



BLACKBOARD NEWS 2018

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to BRPS for another term. For a number of reasons, Term 4 is always very exciting and as usual we have a lot of things planned for our student and their families to participate in. This term we will elect our 2019 student leaders, enjoy the day together as we celebrate Grandparents Day, hold a Parent Helpers Morning Tea to thank everyone who contributes positively to our school, complete our Kindergarten Orientation Program, watch the children perform at the Talent Quest and the End of Year Concert, celebrate achievement at our Reward and Presentation Days and farewell our year 6 students as they prepare to move onto high school. It makes me exhausted just thinking about it!

School Leaders 2019

We have begun the 2019 School Leaders process to elect our leaders for next year. Nominated students have been asked to complete an application form and in a couple of weeks, these students will give a short speech to their Year 5 peers, as well as the Year 5 Teachers and the Executive Staff. From here, the top 12-16 students will be announced and they will have the opportunity to deliver a more developed speech to the school body who will then vote for the 2019 school leaders. This process is a long one but only highlights how much importance we put on being a school leader at Bennett Road. It is a real honour to be selected to represent your school in this way and I wish all of the nominated students well in their endeavour to become a 2019 Bennett Road PS leader.

Kindergarten Orientation

This year we have made some changes to our Kindergarten Orientation. Already we have had 4 weeks of 'lead in' visits which have been running on a Wednesday afternoon. These will continue to run over the next 4 weeks so any families who have not been attending still have plenty of time to get involved. These visits offer the teachers the opportunity to view next year students, assess personalities, develop early friendships, and understand individual needs. For our parents it offers an opportunity to hear about some of the things that will happen in the classroom and to see them first-hand. It also highlights those children who might find it difficult to



separate from their parents so that we can be prepared with strategies for next year. Following these visits, in week 8 we will be holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic so that our 2019 kindergarten students can meet our 2018 kindergarten group. We think so highly of this year's kindergarten and think they will be positive role models in 2019. The following week we have our Kindergarten Expo where parents will get a greater insight into what to expect next year as well as to meet all the different people who make up Bennett Road PS. To date, we have good numbers of children who have enrolled for next year but we are always looking for more. If you know anyone in our community, who has a kindergarten aged child and they have not yet enrolled at our school can you please let them know now is the time.

Granparents Day

We are more than aware of the extraordinary contributions that our grandparents make to our school and to the greater community and so, on Thursday 8th November; we will be celebrating Grandparents Day. This has been a fantastic day in recent year and I would love to see a huge crowd again this year.

Granparents as Carers

Something else that we have started this year is a support group for our grandparents who are either full time or part time carers of their grandchildren. We actually have a lot of grandparents who play a significant role in their grandchildren's lives and we know how hard that can be. Our last morning tea saw about 12 of our grandparents attend and it was a great opportunity to speak to others who are experiencing the same thing. On the day they shared stories and phone numbers and we would love this group to expand even further. Our next morning tea for this group is next week on Thursday 1st November beginning at 9.15am. Our focus for discussion will be on 'Self Care' and we will explore the types of things that our grandparents do to ensure that they are healthy and in a good head space to look after their grandchildren. We hope to see our grandparents there.



Multipurpose Court

I'm sure that everyone who has visited the school recently has seen that there is a major project occurring at the front of the school. For those who are unaware, we are



putting in a multipurpose play court for our students. It is classed as multipurpose because it will be able to accommodate games of netball, basketball and volleyball/newcombe ball as well as offer a hard surface for many other learning opportunities. This project has been a long time in the making, in fact it is something that Mr Sheen and I started about 18 months

ago, but as you can imagine there are a lot of hoops to jump through when you take on a major project like this one. Thankfully this year Mrs Sharwood has taken over the management of the project and now it is full steam ahead. The court will consist of a reversible tower at either end that will have basketball on one side and netball on the other. On the sides we are going to have an additional 4 basketball rings (2 on each side) and we will be able to put up posts to create 3 volleyball courts that run the length of the court. We are hopeful that it will be completed by the end of the year but of course weather always plays a part in these types of jobs so we will wait and see. This should be a wonderful addition to our school and I look forward to seeing the children enjoying it for many years to come.



