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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.



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.

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.

Education Week

Education Week was celebrated last Thursday at Busby West Public School. It was a great opportunity for our students and teachers to showcase great teaching and learning practice. We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who came to celebrate our achievements. Parents enjoyed classroom visits,

a student art exhibition displayed around the school grounds, and a whole school assembly in the afternoon.



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 9.30am on the Basketball Court for all students Pre School 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.

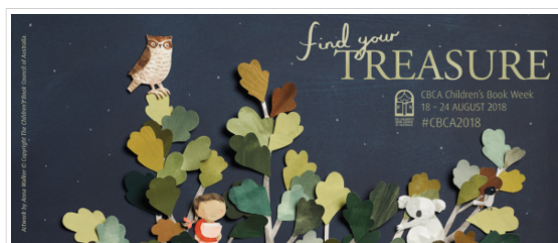
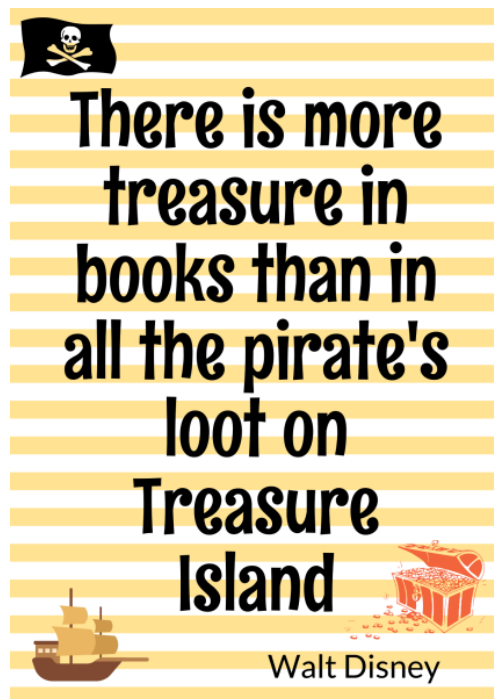
Another activity happening is a **design and make competition**. Student can choose to design and make a pirate ship, a pirate diorama or a cake relating to the theme 'find your treasure'. Students are asked to bring finished models to the library by Tuesday 21 August. Prizes from the Book Fair will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



Swim Scheme

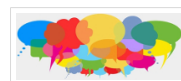
As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water, it's a big part of our culture. For this reason, it's important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so that they can continue to enjoy aquatic activities. The Department of Education (DoE) runs the School Swimming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

The Tell Them From Me student survey for Year 4 – 6 Students

This term, our school will participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey is a great opportunity for students in Years 4 - 6 to provide us with valuable feedback on what they think about school, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.



You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends and track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is confidential. It is conducted online and will take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 27th August**. More information about the survey is available by clicking the link below. If you have any questions please see Mrs Pellegrini in the office.

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

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.

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

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 2pm. All welcome to attend. Please note the change in time to avoid a clash with the Book Week Character Parade in the morning.



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/>



Story Telling Training

Want to learn how to read and tell stories to children, with confidence?





What's happening at BWPS	
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
Wednesday 12 December	Presentation Day assembly
Monday 17 December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 19 December	Last day for K-6 students

What's happening at BWPS	
Term 3 2018	
Tuesday 21 August	Book Week Character Parade
Tuesday 21 August	P&C Meeting 2pm
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