FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to 2017 School Year at Bannister Creek Primary School

Courage Wisdom Happiness - Be Your Best

A warm welcome is extended to new families and students to our school community. We have had a settled and smooth start to the school year. Last Wednesday, it was lovely to see excited children arriving happy to see friends and meet their teachers. I’m impressed that we have all children wearing school uniform and most with all their stationery requirements. Thank you parents for your support.

I would particularly like to acknowledge our dedicated staff, many of whom spent a considerable amount of time at school in the holidays preparing classrooms and programs. Sincere thanks to our Administration Team for their commitment and efficient organisation which has contributed to the smooth start.

It is such a pleasure to walk into our school. The school buildings and classrooms are looking great, thanks to the care and effort from our school cleaners led by Corriene van Halteren and Emerlita Monks. Our gardener/handyman, Rick Jaworski has worked hard over the holidays maintaining the grounds.

After our first assembly on Wednesday 15th February, we will be holding a Parent Welcome Morning Tea and conducting a brief tour of our school grounds. I encourage parents, particularly new families to the school, to take this opportunity to meet other parents and to find out more about our school.

School Security: All school gates are locked from 9:15am to 2:15pm each day. Any parents or visitors entering the school during those times must enter through the front office. During school hours the children are under the responsibility and care of the school staff. No child is permitted to leave the school grounds without prior approval of parents and knowledge of the school administration. If your child does need to leave the school grounds during school hours a parent/guardian must first go to the school office to obtain a pass.

Late Notes: If children arrive after 8:45am they need to report to the school office for a “Late Note” to hand to the classroom teacher.

Parent Parking: A reminder to follow the signs and keep our children safe. Detailed information is in this newsletter. Parents are requested to not park in the designated Staff and Visitors car parks. We have had instances of staff and dental centre patrons not having bays to park in. If you have older children, consider using the set-down pick-up zone, parking in the Woodford Park car park or collecting your child five minutes later to avoid the congestion.

HARMONY WELCOME FAMILY PICNIC - Friday 24th February 5:00-7:00pm
Please note this date on your calendar. Everyone is invited to join us at school to celebrate our multi-cultural community and enjoy an evening of family fun. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting
Next Monday, 13th February at 7:30pm our P&C AGM will be held in the school staff room. All executive and committee positions will be declared vacant and a nomination/voting process will be held to fill the positions for 2017. The P&C gives parents an opportunity to learn about the school’s policies and programs, bringing parents together to build our school community, share information and views, and assists the school to fundraise for resources that benefit students. It is important that the executive positions; president, vice president, treasurer and secretary are filled. The P&C provides much support and many services to the school including the school canteen. We need your support, please consider nominating!

Kind Regards
Lyn Macauley
PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

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2017 BANNISTER CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Together we can make a difference in our children’s education!

Parent Representatives: Mark Burgess (chair), Louise Loosen, Neil Worland, Linda Ross.

We currently have a vacancy for a P&C representative. The P&C representative’s role is to attend the School Board meetings and report to the monthly P&C meetings. I am calling for nominations from interested parents and carers for the P&C Representative Board position. To nominate, please complete the attached nomination form on Page 8.

Written nominations must be received in the School Office by Friday 17th February 4pm. The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday, 20th February at 3:15pm.

The School Board has an important governance role in our school. This means taking part in the shaping and monitoring of the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy direction. The Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school. It is about providing additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students.

2016 Community Satisfaction Survey Feedback: Thank you to the 126 parents who responded to our survey. Our Board and staff spent time analysing your feedback. Overall the feedback is extremely positive and endorses the direction and well established processes in our school. The questions asking for comment provided insight and raised some common issues. A full analysis of the survey will be uploaded to our website. At the last meeting on 28th November 2016 the Board endorsed an action plan to address some of the issues raised.

Survey Action Plan

- Continue to promote School Board’s role
- Parking – the Kiss & Drop has been successful, continue to promote safety issue
- More sports equipment for recess and lunch
- Increase student extension programs
- Develop more consistent parent communication strategies - class newsletters, communication books.

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2017 CLASS PARENT MEETINGS

One of the strengths at Bannister Creek Primary School is the support we receive from our parents and our community. In the next weeks, class teachers will hold parent meetings to outline class programs, policies and timetables. Parents are encouraged to make time to meet with teachers and support class programs. We value your input and need your support. If you have any questions about anything, please contact class teachers. Please see our Term Planner attachment for meeting dates and times.
HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

BANNISTER CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL
HARMONY WELCOME FAMILY PICNIC

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
Time: 5pm-7pm
Where: School Grounds
Don’t forget to wear your cultural dress or wear orange!

