



Newsletter Issue 17: 10 October 2018

SMS Absences to: 0418 928 939

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to Term 4, I hope you had an enjoyable holiday. With only 9 weeks of the school year left, Term 4 planning and organisation are on track. Please find a Term 4 Planner included with this newsletter. It will be a busy term with Semester 2 student reporting; interschool sporting events and our end of year activities, Graduation and Awards Presentations. It is expected that all students will attend until the last day of term, Thursday 13th December.

Planning for 2019 has commenced. Our funding is reliant on student numbers. If your children will definitely not be returning to Bannister Creek PS in 2019, please let us know.

We place importance on maintaining our buildings and grounds. Contactor costs are astounding! **During the holidays, we spent over \$7000** moving classroom whiteboards and pin-up boards to cater for the installation of digital TV screens to replace aging interactive whiteboards. We still have 4 pin-up boards to install, that our gardener, Brian, is willing to tackle....but he can't do it by himself. **If you have some time in the mornings and can operate a cordless drill, please contact the school office on 9350 9588.**



Welcome Mr Howard Christie - Deputy Principal.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Christie is returning to Bannister Creek PS. He has won a substantive Deputy Principal position at our School and will commence next Monday. Mr Christie has been working at Campbell PS as Deputy Principal for the last 3 years. He is an experienced leader with many curriculum strengths. He is keen to get to know students and is looking forward to becoming part of the Bannister Creek School Community.

Mr Travis Miller is taking a well-earned break. He will be on Long Service Leave this term, returning at the start of the 2019 school year. Ms Paige Goodsell will relieve in the Deputy Principal position.

Book Character Dress-up Fun (See photos on Page 8)

On Friday 21 September, the last day of Term 3, the school buzzed with excitement as students, staff and even some parents, entered into the fun of our Book Week Character Dress-Up Day. The creativity of our school community is amazing and it was great to see everyone linking their costumes to their favourite book. A highlight of the parade was the surprise staff dance performance! Our students (and parents) loved seeing staff on stage, showcasing our great team. Congratulations to our amazing staff, particularly to Miss Gina and Miss Hall for your coaching sessions and choreography all the rehearsals were worth it!

Parent School Perception Survey

Our survey has now closed, it was great to have 93 families respond. Your feedback is valued and will be carefully considered by our School Board in setting the direction for future planning. Student leaders, Staff and the P&C will be included in the review process.

Kind Regards

Lyn Macauley
 PRINCIPAL



COMING EVENTS

Friday, 12 October	Safety Incursion - Year 6 Students
Wednesday, 17 October	Assembly hosted by Room 11 - 8:45am Interschool Athletics Carnival
Monday, 22 October	P&C Meeting - 7:00pm
Wednesday, 24 October	Kings Park Excursion - Rooms 3, 4 & 5
Thursday, 25 October	Parenting Workshop
Monday, 29 October	School Board Meeting - 3:15pm
Wednesday 31 October	Assembly hosted by Room 14

JB HIFI EDUCATION PORTAL UPDATE

2019 Year 3 & 4 BYOD Option.

**Paperwork is being finalised today.
 Parents will be notified when the link is open.
 We expect the link to be available this week.**



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ATTENDANCE: The following table highlights student attendance levels so far this year. The data is broken down into year groups. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting us with our high attendance goals. At Bannister Creek Primary School, we aim for **over 92% attendance** for all our students.

The school is focussing on *'unauthorised absences'* which requires the parent/carers to communicate to the school or classroom teachers the reasons for non-attendance. Each fortnight, *'Absence from School'* letters are sent home. Please complete these and return to the class teacher as soon as possible.

2018 Attendance Summary Term 1-3

Year Group	% Attendance Rate	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences
Kindy	92%	77.5%	22.5%
Pre-Primary	92.5%	76.5%	23.5%
Year 1	92.8%	71.5%	28.5%
Year 2	93.2%	68%	32%
Year 3	94.2%	79.5%	19.5%
Year 4	94.4%	78%	22%
Year 5	92.95%	74%	26%
Year 6	93%	79.5%	20.5%

Absentee Notification

You can notify the school that your child is absent by:

SMS: 0418 928 939

Phone: 9350 9588

Skoolbag: Download the free app.

Writing: Send a note to your child's Teacher or the Front Office or complete an absence slip in your child's Communication Book.

