

Dear Parents & Carers

**Our ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY is tomorrow – Tuesday December 11th**  
**The Primary Assembly will take place at 10.00am and Infants at 12.00pm.**

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. These assemblies celebrate the year, reward significant achievements, welcome special guests and sign off for another year of education at our school. Please come along. We would love it if our whole school community came along to celebrate the achievements for 2018.

**2019 enrolments – please keep us informed**

We have almost planned classes and staffing for 2019! You can help us greatly if you have any information about student movements which will affect our enrolment numbers.

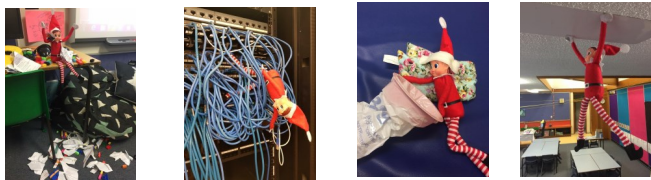
If your family plans to move or change schools in 2019, can you please let our office know as soon as possible. We have many new students joining us and we have used this information to draft classes. If we have students who are not returning at the beginning of 2019 that we are not aware of, we will have to reorganise everyone! Please help us have a close-to-perfect draft ready to go. Thank you.

**Kindergarten 2019 dates**

Our Kindergarten 2019 students will take part in their individual BestStart assessments during the Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of Week 1. They will then begin regular school days on Monday February 4th (Week 2). We look forward to welcoming them back next year, in their 'big school' uniforms. We are also very keen to get to know all of our new families throughout Term 1.

**Elf-y on the Shelf!**

You have probably heard that we have a special Christmas visitor at school at the moment. 'Elf on the Shelf' (AKA 'Elf-y') has been getting up to some nightly mischief! Keep posted on the school facebook page each day to see what trouble he has dreamt up each night! Last week he was found messing up a classroom, working in the Library and tangling himself in the computer server cords!!



**Kicking our Learning Goals**

Every BPS student has individual learning goals and they strive to achieve these every day. It is with great pride and excitement that students visit the Principal's office to celebrate the achievement of these goals. Students talk about how they achieved their goals, who helped them, and what they plan to achieve next– it is a very special time.

**Jayden** from **K-6R** achieved his learning goals last week. Jayden can find half of the total of a four digit number and read level 22 texts. **Braydon** in **K-6R** was thrilled to reach level 10 reading.



A large group of **5/6S** students visited my office to celebrate their goal achievements. **Klaudia** can sort fractions on a number line. **Aleisha** and **Ben** can complete inverse division and multiplication facts.



**Alfred** can simplify fractions and **Jessica** has completed 56 home readers, recording them each night and she can also add and subtract decimal numbers.

I also enjoyed a bulk visit from **4/5/6B** students. **Kobe** can read and write numbers to 10,000. **Summer** can rename 3 digit numbers. **Rhiley** and **Felicity** can use inverse relationships in Maths to check answers. **Kayde** has improved his strategies to solve division problems. **Jemima, Shakayla, Lily** and **Amber** can order ragged decimals. **Bella** can subtract 2 digit numbers.



**Noah** and **Rose** in **2G** can use known facts to solve addition and subtraction problems. **Harmony** in **2S** can count backwards by 100s. **Kyeton** can name the number before and after any number and **Sam** can add 2 digit numbers. Some clever **1F** students achieved their goals last week. **Jake** can count backwards from 100



and write more than one idea. **Sapphire** had a goal to reach level 15 reading, she is now reading level 19! **Lola** also surpassed her goal of level 18, now reading level 22! **Troy** achieved two goals. He can read level 15 and name the number before and after. **Jasmine** can include more than one idea in her written sentences. **Grace** in **1M** has mastered level 16 reading texts.



A group of **KC** students achieved their goals last week. **Destan** and **Jenna** passed their text reading level goals. They were aiming for level 9, but Destan can now read level 11 and Jenna level 12. **Bailey** can read 40 vocabulary list words and **Isaac** can read 10. **Xavier** and **Seth** can count forward to, and backward from 100.

**Bomaderry Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)**

Our school is adding an additional service to the Bomaderry community next year with the development of a community room/centre. This Community Project will offer new services, such as a playgroup. The facilitator role for the centre was advertised as an Expression of Interest (EOI) but we were not able to fill the position long-term at this stage. State office of the Department of Education has offered the suggestion of

'borrowing' an experienced facilitator who has worked at a centre elsewhere. This temporary employee could help with the initial setup of the facility and then support the recruitment and training for our long-term facilitator some time in 2019.

