

BWPS WEEKLY NEWS

BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Messages from Mrs Benson:

WELCOME

Welcome to Ms Naomi Fernandes who is our new Assistant Principal. Ms Fernandes is teaching 3N this year. We are sure she will find her time here to be happy and successful.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

The school jumpers will be available from Midfords over the next few weeks. There has been a delay in production which has set back the date. My apologies for the inconvenience. School jackets should be worn as a priority with only the jumper underneath if children really feel the cold.



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to the many children attending District Cross Country on Wednesday, 21st May. Consent notes and directions for payment were sent home via School Bytes last Tuesday. Fingers crossed for a bright and sunny day for you all!

TECHNOLOGY

Just a reminder that VTech watches or other such devices are not allowed at school under the ICT policy. This is to keep all children safe and to ensure these expensive devices are not lost.

Just an FYI that some older children are accessing Discord from home, an online chat platform for children 13+. These groups have been named after classes and refer to the school, **but they are not sanctioned by the school or school staff.**

If you are a parent or carer who is deciding whether a child should be allowed to use an online service or platform, we strongly advise you to:

- Consider your child's readiness to the types of content and experiences they might encounter
- Help them understand what to do if they need help
- Provide ongoing support and monitor, through regular checks of your child's device/s
- Agree to some rules about each service or platform

ATTENDANCE

May I remind you please of the importance of your child being at school regularly. While we understand that children, of course, can get sick, the attendance rate goal is of 90% for all children across NSW (this is still one day a fortnight).

A number of reasons are classified as Unjustifiable for student absences. Please ring the Office if you require further support.

While parents can access SchoolBytes to excuse a child's absence, this can be modified at the Office if it is an unjustifiable reason. Parents can only access it for the week of the child's absence, as it then this part of SchoolBytes becomes inaccessible.

While the school gates open at 8:20am, children are not expected to be at school until 8:30am when playground supervision begins. There is no supervision before 8:30am.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost


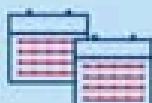
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

Super Stars of the week



Aaminah



Rayyan



Super Stars of the week



Hafsah



Issac



Super Stars of the week



Jalilah

