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Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Bennett Road Public School for Term 3 and a special welcome to the 14 new students and their families that joined us at the beginning of the term. I’m sure you will settle in well and hope you love being at BRPS as much as we do. This term we welcome a new staff member Mrs Alicia Howard. Mrs Howard has been employed as our Relieving Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year and joins us from Lawson Public School up in the Blue Mountains. Mrs Howard brings a vast array of educational experience and knowledge with her that will benefit our school and we look forward to working with her during the second semester.

During the holidays we have many new additions to the school. Both the K-2 and 3-6 shade structures have had bird netting installed on them. Since my arrival here in 2016 I have tried all sorts of ways to stop the pigeons perching above and making a mess of the children’s play spaces. This was the last resort, and although it was an expensive option, it seems to be working. We have erected a structure to cover the seating near the kindergarten rooms. This was done to allow the children and parents somewhere to sit during times of rain or extreme heat. A new shelter has also been installed over the bike racks next to the library. New racks are on their way as well as some artificial turf to complete this job. Our library office has had a refurbishment with a kitchenette and wrap around desk and storage space being fitted. And yesterday we had some new signage placed around our school that quotes our school pledge
and displays images of our students. Apart from the library and the new signage, the other project have come about as a result of conversations I have had with parents, the SRC and our P&C. I like to think that we work as a team here at BRPS so if you have a suggestion that you believe will make our school a better place to be, something that you think will help its functionality or indeed help our students, please let me know and I will see what we can do to make it happen.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for our school community this term and we hope you can join us for some of these events. Along with fantastic and engaging daily learning in the classrooms, we will also see our students involved in things such as Swim School and Colyton Showcase. Swim School is a two week intensive learn to swim and water safety program that is highly successful and beneficial to those who attend. Colyton Showcase gives our students an opportunity to perform in front of an audience and is a collaborative evening shared with our local primary and high schools. In addition to this Stages 2 and 3 will participate in a Public Speaking Competition, K-2 will hold their annual Sports Day, Stage 3 will be heading off to camp, Kindergarten will be involved in a day trip to the zoo and the P&C will be hosting a Colour Run Fundraiser. And as I look at our calendar, these events only just scratch the surface of the things your children will be involved in during term 3.

Next week is Education week and we will be holding our Open Day on Wednesday the 8th. On this day we offer parents, family and friends the opportunity to come and visit classrooms to share in some of the work your children have been doing and then we will holding a Book Character Parade which is always a favourite amongst the students. You might even find some of the teachers dressing up? This will be
followed by a barbeque lunch. We also have the Book Fair available for families to purchase from. I encourage everyone to come and enjoy this event with us; it means so much to our students when their families are involved in special events at school. Our wonderful P&C will be selling yummy treats at their Cake Stall and Mr King has organised the Coffee Van to be here for adults to get a free coffee. As we have done in the past, our coffee van will be accompanied by some of our local support agencies who will be on hand to talk to parents about some of the exciting programs, services and activities that are happening within our community. It should be a great day and I look forward to seeing you there.

All that I have mentioned is yet to come but of course we have already been at school this term for two weeks which have also been very eventful. On Tuesday this week we held our NAIDOC Assembly. For those who attend I’m sure you will agree it was an amazing experience. Our children from the Liven Deadly program not only performed for us but taught us some of the dances. I was extremely proud of our students as they hosted the assembly and taught us about Aboriginal culture. We took a video of the event which is currently being edited to a shorter version that we can post on our Facebook page. Please view it when it comes up and maybe make a mental note for next year. It was such a wonderful event we would love to see more people attend next year.

And finally, last term I invited my Director (my boss) to come and view some of the wonderful work we are doing in Mathematics across the school. She visited classrooms and was treated to some outstanding teaching along with some amazing work from our students. She was so impressed that she asked the Executive Director (her boss) to come and visit the school to have the same experience. On
Wednesday of this week Ms Cathy Bennan, Executive Director, School Performance visited Bennett Road. It was a great opportunity to show off the level of talent our teachers possess and the remarkable skill the children have when working with numbers. Thank you to all of the staff involved along with KB and 1C for allowing Cathy to see the work we are doing here at our school.

Have a great weekend.

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Deputy Principal’s Report

My first week here at Bennett Road Public School has been fabulous and I feel incredibly privileged to be able to work with so many friendly students and staff. The main observation that I have made this week is that **great things are happening at Bennett Road Public School**!

I have had the pleasure of visiting several classrooms and witnessing engaging learning happening across the school. I visited 4S and observed them work effectively in groups to use their multiplicative strategies. I was amazed at their focus and determination to solve their maths problems. 4N demonstrated their Spelling Bonanza activity to me and I was also able to see a reciprocal teaching lesson in 3T. I have also been lucky enough to observe students in KB reading and using a range of strategies to understand their books.

