



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to the 2021 school year. I am very pleased to be able to say that after our disrupted start due to the COVID enforced lockdown, the staff and students at Bannister Creek have settled into the routine of school life. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new families who have joined our Bannister Creek school community, not only the new families of our Kindy students but also families who have joined us from other schools. Bannister Creek is a vibrant and welcoming community and I am sure you will enjoy your time with us.

Our substantive Principal, Mrs. Lyn Macauley, has taken leave for Term 1 and I have taken on the role of Principal in her absence. My position as Deputy Principal (Student Services) is being filled by Ms. Bronwyn Carey. We have four new staff members for 2021 and they are;

- Ms. Clare Little, Year 1, Room 7
- Mrs. Naomi Hinchcliffe, Year 4, Room 12
- Miss Tanya Czernowski, Year 5, Room 14
- Miss Melissa Lipple, School Officer

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to our entire school community for their willingness to comply with the state government regulations regarding the use of face masks and the need to follow social distancing guidelines. Your willingness to support the guidelines set by the school contributed to such a smooth start to the school year. Along with your efforts, here at school we are refocusing on good hygiene practices with regular washing of hands using soap and have made hand sanitizer available in all learning areas.

On Thursday 29th January, which seems like a lifetime ago, the school held its second School Development Day at Kent Street Weir. All teaching and non-teaching staff spent the day learning about our local environment in the City of Canning and how it can be utilized to support the learning program in classrooms. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to kayak along the Canning River. Most of the staff managed to stay dry and it was a great opportunity to connect with our local natural environment which we are so lucky to live amongst. Throughout the year, your children will be developing their understanding of our local environment and developing skills in sustainability to maintain and preserve what we have.



This Friday, our Year 6 students will be delivering their speeches to nominate for the 2021 Student Councilor positions. This is a very important event at Bannister Creek and I look forward to listening to our senior students present their arguments for why they are the best candidate to be student leaders. Our first assembly for 2021 is being held next Thursday 18th February, it will be hosted by Room T4. I look forward to announcing the successful students then. Parents will be notified if they can attend after the weekend update.



Kind Regards

Travis Miller
PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

Fri, 12 February	Student Council Elections
Tue, 16 February	P&C Association AGM: 6:00pm, Staffroom
Wed, 17 February	Pre-Primary Parent Information Sessions: 2:00pm
Thu, 18 February	Assembly hosted by Room T4 Year 1 Parent Information Sessions: 3:00pm Year 2-6 Parent Information Session: 5:45-6:30pm
Fri, 19 February	Faction Captain Elections
Mon, 22 February	School Board Meeting: 3:15pm, Staffroom

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, 26 February
School Development Day
Students do not attend

Monday, 1 March 2021
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday, 19 March 2021
Harmony Family Picnic



