



## Newsletter

Dates for the Diary	
<b>October</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting 9.00am
<b>November</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photos
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten 2022 Transition – 9.30 – 11.00am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten 2022 Transition – 9.30 – 11.00am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Orders/payment Due
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kindergarten 2022 Transition – 9.30 – 11.30am Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day – Billabong High School
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten 2022 Transition – 9.30 – 11.30am
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten 2022 Transition – 9.30 – 11.30am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of School - Students
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day

## Respect, Kindness, Best Effort

Dear families,

We've gotten off to a flying start for Term 4 and the classrooms are humming with engaged learners, particularly during the morning literacy session and middle numeracy block. To increase teaching time and meet the needs of all learners we have supplemented additional teachers in each room, three mornings per week. I am teaching phonics, reading and spelling to small groups of K-2 students and Mr Sean Morphett has joined our team to support literacy and numeracy in the 3-6 classroom. Mr Morphett has taught in the Northern Territory and Victoria, as well as tutoring students with additional needs and we are very grateful to be benefitting from his experience. Miss Wright is on the mend following her recent back surgery and we hope to have her with us again soon.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week's target expected behaviour was: Best Effort – Right place, right time. Students made a big effort to 'be where the learning is' so we can maximise learning time and so they don't miss important instruction or information. Staying in the classroom and in-bounds is important to keep everyone safe. Staying in our seats during learning makes sure that our class is calm and organised so everyone can focus. I look forward to presenting this week's PBL values awards tomorrow afternoon.

Next week's focus behaviour is: **Kindness – include others**. We have noticed some instances of students being unkind by goading their classmates to do things they know are wrong such as: leaving the classroom, touching toilets, hitting others or swearing. Obviously this is not consistent with our shared value of kindness. I would appreciate it if you could find the time to have a

dinner table conversation about this. We will have explicit lessons next week on how we can be kind at school by including others.

Student, staff and family votes for our PBL logo have been finalised for discussion at tomorrow morning's P&C meeting.

### **Transition to School**

A strong transition from Kindergarten to primary school prepares our youngest learners to have a happy, confident start to school. I'm pleased that we can commence our Kindergarten transition on Tuesday mornings from 9 November (Week 6) to 7 December (Week 10).

***Parents of students commencing Kindergarten next year are requested to please complete an online enrolment application. Under Departmental guidelines, we can't accept a student at transition if we don't have an enrolment form.***

Online enrolment is available through the school website: <https://rand-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

### **Year 7 2022**

Tuesday 23 November is Year 6 to 7 orientation day. Year 6 students will need to make their own way to Billabong High School for a full day of transition activities. Bus transportation on existing routes is possible by negotiation with the relevant provider. Last term our Year 6 students were able to Zoom with their 2022 Year Advisor, Mr Phillip Langlade and to have some of their burning questions about high school answered. Billabong High staff noted that all Year 7 students are requested to have their own laptop device in preparation for the 2022 school year. I have copies of the BHS 'Bring Your Own Device' guidelines for parents who would like them.

### **Spare Hats**

Thanks to all our families for making an effort to dig out school hats and ensure they make it to school each day. I have purchased some spare hats to lend to students who forget – it can make for a miserable school day if you aren't able to do PE or play with your friends and we don't want any students to miss out. I have to wash these after each wear (for COVID and general hygiene reasons), so they are a last resort only.

### **Structured Play at Break Times**

We've introduced a range of structured activities to support students' social skill development at lunch and recess times. From time-to-time it can be hard to find a friend or know what to play. Providing simple activities like colouring, craft, handballs and train sets draws students together and promotes positive play and stronger relationships.



### **Peer Support and 'Trying Things Together Tuesdays'**

With COVID-safe restrictions to visitors on site continuing this term it seems we won't be able to run our community-led interest groups on 'Trying Things Together Tuesdays'. I'm still hopeful that we can resurrect this initiative to strengthen our bonds between home and school next year. In the meantime, we will commence peer support groups on Thursday afternoons from 21 October, facilitated by Mr Morphett. Older students will work with mixed groups of peers from Kindergarten up, focusing on developing social-emotion skills and putting our school values into practice.

Yours in learning,  
Joanne Scherf  
R/Principal

## School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Full summer school uniform is to be worn with black school shoes. Children should not wear costume jewellery or colourful hair accessories, socks etc. If you do not know what the correct uniform is, please contact the school.

Students were given their photo ordering form earlier this week which are to be returned prior to or on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please note: **all** envelopes are to be returned even if you are not ordering photos. Each envelope has a unique code for your child if ordering online. For cash payments, please include the correct amount in the envelope as change will not be available.

## Scholastic Book Club

Students recently received their Scholastic Book Club brochure. This is the last book club for 2021. Parents can order and pay via School LOOP or you can return the order form, with payment to school. Orders due on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## K-2 News

This term in writing we are learning to write informative texts. We have been learning about different Australian animals and writing factual sentences. Students have also been taking part in speaking and listening groups on Thursdays. Students speak to their peers and ask questions in their groups.



## 3 – 6 News

### 2 hand strike

This week 3-6 have been learning the 2-hand strike during FMS. At the start of the week, we all watched a video to learn all the techniques to play. To complete the 2-hand strike proficiently you need to follow the bat through with the ball, hip then shoulder rotation, stand side on, hands together, eyes on the ball, straight arms, and step towards target.

As the week progressed so did our skills and by Thursday the scores were really close with 1 run difference. Everyone took part and were great sportsman's. We congratulated the opposite team weather they lost or won. Isabelle and Emily

## New School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18<sup>th</sup> October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.



Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate](#).[External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short [parent video](#)[External link](#) to see how it works for parents or our [contractor video](#)[External link](#).

#### **Who can use School Visitor check-in**

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

# Community News

## **CLUB CRICKET REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN:**

- Local Cricket Clubs are currently taking registrations for the upcoming cricket season.
- There is something suitable for boys and girls aged 5 and up.
- Cricket is a great way to be active and make new friends



Head to <https://play.cricket.com.au/> to find your local club.

