

BATEAU BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Upcoming Events...

Tue 11 Feb	P&C AGM Meeting 7.00pm
Thur 20 Feb	Scripture and Ethics begins
Thur 27 Feb	School Photos Day 1
Fri 28 Feb	School Photos Day 2
Tue 10 March	P&C meeting 7pm
Thur 9 April	Anzac Day Ceremony 10:30am Last Day of School
Fri 10 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 13 April	EASTER MONDAY
Mon 27 April	Staff Development Day
Tue 28 April	Term 2 Commences

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGE



NEWSLETTER REPORT TERM 1 WEEK 1 & 2

PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELCOME BACK

On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome back our returning families and students to Bateau Bay Public School. I would like to extend a huge welcome to our families especially our new Kindergarten students. We hope you enjoy your time at Bateau Bay Public School and I'm sure we will have a happy and productive year. The school has lots of exciting things planned in 2020 and we hope that the school community embraces all that we have to offer. We look forward to interacting together as a school community throughout the year.

Our school holidays were overshadowed by the tragedy of the bushfires across Australia and our thoughts extend to anyone affected by the fires, as well as our thanks to all of those in our community and beyond who volunteered in a range of ways throughout the holidays.

We are now in our 2020 classes and can look forward to a productive year. The number of classes that we can create is determined by a staffing formula used in all NSW. Due to the fluctuating numbers early in 2020 we were not able to move into these classes until Thursday 6 February.

We form mixed class groups in each grade from K – 6, with the priority consideration is that classes are constructed to create the optimum conditions for learning. Staff spend considerable time in seeking to put together groups that will enable students to work effectively throughout the year. We look to keep a balance of boys and girls and a balanced mix

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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.



of academic ability. There is also consideration of social groups that would best support quality teaching and learning.

Sometimes parents have information that they wish to share in regard to their children, and while this is taken into consideration, we are not always able to meet all the special requests that parents make. Please be aware that these requests need to be made in writing by the beginning of Term 4 to allow due consideration.

The primary years of schooling are an important time for students to grow and change as people and to expand their social network. Friendship groups are considered in the formulation of classes but it may be an opportunity to make new friends and to see other friends at recess and lunch.

Thank you to the school community for their support at this time. Kindergarten joined the rest of the school on Tuesday after their Best Start Assessment. It is amazing how wearing a uniform makes you look very grown-up. I know lots of people who will sleep well this week end, particularly the Kindergarten teachers!

Many thanks to Mrs Best, Mr Lyons and the staff who assisted to make our swimming carnival a memorable and pleasant event. It is days like these that all remembered fondly.

The students who attended the carnival behaved well and participated with enthusiasm.

FAREWELL

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Ms Michelle Dwyer. Michelle has worked tirelessly over the past 5 years and has led by example. I know you will join me in thanking her for her services to Bateau Bay Public School and wish her all the best in her professional journey.

I would also like to acknowledge the great contribution made by Mr Webb. He has been an inspiration to many staff and students over his tenure at Bateau Bay Public School and I know he will be an asset to Tumby Umbi High School.

WELCOME

I would like to welcome Mr Richard Metcalf to Bateau Bay Public School. Mr Metcalf will be the Acting Principal for the remainder of Term 1. Mr Metcalf comes to Bateau Bay Public School highly recommended after nine years as a Principal in the Lake Macquarie West region.

I know our wonderful Bateau Bay community and staff will welcome him as he takes up the role as Principal for Term 1.

It is also with great pleasure I welcome three new staff members to the ranks of Bateau Bay Public School. Mrs Janine Stretton, Ms Zara Clark and Mrs Emma Millis. All three teachers have come highly recommended by their previous Principal's.

PARKING

Traffic outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times is always hectic. Please ensure that you only stop in designated areas this is for everyone's safety. Parking Rangers and the

Police often patrol the roads around the school to ensure that drivers are complying with signage thus ensuring the safety of our students.

REMINDERS

If you have any issues with another child at school please speak to a teacher and never approach the child. Going through the proper channels avoids any issues for parents.

Please make sure all clothing and personal items such as lunchboxes etc are clearly labelled with the child's name.

If your child is absent for any reason you can either contact the school via a phone call, email or letter. This explanation needs to be done as soon as the child returns. If you know your child is going to be away for an extended period please contact the school as well.

