



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

2022 TERM 3 Calendar

11 July	Start of Term 3
12 July	'The Smoothie Bar' Incursion - Grade 6
19 July	School Council meeting (6pm)
20 July	Kingston Division Girls AFL
21 July	Legoland Excursion – Grade 1
21 July	SRC Deafness Foundation fundraiser
26 July	Kingston Division Girls Soccer Competition
1 August	'100 Days of School' Party/Incursion - Preps
15 August	Curriculum Day (pupil-free)
19 August	'Hoop-time' incursion (basketball)
23 August	Book Week – Dress Up Day and Parade (9am)
27 August	P & F Major Fundraiser evening – save the date!
29 Aug – 2 Sep	Grade 5 Camp - Anglesea
2 September	Fathers' day breakfast
5 September	MPSSA Athletics
13 September	School Council meeting (6pm)
16 September	End of Term 3

2022 School Term Dates

TERM 2	26 APRIL - 24 JUNE
TERM 3	11 JULY - 16 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4	3 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

Principal News

End of term

This has been short but busy term. It has been wonderful to have two full terms at school after the last few years, despite having to manage sicknesses.

We will be having a curriculum day on Monday August 15th in line with the new agreement for staff to provide the required time for teachers to work on their professional practice. This will be a student free day and Camp Australia will run their program if there is enough interest. These days are important for staff to focus on school goals in the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).

Reports

I want to personally thank all the teachers for their hard work in producing the end of semester reports. It was fantastic to be able to hold parent teacher meetings face to face on site this term, for the first time in a very long time, but also have the flexibility to offer Webex for those who needed it. The few staff who needed to postpone due to illness will reschedule early in Term 3. Whilst the meetings were occurring, we were lucky with the weather to be able to have Kaboom sports to entertain the students. This was very well received by staff and students.



Girls' soccer

Our girls from Grades Five and Six came away with a fabulous win in our local soccer tournament. Congratulations girls.

Aerobics

Our Grade 5 and 6 students competed in the State Aerobics Competition on Sunday 19th June in Geelong. It was a fantastic day and both teams did great performances. The Grade 6 team won a Bronze Medal and both teams have qualified for our National Championships which will be held in August in Queensland - congratulations.



I wish every family a safe and relaxing holiday. I hope it is a time for everyone to rest and recuperate and spend some quality time together, either at home or away.

See you in Term3!

Sarah Asome
Acting Principal

Birthdays 25 June - 14 July



Lana	2Q	Zara	5M	Alice	4M
Elliot	2T	Erin	5O	Olivia	6A
Oscar	1W	Henry	6A	Elias	2C
Cory	2C	Nina	PB	Mateo	3A
Ashley	4L	Linda	1Y	Essie	1W
Emma	2S	Oscar	3A	Eva	3Y
Gabby	5M	Jamie	4A	Ciera	3Y
Jakob	5Z	Ashini	4M	Mia	5Z
Asher	1F	Lucy	PC	Sam	6H
Lachlan	2S	Alicia	6F	Willow	6M
Sophie	4H	Will	3T	Mahavira	5Z
Harvey	1W	Thomas	3Y	Lukas	3A
		Aaron	4A		

Parents & Friends Committee

Election Day Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall

The Election Day Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall event was a great success. The P&F would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time as well as the fabulous bakers who contributed such amazing cakes and sweets. We would like to thank the Grade 6s who helped on the day. Thanks to all the families who supported the stall by coming and having a Democratic Sausage! A special thank you to Billy Powell for manning the barbecue most of the day and getting so many of those sausages sizzled!



We look forward to seeing you at the next Election Day Sausage Sizzle on the 26th of November.

See the 'save the date' social event fliers later in the newsletter!

Lost Property

We have SO many bomber jackets and jumpers in our Lost Property at present. Please name all items of clothing with your child's name and encourage them to look after their clothing.

The lost property (next to school office) can be visited at any time 8:30am - 4:30pm to recover clothing items and the rack will be placed outside in the school door foyer every Friday afternoon.

St Kilda Mums

A big thank-you for all the coats BWPS families donated to Melbourne charity 'St Kilda Mums'..... we collected a grand total of 56 coats that will be given to families in need this winter!

Thank you for making this happen.

Ruby Wigney (5M)



COVID-19 and RAT testing

Students who report a positive COVID-19 test result (RAT or PCR) must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive COVID-19 test result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts 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) and still attending school, so we can remind them to wear a mask indoors at school (and they must return 5 negative tests over a 7-day period).

