



# BWPS

## Weekly Newsletter

### What's On @ BWPS?

Term 1 Week 4

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#### Tuesday 16th February

Year 2-6 Swimming Carnival at Birrong Pool (for confident swimmers only) - School as usual for all other children.

ICT Parent Workshops for new families and Year 3 families.

Two sessions:

3.15pm-3.45pm | 4pm-4.30pm

Please book online

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#### Friday 19th February

Summer PSSA starts

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#### Coming Soon

##### Wednesday 24th February

KH Kinder Meeting @ 2pm

##### Thursday 25th February

KC Kinder Meeting @ 2pm

##### Monday 1st March

District Swimming Carnival

##### Friday 5th March

Kindy Vision Screening

##### Tuesday 9th March

Zone Swimming Carnival

Bell Shakespeare visit - Romeo &

Juliet (Years 3-6)

##### Wednesday 10th March

Woodville Alliance Excursion

(Year 6 Group 1)

##### Wednesday 17th March

Woodville Alliance Excursion

(Year 6 Group 2)

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### Power Outage

I was so proud of our children and staff last Thursday as they battled on without power across the day. There were outdoor Maths lessons, playground art and fans folded out of paper. Somehow the pace was a little slower and gentler; a reminder of days gone past. A big shout out to Ms Marea, Ms Betty and Ms Cheryl who thought creatively to ensure everyone still got their lunch orders.

### New Classrooms

The work is finally coming together and we are likely to be able to move 4H and 4/3AV into the new rooms towards the end of next week. The rooms are a great addition to the school; spacious and airy. Once we are able to use these classrooms we will be able to start community languages from Years 1-6 and Library lessons. Art lessons have already started in the classrooms and will then continue in the Art room.

### Canteen

Just a reminder that all children can access the free breakfast from the canteen every morning from 8:30am. While children can purchase a more substantial breakfast, cereal is provided free of charge.

As was in the Dojo message, due to parental requests the canteen will be accepting online orders from next week. As we become increasingly a cash less society, it seemed opportune to move towards a more convenient system for some families. Money will also be accepted for those who prefer to use cash.



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### Learning Programs

Teachers have been busy assessing children in Literacy and Numeracy and now have a consistent baseline to measure growth and progress over the year. Reading and Numeracy groups will be formed next week with lessons beginning the following week.

Mr Anasta, Ms Webster and Ms Dixon will be providing extra support to a number of children across a range of abilities in Reading and Number. This is largely supported by the COVID-19 intensive support funding that was provided to schools this year, as a one-off grant, and will focus on short, sharp sessions across a number of weeks. To ensure this program is successful in increasing student growth in Reading and Numeracy, during this period of time children may miss other activities and programs but in line with school targets, we are prioritising these Reading and Numeracy interventions.

### Athletics News

We had some wonderful news this week; Eleni R and Sarah A were successful in Little Athletics Championships and will compete at State level in March. Eleni will compete in shotput and discus and Sarah in 800 m. Congratulations, girls!

Please let us know of your children achievements and accolades outside of school so we can celebrate with them.

*Nicole Benson (Principal)*

### Feedback from Mrs Williams

Happy Week 4!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all the Bankstown West Public School community. Since my arrival, not only have I been overwhelmed by the respectful behaviour of our students but I continue to be amazed by the community spirit within our wonderful school!

Thank you to all the lovely parents and carers who have come to introduce themselves and welcome me when I have been on the gate at William Street each morning and afternoon. Your kind words of welcome have helped me feel part of this community.

I look forward to the exciting year ahead!

*Jill Williams (Acting Deputy Principal/Instructional Leader)*



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### ICT Parent Workshops - from Miss Vuong

On Tuesday 16th February, we are asking all new families across Years 3-6 at our school, as well as Year 3 parents to attend a parent workshop at our school. Attendance is compulsory for your child to begin accessing and utilising the Chromebooks as a resource in the classroom. Please follow the instructions below to sign yourself up for a workshop as bookings are strictly capped at 30 due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

If you have a child in Year 3 this year, but have attended a Parent Workshop in the last 2 years, your attendance at a workshop is **not** needed.

For all other students across Years 4-6 (excluding new families), a Video podcast will be posted on School Story on Wednesday 17th February, along with a Google Form. Please watch the video, fill out the Google Form and then sign the ICT Parent Agreement which will be sent home with your child that same afternoon.

Unless the ICT Parent/Student Agreement has been signed, your child will **not** have access to a Chromebook in class.

#### Parent Workshop Booking Instructions

1. Go to the following website: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)
2. Enter the code: **uny2x**
3. Fill in your details including: your email, your full name, a contact number and your *eldest* child's name.



# The canteen is going...

# ONLINE!

## FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

1. DOWNLOAD THE 'MY SCHOOL CONNECT' APP
2. CREATE A PARENT ACCOUNT
3. SELECT 'BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL' AS YOUR SCHOOL
4. ADD YOUR CHILD/REN AND INCLUDE THEIR CLASS/ES
5. SELECT 'MY SCHOOL TUCKSHOP'
6. ORDER BY 8PM WHEN PURCHASING FOR THE NEXT DAY
7. PAY ONLINE



## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

PARENTS CHOOSE TO START  
PURCHASING THEIR CHILD/REN'S  
LUNCH USING THE NEW ONLINE APP

OR

PARENTS CONTINUE TO SEND IN A  
LUNCH ORDER BAG WITH THEIR  
CHILD/REN TO SCHOOL



DON'T FORGET: CHILDREN CAN STILL BRING IN MONEY TO PURCHASE  
BREAKFAST BEFORE SCHOOL, AS WELL AS SNACKS AND ICE BLOCKS DURING  
RECESS AT LUNCH.