

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you to all of our school community (students, staff, parents, families and local connections) for working together to make Term 3 a success. Our entire society has been facing daily challenges which have been confronting and at times confusing!

Thank you all for working together to trouble-shoot ways to deal with the changing expectations on all of us, especially when we have cold-like symptoms! During the past two terms, we have had to learn to communicate heavily online, run fundraisers online, make lots of phone calls and attend many Zoom meetings – our biggest achievement is that we have done it together!

Happy, safe, fun-filled holidays to you all – school finishes this Friday September 25th and we ALL return for Term 4 on Monday October 12th.

Thank you Amelia

Amelia in **4G** has been collecting recycle-able bottles and cans and then saving the money to fundraise for our school!

Amelia arrived at school on Friday morning with two new netballs which she purchased with her fundraising efforts. She has donated these to our sporting equipment and they are now ready to be put to use when the line-marking and new hoops are installed on the netball courts.



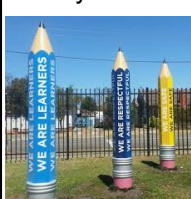
2021 Enrolments – IMPORTANT

We are currently seeking as much enrolment information as possible for 2021. We know there are students in Bomaderry planning to enrol at BPS for next year but without their formal enrolment paperwork it is difficult to do precise planning for staff, classroom allocations etc. We have begun penciling in the necessary teaching and support staff, but to be able to have this finalised, we really need accurate enrolment data.

There is currently an application with the Department of Education to provide us with additional classroom accommodation.

We have our fingers crossed that the application will be successful as we are growing in enrolment numbers and will need a new classroom to start the school year. This would mean that, without a demountable we would no longer have the room currently used for Learning and Support programs, Speech, English Language support or Hearing programs.

Having exact enrolment details will help our application, so if you know any families with students planning to



Enrol in Kindergarten or any other grades for 2021, please encourage them to contact us at school sooner rather than later.

During Term 4 (12th October start date) we will be working hard to complete staff allocations and class rolls ready to start 2021 from day one!



School Facebook – Keep informed

Please stay informed via our school facebook page – ‘Bomaderry Public School’.

Jump on and like the page so you see the posts. We post photos and updates frequently, as well as important information during the school day and after hours. This communication vehicle is used for community announcements as well as celebrations of student success – super important.



Achieving Our Goals

Every BPS student has individual learning goals and they strive to achieve these every day.

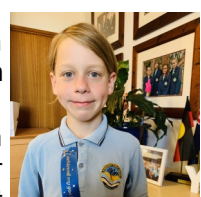
Libby and **Maddy** in **3B** can partition 5 digit numbers. **Elly** can partition 3 and 4 digit numbers and **Troy** can read level 27 texts.



Gabriel from **4M** can solve division problems with 2 digit numbers. **Harmony** can count by 1/4, 1/2 1/3 including mixed numerals and represent these on a number line. **Amelia** has



improved her expression when reading aloud. **Caiden** can read level 30 texts.



Ali-Rose in **4G** can identify the number before and after 4 digit numbers.



From **3B**; **Grace-Rose** can read level 24 and **Libby** can read level 25. **Caleb**, **Libby** and **Elly** can all spell 65 of



the common high-frequency words.

Eric and **Lilli** from **4M** can read level 30 texts.



Ms Bobyk and Mr Coulter have been working hard with the **3/4B** students. A



large number of them achieved a goal last week; **Ayden** can complete 3 digit by 1 digit division problems and **Shakyia** and **Scarlett** can subtract 1 digit from 2 digit numbers.

Shakyia, **Lacey**, **Tamara** and **Riley** can spell 100 high frequency words. **Deegan** can find the main idea in a text. Tiana can use



adjectives in her

writing. **Rania** and **Sam** can complete division problems which include remainders.



