



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

In the absence of our normal assembly that would have occurred today, we are publishing this newsletter. I can quite confidently say that the present situation that we find ourselves in as a community is the most challenging and difficult time that I have faced as an educator. We find ourselves in the unfortunate situation of having to react daily to changes in direction and regulation from state and federal governments. As a school, we pride ourselves on forward planning and being proactive in our decision making, rather than the reactive decision making that is currently occurring. I hope that you have found our Monday, Wednesday and Friday updates on COVID 19 helpful and I commit to continuing this for the remainder of the term. As a school, we believe that this information will enable you to make informed decisions that best suit the needs and health of your family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic staff that we have at BCPS. Our cleaning and gardening staff have worked tirelessly to ensure our school maintains outstanding hygiene levels and the appropriate stocks of soap, hand towels and sanitiser are available. I know their workload has increased significantly recently and they are working together as a team to make sure the job gets done. Our Education Assistants are continuing to provide support to teachers and students through their compassion and dedication. Education Assistants are often the staff who have to work closest to individual students and we all appreciate how difficult this can be with the known concerns. Our teacher's dedication to their students and colleagues remains at an exemplary level. Despite significantly less students being present at school, we are now down to 42% attendance, teachers are developing and implementing learning programs that are highly engaging and focused on the individual needs of each student. I could not be prouder, as the Principal of such a wonderful group of people. Finally the front office team, who each day come to work and provide our school with the support and leadership that allows everyone else to continue doing their job. It is greatly appreciated.

It has been wonderful to hear the many encouraging and complimentary comments from our school community. It is heartening to know that all of the hard work is being recognised and we commit to continue providing the students of BCPS with the best possible education experience, under whatever circumstances we find ourselves in. A big thanks to the parents who have so generously provided our staff with care packages and treats to show their thanks and appreciation, we are indeed a wonderful community.

Stay healthy.

Kind Regards

Travis Miller
PRINCIPAL



The students in Room 11 have been making posters to promote safe health and hygiene habits.



The students in Room 9 are demonstrating social distancing.



Our Pre-Primary students remind everyone to keep washing their hands!



GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION 2022

Gifted and Talented Education Year 7 2022

Secondary Schools offer a number of Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance programs, which are accessible through either exam or a combination of exam and interview. When students reach Year 5, they have the option of applying to sit for entrance to these programs. You can find out more about these opportunities, and register your interest for positions in 2022 at: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>



PURPLE TOKENS

Purple Token winners for Week 8 were: Alyssa, Room 6; Nurfathia, Room 7; Lorenzo, Room 13 and Joel, Room 18.

Term 1, Week 8: FACTION TOKEN TALLY

Avon 16

Bickley 13

Canning 11

Swan 7

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking Temporarily Paused

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2. We will do our best to keep you informed as the situation progresses.

Please note, our team of School Banking Specialists are still available to support you and your school via mobile and email. Additionally, our School Banking Helpdesk also remains available on 1800 674 496, Monday- Friday 9am-5pm Sydney time.

P&C NEWS

We would like to reassure parents that science shows COVID-19 cannot be transferred through food preparation and we have very high hygiene standards in our Canteen and as such, we are continuing to ensure the high standards are continued during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you can volunteer in our canteen, we'd love to have you. Please support our school canteen.

Our Easter raffle will go ahead and provided you have your phone number on your ticket butt and your child's name and they are at school, we will either call winners for a contactless delivery or we will provide the prize at the classroom so that your child can bring it home. We are still accepting any Mother's Day donations and hope to proceed but further information will be provided closer to the event.

Due to CoVid-19 we are holding our P&C meeting (April 1st at 9:00am) via teleconference. Join us on a Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/953311526?pwd=WkhZYVo0bXFkQmdBclJUSm5nakNyUT09> Meeting ID: 953 311 526 Password: 224949

Stay Safe and Sanitized!

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COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten and is provided by the local School Health Nurse. This is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

The Kindy health assessments will take place in Term 2. The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which are best addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- Vision and hearing checks
- 'Lift the lip' assessment
- Growth assessment including weight, height and Body Mass Index
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form
- Teacher and nurse observations
- Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

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 School Health Nurse will contact you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

School Entry Health Assessment forms are currently being distributed for parents to complete. Please complete and sign the back page of the form before you return it. Please return the form to the class teacher as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you and your family. Please contact us on 9258 8053, if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessment.

Community Health Nurses