Bundoora Primary School

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 2nd February
Preps start (at their staggered times)
followed by “Tea & Tissues” in our Staff & Community Room

Wednesday 8th February
No preps at school
(Prep assessments)

Friday 10th February
Year 4-6 Interschool Sports vs Watsonia North (away)

Monday 13th February
Prep-2 & Specialist Programs
Parent Information Evening
(information to be sent home next week)

Wednesday 15th February
No preps at school
(Prep assessments)
Year 3-6 & Specialist Programs
Parent Information Evening
(information to be sent home next week)

Friday 17th February
Year 4-6 Interschool Sports vs St Mary’s
(home)

Welcome back to school!

It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces around our playground and in our classes since we started yesterday. Our students have slipped straight back into their games and fun in the playground and into their learning in their classes. They have been telling their teachers about their holiday adventures with their families and sharing news about their memories of their fun times. It’s also been great to greet our families as they walked through the early morning sunshine to drop their kids at school. It’s just the most fantastic feeling to hear everyone welcoming each other back to school and see the smiles on their faces. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable holiday, with fun times with family and friends. As we all get super busy as the school/work routine starts, I hope that everyone can take a few moments each day to sit and reflect on the feelings associated with holidays. We have many new families joining our community, either as Prep parents, or at another level in the school. I extend a warm welcome to you all and trust that your experiences, at Bundoora PS for you and your family, are satisfying for you all. We look forward to welcoming our Prep students tomorrow. Prep families are welcome to join us for “Tea & Tissues” in our Staff & Community Room after they have dropped their Prep child at their classroom, between 9-11.00.

I would like to welcome several new staff members to our school. Please feel free to introduce yourself to them as you see them in the playground or in the corridors.

- Nick Shelly in 1/2N
- Callum Shaw in 3/4S
- Nahla Said - Education Support
- Andrea Lagana in 1/2L
- Mic Shehan – Science Term 1
(David Luke on Personal Leave Term 1)

Welcome to our happy team at Bundoora PS!

Uniform

I would like to remind parents and students that our school uniform is compulsory. This has been set by our School Council and is shown in our Policy. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the appropriate school uniform and that each item is named. At the end of last year, more than 50 un-named and generic items were disposed of from the Lost Property bin. Our Uniform shop is open for sales on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9.30-10.00, but orders can always be received at our Office. To read the Bundoora Primary School Uniform Policy, click on this link. Please also ensure that you child has a BPS hat every day, clearly named. Suitable footwear is also required, as per our Policy and for obvious safety reasons – runners or school shoes only!

Traffic management

We have received a letter from Banyule Council regarding traffic management in and around our school. To read the full letter and its implications for parents who are tempted to park illegally around our school, click on this link. Please ensure that, if your child rides a bike or scooter to school, they have an approved helmet and that they have a reliable lock to secure their bike/scooter in the Building 1 breezeway. Bikes/scooters are stored at their own risk, so a lock is firmly recommended.

Instrumental teaching

Our 2017 program is about to commence tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday. Jerome (AKA Judd) will continue his popular guitar sessions on Fridays (starting next Friday) and Jarod will be replacing Tom for keyboard, piano and drums (and other instruments as required) on Thursdays. Many parents and students will remember Jarod, as he replaced Tom a year or so back and our students really enjoyed learning with him. Tom is pursuing other aspects of his Instrumental business and has asked Jarod to take over Bundoora Primary School.

Welcome from our Multi-cultural Support staff member, Nahla Said

We provide our students with the skills to become confident and capable global citizens.
A reminder that our Canteen is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for lunch orders and over the counter sales. A copy of our Term 1 Menu is available here, on our website, App, and located in our foyer. Parents or grandparents who would like to volunteer in our Canteen, please see our office staff or complete the volunteer form (click here) on our App. It’s a great way for our parents and grandparents to meet other parents, our staff and students, and children are always excited about having a family member helping around our school.

If any parents have any questions about school at all, I encourage you to speak with your child’s class teacher, our office staff or myself. Information is regularly provided through our School App (download for free), through our Class Rep emails, our website and Facebook page. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun at Bundoora Primary School!

Enjoy your week, Lee Pollard

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Before School / After School Care Program
(for bookings phone 0467 712 368)

A reminder to all parents that our Out of School Hours Care Program operates each morning from 7.15am-8.45pm and from 3.15pm-6.00pm. The cost of our Before School Care Program is $15.00 (less 50% CCB Government Rebate, then less CTR Rebate), and our After School Care Program is $20.00 (less 50% CCB Government Rebate, then less CTR Rebate).

Most families are eligible for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR 50%), which makes our After School Care Program very affordable. The full fee ($15.00 before school & $20.00 after school) applies for families who do not apply for and are not eligible for CCB and the CCTR (50% Tax Rebate). We also offer a discounted charge for our international families (please see our office staff) who are not eligible for CCB/CCTR benefits.

To enrol your child in the Bundoora Primary School OSHClub, simply go to www.oshclub.com.au and enter your details online. Once you have registered, you can book your child in our Before or After School Care Program by simply calling 0467 712 368. You can also use the OSHClub online service to make or cancel a booking (24 hours’ notice required for all cancellations) via www.oshclub.com.au.

A reminder to all parents, where possible, to provide as much notice (at least 24 hours is preferable) to book their child into our before and after school care program. Our OSHC Program is growing in success and popularity and we have been running the program, regularly on some days, close to our maximum licensed capacity. Also, a reminder that a late fee of $2.00 per minute is charged when children are picked up from our OSHC Program after 6.00pm. It is a requirement that we are advised if, for whatever reason, parents will be running late and collecting their child after 6.00pm. Please click here to see our website for full terms & conditions, including late fees and how to register.

Michelle, OSHC Coordinator

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