



# BWPS

## Weekly Newsletter

### What's On @ BWPS?

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This week

Parent Voice session by phone, as timetabled.

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Tuesday 25th August

Gym continues

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Wednesday 26th August

K-2 (7 year olds) Athletics

Carnival and Cross Country

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to your child's teacher or through a hard copy sent to the Office. Thank you for your continued support in following this advice and best practice.

### Latest Guidelines

Unfortunately, as we are all well aware, in this constantly changing landscape we were unable to foresee the recent increases in transmission rates. Accordingly, we had to cancel the Athletics Carnival last Tuesday as an additional safety measure to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across different cohort groups. The guidelines state very clearly that 'students are to stay within their relevant cohort, year group or stage'. The Athletics Carnival was organised in across stage, age groupings or races and events and therefore was seen as too risky to proceed. Please be assured we do not take these decisions lightly. We are very conscious of the disappointment this causes but felt it was in the best interests of all involved. Fortunately, neither the bus companies nor the Council charged us the cancellation fee.

Conscious of us all needing a bit of fun and light relief, we are looking at hosting a class movie/pyjama/popcorn day sometime soon....stay tuned! Notes will be coming out next week suggesting part of the carnival payment offsets the cost of the activity for those children who are affected by the cancellation.

The K-7 year old Carnival will proceed next Wednesday as adjustments have been made for children to participate in stage groups. Being at school, in a controlled environment, also means children can go back to class when their events are finished.

Term 3 Week 6

### Student Welfare

As many of you are aware on Monday, new Department of Education guidelines came out concerning practices and processes across NSW schools. As a number of schools across NSW have recently closed for deep cleaning the Department, acting on latest NSW Health advice, has put in new measures to ensure schools are safe and operational. We continue to seek parental support on ensuring all children, with even the mildest of flu like symptoms, are tested for COVID-19. **Importantly, parents now need to provide the school with a copy of the negative COVID-19 test results before a child returns to school.** This may be done through a screenshot sent



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### **Cross Country**

At this point in time we have postponed the Cross Country Carnival until Term 4. We hope that, with time, guidelines may change and we are able to hold the event at school.

### **Fathers' Day**

As we are unable to have our traditional celebrations, the children have been making a gift for dad (sh!) and will be bringing them home before Fathers' Day.

### **Canteen**

Just a reminder that the children need to pre-order items from the canteen for Recess to avoid overcrowding. Please send a note with money to your child's class and remind them to put it in the lunch order basket.

### **Parent Voice**

Just a reminder that Parent Voice sessions will be operating next week. These sessions will be phone interviews, which may be more convenient for working parents and parents with younger children. Parents are asked to book in a time through the School Interview system which will close this afternoon at 4pm.

### **Lost Item**

One of the children has found a small pendant off a necklace which may have been lost a while ago. Please contact the Office if it belongs to you.