The SaCC committee are thrilled about this as it will ensure the development of our Centre is still on track to get up and running in 2019. We hope to welcome our new short-term, part-time facilitator on board at the beginning of the school year.

### Cyber Safety Reminders

Please encourage your children to be cyber safe (and kind) at all times. It has come to our attention recently that a number of students are participating in online bullying. Sadly, the 'keyboard' has become a common place to demonstrate nasty and inappropriate behaviours such as name calling, use of rude language, and making threats.

We have included a link to a useful website for parents. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/cyberbullying-a-guide-for-parents> Please access this invaluable resource, especially as we head into an extended school break when screen time may increase.

### End of Year Reminders

Please remember, school finishes for 2018 on Wednesday December 19th. Between now and then, there are still many events things to do!

Tomorrow is Presentation Day and also the Year 6 Farewell – a big day on the calendar! End of Semester 2 student reports will be sent home this week – fingers crossed for Wednesday. Our class celebration day is this Thursday 13th. Next Monday is our final 'PBL Shop' for the year – when students spend their classroom Bommos on goodies or privileges. Monday 17th is also our Annual 'Showcase' event where students show off their talents. We are tired even thinking about it!

Next Monday will be our final bulletin for 2018 – thank you for keeping up to date with all of our news and celebrations throughout the year.

### Aim High, Achieve High

Dionne Hanbidge

Principal



**Weekly Special!**

**Salad & Christmas Ham  
Wrap  
\$5.50**

### Library Matters

The Library has been tidied and Elfy has been helping with the stocktake.

All students have been asked to return their library books as soon as possible. Overdue loan notices will be sent home later this week. Please assist your child with locating any missing books.



### SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school banking is Wednesday 12th December. Please have your books at the office before school.

Thank you to all the families who have participated through 2018.

Thank you to **Lisa Black** for all her hard work

### School Holiday Camps

For children with Autism who are NDIS participants aged 10-12 years.

#### Who?

Our camps offer a fun, inclusive environment for children who would like to build their confidence, social skills and personal connections. The camps are for:

- Country NSW children aged 10-12 with a primary diagnosis of Autism
- Currently functioning independently within a school environment
- Able to participate independently in group sessions with their peers
- NDIS participants with funding in Social & Community Participation

#### What?

Camps are a great opportunity to take a break away from everyday pressures and connect with new friends. Our camps offer a safe, fun and positive environment to:

- Build self confidence
  - Create positive connections with peers and carers
  - Explore new activities and step outside of their comfort zone
- Our camp program combines traditional group therapy sessions with fun filled activities including rock climbing, surfing, arts and crafts and plenty more! Each activity has been designed to encourage and develop teamwork, positive relationship building and emotional management.

We'll also provide opportunities for families to interact and develop their own personal support networks.

Camps will run for 4 days and 3 nights. As well as a range of therapies, our camps also include meals and accommodation for each participating child and one guardian.

#### Where?

Camps take place at our beachside Centre for Country Kids in Manly. Accommodation is provided onsite.

#### When?

14-17 January 2019 • 21-24 January 2019

#### How?

To register your interest for a place at our upcoming Windmill Camp, contact [windmill@royalfarwest.org.au](mailto:windmill@royalfarwest.org.au)



## School Bus Travel 2019

Applications for school travel in 2019 are now open:  
[www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

A **new application** is only required when:

- Applying for a school bus pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten

You will need to do an **update application** if the student already has a current school bus pass and:

- Is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changes address
- Changes school
- Is requesting an additional pass as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation

Please update your details at:

[apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails)

If you already have a school bus pass that does not need updating, or you've successfully reapplied (for one of the reasons above), your 2019 bus pass will be sent to the school at the beginning of 2019. You will use your 2018 bus pass until the new one arrives.

Please call 131 500 if you require further information.

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website:

[www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



## CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM A STEP CLOSER

Families across NSW will soon be able to access the new \$100 Creative Kids voucher unlocking the creative abilities of a new generation across the State from 1 January 2019 when the program takes effect.

All relevant providers have been asked to register with Service NSW so they can participate in the program.

Parents will be able to use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design.

So far more than \$200 million has been returned to households this calendar year through various cost of living incentives. Creative Kids will provide parents with even more hip pocket relief.

