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★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

## 2022 Calendar

### TERM 1

21 - 25 February	Grade 2 swimming program
28 February - 4 March	Grade 3 swimming program
7 - 11 March	Grade 4 swimming program
14 March	Labour Day - public holiday
16 - 17 March	School photos
8 April	End of Term 1 - School finishes at 2:30pm

## 2022 School Term Dates

TERM 1	31 JANUARY - 8 APRIL	TERM 2	26 APRIL - 24 JUNE
TERM 3	12 JULY - 16 SEPTEMBER	TERM 4	3 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

## Principal News

### Parent Teacher Information Exchange

Thank you for the support of the Parent Teacher Information Exchange and supporting the meetings online. Our teachers really appreciate the chance to learn about the context of each of our students and build strong relationships with the families that make up our community.

I would also like to thank everyone for their participation in the information nights. Hopefully having the video presentation allows people to revisit important information and any questions have been clarified during webex meetings.

### Raising Kids in a Digital World

BWPS is looking to engage in a webinar event that provides parenting advice on raising kids in the digital environment. There will be tips on managing screen time, social media, cyber bullying and more. We know this is particularly pertinent to our community as we try and re-establish norms that



may have been changed due to lockdowns and the reliance on devices for school and communication.

We are negotiating that the session can be accessed live on March 10<sup>th</sup> and our community will have access to the presentation for 30 days after.

We are also looking to engage in nights that address anxiety and other related issues as we emerge from our restrictions and deal with the impacts.

We will provide further details as they arise.

### **2022 Twilight Sports**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to run our Twilight Sports and welcome night for 2022.

Mr Walsh and our Student leaders are making plans to run an equally fun program during the day later in the term, so students still get the experience albeit without the spectators.

Again, the parent race suffers and training plans will need to be adjusted to peak in 2023.

Steven Capp  
Principal

## **Birthdays 11 - 24 February**



Max	5E	Oliver	PS	Stella	5Z
Sarang	3T	Darcy	5E	Nicholas	6A
Kiaan	3G	Isla	5M	Joshua	6H
Jinky	4L	John	5O	Liam	2Q
Charlotte	5O	Asher	1V	Darcy	3A
Emily	3A	Caitlin	3Y	Chloe	5Z
Isaac	3G	Riley	3T	Michael	6F
Christian	3T	Rachael	5E	Eloise	PC
Alyssa	6A	Sienna	5O	Rosie	PS
James	1Y				

## **Supervision on school grounds**

The school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.45am - 9.00am and 3.30pm - 3.45pm every day.

Don't let students arrive any earlier than 8.45am unless they have sport training and will be supervised by a teacher.

Please note the back gate is locked between 9.15am and 3.15pm.



## COVID-19

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Rapid Antigen Tests - Please visit this site for RAT information and how to perform a test on your child (which is translated in 33 languages)

[Rapid antigen testing in schools - information for parents and carers | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

**If your child does test positive (via a PCR or rapid antigen test) please complete the Student COVID-19 details at [COVID Test Portal](#) then email Tanya Elliott at [Tanya.Elliott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tanya.Elliott@education.vic.gov.au) to notify the school that you have lodged the details.**

## Vaccinations

It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible. Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children. The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends. Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI):

[https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi\[1\]update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022](https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi[1]update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022)

To book an appointment You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before:

<https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

Helping children to get their vaccination Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment. Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

Find out more about vaccination for kids:

[https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination\[1\]information-children-and-teenagers](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination[1]information-children-and-teenagers)



## Pre-loved uniforms

We have so much donated uniform at school: all sizes from 4 to 12 years old. Each item is only \$5 so please contact the school office to purchase and stock up for Term 2 and the cooler weather:-

- Short & long sleeve shirts
- Shorts/skirts/skorts
- Leggings/trackpants
- Dresses/tunics
- Jumpers/bomber jackets



## Lost property

To search through lost property items, please contact the school office, you can come in and look through items once your vaccination certificate has been sighted.

The items will be placed in the glass entrance foyer every Friday, for parents who want to search for an item without entering the school building.

## BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## COMMUNICATIONS

All school notifications, including, consents, weekly newsletters and correspondence are published via Compass <https://bentleighbwestps-vic.compass.education>

### PLEASE OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER TO SEE ALL ATTACHMENTS

It is really important to notify the school when your child is going to be away so please log on to Compass to record your child's absence or late arrival.

You can download the Compass App from the App store for iPhones or Google Play for Samsung devices. In the App you can then open the full Compass website where you can access up-to-date information.

If you have forgotten your username or password, you can recover your details by clicking the 'Don't know your username/Forgot your password?' link on the front page.



# COVID-19 restrictions remain in place

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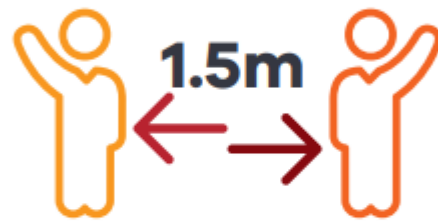
**If you are unwell, please stay at home.**

**Please follow these COVIDSafe behaviours to protect yourself and others.**

Wear a fitted face mask when indoors\*



Maintain 1.5 metres distance from others.



Avoid handshakes and hugs.



Wash your hands regularly.



\*Applies to all adults and Grade 3-6 students including at Outside School Hours Care programs, unless you have a lawful exception.

For detailed information visit:  
[coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)



# Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



**1**

Wet your hands.

Put soap on  
your hands.

**2**



**3**

Rub the soap over all  
parts of your hands for  
at least 20 seconds.



Rinse your  
hands under  
running water.

**4**



**5**

Dry your hands thoroughly  
with disposable paper towel  
or hand dryer.



Stay germ free and healthy



# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**If you are unwell, please stay at home.**

**Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:**

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- in certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered.



For detailed information visit:  
[www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)



# When to wear a face mask\*

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	Indoors only (including public transport/school bus)
Adults^ (Staff and visitors)	Yes
Grade 3-6 students (including Outside School Hours Care programs)	Yes
Prep to Grade 2 students	Recommended
Grade 2 students in Grade 2-3 composite classes	Recommended

\* Unless you have a lawful exception

^ School staff to wear a face mask while teaching wherever practicable, except where removal of a face mask is necessary for effective communication

**Wear a mask outdoors if you can't maintain 1.5m distance**

For detailed information visit:  
[coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)



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