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FIRST WEEK OF KINDERGARTEN 2021



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to the 2021 school year and another exciting year of learning at Bateau Bay Public School. A special welcome to new students and their families to our community.

As is the practice in many public schools students returned to their previous years teacher until all enrolments were confirmed thus ensuring a smooth, settled start for all students. I appreciate parent understanding in regards to holding pattern as we received a number of new enrolments of which we were unaware along with families leaving who hadn't communicated with the school which impacted on class structures. School executive and staff worked for many hours at the end of last year creating draft plans, however we can only ever formalise classes based on the information provided to the school.

KINDERGARTEN 2021

On Wednesday we welcomed 102 Kindergarten students eager to commence their primary schooling. Thank you to the P&C, in particular Donna and Casey for organising 'tea and tissues' after parents dropped their child at the classroom. It's quite astonishing to consider students commencing Kindergarten this year will complete Year 12 in 2033!

STAFFING

We welcomed four new staff members to our school this year. Matt Burraston (Kindergarten), Katie McGrory (Year 1), Lisa Oliver (Year 2) and John Rippon (Year 6). These outstanding teachers will further add to the collective capacity of our wonderful teaching and non-teaching staff. Mr Mark Waite (DP) has officially relinquished his position and a panel will now be formed to appoint a new deputy principal to our school. The community will be informed once the staffing process has occurred to fill this leadership vacancy.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Placing students into classes is a complex process taking into account student's social, emotional and academic needs. Staff and the executive team have spent extensive time putting together classes considering student friendship groups and the policy of the Department of Education. The commencement of a school year can be exciting and anxious for students and I encourage all families to talk positively about the new school year ahead and the possibility of new social interactions and friendships within their child's new class.

At the end of last year parents and carers were provided the opportunity to put in writing any considerations for class placements. Each request has been considered in line with a range of factors and again I stress that there are no guarantees we are able to meet these requests.

COVID GUIDELINES

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the Department of Education is working closely with NSW Health to ensure the appropriate guidance, advice and support is provided to our schools in 2021.

- Students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom free prior to returning to school.
- Students are still encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- Visitors must continue to sign in at the school administration office using the visitor book and the external visitor acknowledgement form as well as now check in using the Service NSW QR code.
- Parents and carers can enter the school to:
 - purchase or pick up uniforms from the uniform shop
 - meet with school staff with an appointment
 - attend parent orientation meetings and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff following restrictions.
- All parents and carers of students in Year 1-6 are to remain outside the school grounds following COVID safe practices which include physical distancing, hygiene practices and not mingling in or outside the school. Please communicate with your child as to how they will be leaving in the afternoon.

BOOK PACKS

Again this year our school has decided instead of asking families to pay school fees, we would ask families to contribute to the book pack so they could see how their 'fees' were being used. We have used this system for the last few years. The book packs provide the equipment, resources and materials the students use on a daily basis. The school continues to cover the cost of numerous other resources and 'replacement' usable items, ie paint, pencils, glue, paper, lamination, etc throughout the year. The cost of books packs for 2021 has again be set at \$50.00 per child. Notes will be sent home next week and all families are encouraged to contact the office to discuss financial assistance.

Please be aware the request for Book Packs is entirely voluntary however the funds support the continued provision of quality teaching, learning and resourcing in our Public School.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Information sessions will be held to meet teachers and provide information regarding general organisation. A note will be sent home next week outlining the sessions and organisation in line with current restrictions.

GUIDELINES FOR APPROACHING OUR SCHOOL

A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns.

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or wellbeing of their own child
- Express concern about the actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

These procedures will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results will always flow from people working together.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a mutually suitable time to discuss any concerns
The wellbeing of your child	For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information For more serious concerns, contact the office. State the nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. To convey information about change of address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts, custody details, health issues and other related issues please contact the office.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the class teacher or the Stage Assistant Principal or a Deputy Principal (in that order) for playground problems. At no time should a parent approach a child other than their own child to address an issue at school.
School policy or practice	Contact the office or send an email to the school email. State the nature of the concern and make an appointment to see the Principal.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, parents and staff are respected and upheld
- support sensitivity and confidentiality
- help reach an agreed solution

WHO TO CONTACT?

Please see below the process to follow for learning or wellbeing enquiry regarding your child.

LEARNING AND WELLBEING ENQUIRY		
STEP 1	CLASS TEACHER	
STEP 2	STAGE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	
	Kindergarten	Mrs Brielle Williams / Mrs Sherri Cartwright
	Year 1 and 2	Mrs Heather Towns
	Year 3 and 4	Mrs Cassandra Green / Miss Maddison Pizzuto
	Year 5 and 6	Mrs Angela Moulton / Mr Nathan Lyons
STEP 3	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Mr Mark Jennings / Mrs Penny Hooper
STEP 4	PRINCIPAL	Mr Peter Graham

Have a great week at our great public school.