2021 STAFF MEMBERS

Welcome back to our new and existing staff members for 2021

Name	Position	Room	Name	Position	Room
Mr Travis Miller	Principal		Miss Kailee Marshall	Music Teacher	
Mr Howard Christie	Deputy Principal		Mrs Prue Rowlands Mr Arphi Paul	Physical Education Teacher	
Ms Bron Carey	Deputy Principal		Miss Ashleigh Bornshin	Education Assistant	7/15
Mrs Dianne Ridley	Manager Corporate Services		Mrs Elaine Choo	Education Assistant Guided Reading	
Mrs Kristy Scahill Mrs Sarah Ditchburn	Teacher Kindy	1	Mrs Darshika Chouhan	Education Assistant Minilit	
Mrs Paula Wiley Mrs Annabelle Perkins	Teacher Kindy	2	Mrs Trish Clark	Education Assistant	5
Mrs Gina Carrick Mrs Bev Smith	Teacher Pre-Primary	3	Mrs Sara-Jane Cook	Education Assistant	14/18/ T4
Mrs Louise Barlow Mrs Sasha Findlay	Teacher Pre-Primary	4	Mrs Fenny Hadiwinata	Education Assistant	6
Miss Katie Precious Mrs Christine Thomas	Teacher Pre-Primary	5	Mrs Duhee Hettiarachi	Education Assistant	3
Miss Erin Riedel	Teacher Year 1	6	Mrs Marion Higgins	Education Assistant	9
Miss Clare Little	Teacher Year 1	7	Mrs Brooke Holland	Education Assistant	1
Miss Lauren Benwell Mrs Sasha Findlay	Teacher Year 1	T3	Mrs Naomi Jenkinson	Education Assistant	16
Mr Callan Hegarty	Teacher Year 2	8	Mr Jacob Khoo	Education Assistant	2/5
Ms Danielle Halliwell Mrs Sally Ashlin	Teacher Year 2	9	Mrs Sue Linnegar	Education Assistant	9/10/ 13
Mrs Kylee Steed Mrs Candice Nikellys	Teacher Year 2	T1	Mrs Carol Munro	Education Assistant Guided Reading	
Miss Tegan Morrow	Teacher Year 2	T2	Mrs Stacey Pope	Education Assistant	1
Miss Morgan Taylor	Teacher Year 3	10	Mrs Dawn Rivers	Education Assistant	4
Mrs Cassandra Stewart Ms Kim Addison	Teacher Year 3	11	Mrs Tania Shannon	Education Assistant Guided Reading/MacLit	
Mrs Naomi Hinchcliffe	Teacher Year 4	12	Mrs Gina Waller	Education Assistant	14
Mr Matthew Byng	Teacher Year 4	13	Mrs Michelle Wheaton	Education Assistant	2
Ms Tanya Czernowski	Teacher Year 4	14	Mrs Lilian Williams	Education Assistant	15
Mr Aaron Boules	Teacher Year 4	15	Mrs Cheryl Rooney	Learning Support Coordinator	
Mrs Julie Stone Mrs Bianca Zall-Ilahi	Teacher Year 4/5	T4	Mrs Alice Lilly	Sustainability Coordinator	
Miss Shimano Brown	Teacher Year 6	16	Mrs Grace Edson	School Officer	
Mr David Rakuscek	Teacher Year 6	17	Mrs Chris Steel	School Officer	
Mrs Justine McDonald Mrs Liz Shurman	Teacher Year 5/6	18	Miss Melissa Lipple	School Officer	
Mrs Olivia Xu Mrs Priscilla Prince	Chinese Language Teacher		Mrs Helen Bretherton Mrs Tanja Pope	Library Officers	
Miss Marcia Hurae	Art Teacher		Miss Luwandi Perera	School Psychologist	
			Mrs Jayjay Komakech	School Chaplain	
			Mr Wayne McNamara	AIEO	
			Mr Karl Schicker	I.T. Specialist	

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!



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

You are invited to attend our Parent Information Sessions which will be held next week. At these sessions, your child's teacher will share information about the upcoming year in their classroom. All sessions will take place in your child's classroom, please see the information below for dates and times.

- ◆ **Wednesday, 17th February:** Pre-Primary Parent Information Sessions: **2:00pm**
- ◆ **Thursday, 18th February:** Year 1 Parent Information Sessions: **3:00pm**
- ◆ **Thursday, 18th February:** Years 2 to 6 Parent Information Sessions: **5:45 - 6:30pm**

PLEASE HELP!

Can you help our chickens?

We are seeking volunteers from our community to help look after our chickens on the weekends and/or holidays.

If you are interested and want to know more, or know of someone who might be interested, please see Ms Riedel after school outside Room 6.



2021 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Students are not required to attend school on the following days:

School Development Days:

Friday, 26th February

Friday, 4th June

Monday, 11th October

Public Holidays:

Monday, 1st March (Labour Day)

Monday, 26th April (ANZAC Day)

Monday, 7th June (WA Day)

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

Thank you to all families that have already paid their contributions and charges. Statements will be sent out later in the term.

There has been some confusion regarding the Communication and Chinese Language Workbooks. Please note that Communication Books (\$12ea.) are needed for all students in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Chinese Language Workbooks (\$3.50ea.) are needed for all students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 but only if they have already filled all the pages in last year's book.

The Communication and Chinese Language Workbooks are available from the Front Office, payments for these, or the contributions, can be made by cash or EFTPOS during school hours.

P&C NEWS

The P&C Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to students and their families for the 2021 school year.

2021 is shaping up to be another busy year for our P&C. The **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 16th February at 6:00pm** in the staffroom. For the cost of \$1, all Parents, carers and community members are welcome to join the P&C Association. Membership forms are available from the Front Office and at the AGM meeting.

Keep a look-out for this section in each newsletter for information about upcoming P&C events and get involved!

Linda Ross, P&C President BannisterCreek.pnc@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS: The Canteen will be operating every day this term. A new menu has been sent home with students today.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will commence on Thursday, 18th February. Don't forget to send your child's banking in every Thursday!



SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Welcome back to all of our families at Bannister Creek Primary School. The delayed start to the 2021 school year gave some of us time to reflect on our goals for the year. Sustainability Corner will continue to inform you of school systems already in place and give useful information to help everyone lead a more sustainable life.

I have personally been concerned for a number of years at the lack of information regarding modern light globes and the correct disposal of them, as they contain mercury. I am pleased to inform you of a recycling collection point at the Canning River Eco Education Centre at Kent Street Weir. Further information in Term 1 newsletters, regarding light globes, will come directly from the Healthy WA website.

Julie Stone, Coordinator

