



*Ngunawal Country*

# Binalong Public School

## BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 3, 19 October 2021

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Tell Them From Me

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.*

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](https://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm).

The survey is available in 23 languages.

#### NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

The school readiness test is for schools transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2022 and is designed to check a school's readiness to conduct NAPLAN Online. Our school will participate in the readiness test in Week 5.

The readiness test consists of two 40 minute assessments: an omnibus test with reading, conventions of language and numeracy items, and a writing task. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the school readiness test. Year 3 students do not participate in the writing assessment. Further details will go to families of students in Years 3 and 5.

#### Staff Professional Learning

The team at BPS are committed to continuing to build on our knowledge and skills by participating in high impact professional learning focused on effective literacy and numeracy teaching strategies. Teachers have spent the last two Mondays with our Instructional Leader Mrs Sharlee Cassidy focusing on the teaching and learning cycle and effective assessment practices.

#### Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction Position

We are currently recruiting for the new role of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APCI) for 1 day per week (0.2fte) starting in 2022. The APCI position is a leadership role dedicated to ensuring that literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills are embedded in curriculum and assessment; high quality teaching practices are enhanced; and the capabilities of middle leaders are strengthened in literacy and numeracy instruction. It shares the broader educational imperatives of the Assistant Principal position but with an explicit focus on the leadership of effective, evidence-based literacy and numeracy teaching and assessment practices for improved student learning outcomes across the curriculum.

The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction provides high support and guidance to enhance teacher growth and development in literacy and numeracy and strengthens schoolwide instructional capabilities across the curriculum for middle and senior leaders.

Attachments: Yr7 Selective High School; Aurora College; Binalong Swim Club fundraiser; Yass Cricket Club

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## Transition Programs at BPS

Next Tuesday we welcome our preschool students who will be starting Kindergarten next year. They will join us for the next five Tuesdays to help them become familiar with 'Big School'. On these Tuesdays our Year 2 students will also participate in transition by joining with the 3-4 class for the day (extending on from their Tuesday afternoon sessions) and Year 4 students will also have the opportunity to participate in some transition times on these Tuesdays as well.

## Life Education

Healthy Harold is coming to visit us virtually this Thursday. The focus is on friendships and how to have and manage respectful relationships.

## SRC Ice Cream Tuesday

The SRC will be selling ice creams every Tuesday at lunch. Students will have a variety of ice creams to choose from.



## Pie Day Friday

Each Friday Joe Duffy provides lunch orders for students and staff. Please contact Joe directly.

## Pie day Friday School Lunch orders

To order Text Joe  
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(orders taken up till 9 am  
Friday morning)  
# Beef mince pie \$5  
# Chicken and veg pie \$5  
# Sausage roll \$4  
# Ham & Pineapple pizza \$5  
# G/free beef pie \$6  
(All pies & rolls come with  
tomato or BBQ sauce)

Payment  
Joseph G Duffy  
BSB 633 123  
Acc no [166 978 635](tel:166978635)

**THE SCHOOL GARDEN NEEDS MANURE—a trailer load would be appreciated please.**

## No Hat, Shade Play

Now that we are in Term 4 it is important for students to wear their broad-rimmed school hat each day to ensure that they are taking good care of their skin. Caps are not suitable for school. We are lucky to have lots of shaded play areas for students to retreat to during the warmer weather and students who don't have a hat will be asked to play in the shade only.



## YR7 Selective High School

Information for Year 5 students to apply for a Year 7 Selective High School in 2023 is attached to this newsletter. For further information contact the Front Office.

## Aboriginal Education

Uncle Bob Buffington will be supporting us to deliver Aboriginal Education curriculum on Fridays throughout the term. Last week students learned more about the Acknowledgement of Country, some traditional stories, traditional tools and instruments and joined in on some music using clapping sticks.



*Mrs Renee  
Arabin*

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 20 October	Preschool parent workshop 3.45pm-4.30pm
From Tuesday 26 Oct to Tuesday 23 Nov	Kindergarten transition 9am—1.30pm

## BUSH SCHOOL

Bush School has become a great part of our wellbeing, play and outdoor education, providing so many wonderful learning opportunities.

Over the last few weeks all students have been able to visit Bush School, reconnecting with each other and nature. It has provided opportunities for students to learn about the natural environment and being safe, engage in creative play, practice mindfulness, participate in storytelling around the yarning circle and test their physical capabilities as they climb trees and balance on the new slack line.

Students also took part in a mini working bee during our wellbeing week, working collaboratively to clean up and make new spaces at Bush School, including making an area where we will hopefully be able to have a dry creek bed in the near future.

With the warmer weather we are looking forward to enjoying this space on a more regular basis and will continue to participate in discussions about respectful interactions and safety at Bush School.

Mrs. Platt



## SCIENCE 3/4

Students have been investigating forces we cannot see. In their latest scientific experiment they investigated magnetic and gravitational forces. Students were able to use magnetic forces to suspend a paperclip in the air!



## KARATE FOR SPORT



# STARS OF THE WEEK

**TILDA**

Making a great start to school

**WILLIAM**

Sustained effort in reading

**COOPER**

Displaying great creativity in dance

**OSCAR**

Displaying great creativity in dance



## News from the Office

### School Visitor Check-in

The Department of Education, in partnership with ServiceNSW, has developed a digital solution that will simplify the sign-in experience for visitors and school staff and provide a streamlined, accurate and secure record system for schools. The School Visitor Check-in is mandatory for every school, in line with NSW Public Health Orders. At this stage, parents and carers entering a school to drop off or pick up children are not required to check-in. This also applies if they are picking up or dropping children off to an OOSCH provider.

### Reminder

Please remember that staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19 and will require a COVID-19 test to return to school once symptom-free.

Kerry Foran  
School Administration Manager

## P&C NEWS

### A note from the P&C

For the following two weeks, the profits from the Binalong Community Club Sunday Night Menu (including the Melbourne Cup Calcutta!) are being donated to the Binalong Public School P&C Association. This is an amazing contribution, so please bring the family up to the Club to support your local club and P&C. If you would like to help out on the days, please contact Angela Elliot or email [bpspac@gmail.com](mailto:bpspac@gmail.com).

Thank you and we look forward to more community events in the near future.

The Binalong P&C Association Committee



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