In the 12 weeks after your child has completed isolation, *as long as they don't have any COVID-19 symptoms* they do not need to test or isolate again if they are re-exposed to the virus (such as a household contact). However, *if your child develops new symptoms*, they should get tested and follow the above procedure if they return a positive result.

From 11.59pm Friday 24 June 2022, parents and carers who have COVID-19 can transport their non-COVID-19 children via private vehicle to their primary or secondary school when an alternative person is not available to assist. This will include school holiday programs held on school grounds. The parent or carer must travel directly to and from the school only. They must remain in the vehicle, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school safely, and they must wear a face mask.

As influenza and colds are becoming more prevalent, even with a negative result, children should avoid school until their symptoms resolve and they are well again.

If your child does test positive (via a PCR or Rapid Antigen Test) please complete the Student COVID-19 details at [COVID Test Portal](#) and please then email Tanya Elliott at Tanya.Elliott@education.vic.gov.au to notify the school.

ICT – National Safety Month

June is National Safety Month. In line with this we will be sharing some excerpts each week from an article about being safe online...

Internet Safety for Kids: How to Keep Children Safe?

Let's start this article by saying the internet is not good nor bad! It's just a tool – an awesome tool that kids can use to do research, gain knowledge, explore new ideas, acquire skills, and connect with peers on a level that was impossible before the internet. However, just like any other tool, it can be used by bad people for very bad things, too.

Therefore, the goal is not to protect children from the internet, but to teach them how to be safe while on the internet. This is a very important distinction because, as we'll see later, kids tend to rebel against overprotective care, isolating them from the rest of their peers, which can actually have the opposite effect and put them in more danger.

To avoid this, it's important to remember that internet safety doesn't mean restriction, but rather knowledge, especially with teenagers. To keep children safe means to educate them from a very early age about cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and online predators in an age-appropriate manner. This way, they'll be prepared to recognize dangerous situations and ask for help.

To clarify, if you explain to a child why they should never give sensitive personal information online, even when they want to register for an online game or a competition, tell them about the consequences, and show them examples of scams, chances are they'll be more careful. On the other hand, if you just forbid them from giving out personal information without explanation, they'll fail to see the harm in leaving their personal address when someone in a forum asks them in return for free points in a game.

However, we understand that we can't always predict what the danger can be, which is why it's best to learn as much as we can about internet laws, current online trends, and protection tools. Then, we'll see how we can use that knowledge to build an impenetrable safety wall together with our children and students.

Learning Internet Safety Laws

Knowing the federal laws regarding children on the internet is a good start in your quest to protect your child or students online. They'll help you understand what's normal, what's not, and how you are protected if you want to report something to the police.

Along with that, you can go over the laws together with the kids and discuss why they exist. Generally, the 13-year age requirement is not necessarily because the site is unsafe for children to use but to comply with a US law — the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA), which prevents collection and storage of personal information from children under 13 years of age. This law protects children who are younger than 13 by prohibiting websites to collect personal information from children without parental consent. They're also not allowed to use information about children for marketing or other purposes. For these reasons, many social media platforms don't allow children younger than 13 to use their services.

This is a US article, however the message is the same all over the world. Read the full article here:

https://kidskonnnect.com/articles/internet-safety-for-kids/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=new%20blogs&bento_uid=0e1008b8-a6f2-4501-a5e6-d214f455710c

BWPS Compass Communications

Compass
Education

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.



Deafness Foundation



On Thursday the 21st of July we are having a fundraiser to raise money for deaf people. You need to wear denim and bring a gold coin donation. All the money raised will be donated to the Deafness Foundation. We will be selling butterfly badges for \$2. Some of the SRC members will bring them around to your classroom.

THANK YOU!!



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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SAVE THE DATE!
BWPS PARENT'S BIG
NIGHT OUT

**POST PANDEMIC
GLAMOUR**

The Roaring Twenties
1920 or 2020, you decide
but make it glam!

7PM-MIDNIGHT
SAT 27TH AUGUST



Save The Date

**SPRING
LADIES
LUNCH**

*Friday 21st Oct
12-3pm*



Encore Theatre Presents
**Alice's Adventures
in Wonderland**



Original Story by
Lewis Carroll

Stage Adaptation by
Matthew CW

Find tickets at:
www.encoretheatre.com.au
Or call 1300 739 099



Clayton Community Centre Theatrette
30th June to 9th July, 2022