Next week, I will have the opportunity to get into some more classrooms and learn more about the wonderful and engaging learning that occurs at Bennett Road PS. There is a wonderful sense of community at Bennett Road PS and I was able to witness this on Tuesday’s NAIDOC assembly. It was clear that a lot of preparation had gone into rehearsing the dances, the displays in the hall and the script that informed the school about the importance of NAIDOC celebrations. Well done to everyone involved.

It has been lovely to meet so many students and parents this week and I look forward to working closely with you all this year.

Alicia
Library News

Term 2 was another exciting term in the Library. Each time your child borrows from the Library, they receive a raffle ticket which gives them a chance to win a book of their choice from the “book box”. Winners are drawn out at the assemblies each fortnight. Congratulations to the Term 2 winners: Chloe KA, Harley 2L, Eman 4N, Logan 3Y, Ramona KB, Kaitlyn KL, Tylar 4N, Gloria 4S, Beighley KB, Jye KA, Elizabeth 5/6T, Sami 3/6A, Bella 1M, Brooklen 1C, Kohbie 3T, Hailey 3/6P, Annie 1C, Tyler KP, Adhisha 6N and Sophie 6N. This competition will continue to run in Term 3 so don’t forget to borrow a book for your chance to win a prize.

Throughout the term the Library has also been running a ‘Borrowing Competition’ to see which class is borrowing the most books. It was a close race and some of the classes have been really competitive. The winning class for Term 2 was ‘KL’, and they were really excited to win. The prize was an opportunity to watch a short film in the Library about author Aaron Blabey whilst eating popcorn and jelly beans. The Library also donated a picture book to the classroom to encourage reading. We are excited to be running this competition again in Term 3. There is a display in the library that shows where each class is sitting on the leader board. Don’t forget to bring your library bags and borrow each week to be in with a chance for your class to win the next prize.

There are lots of exciting things happening in Term 3 in the Library.
Book Fair
In conjunction with Education Week there will be a ‘Book Fair’ in the Library. It will be open during the following times:
Friday - 3/8/18 – 8am to 8.50am and 3.00pm to 4pm
Monday - 6/8/18 - 8am to 8.50am and 3.00pm to 4pm
Tuesday - 7/8/18 - 8am to 8.50am and 3.00pm to 4pm
Wednesday - 8/8/18 – 8am to 4.00pm (Please note, that the Library will be closed from 9.30 to 11am for the Book Parade).
Any books and novelty items purchased at the Book Fair helps to raise funds for the school to purchase resources for the students to use.

Colouring Competition
Once again we are running a colouring competition during Book Fair. The colouring sheets can be collected from the Library. There is one sheet for K-2 and another for years 3-6. The theme for Book Fair is ‘Reading Is Out Of This World’. Check out our display in the Library. This year the competition is free to enter and there will be a prize winner for each grade. The winners will be given a $10 voucher to spend at the book fair. Colouring sheets need to be returned to the library by Monday afternoon, 6/8/18.
Book Parade

The ‘Book Parade’ is on Wednesday 8/8/18. Come dressed as your favourite book character. If your child doesn’t want to dress up, they may like to create a poster or a hat about their favourite book. Many of the teachers will also be dressing up as characters from their favourite books. Prizes will be awarded for each grade for the best costumes. Join us for some fun as we celebrate Books and a love of reading.

Watch this space for more exciting things that will be happening in the Library this term.

Mrs Bishop
Librarian
Community and Coffee

"We are excited to be having our Community & Coffee running again this term. It was a great success last term, and we would love to see it grow even more for the rest of the year! To do that, we need your help. We would love for you to invite a neighbour or friend from the community to come along and have a free coffee, and connect with some of the great services around our community of Colyton.

Thank you again for your part in making this happen in our school, and we look forward to great conversations and connections made in the future..."

Shannon King (School Chaplain)
NAIDOC DAY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 31st July, 2018 the ‘Liven Deadly’ students hosted this year’s NAIDOC assembly. The Liven Deadly students worked hard one day a week practicing culture and then were able to share what they had learnt with the whole school. It was great seeing the students take ownership of the day and also staff and community getting involved. My favourite part of the day was when the students had to pick a special person from the audience and teach them either the male hunting/show off dance or the female red waratah/baby mumma dance. This year the theme was “Because Of Her, We Can!” It let us acknowledge all the wonderful work Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have done in the past and continue to do ensuring we build strong women for the future.