Cooper can solve combinations to 100

Staffing News

We are excited to announce that we will be advertising for another permanent teacher on our BPS staff at the end of this Term. We thank the P&C committee for offering a parent representative for the selection panel team. We are also pleased that a panel representative will be available from our Aboriginal community and our local AECG. This team will advertise the position, read all of the applications, invite teachers to interview and ultimately select our newest permanent staff member. The teaching position will be advertised during the school holidays and the committee will work hard to have the successful applicant confirmed by Week 5/6 next Term. We wish the best to all of our temporary staff who are planning to apply for the position.

Check-In Assessments – this week

Year 3 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3/5/9 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 students from 21 September to 23rd October 2020.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Advice: Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment.

Citizenship Day

Last Thursday, 17th September, was 'Citizenship Day'. Citizenship Day was introduced in 2001 and is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate and value Australian citizenship, the peaceful, prosperous and inclusive society we share, and to reflect on the role we play in building our nation and shaping our country's future as proud Australian citizens.

In accordance with flag protocol, we flew the Australian National Flag at full mast all day on Thursday 17 September 2020. A very special, permanent resident (on the way to becoming an Australian citizen) had the honour of raising our nation's flag. Ms Emma Goodman was officially given her permanent residency earlier this year. Our newest, proud 'almost-Aussie' teacher was all smiles! Thank you Ms Goodman



Holidays

As we start the Term 3 school holidays this weekend, it is timely to be reminded about staying safe and making good decisions. Please find a handout included in this week's newsletter from the NSW Police which has some handy information about staying safe in different situations.

Have a happy, healthy holiday and enjoy the great outdoors as much as you can. Burn off some energy, soak up some sunshine and explore somewhere new. We look forward to hearing about your holiday highlights when we all return for Term 4.

Gardening – BIG benefits for kids

Getting kids outside gardening and connecting with nature is good for everybody and there are loads of benefits when kids of all ages get their hands dirty in the garden. Spring is a great time to get into the garden, so we've compiled a list of five great gardening ideas for kids and teens.

Why is gardening so good for kids?

How long do you have? The list of benefits to kids when they get outdoors and grow things is long. But some of the key, evidence-based findings are:

Vegetable gardens lead to healthy eating

Growing, harvesting and cooking vegetables establishes a connection between where food comes from and healthy eating. Healthy eating habits form early but continue to develop through adolescence and into adulthood, so kitchen gardens have lots to recommend them for students of all ages.

School kitchen gardens can lead to parental engagement

It takes a village to make kitchen gardens work. Parents can get involved in all sorts of ways: from volunteering in the garden, helping with the cooking component at school or letting their children loose in the kitchen at home to demonstrate their newfound knowledge of fruits, vegetables and herbs.



Patience, responsibility and teamwork

Gardening provides a bounty of teachable moments. Aside from teaching science-based skills, gardening teaches students of all ages how to be responsible through caring for plants. Patience, teamwork and understanding around cause and effect are some of the 'soft' skills that are learnt in the garden. It also gives students a real boost of self-confidence when they see their hard work and care has resulted in a thriving plant. Gardening is a great chance for those kids who struggle to sit still in a classroom all day to get out and show what they can do in a different setting, giving them a chance to shine.

Gardening activities for kids

1. Make mini greenhouses from milk bottles

The best time for a *mini greenhouse* project is winter to early spring. Cut a 2 litre milk bottle in half, leaving a small section to act as a hinge. Carefully poke holes in the bottom for drainage and fill the bottom half of the bottle with potting mix. Sow your seeds and use duct tape to seal the container shut again. Leave the cap off for ventilation and put your mini greenhouses in a sunny spot out of the wind. All that's left is to wait for the seeds to sprout and watch them grow.

2. Grass-head people – gardening for fast results

Young gardeners might benefit from a project that yields relatively fast results to make sure they catch the gardening bug.

Enter, *Mr/Ms Grasshead!* This is a classic activity that teachers have been sharing with their students for decades – it's still a hit every time.