BYO: picnic rugs, fold-up chairs.

FOOD: BYO family picnic or choose to pre-order your food and drinks from the school.
Order forms will be sent out next week.

This will be a whole school celebration of our multi-cultural school community
Join us to enjoy an evening of music, dance and family fun.

Special events include:
Chung Wah Lion Dancers
Japanese Drumming Group
Harmony kites to make and fly

Bring the family and celebrate!
We are hoping that parents and friends with musical skills will also join in the fun.
Please contact the school if you can support with music or a performance.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

As you know, regular attendance is vital to ensure all children have access to teaching and learning programs for social, emotional and academic development. At BCPS we are working very hard with our school community to ensure a high level of student attendance. This will continue for 2017 alongside an added focus on increasing authorised attendances (suitable reasons provided by parent/carers). Thank you to all those parents/carers that were able to provide a reason for every absence last year.

Please remember to explain all your child/children’s absences to the class teacher or to staff in the front office. The Attendance Policy governs student’s attendance and states that every absence requires a reason.

• Communication to a teacher about the absence can be made through writing in the Communication Book or providing a note.
• Parents/carers can also inform the teacher verbally or inform the office staff via a phone call.
• Daily SMS messages are also sent if your child is absent, without an explanation. Parents/carers can reply directly via text or use the Skoolbag App to send an email.

Follow up attendance letters are sent home regarding any unexplained absences, please complete, sign and return to the school. We also ask that parent/carers keep their children home if they are unwell, please follow the above mentioned process to contact the teacher or school with the reason.

Andi Hill,
Deputy Principal

THANK YOU

2016 Year 6 Graduates. Everyone loves your Buddy Bench gifts!

Woolworths Riverton Store Manager, Brittany, and Assistant Manager Caitlin - For visiting Bannister Creek to present some donations of fresh fruit, water bottles and stationery items for students and even bakery treats for staff. Your very generous gesture was appreciated by everyone!

A heartfelt thank you also goes to the St Andrew’s Anglican Church, Manna Kids and school community members for their generosity in assisting our students with stationery supplies, school bags and water bottles.
Saying 'I love you' to your kids.
- Tell your kids you love them, often.
- Make eye contact and use their names.
- Surprise them sometimes by telling them when they don’t expect it.
- Write it in cards, notes, emails, text messages.
- Love includes always ‘being there’ for them, no matter what - tell them that you will be.

THE FATHERING PROJECT

UPDATE FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS
It is extremely important that the School has current contact details for your family in the case of emergency or illness. If you have changed phone numbers, email or home address, please contact the office to update your details as soon as possible.

END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS
Please make your end of day arrangements very clear to your child/ren. This will save distress for you and your child when they are not where you expect them to be for collection at the end of the school day. If you know in advance that someone other than yourself will be collecting your child/ren from School, please notify the class teacher of the arrangements the day before.

SHARED PARENTING
A number of our families now have shared custody arrangements. It is the responsibility of parents to keep each other informed of their child’s school activities and requirements.

We also recommend that parents/carers download the ‘Skoolbag’ App to stay up to date with school events, newsletters, events etc. Please refer to the instructions published on page 8.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE
Welcome to the new school year. My name is Robyn Brown and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

School Entry Health Assessment program for Kindergarten Students
All children in Kindy are offered School Entry Health Assessments by the Community Health Nurse. This is a program run by the Department of Health, and is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which can be addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:
- Vision checks;
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form;
- Teacher and nurse observations;
- Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the Community Health Nurse will ring you to talk about further assessment and possible referral. A form will be sent home with your child in term one. Parents please complete and sign the forms. Please return the form to the class teacher, as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you and your family. If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, or wish to discuss the School Entry Health Assessments, please phone me on 9258 8053.

Robyn Brown, Community Health Nurse
2017 STAFF MEMBERS

Welcome back to our new and existing staff members for 2017

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WHAT IS CRUNCH&SIP?

‘Crunch&Sip’ is a break in class for students to refuel with fruit or vegetables and rehydrate with water. Make sure your son or daughter has fruit or vegetables and a small bottle of water for ‘Crunch&Sip’ each day!
**P&C AGM:** All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend the Bannister Creek P&C Association Annual General Meeting. **Monday 13th February 2017**, commencing at **7:30pm** in the school staffroom.

