

BWPS WEEKLY NEWS

BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

COVID

With increased cases within our community, can I please ask that you continue to be vigilant. If your child displays any of the symptoms, please test and keep them at home until their symptoms have gone. If your child is COVID positive, please inform the school so we can send home the letter alerting parents to a positive case. As always, thank you for your continual commitment in keeping us all safe.

STAFFING (2024)

Next year we farewell Ms Evans, Mrs Kazouris (from our Office) and Mrs Patterson (a learning support officer). Mrs Hofmeier and Ms Webster are on leave next year. We wish them all well with their new endeavours.

Joining our staff next year is Ms Elise Crofts, who has been teaching at Oatlands Public School for a number of years, and Tina Xanthakis, a highly experienced learning support officer. We also welcome back Mr Nick McMahon to his permanently appointed role.

COLOUR RUN/MEAL DEAL

Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to help at the Colour Run and to all who have returned notes and money. We have reissued the notes so no one misses out. Parents experiencing financial hardship can contact me for confidential support.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (2024)

With the swimming carnival so early in the year, we are expecting to finalise all the arrangements this year. Notes went home earlier this week. Please return the note, indicating your child's swimming ability, and payment by the end of term.

PSSA SPORT SURVEY

On Monday Miss Harb will be sending out a quick survey asking parents to nominate which Summer sport option they prefer. They should do this **in consultation** with their child/children. There are two options for both boys and girls:

1) T-Ball/softball (juniors play T-ball and then softball).

OR

2) Basketball.

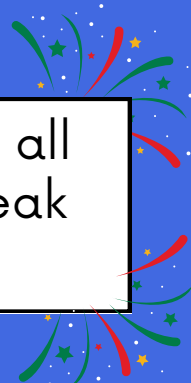

From next year, Summer PSSA will be held from 9:45-11:45am so that children avoid being out in the middle of the day, when it is expected to be very hot.

RECESS & LUNCH CHANGES

We have lengthened our recess from 11:00-11:30 (by ten minutes) and shortenend our lunch break by ten minutes, from 1:20-2:05 from next year. There are a number of reasons for this change which will be trialled in term one. The weather is forecasted to be very hot and we hope this will mean children are less exposed in the middle of the day. It also gives the children a longer period to break up their learning in the morning by giving children more time to eat and play at recess. This change will not affect the canteen operations or any other school structure.

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

The list of requirements and advance notice of the school invoice will come out next week. It is not an invoice, just advance notice, so parents can plan accordingly. We also know that many parents want to take advantage of Back to School sales, in the January school break.



As this is our last newsletter for the year, may I thank you all for your continual support! Have a wonderful holiday break and see you all back in 2024!

Super Stars of the week



Taylor



Ali



Super Stars of the week



Amelia

Brandon



Super Stars of the week



Joe



Sera



TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	4TH DECEMBER Colour Run Permission Notes Due	5TH DECEMBER	6TH DECEMBER	7TH DECEMBER Presentation Day - Full School Uniform please	8TH DECEMBER P&C Meeting (from 2.15pm) Meal Deal orders due (\$5)
10	11TH DECEMBER Year 6 Farewell SMART Goals Assembly	12TH DECEMBER	13TH DECEMBER Colour Run	14TH DECEMBER Reports Sent Home Platinum Excursion **NEW DATE due to movie availability** Party Day	15TH DECEMBER Last Day for Students