3. Build a bug hotel to attract beneficial bugs

Creating a *bug hotel* is one of those wonderful activities that sits at the sweet spot of science and creativity. There are opportunities to talk about life cycles, eco-systems and habitat. Building a bug hotel makes the most of found materials, which makes it suitable for kids (and parents!) learning at home as they can use whatever happens to be lying around. It works just as well for students engaged in face-to-face learning. Either way, it can be as rustic or complex as you like.

4. Grow vegetables from kitchen scraps

So many vegetables, fruits and herbs can be grown using scraps from the kitchen. This is a very satisfying project for all ages, but it's worth keeping growing timeframes in mind. It takes 18 months to regrow pineapples from the tops, but vegetables like celery and bok choy will start to reshoot in 1-2 days. There are five different ways to grow food from scraps and there is plenty of expert advice online to get you started.



5. Grow microgreens in a few weeks

Microgreens are edible crops that are harvested when the plants are just a few inches tall. Although microgreens are expensive to buy at the supermarket, they are very easy to grow. Generally, microgreens are ready to harvest in a few weeks, so students can experience the thrill of growing something edible in a short time. There are loads of microgreen kits online, but

you don't need any special equipment for this project. Microgreens flourish in a shallow planter with drainage and need four hours of sunlight a day, as well as regular, gentle watering to keep the soil moist. Students can try growing microgreen versions of rocket, amaranth, basil, beet, broccoli, buckwheat, cabbage, chard, coriander, silverbeet, corn, fennel, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, nasturtium, pea, radish and sunflower. Fun fact: microgreens are also called 'vegetable confetti'!



Gardening is a springboard for so much learning that supports students of all ages in ways that will benefit them now, and into the future. Happy gardening – maybe in the holidays!

Aim High, Achieve High

Ms Dionne Hanbidge

Library Matters

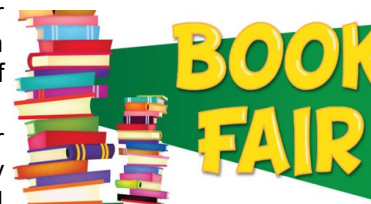
Drum roll... We will be celebrating Book Week in Week 2, Term 4. Over the holidays, students may like to start organising their book character costume for the dress up day on Tuesday 20th October.

The theme for this year is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" which may encourage students to think about the interesting and unique characters in their favourite book. Perhaps Thelma the Unicorn, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Harry Potter, Where's Wally, Pippi Longstocking, Wimpy Kid or Pig the Pug springs to mind or maybe your child's choice will be a fairy, superhero, mythical creature or an alien or animal. There are so many wonderful and interesting characters in books and all students from K-6 are encouraged to dress up and enjoy the celebration of books.

During Book Week we will also be holding our annual Book Fair. To assist parents/carers who would like to see what is available, there will be several posts of the book fair items on our school Facebook page. Students will also have an opportunity to write a wish list which can be helpful for parents/carers. Please note: Book Fair sales will be cash only.

An information flyer will be provided in the first week of term.

Please assist your child to find any overdue loans and return them to the library before the end of the week.



PBL Student of the Week

Last week our PBL focus was 'Effective Communication'. We have been learning about 'Communicating Safely & Respectfully' and also using effective non-verbal cues for communication, such as active listening & empathy. Congratulations to all the 'Students of the Week' who received awards for their efforts in communicating effectively and showing PBL Values both in the classroom and playground!



P&C Pie Drive Pick-Up

The P&C Pie Drive Fundraiser.

Thank you to all the families that have supported our Pie drive with the pies coming from the award winning Bomaderry Bakehouse.



Delivery Date is THUR 24th September

Your pies can be picked up from the refrigerated van in the overflow carpark opposite the school between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.