We have already had a number of children waiting up to 30 minutes to be collected after school. Students are dismissed at 2.50pm and it's expected that they either catch the bus, get picked up, walk home or go to the OOSH after this time. If you know you are going to be delayed please let the office know and the child can wait in the front office. If this is going to be a regular occurrence you need to organise for them to go to the OOSH for supervision. Children should not be waiting in the street, at gates etc for any length of time as this potentially puts them at risk.

Messages for students need to be received at the office by 2.30pm at the latest as we cannot guarantee the office will be able to relay them to the child before the bell. This is particularly the case in wet weather when the office sometimes has numerous calls come in right on home time.

P&C MEETING

Our first meeting for the year will be held on **Tuesday 11 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.

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.

Term 2 Staff development day will be on Monday 27 April and Term 3 Staff development day will be on Monday 20 July.

This year all students will finish school on Wednesday 16 December with Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December set aside for school development days. Our staff have elected to come to school on two evenings in Term 1 and Term 2 to complete Professional Learning with a focus on the new developments in curriculum. We believe this is a more effective way to utilise this important training, enabling teachers to implement their learning immediately, benefitting all students.

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

Our school has a number of students who suffer from allergic reactions and/or anaphylaxis. Whilst this school minimises the use of nut products we also ask that families be aware and support us by discussing with your children the importance of **NOT** sharing food.

ATTENDANCE

Families will be contacted via a text message or an email, if their child is not present when the class roll is marked and when there is no explanation. Please still notify the school by either a phone call or Skoolbag notification to avoid a text message or email.

We are implementing this system to ensure the safety of our students. Families will need to ensure their contact details are kept up to date, with any changes to phone numbers and emails given to the front office.

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 i.e. if another adult is going to collect your children, please put this in writing and give the note to the teacher on the morning of the change.

Mark Jennings
Relieving Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT TERM 1 - WEEK 1 AND 2

PROPERTY CENTRAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD



The Term 1 Week 2 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Jedd F of Class 6F. His award read: "For his consistent support, encouragement and enthusiasm at the swimming carnival, giving others the confidence to participate". Congratulations Jedd. Jedd was presented with a certificate and a \$20.00 book voucher from Property Central.

BICYCLE LICENCE



Congratulations to the following students who have agreed to follow the BBPS bicycle safety guidelines and obtained their 2020 bicycle licences: Darcey N, J Cousins, Bailey W, Callum R and Seth R.

Mark Waite
Deputy Principal

BBPS PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

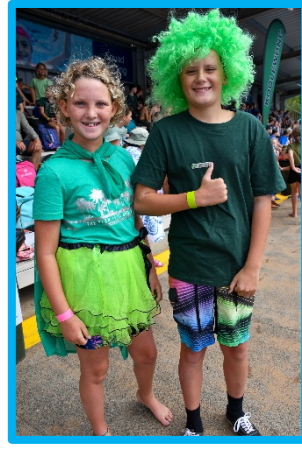
The annual Primary Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at Gosford Olympic pool. Students enthusiastically participated in a variety of events such as the Individual Medley, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly, as well as novelty events. Our new house captains did a wonderful job of leading their houses, especially during the thrilling senior house relay races to finish off the day! Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to support our school along with the wonderful group of Year 9 TLSC Tumbi Campus students who assisted on the day to help the carnival run smoothly.

The winning house on the day was... **Koolewong!** Certificates will be handed out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters later in Term 1.

We also had some wonderful results with two students breaking long held school records on the day. A big congratulations to Ava H (Year 5) who broke the 10 year old girls Butterfly record as well as the Junior Girl's Individual Medley record and Charly W (Year 6) who broke the boys Open 100m Freestyle record!

Information regarding students who will be going through to zone will be posted on the sports noticeboard. Students will be informed on when these results will be available.

Thank you,
Mrs Sophie Best
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator



P&C NEWS

The next P & C Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 11th February at 7.00pm in the staff room.

All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

All positions become vacant at the AGM, however we are especially looking for a Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator and Fundraising Co-Ordinator. If this something you think you could help with please come along to the meeting for more information.

Being a part of the P & C is a great way to be part of the school community and to find out what is happening within our school.

Can you volunteer? We need our help with the School Banking program!



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. The School Banking is processed at the same time each week and will only takes a small amount of your time. The Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

School Banking day is **Wednesday**

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact the front office on 4332 8000.

