

NEWSLETTER

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Bomaderry Public School's whole school assembly is held every second Tuesday at 12.30pm. All Welcome!

> Bomaderry Public School uniforms are available from the school uniform shop, located in the Stage 1 area. Orders may be placed at the school office.



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We really hope you are smiling through all of the new restrictions, changes and media coverage. We have a dedicated team of school staff who have done everything we can to get ready for this week, so we hope you can take a deep breath and know we are all in this together. Thank you for your messages so far and the way you always work together as a community. Bomaderry really is the best!

State-Wide Lockdown in Place

Again, thank you for your support during these challenging times. As you are aware, on Saturday the Premier announced a state-wide lockdown and all schools in regional NSW moved to Level 4 restrictions which includes learning from home. We know this is difficult news for many of our families and recognise the immense challenges that exist for families throughout our community, and indeed our entire state.

Learning from Home

Our school must offer Learning from Home as our primary mode of delivery. *Schools remain open only for families who do not have supervision for their children, or children of essential workers. This means that if there is an adult at home, working or not, your children are to stay at home with you.* Please contact your child's teacher, if you know which days there will be no adult at home to provide supervision, so that we can work together during this challenging period to support each other.



Daily Attendance Levels

NSW Health and the Department of Education have set this directive and both Departments continue to scrutinise our daily attendance figures. Premier Gladys Berejiklian has stressed her concern about viral transmission in the workplace and therefore *NSW Health enforces low numbers of staff onsite*. We understand that this is an unsettling and difficult time for many people, we are in this with you. We hope to make the transition to learning from home as easy as possible.

How should parents and carers communicate with the school?

Our main channel of communication with parents and carers will be Bomaderry Public School Facebook page, class communication apps: Seesaw and ClassDojo. Please check these regularly for updates. We encourage you to check them at least twice a day. Of course, if you have any other questions, call our office on 4421 6577.

How will students continue their learning at home?

Students will receive work via their class apps (Seesaw and ClassDojo), Google classroom and the work packs distributed to parents. We ask that students, parents and carers communicate with their teacher/s to receive any necessary support with learning. We are here to help.

Thank you so much to our community; there were streams of socially distancing adults collecting work packs from the front of the school this morning. Facemasks were worn, QR codes scanned and lots of pleasantries exchanged! Keep smiling everyone, we already have the right attitude to get this done positively.



Who should we contact if we are have questions about technology?

Please contact Mrs Angela Ferrer, our Technology Teacher, if you need help sourcing or accessing technology. Mrs Ferrer can be contacted via the school office — leave a message and Mrs Ferrer will be in touch. The school number is 4421 6577.

How can we continue to access other school support services?

If you need any school support services during this time, please contact the relevant staff members via the school office. Staff will be notified of your query and they will contact you directly.

- Learning support: Mrs King, Mrs Paton, Mrs Macpherson.
- Student counselling support: Mrs Jasmin Pickard
- Librarian: Mrs Angela Urquhart
- Aboriginal Education Officer: Mrs Allison
 Aldridge

We will make sure to keep you updated. If the lockdown continues beyond this week, we will create daily facebook posts rather than a weekly newsletter.



Achieving Our Goals

Every BPS student has individual learning goals and they strive to achieve these every day. Congratulations to **Josephine** and **Hannah** in **5S** who achieved their numeracy goal last week. A number of **6G** stuents also achieved their learning goals. Congratulations to **Jett, Tyra, Shanley, Pab, Sam, Miley, Eva, Kya, Mitchell, Blake** and **Dekoda**. **Jack** in **1D** was super pleased to achieve his goals of telling the time to the minute and writing imaginative stories.

Jaxon and **Carma** from **K-6S** celebrated a new learning goal last week. Carma can read level 3 decodable texts and Jaxon has improved his willingness and ability to pack up.



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More Good Ideas for Learning from Home: If you are feeling anxious about learning from home (which is a perfectly natural response) give yourself some time to:

- Prepare a learning space/homework space.
- Prepare a space or tub to store technology, books and learning materials.
- Consider the access to technology (especially if you have more than one child competing for devices).
- Ensure you are tuned into our school communication systems; Facebook, Seesaw and/ or Class Dojo
- Check wifi settings and optimise access.
- Have a look at the ABC Education channel which includes daily shows/lessons on a wide range of extremely interesting topics and people.
- Have a look at the Learning from Home materials on the department website, including the 10am Livestreams which are excellent! <u>https://</u> <u>education.nsw.gov.au/.../learnin.../learning-at-</u> <u>home</u>.