P. Graham

Peter Graham
Principal

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY (2008)

On the February 13, 2008, a formal apology was made by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, on behalf of the Parliament of Australia, to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the forced removal of children from their parents and community over generations.

Our school recognises and pay respects to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our school and the wider community.



Kylie Murace
Aboriginal Education Contact for 2020
Dare to Lead Co-Ordinator

P&C NEWS

The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

Please come along to a meeting to see how the P & C works and find out what is happening around our school.

All parents, carers and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

5 February 2021 – Term 1 Week 2

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

The BBPS P&C Association are looking for volunteers to lend a hand in our Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is run by the Bateau Bay Public School Parents and Citizens Association. This function allows any profits made through the sale of School Uniforms, to be donated straight back to the school. Over recent years, the P&C donations to the school have been used to refurbish the library, upgrade computers and classroom equipment for all students to use, purchase smartboards to ensure all classrooms are provided for and to purchase new classroom resources and new sporting equipment, just to name a few.

You do not need to be a member of the P&C Association to volunteer, just willing to give a few hours of an afternoon or Friday morning, for the benefit of our students and school.

If this is something you would interested in, or able to help, please email bbpspc@outlook.com

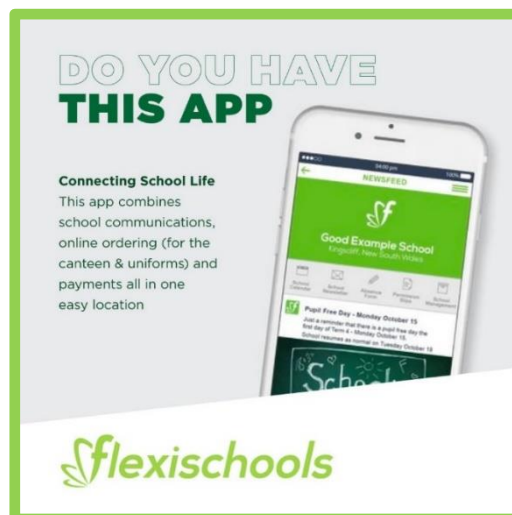
The Uniform Shop will be open on **Friday mornings from 8.15am–8.45am** for over the counter sales.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS CASH ONLY

Unfortunately we will **not be open Wednesday** afternoons at this time.

You can continue to order uniforms via flexischools which will be delivered to your child from the front office. If you order before 4.30 on a Thursday the order will be delivered on Friday.

Any uniform shop inquiries should be emailed to:- bbpspc@outlook.com



SCHOOL STUDENT OPAL CARDS



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>

School Banking day is **Wednesday**



Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 9 February	P&C Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
Thursday 18 February	Kindergarten photos
Thursday 25 February	Scripture & Ethics Begins School Photos – Day 1
Friday 26 February	School photos – Day 2

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE
SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGE**

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Staff 2021

EXECUTIVE TEAM	
PRINCIPAL	Peter Graham
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Mark Jennings
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (rel.)	Penny Hooper
ES1 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (rel.)	Brielle Williams (M-Th) Sherri Cartwright (F)
S1 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Heather Towns
S2 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Cassandra Green (M-W) Maddison Pizzuto (rel. Th-F)
S3 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Angela Moulton (M-Th) Nathan Lyons (F)
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM - NUMERACY	Janine Jasper

CLASS	TEACHERS
KA	Matt Burraston
KCL	Kylie Lowbridge (M-T) Sherri Cartwright (W-F)
KWT	Fiona Todd (M-W) Nikki Wing (Th-F)
KB	Mel Boczek
KM	Kylie Murace

1C	Nikita Carothers
1R	Zara Ruggero
1L	Jacqui Long
1DS	Marie Scott
1M	Katie McGrory
2T	Heather Towns
2F	Delaney Fahey
2V	Vanessa Yeo
2O	Lisa Oliver
2R	Harry Rathie

3J	Serena Jones
3H	Jane Hancock
3M	Kim Mattison
3/4TM	Sue Taylor (M-T,Th-F) Lisa Metcalfe (W)
4F	Kris Fraser
4GM	Cassandra Green (M-W) Jack Meyn (Th-F)
4P	Maddison Pizzuto

5C	Mel Coggins
5B	Kelly Bacon
5M	Emma Milliss
5/6W	Abbie Webb
6R	John Rippon
6L	Nathan Lyons
6M	Angela Moulton (M-Th) Julie McCranor (F)

