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2022 Calendar

TERM 2

29 April	Winter Lightning Premiership – Grade 6 interschool sport
2 May	House Athletics Carnival – Grades 4-6
4 May	School Tour (4pm)
6 May	Feathers, Fur and Scales incursion – Grade 1
10 May	Dream City excursion – ICT Leaders
10 May	School Council meeting (6pm)
10-13 May	NAPLAN – Grade 3 and grade 5
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)
10 June	Curriculum Day – no school for students
13 June	The Queen's Birthday – public holiday
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

Welcome Back

A big warm welcome back to BWPS for Term 2 2022. We were very happy to see the mask restrictions lift for our 3 to 6 students and staff. It is wonderful to see smiling faces in and around our school.

ANZAC Day Tribute

Thank you to our Grade 6 Leaders for taking us through the ANZAC tributes. Our students displayed respect, and all reflected on how lucky we are to have our Bentleigh West community. We were very impressed with the effort our leaders put in to prepare such an event.

NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN from 10 - 13 May. We take a low-key approach to NAPLAN, as the students are quite used to participating in quizzes and tests regularly and this is just another activity to show us what they know.

We understand the students are well taught and work hard in every lesson, so we don't need to do too much preparation outside of exposing students to the unique conditions and question formats. Particularly this year being online. We have prepared students for the online format and just ask they do their very best.

As I say every year, NAPLAN data is most valid from a cohort perspective compared to an individual perspective. NAPLAN is a one-off test and using NAPLAN data to assess an individual, is akin to judging a sports person or a musician on just one big performance. Sure, high performing musicians or athletes or more likely to do well in the one-off performance, but it isn't always the case due to a range of factors. Conversely, athletes and musicians can have an above average one off performance. We are better to judge individual athletes or musicians over multiple performances. This is why we look to multiple assessments for individual judgement of students. NAPLAN is one more piece of assessment we put with multiple pieces to form as accurate picture as possible.

We know that one common assessment for all of our 3's and 5's gives us an overall view of average cohort learning compared to the rest of the 3's and 5's in Australia. This gives us valuable insight into what teaching is working well in the school and where we can focus improvement.

In my experience, if the adults in the community are relaxed about NAPLAN the students take these cues and are relaxed and confident to do their best.

Our students understand that NAPLAN is important, but not high stakes as far as they are concerned. On the whole they look forward to seeing what they can achieve, and we make the times around the testing as fun as possible.

Staffing Update

Many in our community would have noticed that Sarah Santaera is very close to going on Maternity Leave.

I am very pleased to announce Tina Richardson will be teaching Grade 2S for the remainder of the year. Tina has a strong relationship with Bentleigh West. We have regularly requested Tina to complete short- and longer-term replacement positions at the school. Tina has knowledge of the Grade 2 cohort, teaching team and the Bentleigh West community, so we are delighted to have her.

Tina will be teaching four days of the week and I am also pleased to announce Pitsa Harbis will teach the remaining day. Our students know and love Pitsa. Pitsa and Tina also know each other, and we are delighted to have two experienced teachers with knowledge of our students and school community to build on the amazing work Sarah and the Grade 2 team have done so far. Due to Tina and Pitsa being so accessible to the school and Sarah having some time before she finishes, we are very confident in a smooth transition and hand over.

Steven Capp
Principal

Birthdays 9 April to 12 May



<i>Easter holiday birthdays</i>					
Cameron	4M	Solai	4L	Oliver	4L
Mabel	6A	Reuben	PC	Hugo	2C
Zac	PS	Julian	1W	Wes	3G
Eliyah	2S	Kristian	5O	Sabine	6M
Alaya	1F	Charles	6F	Caleb	4A
Macy	4M	Evalyn	1F	Scarlett	6M
Alisa	1F	Daisy	6H	Liam	PB
Charlotte	3G	Luna	1V	Lucy	6H
Isla	1V	Alp	1V	Daisy	4M
Oliver	5Z	Genevieve	4L	Holly	6H
Isabelle	3G				

<i>Birthdays 29 April to 12 May</i>					
Julian	3Y	Ezra	6F	Selin	5E
Olive	4A	Anay	1W	Grace	6H
Maya	4H	Lenny	3G	Maya	2Q
Asha	4M	Samuel	3Y	Hugh	3G
Saul	PS	Aydin	PB	Iris	4H
Dru	4A	Jaya	PD	Isabelle	3T
Piper	5E	Evelyn	PD	Gus	5Z
Benson	3Y	Sophie	3Y	Charlotte	6A

CSEF Uniform Package



Applications for the 2022 CSEF Uniform Package are now open and will close at the end of Term 3, 2022.

In order for a student to be eligible to receive the 2022 Uniform Package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient.