World Teachers Day

Internationally, World Teacher's Day is celebrated on the first Friday of October. However, as this is usually during our school holidays we like to celebrate it on the last Friday in October each year. This happens to be today! This is a day set aside to recognise those people who dedicate their life to the education of others. I am sure you will join with me to thank all of the wonderful teachers at Bennett Road PS for all of the amazing work that they do.

Have a great weekend

Glen



Deputy Principal's Report

It has been great to get back to school and see Bennett Road Public School students settle into Term 4 so well. The Term 4 calendar is incredibly busy and there are plenty of events for students to look forward to.

Mount Druitt/ Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday, Mr King and I had the pleasure of attending the Public Speaking Competition at Ropes Crossing Public School. We were privileged to listen to a range of speeches that ranged from funny, interesting, thought-provoking and inspiring.

All of the entrants were of a high calibre and the



judges would have had a very difficult job scoring the speeches.

Bennett Road was very well represented by Mitchell- Year 3, Chloe- Year 4, Rahela- Year 5 and Noah- year 6.

Congratulations to our students, we are all very proud of your efforts.

Miss Strange has done an amazing job preparing our students to deliver articulate and well thought out speeches.

Well done Bennett Road Public Speakers!





Engaging Playground

Our PBL team have been busy topping up our playground toys in the K-2 playground. Students love the toys available to them at recess and lunchtime; however, they occasionally need replacing due to wear and tear. The PBL team see significantly less negative behaviours in the playground when students are engaged in play.



We have also purchased some LEGO and magnetic construction toys to engage some of our 3-6 students in the playground. The LEGO is proving popular and students love playing with these toys at recess and lunch. We have some outdoor rugs on order, which will allow students to enjoy playing with LEGO under the 3-6 COLA.

P & C Meeting

Mr Leaf and I attended the P & C meeting on Wednesday evening. It was exciting to hear about all of their upcoming plans and initiatives to help make Bennett Rd PS a great place. Our school is well supported by a group of dedicated parents who are passionate about supporting our students and staff.

Tell Them From Me Survey Results

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of our parents that took the time to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey last term. Students (4-6), staff and parents all had the opportunity to complete the survey and provide us with valuable feedback to inform school planning and practices. I look forward to sharing the results of the survey over the coming weeks. For now, here are a few aspects of the feedback “at a glance”.



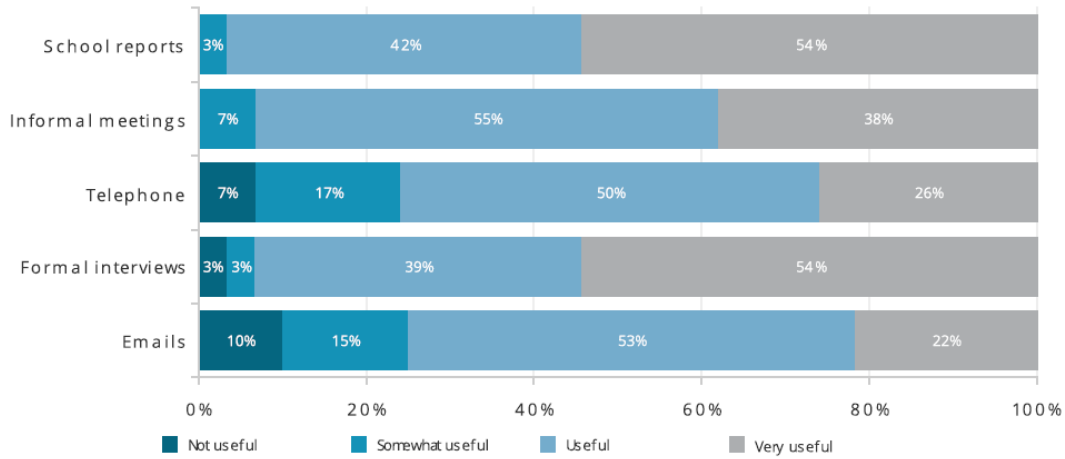
Parent survey

Preferred methods of communication when discussing your child/dren.