**Year 6 P&C Fundraiser Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**
Saturday 11th February 2017 8am - 4pm
Please come along to Bunnings, High Road, Riverton THIS SATURDAY and help us raise money for the Year 6’s!

- Hot Dogs $2.50
- Drinks $1.50

A big thank you to Tom and Natalie Cleary and Don Asplin from the Professionals Prowest Real Estate who are sponsoring our Sausage Sizzle.

If you have any property needs, please call Tom on 0434 513 622 anytime and mention that you got their details from the Bannister Creek Primary School Newsletter.

**PEER SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you a parent, grandparent or anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition? Come and join our My Time support group for coffee and a chat. It’s a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences.

**Date:** Every Wednesday (during school terms)
**Times:** 10:00am to 12:00pm
**Where:** Communicare, 28 Cecil Avenue, Cannington
**Enquiries:** Hayley (Group facilitator) - 9251 5777

For further information, please collect a flyer from the school office.

**FREE KIDS KAYAKING LESSONS:** For children aged 8-12 years.
**Venue:** Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Henley Drive, Champion Lakes
**Date:** Saturday 18 March  **Time:** 3:30pm-4:30pm  **All gear provided (boat, paddle pfds)**
**Pre requisite:** Must be able to swim 50 metres, Level 5 +  **Qualified Level One Flat water Instructor**
**Bookings Essential:** kayaking@clbc.org.au

**LIONS YOUTH JAZZ BAND:** Students aged 9 years or older, who play any instrument, are invited to join the Lions Youth Jazz Band. Tuition is provided by talented Jazz musician and educator Phil Hatton. For detailed information and fee schedule, please contact Phil Hatton on philip.t.hatton@gmail.com or collect a flyer from the school office.

**CANNING SAPPHIRE GIRL GUIDES:** Join the local Girl Guides group! Vacancies are available in the unit for girls aged between 6 & 8 years of age. We meet each Friday night at our hall which is located in Parkwood, the meetings run from 6:00pm to 7:45pm. For further information or to join, please phone Rosslyn on 0422573612 (after 6pm).

**LIDDELOW SCOUT GROUP:** Join Scouts! The Thornlie Scout Group are looking for new members to start their journey in Scouting. For further information, please contact Email: gl.liddelow@scoutswa.com.au or check the website: www.liddelowscoutgroup.org.au

**CANNING DISTRICTS HOCKEY CLUB:** Our Registration day for the coming winter season is being held at Ferndale Reserve, Metcalfe Road, Ferndale at our mini turf on Sunday 12th February 2017 from 11am – 2pm for all players – from seniors, juniors, and Hook IN2 Hockey – with free sausage sizzle and fun on the turf. All players, new and experienced, are invited to come along and join our family orientated club. Canning is a KidSport Club within the City of Cannig.

A Hook in2 Hockey FUN DAY will be held on Wednesday 26th April from 4.30 – 5.30pm at Ferndale Reserve with various activities planned. The Hook in2 Hockey Program will commence the following Wednesday 3rd May.

For more information, please contact Elaine Foote, President on 0417 954 414 or email secretary.canning@hotmail.com
PARKING AT BANNISTER CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL
In our continuing determination to ensure **ALL** students are safe when arriving at or leaving school, you are asked to examine the map below and comply with our **SAFE PARKING AREAS**.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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### Key
- **Parent Parking SAFE AREAS**
- **Kindy/Pre-Primary Parent Parking**
- **Pick Up/Set Down Zone - NO Parking**
- **Staff Parking**
- **Dental Therapy Parking**
- **Disabled Parking**
- **NO Parking**

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**Purley Crescent**
- **Pick Up/Set Down Zone ONLY**
- **Roadside**

- **SPOONBILL BLOCK**
- **IBIS BLOCK**
- **HERON BLOCK**
- **Sustainable Garden**
- **UNDERCOVER AREA**
- **Hard Courts**
- **IBIS BLOCK**
- **T4**
- **T3**
- **LIBRARY**
- **T1**
- **T2**
- **SCHOOL OVAL**
- **STAFF AND DENTAL THERAPY PARKING ONLY**

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**Roadside**
- **Woodford Road**

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**COUNCIL PARKING**
Available for use
For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple Device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using the suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “Install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using the suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your phone).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the “Pin” icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

2017 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate to be the P&C Association Parent Representative on the Bannister Creek Primary School Board.

Parent/Carer Name

Signature

Contact Phone Number Date