The 2022 package contains the following new uniform new items:

- ♦ 1 x Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) or Long Sleeve Polo
- ♦ 1 x Track Pants or Trousers or Pants
- ♦ 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Ups or T-Bars or Sneakers Skate or Sneakers Velcro

To apply or to find out more, please contact Rachel Helyer in the school office.

BWPS Veggie Garden

With lots of help from some enthusiastic Grade 6 students we have established our vegetable garden again.

On **Friday 6th May** we will have our first organic veggie stall after school. Many varieties are still maturing, so there will not be a huge quantity of produce but bring a bag and a gold coin that will go towards the next seedlings.



The cabbage moth caterpillars have been feasting so some leaves look very organic!

Jenny

Parents & Families Committee

We are so happy to be able to organise some exciting face to face events this year! It's been too long since we could all get together as a school community. To start us off, we have some special Mother's Day events organised. Then we will have a Sausage Sizzle on Election Day.

Mother's Day photo sessions

The Mother's Day photo sessions have been very popular! The P&F is pleased to announce that additional time slots have been added for Friday afternoon (4.40 and 4.50) and Monday morning (8.20, 8.30 and 8.40).

Please go to www.bwpspnf.com to book your 10 minute time slot within the allocated times.

** please include your child's name and class in the comments section when checking out for delivery purposes.

Photos will be distributed to classes by Friday 6th of May.

Mother's Day Breakfast

The P&F Mother's Day breakfast is back on this year! It will be held in the school gym on Friday 6th May between 7-9am.

Head to www.bwpspnf.com to check out the menu.

Orders for mothers/students/staff must be placed by 5pm on Monday 2nd May for catering purposes. No orders will be accepted after this time. Please bring along a copy of your receipt to collect your food on the morning of the event.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

The Federal Election has been announced for the 21st of May. The P&F will be running a Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall on the day.

Please send us an email bwpspnf@gmail.com if you can help out, whether it is to sizzle sausages or bake a cake.

More information will follow closer to the date.

Hope to see you there!

The P&F Team

Mother's Day Classic – fund-raising walk/run



Please support Olivia Trigger and Goldie Burrows in their fundraising efforts. The girls have entered a team in the Mothers' Day Classic 8km walk/run around the Melbourne Royal Botanical Gardens.

They were inspired to raise money for breast cancer research and are walking with a team of friends on Mothers' Day - Sunday 8th May 2022.

Any amount will make a difference! *(see flyer attached to newsletter)*

To donate:-

[Mother's Day Classic Foundation : Find a fundraiser \(mothersdayclassic.com.au\)](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)

Search for: Bentleigh West Babes

Click on pink arrow to enter their page and DONATE!!

Thank you!

Olivia and Goldie

BWPS Canteen

One of our major suppliers runs a campaign where points are awarded for BWPS canteen orders made during the month. These points can then be redeemed for gift cards or donations to charities.

Thanks to your support of the canteen this year, particularly on our recent special treat lunch, we have been able to use our points to donate to **Plate it Forward** (www.plateitforward.org.au).

Their mission is to re-invent the definition of equal opportunity by providing food, education and employment opportunities to those less fortunate in our community.

Nice work BWPS!!

BWPS beanies for sale



Looking ahead to cooler weather, we are now selling BWPS woollen beanies from the school office.

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

These are just **\$20**.

BWPS School Councillors 2022

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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 – changes 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](#)

Can you please then email Tanya Elliott at Tanya.Elliott@education.vic.gov.au to notify the school that you have lodged the details

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.

BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



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.

Please Donate!

Help raise money for breast cancer research



Goldie and Olivia would like to invite you to donate towards their team who are participating in the Mothers' Day Classic fundraising walk (8kms)

Our goal is to raise as much money as a team, for the Pink Ribbon Foundation to find a cure for breast cancer.



EVENT DETAILS:

WHEN: 8th May 2022 (Mother's Day)

WHERE: Royal Botanic Gardens (The Tan)

DISTANCE: 8km walk

TEAM NAME: Bentleigh West Babes

HOW TO DONATE:

Google: mothersdayclassic.com.au

Click on: Find A Fundraiser

Search for: Bentleigh West Babes

Click: The pink arrow

Click: Sponsor Us



Thank you for your support!



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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REGISTRATIONS OPEN!
NETSETGO STARTS MONDAY 2ND MAY
@4.15PM
GESAC, EAST BENTLEIGH
SUITS KIDS AGED 5-10YRS



HOW TO REGISTER
josie.netsetgo@gmail.com

Woolworths 



COVID-19 restrictions remain in place

Updated: 19 November 2021

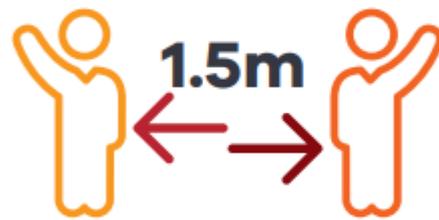
If you are unwell, please stay at home.

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