Before School Guitar Lesson with Paul Werlemann

Guitar lessons commence 10 February 8:00am in the Audio-Visual Room.

Parents can apply to Service NSW for a \$100 rebate though the "Creative Kids" program to subsidise lesson costs.



Where: The A.V. Room

When: Monday and Tuesday

Time: 8:00am and 8:25am **Duration:** 25-minute lessons

Cost: \$20.00 for half an hour lesson

If your child is interested, please contact Paul on 0411 292 726.

Uniform Shop Hours
Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm
Friday 8.00-8.45am
Cash only at Uniform Shop
NO EFTPOS available

Reminder Notice

SCHOOL STUDENT OPAL CARDS

- The 2020 School Student Transport Scheme Moratorium Period will run for four weeks, commencing 28 January 2020 and ending on 28 February 2020.
- The moratorium period is provided to allow eligible students who have not yet received a Student Opal Card to receive the card. The moratorium period does not negate the need for students who have already been issued Student Opal Cards to tap on and off.



SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Parents/Guardians can help keep students safe by

- Meeting your child at the Bus Stop in the afternoon
- Wait on the correct side of the road the bus stops on
- Be on time when meeting your child
- Move away from the bus when you have met your child at the bus door

BUS FLASHING LIGHTS PUBLIC AWARENESS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Motorists can help keep children safe by:

- Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children.
- Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes
- You must not overtake or pass a bus with flashing lights at more than 40km/h.
- Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

For more information visit:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html>



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Volunteer and Visitor Policy

Privacy and Confidentiality

As helpers in the school, there may be times when private and confidential information is open to observation. It may be that visitors are required to record information relating to students' progress for example, or asked to help with an individual learning program. Visitors will observe a variety of behaviour and the range of learning abilities within the class. All information visitors are privy to as a result of being in a classroom and / or the wider school, must be kept in the strictest confidence. Visitors cannot share information about children with other parents, neighbours or friends. If confidentiality issues are compromised, there may well be legal implications arising from such a breach. Privacy legislation and confidentiality in the school setting are very serious matters that cannot be stressed too often.

Organisational Procedures

- All visitors must sign in and out at the office as they enter and leave the school.
- A Visitor Pass must be worn at all times.
- Activities must take place under the direct supervision of the teacher.
- All matters or concerns regarding the behaviour of a student must be reported to and dealt with by the student's teacher.
- Refer questions regarding a student's progress to the teacher.
- If visitors are unable to attend at the negotiated time please let the classroom teacher know either by phone or a note via your child.

Code of Conduct

Parents who enter onto any public school premises do so in the knowledge that the school community and the Department of Education expect them to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in line with the department's Code of Conduct Policy. Parents, visitors and volunteers are expected to:

- be role models for all students
- follow appropriate safety procedures to protect themselves and others
- speak in a kind and friendly way to all
- report all emergencies, injuries and safety concerns to the office
- work under the professional direction of staff, following school policies
- keep confidentiality
- refrain from smoking in the school grounds
- proceed to the back grassed playground should there be an evacuation emergency in the school(indicated by 30 seconds of intermittent ringing of the school bell) and report directly to Mrs Collis – School Administrative Manager
- proceed to the nearest classroom or office should there be a lock down emergency in the school (indicated by 30 seconds continuous ringing of the bell)
- If a parent on school grounds believes there is an issue with another student, they must not approach that child, but refer their concerns to their child's teacher or Deputy Principal

Working With Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers

All workers, voluntary or paid who deal directly with children in NSW have to complete a **Working With Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers**. These are available from the office. This only needs to be done once, as they are kept on file. This declaration is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Education and Communities in order for them to meet their obligations under NSW law. It in no way reflects upon a person as an individual or the value the school places on their contribution to the learning outcomes of our students. *By the end of 2017 **any person** (in paid employment or working as a volunteer) will need to have completed a Working with Children Check (WWCC). These forms are submitted to any office of Services NSW for processing. Volunteer workers, whilst they must complete the paperwork WILL NOT have to pay the processing fee. Once the process is completed, the person will receive a WWCC number. From 2018 no person will be allowed to work/volunteer to help children without their WWCC number.*

Thank you for volunteering to support the school in this way. Your support and enthusiasm will make a difference to the students with whom you work.

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Cost is \$12.50 per child per class

Limited places available

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