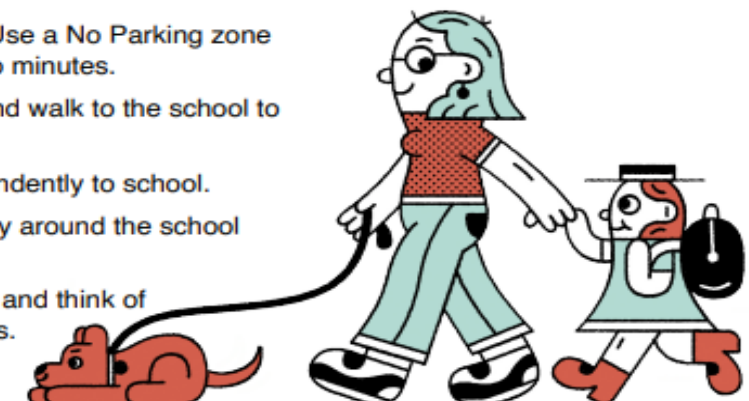
**Be patient, be considerate and be responsible.
Let's keep all our kids safe!**

Keep your cool in School Zones!

With COVID restrictions still in place in NSW, many parents and carers will prefer to drive students to and from school. With this comes increased congestion impacting the school zone and surrounding community.

We ask you to consider the following if you need to drive students:

- Drop-off or pick-up students legally. Use a No Parking zone which allows you to stop for up to two minutes.
- Park legally out of the school zone and walk to the school to drop-off or pick-up students.
- Teach children to walk or ride independently to school.
- Consider the neighbouring community around the school zone when parking.
- Always be patient, calm, considerate and think of everyone's safety, not just your child's.



Always Look for the Safest Place to Cross the Road

- a pedestrian crossing
- a signalised intersection
- a Children's Crossing
- a pedestrian refuge

Only cross when the traffic has stopped. Make sure drivers have seen you. Make eye contact with the driver. Stay alert! Be aware of the traffic around you and don't be distracted. Hold your child's hand if they are under ten years old.

STOP!

one step back
from the kerb

LOOK!

both ways
continuously

LISTEN!

for the sounds
of approaching
traffic

THINK!

whether it is
safe to cross