Remember EVERY DAY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

"Regular school attendance is important for achieving core skills, such as literacy and numeracy, and achieving adequate levels of education." (Australian Government: Closing the gap: School attendance and retention of Indigenous Australian students)



Regards
Paige Goodsell,
Deputy Principal

Average Period of Absence (Years PP-10)	Rate of Attendance	Equivalent School Missed	Level of Educational Risk
2.5 days per term	95%	6 months	Regular attendance
5 days per term	90%	1 year	Regular attendance - Monitor
1 day per week	80%	2 Years	Indicated At- Risk
1.5 days per week	70%	3 Years	Moderate Risk
2 days per week	60%	4 Years	Moderate Risk
2.5 days per week	50%	5 Years	Severe Risk
3 days per week	40%	6 Years	Severe Risk

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Annual Public School Board meeting – 29th October 2018, commencing at 3:15pm

All Parents/Carers are invited to attend. The meeting agenda will include:

- Review of 2018 NAPLAN assessments
- Review of Business Plan Targets
- 2019 Contributions and Charges Schedule

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT



Thank you to everyone who wore free dress or jeans on Thursday 13th September for our charity fundraiser. We raised \$554 for Jeans for Genes.

Great effort to everyone who dressed up as a book character for the Book Week Character Parade. All the costumes were outstanding. A big congratulations to the staff who put on an awesome dance performance.

Congratulations to Gabby, Room 12, who was the winner of the 'Bannister Creek's Got Talent' Quest. Congratulations also to Jordan, Room T4, who was the runner-up. Both performances were of a very high standard. You should be very proud of yourselves!



Report by Serena, Room 18

MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL

On Friday September 14th, the Senior Choir represented Bannister Creek PS by taking part in the Massed Choir Festival. The students conducted themselves with professionalism and contributed to an outstanding and exciting performance that was enjoyed by performers and audience members alike.

The Bannister Creek community is very proud of all the hard work they have put in throughout the year working towards this concert. A special mention to Abigail, Room T4, who did an amazing job as compere for the evening's concert.

On Wednesday 31st October, the choir will be showcasing some of the Massed Choir Festival pieces at the school assembly. We would be pleased to have families and community members join us. The assembly commences at 8:45am in the Undercover Area.

The choir will now be turning their attention towards the Presentation Assembly and using the skills they have refined preparing for the Massed Choir Festival, as we learn a new repertoire.

Miss Marshall, Music Specialist Teacher



PARENT OPEN NIGHT



We had a great turnout of families for our annual open evening on 12th September.

It was good to see so many parents making time to support their children. We were pleased to have over 80% of families participate.

A big thank you to Helping Hands staff, Mr Miller, Ms Goodsell and Ms Hurae for running the sausage sizzle. Their support resulted in \$445 being raised towards the Year 6 surprise gift to the school. Thank you everyone for your support.

VISITING AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR

Dr Cameron Stelzer, Author and Illustrator visited Bannister Creek Primary School as part of our Book Week celebrations.

Dr Stelzer demonstrated the ways in which he develops the characters, story lines and illustrations for his books. He led the students in a variety of creative writing and drawing tasks.



MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2018



This year's Mid-Autumn Festival event at Stocklands Riverton took place on Saturday 15th September and was a joint collaboration between Bannister Creek PS, Lynwood SHS and Stocklands Riverton.

Seven of our upper primary students volunteered their time and worked closely with students from Lynwood SHS to run various art and craft activity stations including: Chinese Opera masks, traditional Chinese paper cutting, Panda paper folding, lanterns, Chinese calligraphy and colouring in. These students did a marvellous job of representing our school.



This year also showcased our fantastic Art Program, with a selection of our student's Chinese style art work on display. Over the years, this event has brought increased awareness of Chinese culture in the local community and this year highlighted Bannister Creek's Chinese Language and Art Program.

Thank you to all families who were able to make it on the day and for the students who volunteered their time.

Mrs. Prince and Ms. Xu

COLES 'SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS' EQUIPMENT

Thank you to everyone who collected Coles vouchers.

Through your support we have now purchased 4 portable soccer goals and a range of new game balls. These will be used to supplement student recess and lunch sport gear.



LIBRARY NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We received a commission of \$1148.70 for our school, which enabled us to add 36 new books to our library and bank 656 Scholastic points to be used for more additions throughout the coming year.

Watch out for these new 'Student Library Wish List books' on display soon:
Oi Cat!; Do Not Open this Book Again; Pig the Grub; Agatha Oddly; Wyrd; The Unwanted Puppy; Boy vs Beast Mega Battles 2.

