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Welcome back for Term 3

Welcome back to our returning students and families, and a special welcome to those who have joined our school in recent days. Our school is committed to creating engaging, purposeful and challenging learning programs and environments that develop the skills needed for the students to become independent life-long learners.



Farewell to staff

I would like to acknowledge the contribution Miss Radia Amin has made in her short time as a teacher at this school. Her class, 6A, will now be taught by Mrs Bourke. Miss Amin has chosen to teach in the independent sector, we wish her all the best as she continues her teaching career.

Mrs Rebecca Pettigrove has been successful in her transfer application. Mrs Pettigrove's last day will be Tuesday 14 August. I would like to acknowledge her work across the school over the last couple of years and wish her the very best at her new school.



Preschool 2019

We are now taking preschool enrolments for 2019. Children who turn four years of age before 31 July 2019 and intend to start school in 2020 are eligible to enrol. Please contact the school office for information.



Kindergarten 2019

Our school is taking enrolments for Kindergarten students for 2019. A child is eligible to start school if they turn five years old by 31 July 2019. All children must be attending school by their sixth birthday. We will be having Kindergarten Orientation meetings early in Term 4. This is an opportunity for our 2019 Kindergarten students to become familiar with school and a chance for us to get to know them. Parents are required to stay at school during these times and participate in information sessions to assist a smooth transition into school. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form.



Kindergarten 2019

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2019.

- Do you have a child turning 5?
- Contact the school for an enrolment form
- Orientation Days will be held in Term 4

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Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers Program

At Busby West Public School we value the role parents and caregivers play in supporting children's learning within and beyond the classroom. We congratulate the six parents who completed the **Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers** (PaTCH) program during Term 2. The parents have developed their confidence and skills in supporting children's learning at home and in school.



Gymnastics Program

In Term 3 our infant classes (except KB) will participate in an 8 week gymnastics program in Term 3, in the school hall. The program will begin Wednesday 1 August and conclude Wednesday 27 September. The organisation GotGame will be teaching gymnastics to the students with a focus on demonstrating control and exploring the ways in which the body can move. This opportunity also supports students learning in the curriculum area Personal Development, Health and Physical Activity. Students will attend the sessions with their classroom teacher.

Our school has been successful in receiving partial funding for this program from the federal government. This has reduced the cost of the eight coaching sessions to \$15 per student. Each session will be for fifty minutes. Families are asked to contribute \$15.00 per child. Students are required to wear their sports uniform to ensure they are wearing the correct footwear.



Athletics Carnival

On Thursday the 26 of July Busby West held their annual athletics carnival at Winnal Reserve. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 competed in a variety of field and track events in their age groups. It was a great day and students reported back that they had an 'awesome day' competing and having fun with the different activities.

For the students that qualified in their events they will now represent our school at the Green Valley Athletics Carnival on Thursday 23 August at The Crest Bankstown.

Creating Chances with James Busby High School

This term, students in 6A, 6H and 6W have been given the opportunity to participate in a creating chances program which is run by students from James Busby High School. 14 high school students will be coming to Busby West on Wednesday mornings in Weeks 4-7 to teach Year 6 students a range of sporting activities. This is a great opportunity for Year 6 to build positive relationships with students from James Busby High School.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our school focus over the last months has been on assisting students, staff and our community to understand the behaviour expectations that promote an environment for learning to thrive. Our three expectations are Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be an Active Learner underpin all that we do. Through our consultation process, inappropriate behaviours have been identified and categorised as "minor, medium or serious". Examples for both the classroom and playground are attached.

[PBL_Minor_Medium_Serious_Trouble.pdf](#)

Title: [Click here to download the PBL Minor, Medium and Serious Behaviours](#)

Education Week

Education Week be a great opportunity for Busby West Public School students and teachers to showcase great teaching and learning practice. We welcome all parents and caregivers to a celebration of our achievements on Thursday 9th August, with classroom visits, a student art exhibition displayed around the school grounds, and a whole school assembly in the afternoon.