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- Prepare some brain break and physical activities (it is REALLY IMPORTANT to get outside and do some gross motor activity:
 - Soccer balls/footballs/netballs/tennis balls/ skipping ropes etc
 - Bikes tuned up, helmets and pumped up tyres!
 - Craft activities (Spotlight or Kmart have some great ones)
 - Life skill activities Cooking/baking (design a menu), putting on the washing, helping with the online shopping, setting up a vegetable patch (the school has provided loads of these examples as part of a Learn From Home program)
 - Observe Board games and card games.





Welcome to Our Intern Teachers

3/4W were lucky enough to have Ms Grady visit their class for three weeks last term, as part of her Master of Teaching (Primary) university course. Willie Wagtails are super excited to welcome her back into their classroom as she completes her 6 week internship in our beautiful school.

Ms Grady is a kind and compassionate educator with a background in nursing. Her sense of humour and medical skills definitely came in handy during last terms Nerf Gun war.

Welcome Back Ms Grady!

3/4B also have a fabulous intern teacher completing her Master of Teaching (Primary) university course. Miss Munro is working alongside Mrs Brown in Brolgas and they are already having way too much fun! Welcome to our school, Miss Munro.

Quality Work at BPS

At BPS, teachers ensure that the learning intentions for every lesson are made clear to every student so they know what they are learning about and why. The students also understand how to demonstrate high quality learning and work samples. When students demonstrate that 'extra' effort and present high quality work, they are given the opportunity to have this acknowledged by Ms Hanbidge and with our school community in the newsletter.

Last week, **Amelia, Megan** and **Rhianna** in **2E** edited and published an explanation about the butterfly lifecycle. They included adverbial phrases, paragraphs and technical language. Their texts were very impressive and Mrs Hanbidge learnt new things when she read them!



ENROLMENTS open for HeadStart 2021 AND Kindergarten 2022

Please enrol prospective Kindergarten students for next year. If you have little ones in your family, please call the office on 4421 6577 to arrange collection of an enrolment pack and more information as soon as possible.

Our staff can tell you about our Starting Kinder Playgroup (in the NEST), as well as the HeadStart Kindergarten Orientation/Readiness Program. These programs help students be 'Kindergarten Ready' well ahead of time.

Aim High, Achieve High – and we will see you on Zoom real soon!

Ms Dionne Hanbidge Principal

Home Reading Levels

Bomaderry Public School rewards efforts with Home Reading. Our level system promotes reading at home, motivates readers with special reading gifts and helps students aim for improvement.

Congratulations to the following students who have reached these levels in Home Reading:

20 BOOKS

Stage 2: Lilly

50 BOOKS

Stage 1: Lahmayah, Zac, Britney

75 BOOKS

Stage 1: Megan, Kristen

Stage 2: Kashava

100 BOOKS

Stage 1: Charlie, William, Zoe

150 BOOKS

Stage 3: Kya

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS

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'Like' our Facebook Page

Bomaderry Public School has a Facebook page where we post lots of reminders, news and photos.

Our Bomaderry Public School Facebook page has been a strong communication platform throughout Covid-19 and important updates have been posted

regularly. Don't miss out on the updates on your devices, 'like' our



dates on your devices, 'like' or Facebook page today!

Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2022

If you have or know of any children in the Bomaderry Public School area that are turning 5 before July 2022

or 6 during 2022, it is now time to enrol for school. Please see the office for enrolment information and paperwork.



GOLD AWARDS	
KS	Lex
BIG BLUE AWARDS	
K-6 K	Liam
KS	Lex, Brax
1D	Hannah
2E	Megan, Destiny, Harlow
3/4B	Jaxson, Annalise, Liam, Skyla, Honour, Elijiah, Lyra, Xaphen, Tyrese, Lacey, Lyra, Troy
3/4S	Mila, Chloe, Vihan
6G	Akaylah, Dekoda
6T	Charlotte

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DR PHILL NEWLYN, M.A.C.A.

NEED TO HAVE A CHAT?

FREE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

For guidance and support regarding personal relationships, work or school related stress, confidence and self-esteem issues, harassment and bullying, burnout and fatigue, or any other issues that are bothering you.

AVAILABLE TO 12 TO 24 YR OLDS BY APPOINTMENT WED 10-4PM | FRI 2-7PM

For more information contact the Nowra Youth Centre on 4422 1988 or find us on Facebook @TheYouthie





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