It would not have been possible to run this year's Scholastic Book Fair without the support of Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Bylund, Mrs Cash, Mrs McIlhatton, Mrs Reeve and Mrs Shannon who kindly volunteered their time to assist with book sales. Their fantastic help and support was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following students who won Book Fair vouchers in our '*Guess the Number of Items in the Treasure Chest*' competition: Leo, Room 8; Elizabeth, Room 9; Logan, Room 10; Teegan, Room 11; Tayton, Room T1; Ella, Room 12; Jaxon, Room 13; Lilly, Room 14; Dakota, Room 15; Kendra, Room T4; Lily, Room 16; Jett, Room 17 and Abby, Room 18 – great guessing everyone!

Mrs Bretherton and Mrs Pope

COMMUNITY LINKS

You are invited to our next Community Links on **Wednesday 24th October 2018**
8:45am to 10:15am in the Egret Wet Area

One of our talented mums will be showing us how to decorate cakes.
 For further information, please contact Mrs Jayjay.



SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

Year 6 Health Information: Information leaflets on colour blindness and scoliosis will be distributed to all Year 6 students in Term 4. Please take the time to read the pamphlets and check your child if there are any concerns.

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or that they see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

Scoliosis: The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind, the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse on **9258 8503**.

FORWARD PLANNING - IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Please note these dates on your calendar so you do not miss out on these special events.

Wednesday 14 November 1:30pm in the School Library	Parent Information Session for families with children starting Kindergarten in 2019
Friday 16 November	BCPS Champion Fathers/Kids Campout
Wednesday 21 November 8:45am in the School Library	Parent Information Session for families with children starting Pre-Primary in 2019
Wednesday 5 December	Aboriginal Awards Night
Friday 7 December 9:30am in the Undercover Area	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 12 December 9:00am in the Undercover Area	Year 1 to 5 Presentation Assembly

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Pre-Primary students from Room 4, enjoyed hosting their first assembly during Book Week which had the theme "Find your Treasure".

Treasure is something precious and important to us, so Room 4 decided to extend the theme to "Find your Treasure in Nature". These treasures are the plants, animals and insects the students had been learning about in Term 3. As these natural treasures need clean water, land and air to live, the students were grouped into Water, Land and Air and wore colourful costumes to match.

The song 'Earth – We're in it Together' was performed with great enthusiasm, highlighting our need to work together to keep our Earth clean. This was further supported by an entertaining iMovie Trailer showcasing how Room 4 students work together at school to keep our Earth clean, so they can find and protect the treasures in nature.



Congratulations to the students in Room 4 and their teachers; Mrs Barlow, Mrs Findlay, Miss Greig, Mrs Clark and Miss Bornshin. Your assembly was terrific!!

Our next assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 17th October** commencing at 8:45am in the Undercover Area. This assembly will be hosted by Room 11.

SCHOOL AWARDS

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Excellence, no matter what you are doing, excellence means you are giving it the best you have.

Excellence is what leads to success. It takes courage to practise excellence.

When you practise excellence, you can break new ground and try new things that have never been thought of before. Doing your best helps you find out who you really are.

Congratulations to the following Honour Certificate recipients from our last assembly.

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 3	Shaneika
Room 4	Mason, Sarah
Room 5	Jerry, Zepplin
Room 6	Ammar, Sophie
Room 7	Josephine, Lauren
Room 8	Yang
Room 9	David, Emily
Room T3	Kenji, Thomas
Room 10	Keira, Logan

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 11	Lucy, Nadya
Room 12	Emmy, Val
Room 13	Maeve
Room T1	Antonio, Maddison
Room 14	Isla, Jackson, Tristan
Room 15	Ayman, Emily
Room T4	Ece, Omar
Room 16	Bimoua, Mackenzie
Room 17	Amy, Jossef
Room 18	Ahmed, Yi Xuan

FACTION TOKENS: Students who follow our Code of Conduct and display outstanding social skills are awarded Faction Tokens. At each assembly, a raffle draw is conducted for fortnightly winners who receive a prize. All Faction Tokens go into an End of Term Second Chance Draw, so keep doing your best.

The winners at the last assembly were: Ailey, Room 8; Brianna, Room 8, Shanne, Room 11 and Chloe, Room 11.



Congratulations **Swan**, Term 3 overall Faction Token winner on 210 points.