There are thousands of organisations out there who could be eligible for the program. I am calling on them to register with Service NSW so that parents can claim their \$100 vouchers with them in the New Year.

This is a fantastic initiative that is only made possible because of the strong economic position of the NSW Government.

We can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

This program compliments the hugely popular Active Kids voucher and for a family with two children, Creative and Active Kids combined will save them \$400 a year.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app.

Further information including guidelines for providers is available at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids). I encourage parents to speak to the providers of their children's creative activities and ensure that they register.

**GARETH WARD MP**

Member for Kiama

Parliamentary Secretary for Education

## Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

We are now finalising our numbers for Kindergarten classes in 2019. Please encourage any family or friends with a child that will be attending Kindergarten at BPS in 2019 to contact the school as soon as possible for an enrolment form.

## 'Like' our Facebook Page

Bomaderry Public School has a Facebook page where we post lots of reminders, news and photos. Don't miss out on the updates on your devices. 'Like' our page today!

## End of Year Uniform Shop Hours


Dec 11th Tues: 8.30-9.15am 7 2.30-3.15pm  
**LAST DAY OPEN 2018**

**2019**

Jan 29th Tues - Staff Development Day  
 10am - 12pm

Tuesday and Thursday:  
 8.30 - 9.15am and  
 2.30 - 3.15pm





**OFFICE OF SPORT**  
**KIDS' CLUB AT BERRY**

Enjoy a fun-filled day at camp full of action and activities.

Junior Kids' Club at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre is a great way to keep the kids entertained, while they learn new skills and make life-long friends.


- 9.30am to 4.15pm
- Includes lunch, morning and afternoon fruit break

Online booking:  
 • Go to [sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/berry](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/berry)  
 • Click on the program you would like to book into  
 • Click 'Book Now' and complete the online booking form.


Berry Sport and Recreation Centre	
<b>Junior Kids' Club</b>	
14 January 2019	7-12yrs \$62 each day
15 January 2019	7-12yrs \$62 each day

Activities Include	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Kayaking	Indoor climbing/vertical challenges
Archery/swimming	Bushwalk/dark maze/swimming
Tennis, basketball	Tennis, basketball

**Phone booking: CALL 13 13 02**



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[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au) | [facebook.com/berrysportandrec](https://www.facebook.com/berrysportandrec)



**BIG BLUE AWARDS**

- 3/4G Chloe
- 3/4S Olivia
- K-6G Morghan



**GOLD AWARDS**

- 3/4G Dekoda
- K-6G Toby
- K-6R Braydon



**AFL 2019 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

Over the school holidays the AFL will be running a holiday program for boys & girls 4-12 years old. This is fun based and will be held at Nowra Showgrounds on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January starting at 9.30am and finishing at 2pm. Lunch and drinks are supplied on the day.

The cost is \$46.00 which includes a football pack consisting of a footy, cap, headphones, footy cards, pump and insurance.

Only 20 spots are available so you need to register now.

1/ Google AFL Auskick 2/ Register 3/ Enter postcode 4/ Select Shoalhaven (holiday) Auskick Centre 5/ Follow the process.

**Moving?**

Please advise the school on 4421 6577 if your children (not including Year 6 students) will **not** be returning to BPS in 2019.

**An invitation to Shoalhaven High School ASPIRE Showcase Semester Two 2018**



Shoalhaven High School is proud to announce that, as part of our Gifted and Talented Program in 2018, the Year 7 and 8 Aspire classes will be showcasing their projects on Wednesday 12th December from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the school's auditorium. There will be a variety of presentations, demonstrations and competitions by the class members as well as some time to talk to both students and their teachers. Everyone is welcome to come along and see the amazing work from students in Semester Two. Please come along and see the impressive achievements of the Aspire class.

**- COMING SCHOOL EVENTS -**

Tue 11th Dec	- Presentation Day Assemblies - Year 6 Farewell Evening - Last day of afterschool sport - Last day for Uniform Shop
Wed 12th Dec	- Last Day of School Banking
Thu 13th Dec	- End of Year Class Parties - Uniform Shop <b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 14th Dec	- Christmas Raffle Drawn
Wed 19th Dec	- Last day of Term 4
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	
Tue 29th Jan	- <b>Staff only</b> return for Term 1, 2019
Wed 30th Jan	- Year 1-6 students return for Term 1
Wed 30th Jan - Fri 1st Feb	- Kindergarten "Best Start" Assessments by appointment
Mon 4th Feb	- Kinder students begin Term 1 classes