Jannine Richardson
( Aboriginal Education Officer)
Canteen

Donut Day

The canteen will be having a Donut Day on Tuesday 28th August, 2018.
All donuts are to be pre-ordered. Please fill out form below and return to the canteen with your money by Friday 24th August, 2018.

Thank you.
No pre-orders will be accepted on the day however, there will be a limited amount available to purchase on the day.

Flavoured Donuts $3.00 / Pineapple Donuts $3.00

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Name: _______________________________________
Class: _______________

Recess

Cinnamon □ Pineapple □
Strawberry □ Caramel □
Chocolate □

(Please fill out one form per child – extra forms available from canteen)
P & C Committee

Well here we are in Term 3 & what a fun term it’s going to be. Firstly the P & C have our “Colour Explosion” Fun Run on Friday 24th August. Don't forget to ask family & friends to sponsor you so you can receive lots of donations & have an opportunity to choose some great prizes. You will need to wear a white shirt on the day and we also suggest wearing some old clothes & even old sneakers as they may become stained.

We also have our Father’s Day Stall coming up on Friday 31st August. Any donations would be greatly appreciated & can be left in the box in the office.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th August at 9am in the AV Room.

P & C Committee
Bennett.pc@outlook.com
Community

Starting School in 2019

Is your child turning 5 before 31st July, 2019 and ready to start Kindergarten next year?

Bennett Road Public School will be offering a program of Kindergarten Orientation visits showcasing the wonderful ways that students learn using innovative, interesting and motivating strategies.

Our school focuses on all students becoming responsible, caring, creative and respectful learners in a safe environment.

We value family support in the school environment.

If your child is eligible please contact Mrs Polkamp for more information or collect an enrolment form from the school office.

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Mission Australia

Families NSW Playgroups

Every Monday during the School Term
Bennett Road Public School
Located in the Playgroup Rooms
Starting Monday 29th of July 2018
09:30am — 11:15am

Come and meet new friends at playgroup! A great way to start your morning with lots of fun activities for you and your children to do!

Oakley Park Public School Hall
Wednesday 29th of August 2018
Fortnightly 9:30am — 11:15am

St Marys Public School
Wednesday 5th of August 2018
Fortnightly 9:30am — 11:15am

St Marys South Public School
Starting 9:30am — 11:15am
Friday 3rd of August 2018

For More Information, please call Lina on 0475 977 770 or 62 4727 2026.

BOOT CAMP CLASSES

$5.00 per session
@ Bennett Road Public School
Mondays x 9 weeks
11:30am-12:30pm
Starting 30th of July 2018

$5.00 per session
@ St Marys South Public School
Tuesdays x 9 weeks
9:30am-10:30am
Starting 31st of July 2018

Caters to all fitness levels

**Limited Child Minding — Bookings Essential**

Kimbiz Bootcamp

Bring your joggers, bottle of water and a towel.
Booking please call Jerry on: 02 4724 3918
Payments to School

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Monday 3rd December to Wednesday 5th December 2018. The cost of the excursion will be $275.00, which includes all transport, accommodation, meals, activities and trained centre staff.

Help Our Aussie Farmers

On the 8th August the P & C will be holding a cake stall at the Book Week Parade. All proceeds raised on this day will be donated to help our Aussie Farmers. We are asking for people who can help out by either baking cakes / slices or assisting at the stall on the day. There will be a donation box located in the office until Friday 10th August, any non-perishable food items, household goods or pet food can be donated to our farmers. We will also accept any donations at the cake stall on Wednesday. Any donations, however big or small will be greatly appreciated.
A list of acceptable items can be found below (Please check use by dates):

- **Non-perishable Items:**
  Canned foods, sauces, soups, noodles, breakfast cereals, snacks, confectionary, pasta, rice, drinks, any types of pet food, coffee and tea etc.

- **Household items:**
  Cleaning products, toiletries, tissues, toilet paper, sanitary items, razors, shaving cream, hairbrush, hairspray/gel, nappies, wipes, formula, bibs, socks, underwear and moisturiser etc.

Let’s all get together and make a difference for our Aussie Farmers!!!
School Calendar

Term 3

Monday, August 6
Education Week Begins and Swim School Begins (2 weeks) and Stage 3 Raffle

Tuesday, August 7
T20 Cricket 3-6

Wednesday, August 8
Open Day, Book Parade

Tuesday, August 14
Touch Footy 3-6

Friday, August 17
K-2 and 3-6 Assembly

Monday, August 20
Stage 3 Sustainability Showcase

Tuesday, August 21
Stage 3 Sustainability Showcase

Friday, August 24
Colour Run and Stage 3 Raffle Drawn

Tuesday, August 28
Special Photos