

Bateau Bay Public School Newsletter



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School P&C Meets on the second Tuesday of month during school term. All members of the school community are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events...

Tue 7 Feb	Swimming Carnival – Gosford Pool
Tue 14 Feb	P & C Meeting 7pm
Fri 23 Feb	Koori Choir Performance 10am Camp Breakaway
Thu 2 Mar	School Photos
Fr 3 Mar	School Photos
Tue 7 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival – Mingara
Thu 9 Mar	Selective High School Test
Tue 14 Mar	P & C AGM 7pm
Fri 17 Mar	Harmony Day
Fri 7 Apr	Anzac Day Ceremony 10.30am
Fri 7 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGE	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NEWSLETTER WEEK 2 TERM 1, 2017

Welcome to 2017 – another exciting year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our many new families and of course our Kindergarten students. I am confident that our new families will enjoy becoming a part of our BBPS community.

STAFFING

Mrs Williams gave birth to a healthy baby boy (Brooklyn) during the holidays and will remain on Maternity Leave till at least Semester Two this year. Ms Cole will also continue her Maternity Leave until at least Semester Two. We welcome back Mrs Cartwright from her recent Maternity Leave and Mrs Lowbridge will be returning one day per week, working in the Library on a Tuesday. Once student numbers are finalised I will communicate a complete list of staff for 2017.

PRINCIPAL'S POSITION AT BBPS

Mrs Lisa Muir, School Director Wyong, has informed the school that a permanent principal for Bateau Bay PS will be appointed through the Merit Selection Procedure. Mrs Muir (or her delegate) will lead a panel comprising of a teacher representative, a member of the P&C, a representative from the Kuriwa AECG (Aboriginal Education Consulting Group) and a principal representative who will follow the Department of Education's Merit Selection Procedures. This process will commence in Term 1.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Based on the data and feedback received from parents last year, we will again hold our Parent Information Sessions in the morning beginning on Tuesday 14 February commencing at 8.00 am and concluding by 8.30 am. We know this time does not necessarily suit all families, but the vast majority of feedback given indicated that mornings suited many families. All grades will be handing out an information sheet which will contain details provided in the meetings, if you are unable to attend in person.

The information sessions will be: 8.00 am to 8.30 am. Students will be supervised in the COLA during this time.

Tuesday 14 February – Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Wednesday 15 February – Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Thursday 16 February – Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Friday 17 February – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Families would be aware that each term schools have specific days set aside for teachers to attend professional development. These days are usually at the beginning or end of the term.

This year all students will finish school on Friday 15 December, with the following Monday and Tuesday set aside for school development days. Our staff have elected to come to school on four evenings in Term 1 and Term 2 to complete Professional Learning with a focus on the new developments in curriculum and student wellbeing initiatives. We believe this is a more effective way to utilise this important training time, enabling teachers to implement their learning immediately, benefitting all students.

This will mean our staff will finish the school year on Friday 15 December.

This change to the teachers' timetable **does not** affect dates for our students. I will forward more details to you regarding this program in the near future. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

P&C MEETING

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 14 February commencing at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. Parents are most welcome! The P&C is a terrific group of people who discuss school business, fundraising activities and a range of other topics. You are welcome to come along and listen – it is a great way to get to know other parents and develop a deeper understanding of school events.

SAFETY FIRST

I am asking parents to support us in keeping their children safe. We have a number of students arriving at school too early in the morning – often as early as 7.30 am.

Teachers do not go on duty until 8.30 am. Until this time they are busy in meetings or classrooms preparing for the day. Children should not be at school until after 8.30 am. Please consider use of our terrific OOSH facilities should you need to bring your children to school before hours.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Parents/carers who need to collect their children from school early are required to go to the office **BEFORE GOING TO THE CLASSROOM** to receive an 'early leaving' slip. Teachers are unable to release students without this. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of your children so your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should your usual home plans change ie if another adult is going to collect your children, please put this in writing and give to the teacher on the morning of the change.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our wonderful team of volunteers led by Mel are back working in the Uniform Shop. The shop is open on **Wednesday from 2.00 – 3.00 pm and Fridays from 8.00 am – 8.45 am.** As the shop is run by volunteers, whose time is limited, we would encourage families to make use of the online booking facilities to support them. Families can go to www.flexischools.com.au to register.

Ms Michelle Dwyer
Relieving Principal

BATEAU BAY PS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Service PH: 4333 5168 Mobile: 0421 087 607

OPENING HOURS


Before School: 6.30am-8.30am

After School: 2.50pm-6.30pm

Vacation Care: 7.00am-6.00pm

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea provided daily

Kindergarten students escorted to and from classrooms





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Any enquiries please contact Michelle Reed
 0410054678 or Michelle Draper 0478093312.

BERKELEY VALE SOCCER CLUB

Full details for registration can be found at our website from mid December 2016

www.berkeleyvalesoccerclub.com

For enquiries and further information please contact Brad Campbell

Ph: 0424 737 820

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berkeleyvalesoccerclub@gmail.com

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Important Information Regarding Opal Cards

1. **For students entering year 11 at a New School**
At the End of this year you will need to go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
And update your information to "New School". Print the 2 page document, sign and return to the Administration Office of your New School.
2. **For students entering year 11 at a Current School**
At the End of this year you will need to go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
And update your information to "Year 11". Print the 2 page document, sign and return to the Administration Office of your School.
3. **For students entering year 7 at a New School**
At the End of this year you will need to go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
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4. **For students entering year 7 at Current School**
At the End of this year you will need to go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
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5. **For students entering year 3**
At the End of this year you will need to go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
And update your information to "Year 3". Print the 2 page document, sign and return to the School Administration Office.
6. **For New Enrolments**
For Students who don't have a school Opal Card or are Starting Kindergarten go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
And apply for a School Travel Pass. Print the 2 page document, sign and return to the School Administration Office.
7. **For students who have lost, Faulty or had their Opal Card Stolen**
To replace Lost or Stolen Opal Cards go online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students
And apply for a replacement Opal Card.
NB: Students are required to pay a fare whilst waiting for delivery of new Opal Card.
Error Codes 93 & 85 - Card Not Valid, if your card shows any of these error codes the Opal Card needs Updating or Replacing
Error Code 65 – Card not approved for this service, if your card shows this error code the Opal Card needs updating or replacing.
8. **For students not eligible for free school travel**
Log online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students and purchase a School Term Bus Pass.
9. **Student Travel Eligibility**
To be eligible for subsidised travel under the SSTS, school students must be:
 1. An infant student; i.e. attending Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 classes, irrespective of the distance from home to school; or
 2. a primary student (Year 3-6), and reside more than 1.6 kilometres (straight line distance) from the school attended, measured from the centre of the school site, or 2.3 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school; or
 3. a secondary student (Year 7-12), and reside more than 2.0 kilometres (straight line distance) from the school attended, measured from the centre of the school site, or 2.9 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school;
 4. Parents/guardians of students deemed ineligible by their school or local transport operator on straight line distance grounds may apply to TfNSW for a review of the determination on walking distance or pedestrian safety grounds.
 5. Should TfNSW, after carrying out the review, not approve subsidised travel and the applicant(s) considers that there are special circumstances, such as pedestrian safety and/or hardship issues associated with their case; they may appeal the TfNSW decision.
 6. Appeals are heard by an independent SSTS Appeals Panel which considers each case on its individual merits.

For more information www.transportnsw.info/school-students