This table demonstrates that our community do like a variety of communication

Useful communication types at school

Please tell us how useful you think the following types of communication are when discussing your child with the school.



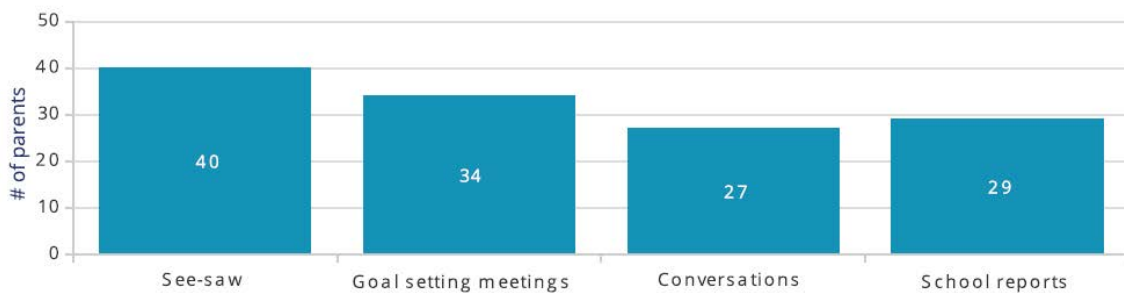
methods to discuss their child’s progress. Further, it shows that the school reports and Goal Setting Interviews rate highly with 54% of parents surveyed ranking them as ‘very useful’.

Preferred format to share student learning

Our community also value the variety of formats we share student learning with our families. See-Saw has been a fairly new introduction to the school and it is great to see that parents find it to be a useful platform to engage with their child’s learning.

Which format has been most helpful in sharing your child/children's learning?

Which format has been most helpful in sharing your child/children's learning?





Student Survey Results- Upcoming Student Forum

In week 4, SRC Representatives in years 4-6 will take part in a student forum with Miss De La Fuente and I. This will allow our students to analyse the data from the student TTFM survey and come up with recommendations to improve the school.

The Bennett Road School Plan places importance on student voice, leadership and initiative within the school as part of the Strategic Direction "Active, Engaged Students". Miss De La Fuente and I are really excited to work with our SRC and empower our students to contribute to Bennett Rd PS. The results of this forum will be shared with our community over the term.

Have a fabulous weekend,

Alicia





MOD Player of the year – 2018

This year I have had a great football season, setting up tries, and even scoring a few of my own. At the end of the season's presentation ceremony, I was awarded a trophy for being the best player on the mod field, in the St Clair region. It's a really big trophy, with all the names of people who have received it before. Some of the names on it are Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and former NRL player Todd Kearney.

I also got to meet, and chat with Wendell Sailor, who presented the trophy to me.

Tyler Birnie



2018 Australian Junior Oz Tag Champions

Congratulations to Tyler in 6E. Last weekend he travelled to Coffs Harbour to participate in the 2018 Junior National Oz Tag Tournament. After a long three days of tagging, Tyler and his team mates came home with a win and were crowned 2018 Australian Junior Champions. Well done Tyler! Bennett Road acknowledges the hard work you put in and wish you all the best for the future.



Grandparent Carers Morning Tea

We wanted to invite you to our second special morning tea that we are hosting for our Grandparents who have taken on responsibility of raising their grandchildren. We are also inviting our grandparents who are consistently involved in their grandchild's life – doing the drop off and pick ups from school as well as looking after their grandkids while parents are at work.

Our hope for the morning tea is not only to say thank you and how much we value what you are doing, but also to offer our support to you as we can imagine how difficult the role of raising your grandchildren can be.

We would love for you to think about and be prepared to share if you feel comfortable ways that 'self care' amidst the fullness of your life. With each others shared wisdom we hope to encourage and support one another.

We would love for you to join us on Thursday the 1st of November from 9am in the Library. Please feel free to bring any younger children along that you care for as we will have some activities available for them.

If you are unable to make the morning tea, but would like to chat or need some support, please feel free to catch me (Shannon) at the school or call me on 0424442810.

Hope to see you there

Shannon King





P&C Committee

As we come to the end of 2018 our next P & C event will be at the End of Year Concert where we will be holding a cake stall. Any assistance to help on the day or bake will be greatly appreciated.

