



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

2022

TERM 2 Calendar

15 May	Aerobics Team performance – Grade 6 team
18 May	MPSSA Cross Country
19 May	Myuna Farm excursion – Foundation
20-22 May	Dads & Kids weekend
2 June	Webinar: Managing Anxiety & Other Big Feelings (for tweens) (8pm)
8 June	School Tour (4pm)
13 June	The Queen's birthday – public holiday
14 June	Curriculum Day – no school for students
15 June	SMR Cross Country
24 June	End of Term 2

2022 School Term Dates

TERM 2	26 APRIL - 24 JUNE
TERM 3	12 JULY - 16 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4	3 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

Principal News

Mother's/Special Person's Day Breakfast

A big thank you for the community support for our Mother's/Special Person's Day breakfast. It was very uplifting to see our parents back onsite and enjoying each other's company. The restrictions have been very surreal, and the impact was really highlighted when I was having a chat to some parents of Grade 2 children that had never been in the hall!

The students seemed to really enjoy having their parents and carers at school for a community event, many for the first time.

Well done to P&F for pulling the photos and breakfast together and organising all the support for the morning to run smoothly. It is greatly appreciated by all of us to be able to enjoy Mother's /Special Person's Day together.

Athletics Day

Monday 2nd of May, saw our Grade 4 to 6 students travel to Duncan McKinnon Reserve for the House Athletics Day. It was great to see all the students participate and support each other through the day. Thank you to Mr Walsh and our student leaders for running the day well.

Congratulations to the students that did well enough to qualify for the next stage of competition.

Enrolments

We had our first school tour last week with over 70 attendees and a lot of interest in the school. If families have younger siblings or know people in the enrolment boundary that are definitely attending in 2023, can I ask that enrolments are filled in sooner rather than later, so we can plan accordingly?

Steven Capp
Principal

Birthdays 13 to 26 May



Giles	5Z	Aliah	4H	Tisha	PB
Jacob	2Q	Sophie	5Z	Frankie	PS
Bronson	1Y	Izzy	1W	Jasper	3A
Lily	2C	Alisha	6M	Henry	4H
Jack	2Q	Rosie	1F	Zachariah	4M
James	1V	Tilly	1W	Marley	5M
Tomas	4H	Rose	2S	Talitha	6A
Cecelia	3Y	Harry	4M	Sebastien	2S
Saskia	4A				

Child safety

Please be mindful when dropping off/picking up students from the back of the school in **Pleasance Street**, as we have had complaints from residents about the parking and concerns raised about children's safety.

State Schools Relief - Uniforms (for ALL CSEF students)



BWPS CSEF families are invited to apply winter uniform items (to a maximum of five items per student).

Students can be in any grade (prep – 6) but must be a 2022 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient.

- For BWPS logo'd uniform items (bomber/polo shirt) a voucher is supplied for use at our uniform supplier, PSW.
- Non-BWPS logo'd items (pants/trackpants/dress/tunic/shoes/runners) are supplied directly to families (via the school office).

To apply or to find out more, please contact rachel.helyer@education.vic.gov.au or at the office.

Parents & Families Committee

Mother's/Special Person's Day breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended our special breakfast. It was lovely to see the school community come together again after a long period apart. We would love to give a big shout out to our wonderful parent helpers, who made sure everything ran smoothly and that we were all fed!

An extra special thank you goes to Karen Wilson. She did a fabulous job taking photos and putting them together. We hope you loved your photos - everybody looked beautiful.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall

It's Election Day on May 21 so BWPS are running our traditional Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall and we need your help!

We need:

BAKERS - Cakes, cupcakes, cookies, Rocky Road, Chocolate Crackles, Honey Joys... anything yummy!!

We need all baked goods to have an ingredient list and dropped off at the office on Friday or Saturday morning at the stall.

VOLUNTEERS - to sizzle those sausages and help out at the stall and 1-2 hours of your time would be greatly appreciated!

We will be operating from 9am until 3 or we sell out. If you can help or have any further queries, please contact us via bwpspnf@gmail.com

Please also talk to your local family and friends about voting at BWPS and tell them about the sausage sizzle and cake stall.



St Kilda Mums

Dear School Community,

I am Ruby Wigney from 5M. I am doing a collection of jackets, ranging in sizes between 8 and 16, with the St Kilda mums. They are an organisation for parents in need. If a mum has to leave their house immediately, they provide housing and support. The jackets must be clean and the zipper needs to be in working order. There will be a box in the school office for donations until the 13th June. These donations will be collected weekly and hopefully there are lots we can give to this great organisation. There will also be posters around the school as a reminder (see end of newsletter).

Thank you,
Ruby Wigney

BWPS beanies for sale



We are now selling BWPS woollen beanies (\$20) from the school office.

Picture of beanie (left) modelled by Jake Barclay (6A).

COVID-19 – guidelines for Term 2

Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation

Household Contacts

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. The student **can** attend school as long as they wear a mask (indoors, unless medical exemption applies), and complete regular tests via RAT (5 of the 7 days).

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period. If your child does test positive (via a PCR or rapid antigen test) please complete the Student COVID-19 details at [COVID Test Portal](#)

Please then email Tanya Elliott at Tanya.Elliott@education.vic.gov.au to notify the school.

Working With Children Checks

Parents that are volunteering at school, either attending activities on school grounds or accompanying students on excursions, must carry a copy of their Working With Children Check card.

This is a mandatory requirement and WWCC cards will be required when signing in.

BWPS Compass Communications



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

PLEASE OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER TO SEE ALL ATTACHMENTS

It is 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.



2022 PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

EMPOWERING HEALTHY FAMILIES

PRACTICAL, ENGAGING & INCLUSIVE

TERM 1

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MAR

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Social media, gaming, screen time, cyberbullying and more. Co-presented with Marty (primary school cyber safety educator).

TERM 2

2
JUN

MANAGING ANXIETY & OTHER BIG FEELINGS (FOR TWEENS)

Practical ideas and strategies for understanding, and better supporting, your child struggling with big feelings, including anxiety.

TERM 3

18
AUG

REDUCE CHAOS & INCREASE CALM

Practical ideas and strategies for a calmer household. We'll explore mindfulness, communication & ways to foster a greater sense of family connection.

TERM 4

17
NOV

TACKLING TRICKY CONVERSATIONS

Practical ideas and strategies to start and continue healthy conversations that are critical to your child's safety and wellbeing; including sexuality, pornography, self harm and suicide risk.

- Parents & carers can watch live or on-demand replay (for 30 days following each event)
- Simple to access, your school will share a link & we take care of the registrations

Presented by
Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum



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St Kilda Mums collects, sorts and rehomes essential nursery equipment including cots, prams and car seats, as well as other baby essentials such as nappies, breast pumps and toiletries. We distribute through maternal and child health nurses and social service agencies to families in need. Please visit our website to see the full list of all items we can rehome.

Want to donate to St Kilda Mums?

We are collecting these items for donation:

COATS SIZES 8-16 ALL CLEAN AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER PLEASE

You can donate until: **JUNE 13th**

Please leave donations at: **RECEPTION**

Any questions, please contact: **RUBY WIGNEY 5M**

If you wish to donate items with safety standards such as a cot, pram or car seat, please email donate@stkildamums.org to check that your item can be rehomed.

You can also be amazing by volunteering at St Kilda Mums. You can help with all sorts of tasks big and small, both at our headquarters and at home. Check out the website for more information about how to be amazing!



St Kilda Mums

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