**Bomaderry Public School
Year 6 Fundraiser**

*Year 6
Cake Sale*

**Thursday, 24th
September
Lunch and Recess**

**BRING ALONG YOUR
SPARE CHANGE AND
PURCHASE A SWEET
TREAT. PRICES FROM
20C TO \$2.00**



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Register now for Term 4.
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- Make healthier choices for your family
- Personalised support each week
- Online community - chat to other families in the program.

TO REGISTER VISIT:
www.go4funonline.com.au
FREE CALL 1800 780 900



Pick-up Arrangements

Please arrange the afternoon pick-up plans with your child in the morning, before school.

Also please discuss a plan that if you are ever late to pick-up students, that they should wait at the bus shelter where teachers are on duty until 3.45pm. There is no student supervision after this time.

Reminder - No Valuables at School



A reminder for all students to NOT bring personal toys and/or valuables to school. Please keep them at home where they are safe and sound.



COME AND PLAY CRICKET

Bomaderry Cricket Club would like to help you become a Bomo Cricket Legend!

We are fielding sides from Stages 1 to 3.

For your little brother or sister we have our 'Blasters Program', which is a great way to learn skills, have fun and includes a playing hat and shirt.



To secure your place please register before 27th September.

If you miss the registration date please contact us anyway.

Search for 'Bomaderry Cricket Club' when you register at <https://playreg.cricket.com.au/>

Or contact us at bomaderrycricketclub@gmail.com for more information.



Bomaderry Public School HOMEWORK CLUB



Every morning 8.00am - 9.00am in the library

Ask your class teacher for a permission note to attend. Return the signed note to the office.

Kids Korner Spring Vacation 2020

Community based not for profit childcare service in the Shoalhaven.

Date: 28th Sept—9th Oct

Time: 7am—6pm

Cost: \$60 (Childcare subsidy available to eligible families)

For more information contact kids Korner

P: 4421 0700

E: kidskorner@people.net.au

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED WEEK 10 STOCKTAKE

The uniform shop will be closed from Tuesday 22nd Sept to Friday 9th October orders placed after 15th Sept will be delivered in Term 4.

The uniform shop will be open on Monday 12th



School Banking 2020

All bank books are dropped off to the office before school. They will be returned once banking has been completed by our volunteers.

Family Information Updates

Please remember to let the school know of any changes to family information.

This includes any changes to phone numbers, address or emergency contact names/numbers.

Please advise the office of any changes as soon as possible.

GOLD AWARDS

3/4B

Riley, Ayden

BIG BLUE AWARDS

K-6T

Daniel, Elijah,

K-6C

Jye,

1/2G

Leeanne

3B

Summah, Ruby

3/4B

Tabetha, Aiden

4G

Jack

4M

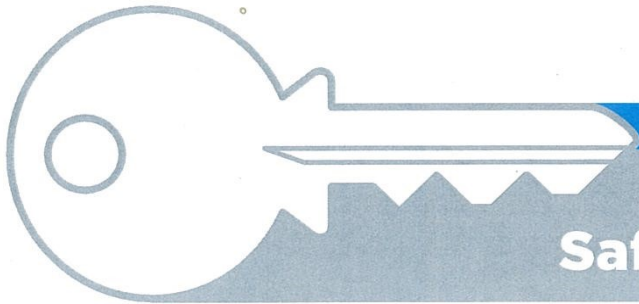
Charlie, Jayden, Xavier

5/6S

Miley,

- COMING SCHOOL EVENTS -

Thurs 24th Sept	- Year 6 Cake Stall Fundraiser
Fri 25th Sept	- Last Day of Term
HOLIDAYS	
Mon 12 Oct	- Term 4 Begins
Mon 19–Fri 23 Oct	- Book Week



NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

Safe people, Safe places

Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

*For more crime prevention information
visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au*



Justice

**Triple Zero (000)**

For emergencies or life threatening situations.

**Police Assistance Line (131 444)**

For non emergencies.

**Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)**

To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.