The Fete Committee are keeping themselves busy by organising lots of fun activities & entertainment for our fete "Colyton Carnival". More information about the fete will be given at the start of next year.

Don't forget about entering the "Bennett Brumby" Mascot Colouring Competition to win a Unlimited Rides Pass. All entries need to be returned to the office by the end of Week 8.

We are also seeking Sponsors/Donations & Stall holders for the fete. If you or someone you know is interested please email bennettrdschoolfete@outlook.com & a form will be emailed.





Canteen



Canteen Meal Deal

Chicken Hotdog,
Rice Bubble Log
And
Popper
\$5.00



Canteen Meal Deal

Fish Burger,
Popfruit Bag
And
Popper
\$5.00



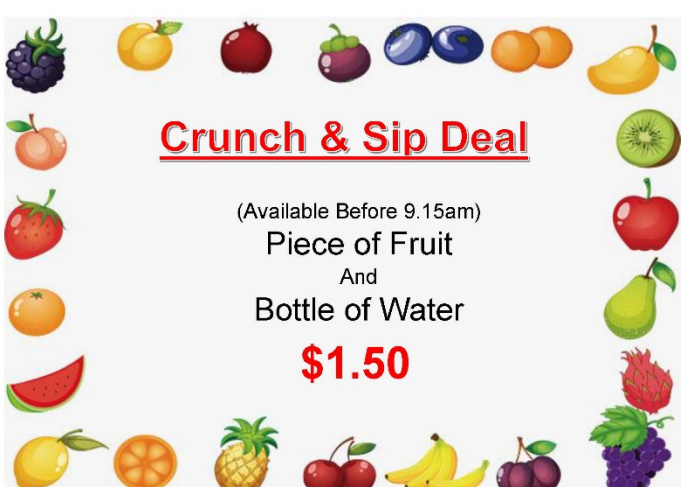
Canteen Meal Deal

Ham and Cheese Melt,
Fruit Kebab,
Plain Milk
And
Flavoured Straw
\$5.00



Canteen Meal Deal

Taco Boat
(Mince or Potato Wedges)
Small Popcorn
And
Water
\$5.50



Crunch & Sip Deal

(Available Before 9.15am)
Piece of Fruit
And
Bottle of Water
\$1.50





Community and Notes



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23rd October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2018
THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER
10:30 – 2PM

The contributions that grandparents make to schools are immeasurable. As you know, many grandparents are highly involved in their grandkids' schooling. They drop-off and pick-up their grandchildren, they attend school sporting events and performances and many volunteer their time to assist with reading activities or with the canteen.

We invite you to celebrate and acknowledge the role of grandparents and the special relationship they share with their grandchildren by attending our Grandparent's Day. Please find an overview of the day below.

- 10:30am – 11:00am Complimentary morning tea available for grandparents in school hall
- 11:00am – 12:00pm K-2 Students and grandparents interactive activities
Grandparents visit 3-6 classrooms
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm 3-6 Students and Grandparents interactive activities
Grandparents visit K-2 classrooms
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm Picnic Lunch with your Grandchildren



The picnic will be held on the K-2 grass area in front of the Science room.
There will be a free sausage sizzle but please feel free to bring along picnic food of your choice and a rug to lie on and/or chairs. Complimentary tea, coffee and cakes will be available. Sporting equipment will also be available for those who wish to participate in playground activities.

In order to gauge the number of parents attending, please complete and return the form below to your child's classroom teacher.

We hope to see you on the day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Natalie Marr
Coordinator

Mr Glen Leaf
Principal

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2018 (attention Mrs. Marr)

Please tick

I will be attending the Grandparents Day on Thursday 8th November, 2018.

Number attending: _____

Name of students and classes: _____

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18th October, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

CRAZY HAIR, SOCKS AND SUNNIES DAY
Tuesday 6th November 2018

As the end of the year is approaching, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our hard working students with a Crazy Hair, Socks and Sunnies day.

We encourage all students to dress up their uniform with their favourite hairstyle, socks and sunglasses. Students can choose one of the additions or all three to make their uniform look fabulous.