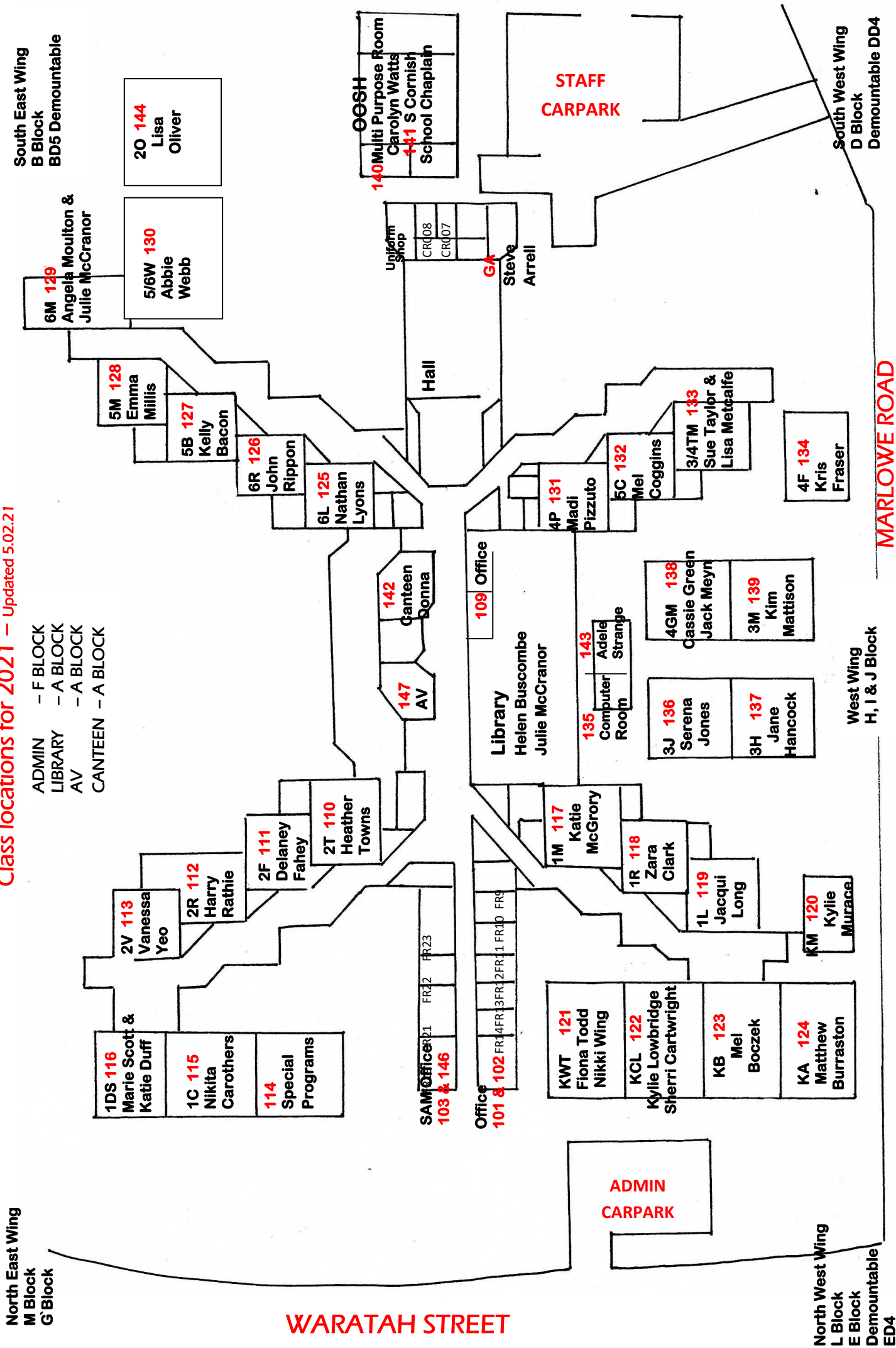
OFFICE STAFF	
SAM	Trudy Collis
SAO	Gloria Barnett
	Carla Brown
	Adele Lowrie
	Melanie Grubisa

SPECIALIST AND SUPPORT STAFF	
LaSTs	Karen Goodsell
	Brielle Williams (M-Th)
LaST/IT	Adele Strange
Library	Helen Buscombe
RFF	Shar Summers
	Matt Dodd
	Julie McCranor
Counsellor	Sandra Bowden
Chaplain	Sue Cornish
Canteen	Donna Ross
GA	Steve Arrell
SLSOs	Narelle Godfrey
	Julie Griffin
	Jacqui Reed
	Sue O'Brien
	Deb Anderson
	Michael Kennedy
	Riley Meyn

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Class locations for 2021 – Updated 5.02.21

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LIBRARY - A BLOCK
AV - A BLOCK
CANTEEN - A BLOCK





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ENROLLING FOR TERM 1 2020

French Club on Tuesday 1.30pm - 2.10pm
Only for students from Year 1 up to Year 6

Cost is \$12.50 per child per class
Limited places available

To receive an information Pack for 2020

Please Call 0430 286 590
nathalie.roy@lcfcclubs.com.au
www.lcfcclubs.com.au




Bateau Bay Public School
P&C Association
Before & After School Care



Phone: 4333 5168 Mobile: 0478 762 464

OPENING HOURS

Before School	6.30am-8.30am
After School	2.50pm-6.30pm
Vacation Care	7.00am-6.00pm

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea is provided daily

Kindergarten students are escorted to and from their classrooms

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