



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

SCHOOL IS BACK!

Term 2 commenced on Wednesday morning, with Bannister Creek Primary offering two learning options, in class or distance learning. We now have 57% of children attending school. It was a calm and smooth back to school transition, with children and teachers happy to be back in normal routine. Thank you to parents/carers for your support in following the COVID-19 guidelines and dropping off children at school gates.

There was some confusion over the distance (home) learning packages and I apologize for the lack of clear communication. As classroom teachers are fully engaged in classroom teaching, the Administration team are managing the distance education packages and we need to be notified in advance which type of package you would like, either online or hard copies. For students who will be learning online at home, new Seesaw logins need to be set up. These take approximately 24 hours to activate, which has resulted in some delays to families receiving their online packages. Teachers are not marking or providing feedback on the distance learning packages. All work is being coordinated by Mr Christie, please contact him with any questions. Completed work can be emailed back to Mr Christie or placed in the box outside the office next week. His email contact is: Howard.Christie@education.wa.edu.au



It has been such a great start that we are looking forward to all students returning to school soon. This Friday, 1st May, our Deputy Principals and I, will be personally phoning families doing home learning, to check-in and see how you are going. The school will source Week 2/3 distance learning packages from the Department of Education and these will be available for collection or uploaded online to Seesaw on Monday morning .

Our cleaning and gardening staff have worked extremely hard during the holidays. Their dedicated effort has ensured the school was not only thoroughly cleaned, but also all surfaces were sanitized ready for Term 2 start. All classrooms and wet areas are supplied with hand and surface sanitizer and a member of our cleaning staff is now on site during the school day, ensuring playgrounds are cleaned after each break and before school. I am confident that we are doing all we can to ensure our school is safe for students and staff.

Last term, COVID-19 impacted on everyone, our school staff also had added pressures of unpredictable work place changes and maintaining care and safety of students. We have been inundated by positive messages regarding the way the school managed the ongoing changes and accolades of the care and support given by staff. I commend Mr Miller's strong leadership through this tough time. His positive support saw our staff team and community culture grow even stronger. I feel very privileged to work with such a committed staff and be part of this great school. I thank everyone for your continued support.

School Office Access

The greatest risk of COVID19 transmission in the school environment is between adults. It is of utmost importance that teachers, school staff and parents alike maintain physical distancing between themselves and each other at school. **Parents and visitors are not permitted on the school site; this includes the school office. Please email (bannistercreek.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or phone (9366 0900) with any questions or concerns or to make an appointment. We ask that parents do not come to the Office.**

Student Attendance

Students who attend school or are engaged in the distance education learning program (online or hard copy), will be recorded as present and their attendance records will not be impacted. Students who are not attending school or participating in the home learning program will be recorded as absent. It is important that you notify the school of any absences, please phone, SMS or email the school to notify us of absences or requests for distance learning packages.

School Library and Home Reading Books

In line with COVID19 community guidelines, school reading books and library books will be accessed at school but not be sent home. This will be reviewed in Week 3 of term.

Kind Regards

Lyn Macauley
PRINCIPAL



TERM PLANNER UPDATE

Please note the following:

School Photos have been postponed until 12th & 13th November 2020.

Swimming Lessons for students in Pre-Primary to Year 4 have been cancelled.

Please note these dates on your calendar:

School Development Day: Friday 29th May. Students do not attend.

WA Day Public Holiday: Monday 1st June.



SCHOOL BOARD

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you and your family enjoyed the school break while social distancing and are ready to dive into Term 2, in whichever way is best for your family. Whether you choose to send your children to attend school or choose to begin Term 2 by undertaking online learning from home, I know the staff at Bannister Creek will do their utmost to ensure our children are safe, supported and able to achieve their very best.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Macauley who is returning to her Principal position after a period of long service leave. While Mrs Macauley was on leave, Mr Miller led our school through what has been one of the most challenging, extraordinarily complex and difficult times that Bannister Creek Primary has faced.

On behalf of the School Board, and representing the positive comments that have been shared with me from many members of the school community, I would like to acknowledge Mr Miller for his outstanding leadership during this unprecedented situation. Mr Miller's calm demeanour, the approachable way in which he dealt with parent and staff concerns and the regular transparent communications provided to the school community have been very much appreciated by all, and made us feel assured that our children were in safe hands at Bannister Creek. Our sincere thanks to you, Mr Miller.

Liesl Ludgerus, School Board Chair

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic have temporarily changed how Book Club is organised for Term 2.

Welcome to the first ever Virtual Scholastic Book Club Catalogue - ctrl and click to follow the link

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Please order online as usual via LOOP **or** print out the order page, enclose it an envelope with your payment and post it in the box outside the Front Office. All orders will be delivered to school as normal.

The closing date for this issue is **Friday 15th May**.

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Red Cycle

Small Red Cycle bins are spread throughout the school each day. Students know that the type of plastic that can go in this bin makes a scrunching sound like potato chip packets, bread bags and Tiny Teddy packets.

The small bins are collected by the Eco-Warriors after lunch. It is then sorted and placed in a large Red Cycle bin.

When the big bin is full Mrs Stewart takes the collected rubbish to Coles for recycling. The recycled plastic is used to make furniture.



P&C NEWS

Mother's Day

We will be holding a Mystery Mother's Day Sale and Raffle, please see the flyer posted on Connect for details and the order form.

Contactless Canteen services start Monday 4th May!

Our wonderful canteen is back for Term 2 and the P&C look forward to continuing to service the school community during this unusual time. We are running a cashless canteen to cut down on exposure to handling money and support social distancing policies. As such we will only be accepting orders from the online ordering platform at www.quickcliq.com.au.

If you have not registered before, you'll find it quick and easy. Simply set up a username and password and select Bannister Creek Primary School. Once you add *credit* to your account you will be able to set up lunch orders for your child. Please note that all recess and lunch orders ***must*** be placed via Quickcliq by 9:00am on the day required.

Please stay safe and order online!

Linda Ross, P&C President

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SCHOOL BANKING

Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

[Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.

[The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

PARENT PODCASTS

Parenting in a Pandemic - Support for Families

Founder of the internationally acclaimed Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, Professor Matthew Sanders is a world-leading parenting expert. In this podcast series, he'll be answering your questions and providing real, actionable advice to help you steer your household through these uncharted waters.

The podcasts provide the following information for parents from Triple P International:

- Introducing parenting in a pandemic (around 1.5 minutes)
- Episode 1: There's no playbook for parenting in a pandemic (about 12 minutes)
- Episode 2: Creating routine and predictability in uncertain times (about 12 minutes)

<https://pfsc.psychology.uq.edu.au/parentinginapandemic>

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Dear Parents and Guardians

Please be advised that it has become necessary for us to change our opening times and operating procedures at our Willetton Super Store (30 Kembla Way). Commencing Monday 20th April and until further notice, the store will be open as follows:

Monday to Friday, 10am - 4pm

We would encourage you to place your order online where possible, by visiting our website nellgray.com.au however, we can assist you in-store if required.

We believe these measures will be temporary, and we will notify you of any changes to our business as they occur. Thank you for your kind understanding at this difficult time.

The Management Team, Uniform Concepts.