Date:	Thursday 9 August
Outline of the day:-	
9:15am - 10:00am	Parents are invited to visit our classrooms.
10:00am - 11:00am	Infants classes will visit the Art Exhibition
11:45am - 1:30pm	Primary classes will visit the Art Exhibition
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Whole school assembly in the Hall

Parents are invited to explore the art exhibition at any time throughout the day. Students, staff and community members may vote for their favourite artworks at each station. We hope that you can join us.



Book Week

The theme for this year's Book Week is "Find your treasure". To celebrate Book Week at Busby West Public School there will be a **Book Character parade on Tuesday 21 August** commencing at 9.15 am on the Basketball Court for all students Preschool to Year 6.

The students are asked to come dressed as a pirate or a character from a favourite book. Other ideas include a Princess, Where's Wally, Superhero or Sport Stars. Parents are welcome to come along, dress up and join in the fun. Best dressed award from each class will receive a voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Students are also asked to **bring in a Gold coin donation** with all money raised being donated to 'Kids Cure Brain Cancer foundation', an organisation for brain cancer research, advocacy and awareness in Australia, with a time-critical mission to increase five-year survival from the current 20% to 50% by 2023.

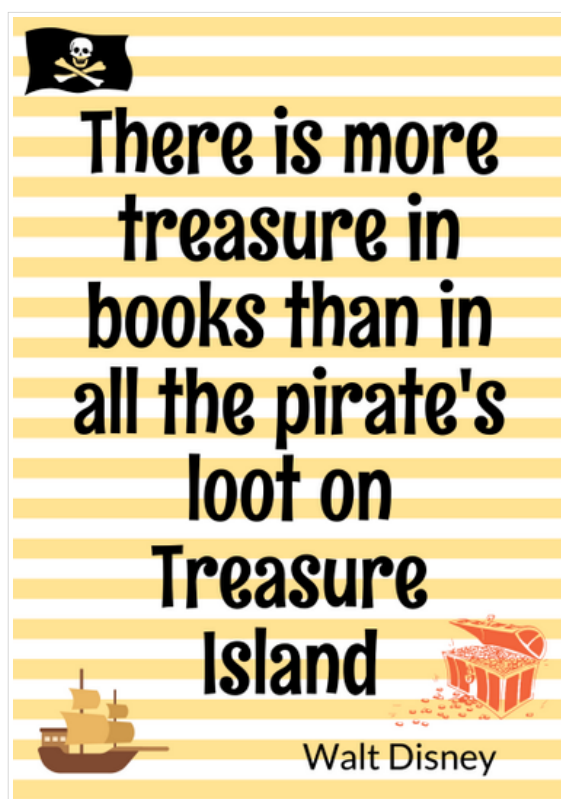
Another activity happening is a **design and make competition**. Student can choose to design and make a pirate ship, a pirate diorama or a cake relating to the theme 'find your treasure'. Students are asked to bring finished models to the library by Tuesday 21 August. Prizes from the Book Fair will be awarded for best model, diorama or cake by the judges.

After lunch classes will meet up with a buddy class and students will be reading picture books together during some peer reading.

Book Week Parade



Tuesday 21 August



Stage 3 Camp

This year Stage 3 have the opportunity to attend an overnight camp at Wedderburn Campsite on Tuesday 6 November - Wednesday 7 November. Students will participate in activities including flying fox, archery, vertical challenge, H2O skirmish, eco adventure and a night campfire. The full cost of the camp is \$145 which can be paid in full or paid off in instalments. Students need to pay a non-refundable **\$50 deposit** and return their expression of interest note to the front office by **Friday 3 August**. Full payment of the \$145 is required by Wednesday 17 October.