Term 3, Week 10 Faction Token Tally

Avon 29	Bickley 15
Canning 32	Swan 29

SCHOOL BOARD LEADERSHIP AWARD



The School Board Leadership Award is an incentive to recognise students who display leadership skills. Congratulations to:

Abigail, Room T4

For the professional manner in which you represented Bannister Creek Primary School at this year's WA Massed Choir Festival, held at the Perth Concert Hall on 14th September. After many rehearsals and auditions, you were selected as one of the two comperes to host this special event. You spoke clearly and confidently in front of a large audience. You were a great ambassador for our school, Abigail, way to go!

END OF TERM 3 SUPER DRAW

Congratulations to the End of Term Super Draw Winners:

Beau, Room 4	Spenser, Room 6	Xian, Room 7
Soumil, Room T3	Yang, Room 8	Alyssa, Room 9
Thomas, Room 11	Isabelle, Room 11	Felix, Room 12
Maddie, Room 15	Valent, Room 15	Ella, Room 18



DRUM BEAT

Discovering Relationships Using Music Beliefs Emotions Attitudes Thoughts



Our DRUMBEAT students performed for the school at the last assembly. It was a stirring performance in which they displayed amazing coordination and cooperation through rhythm and music.

Congratulations to our students and the DRUMBEAT leaders Mrs Jay Jay and Mr McNamara. We look forward to the next performance!

BANNISTER CREEK PS - PARENT WORKSHOP

RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN

Thursday 25th October 2018

9:00 to 10:30am

School Library

Please RSVP to the Front Office on 9350 9588 by Wednesday 24th October 2018

In this seminar, parents will be introduced to six core building blocks for children to become confident and successful at school and beyond. These competencies are:

- Showing respect to others
- Being considerate
- Having good communication and social skills
- Having healthy self-esteem
- Being a good problem solver
- Becoming independent

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back everyone! We have some new and exciting changes to the menu. I'm trying to give the students a variety of different healthy meals and snacks, as well as keep some of the popular items.

- The Monday lunch specials are: Wok Fried Chicken & Vegetable Hokkien Noodles (\$4) or a Crumbed Chicken Caesar Sub (\$4).
- Wednesday remains Pizza Day! Please note that we have removed the BBQ Chicken and Vegetarian Pizza and replaced it with a plain Cheese Pizza. The other Wednesday option is a Vegetarian Quiche and salad (\$4.50) or make it a meal deal with a juice box for \$6.00.
- Friday's menu is still the same but we have added the Chicken Burger as an everyday option due to popularity!



We also have Meal Deals for recess that can save you some money! There are some new recess items on the everyday menu.

There are all new flavours of FROYO2GO for sale after lunch for \$2.50 and a Banana Smoothie made with frozen yoghurt, bananas, ice, honey and milk available at recess for \$2!

The Buzz Bar Menu is being sent home with the newsletter this week. If you did not receive one, they are also available from the canteen or the Front Office. Don't forget that you can register for Quickcliq and do your ordering online!

If there's any issues with your children not receiving their items, please let me know.

If you have some time to spare, please come down and see us in the canteen. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Danielle, Canteen Manager

RIVERTON LIBRARY NEWS

Paint the Highway REAd Egg Hatching!

Our Reading Egg is finally ready to hatch!

For those of our families who are keeping track of our Reading Egg, you may have seen it pop up all across the Canning community. Thanks to all your hard work in reading to it, our Egg has grown very big and is getting ready to hatch!

We're inviting you to our official **PTHR Egg Hatching**. Come and celebrate all the reading and singing you have done, and see what will hatch from our Egg!

Don't miss this exciting event filled with fun activities for all to enjoy!

Location: Riverton Library – 67 Riley Road, Riverton

Date & Time: Thursday 1st November – 3.00pm to 4.30pm

More Information: edalby@parkerville.org.au

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND GIVEAWAYS



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Family and Relationship Services along with Communicare and Clan WA are offering a range of parent workshops for Term 4.



Workshops include: Circle of Security Parenting, 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching, Toilet Training, Tuning into Teens, Jump Start, Protective Behaviours, Young Active Parents Program, Understanding Anxiety and Depression in Youth, Kids and Anxiety and Art Therapy.

For full details, please ask at the office for a flyer or check the following website: communicare.org.au

SKOOLBAG APP

This School Mobile App provides a communication link between the school and parents. It is an efficient and easy way for parents to contact the school and of keeping parents informed about school news. The App is **FREE!**

We encourage all parents to download the App. Once downloaded, you will receive alerts on your phone when messages are posted. It has easy links to our website and newsletter and many other features. Installation instructions are provided below.

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).
 6. Click "Open" when installed.
 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.



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".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.



LOAD THE APP - STAY UP TO DATE

BOOK WEEK FUN