Please remember they still need to wear their uniform with the accessories including suitable shoes to participate in normal school activities.

Thank you to all our students and enjoy the day!

Mrs K Polkamp
Appreciation Committee

Mr G Leaf
Principal



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25th October, 2017

Year 6 Polo Shirt 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Year 6 polo shirt will be a similar design as in previous years (navy blue with red panelling along the sleeves and side chest). The logo, which has been selected by our 2019 Year 6 students, will be on the front and student names on the back. All names will be the same as the name on your child's school enrolment form. Should you not wish to have your child's name printed on the shirt for privacy or other reasons, please indicate in the appropriate space.

The cost of the Year 6 polo shirt will be \$35. **Notes and the full cost are to be paid at the office by Friday 14th December. Please return the permission note even if you do not intend to purchase a polo shirt.** This will enable your child's name to be added to the year group. No money will be accepted after this date.

Please note there will be an opportunity to purchase another Year 6 shirt early in 2019 (pending numbers as there is a minimum order).

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND YOUR CHILD'S GROWING BODIES WHEN SELECTING A SIZE.

Size Guide Children (cm) GARMET MEASUREMENTS

P3010B KIDS MODERN FIT	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	36	38	40	42	44	46	49

Size Guide Men (cm)

GARMET MEASUREMENTS

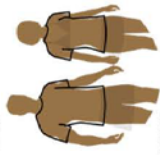
P3010 MENS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	52	55	58	62	65	71	79

Size Guide Women (cm)

GARMET MEASUREMENTS

P3026 LADIES MODERN FIT	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	48	50	52.5	54.5	57	60	63	66	68

*Half chest measures the width of the garment when it is lying flat. Measure an existing garment you have (lying flat) from the seam under one arm to the seam under the other arm to compare and find a suitable size.



MODERN FIT
The fit follows the shape of the body and provides ease for movement.

* Modern fit is a more slim fitting design; please keep this in mind for your order, if you are unsure it is best to order a size up. You may speak to any of the Stage 3 Teachers for assistance with sizes.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH NAME AND ORDER FORM

Please complete the form below and return to school **no later than Friday 14th December, 2018.**

I give permission for my child to have his/her name printed on the Year 6 shirt for 2019.

I do not wish to have my child's name printed on the Year 6 polo shirt.

Name:	
Class:	
Size ordered:	Please circle: children/men/women
Quantity ordered:	
Total cost:	
Parent signature:	
Date:	

I have enclosed the correct amount for my Polo Shirt order

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

16th October, 2018



Stage 3 Camp CD

Late Term Three, Stage 3 went to Jindabyne Sports and Recreation Centre for an activity packed camp. Over the three days spent at camp, students were able to participate in a range of physical activities such as; rock climbing, high ropes and snow play. Due to the outdoor nature of activities, teachers were able to take photographs of students over the three days and have created a Stage 3 camp video.

This will feature a short movie of the camp containing photos and videos.

This cd will be available for purchase at a cost of \$6.00

Please return this permission note with the enclosed amount to the school office by **Friday 9th November, 2018.**

Stage 3 Teachers

Mr Leaf
Principal

TO: BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL **Excursion to Jindabyne Sports & Rec CD**

I would like to order a copy of the Stage 3 Camp movie on CD for my
child: _____ of class _____
and have enclosed \$6.00

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/2018
Parent/Caregiver



School Calendar

Term 4

Wednesday, October 24

[District Public Speaking](#)

Thursday, November 1

[Grandparent Carers Morning Tea](#)

Tuesday, November 6

[Crazy Hair, Sock and Sunnies Day](#)

Thursday, November 8

[Grandparents Day](#)

Friday, November 16

[K-6 Brumby Assembly](#)

Friday, November 30

[K-6 Brumby Assembly](#)

Monday, December 3 – 5

[Stage 2 Camp](#)

Thursday, December 6

[Kindy Orientation Expo](#)

Friday, December 7

[Recognition Assembly](#)

Wednesday, December 12

[Talent Quest](#)

Thursday, December 13

[Rewards Day](#)

Friday, December 14

[End of Year Concert](#)

[Reports Home](#)