Swim Scheme

As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water, it's a big part of our culture. For this reason, it's important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so that they can continue to enjoy aquatic activities. The Department of Education (DoE) runs the School Swimming and Water Safety Program (Swim Scheme). This is a Government-funded program that is free for students. All that's

required is that the pool entry and transport costs are met. The program is aimed at students who cannot swim more than 25 metres and for students in Year 2 -6.

Swim Scheme will be held again this year in Week 6 of Term 3 (27-31 August). A permission note has been sent home. If you would like your child to be involved please return the note and advice of payment to the office.

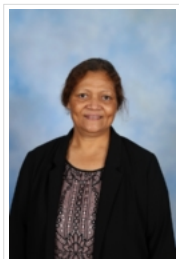


NAPLAN School Readiness Test

During the week, Monday 3 September to Friday 7 September students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the "School Readiness Test" to evaluate our school's capacity to administer the 2019 NAPLAN assessment online, rather than as a paper and pencil test.

Anti-Racism Contact officer

Racism can take many forms such as jokes or comments that cause offence or hurt. Sometimes unintentionally or intentionally that inflames hostility towards certain groups. Each school has an Anti-Racism contact officer to ensure that staff members, students, parents and caregivers are treated equally and respectfully regardless of appearance, belief, values, ways of living, view of life and attitudes. The Anti-Racism Contact officer for Busby West Public School is Mrs Paula Prendergast and she will assist staff, parents, and students who may have concerns regarding racism.



Canteen

Our school students have the opportunity to purchase food items from our school canteen. This canteen is not run by the school but as a private business of John and Rhonda Laine. The canteen will no longer be providing credit. All purchases are to be paid for when ordering, or by having sufficient money available in an account that has been set up with the canteen. Please do not ask for credit as refusal can offend. Thank you for your understanding.



School Uniform, Hats and Sunglasses

We have noticed the increase in students not in school uniform. Students wearing the correct coloured clothing is a great start (yellow polo tops and blue jackets/jumpers). Our school values students gaining a sense of belonging and pride in their school. One means of supporting this is by wearing the school uniform each day. We encourage each family to support our school in this regard.

School hats (brim or bucket style to comply with Sun Smart guidelines) are available for purchase from the office for \$10 each as well as School sunglasses for \$12.



P & C

Congratulations to Natasha Newbold who has taken on the role of president and Kristy Ward as vice president. The P&C will be running a Father's Day stall on 28 and 30 August where children can purchase a gift for dad. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 August 2018 at 9:15am.

Online payments

Parents are able to make payments for school contributions, preschool fees, excursions and any other expense through the Parent Online Portal. Access to this is from the school website, and the "Make a payment" link on the right hand side on the top orange bar. Parents will have the option on notes sent home to indicate that they have paid through the Parent Online Portal. This is an easy and secure way to make payments.

<http://www.busbywest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>





What's happening at BWPS

Term 3 2018

Thursday 9 August	Education Week Open Day and assembly
Tuesday 21 August	Book Week Parade
Thursday 23 August	Green Valley PSSA Athletics Carnival
Friday 24 August	Last game for Season 2 PSSA
Mon – Fri 27-31 August	School Swimming Scheme
Tuesday 28 August	P&C Father's Day Stall
Thursday 30 August	P&C Father's Day Stall
Mon-Fri 3-7 September	NAPLAN School Readiness Test
Wednesday 5 September	Indigenous Literacy Day
Friday 7 September	LLAECG Combined Naidoc celebrations
Mon – Wed 10-12 Sept	Year 3/4 overnight camp
Wednesday 12 September	K -2 Athletics Carnival
Friday 14 September	PSSA Season 3 commences
Thursday 20 September	Stage 3 Mini Fete
Thursday 27 September	Last day for preschool for Term 3
Friday 28 September	Last day for students K-6

Term 4 2018

Monday 15 October	Students return for Term 4
Mon 29 October	Grandparents Day
Tues- Wed 6-7 November	Year 5/6 overnight camp