



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

'Quality Education in a Friendly, Caring and Supportive Environment'

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**BPS Newsletter – Number 14**  
**Friday 9th September 2022**

**Respect**

**Excellence**

**Relationships**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Principal**  
Linda Kingsley

**President**  
Leah Bailey

**Vice President**  
Heidi Ferguson

**Treasurer**  
Kate Chandler

**Finance Committee**  
Kate Chandler

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Chris Guinane

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Leah Bailey  
Heidi Ferguson  
Rae O'Toole  
Kate Chandler  
Brittany Martin  
Chris Guinane

Dear Families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the term. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for the wonderful welcome you've given me to Bridgewater Primary School, and for the support offered to me in my first Principal role. It is an absolute joy to come to work with you and your families each day.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

These meetings will be held after school on Wednesday, 14/9/2022. They are an important opportunity to have a conversation about your child's academic and social progress at school. If the 3:30-4:30pm timeslots do not suit, please get in touch with Chris or myself to schedule a mutually convenient time.

**Opinion Survey**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

We truly value this feedback, so please take the time to complete the survey.

**New Learning Spaces for Students**

We have been working away at redeveloping student learning spaces in the school. One of these spaces, the area in the foyer in front of the classrooms, has become known as the "HAMSTER Hutch". In this case, **HAMSTER** stands for **H**umanities, **A**rts, **M**athematics, **S**cience, **T**echnologies and **D**esign, **E**ngineering and **R**esearch. In this space, students will have access to a range of provocations to provide inspiration for self-directed exploration and learning aligned to the Victorian Curriculum, school priorities and their own goals and interests.



We are looking forward to using this space from the beginning of Term 4 and would greatly appreciate donations of any of the following that you may have lying around:

- Interesting fibres and materials for exploration - eg; shorn wool, strips of leather, cotton fibres, hessian and other fabrics, string, nails or screws, wood offcuts, etc.
- Old tools, such as hammers, mallets or screwdrivers.
- Mobilo.
- Wooden building blocks.
- Clean recyclable materials (plastic bottles, cardboard boxes of any size, lids, etc.)
- Newspapers.



*For hygiene reasons, we cannot accept toilet rolls.*

I hope you find some time to relax in the beautiful early spring sunshine this weekend, to rest and recharge for a huge final week of Term 3!

Linda Kingsley  
*Principal*

# Student Awards

Commencing next term, there will be some changes to our awards. All students have been able to exercise voice and agency, discussing and voting on these changes via Junior School Council. In short:

- We will have **fortnightly awards** presented at each assembly. There will be two awards presented.
- Students requested that the awards are a surprise, and that their names will be published in the newsletter the following week (rather than a week in advance).
- We will contact you if your child is winning an award, so you can make arrangements for someone to be there if you wish.
- The **Values Award** will continue to recognise students who are demonstrating skills that are in line with our school values of Respect, Excellence and Relationships.
- We will have a new **Environment Award**, to specifically recognise students who are consistently demonstrating care for the environment.
- We will continue with our **Aussie of the Month** award at the end of each month.

*Our next Assembly will be Week 2, Term 4 - Friday, October 14.*

Student	Reason
Marley	Outstanding effort and achievement in daily Physical Education rotations.

# Calendar

Week 10	School Holidays	Week 1	Week 2
<p><b>Monday 12th</b> Breakfast Club Chaplain School Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday 13th</b> Final Rookie Rollers session Chaplain</p> <p><b>Wednesday 14th</b> Outdoor Classroom - River Lunch Club</p> <p><b>Thursday 15th</b> Kyabram Fauna Park Sleepover</p> <p><b>Friday 16th</b> Inglewood Extension and Colour Fun Run</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 28th</b> Working Bee</p>	<p><b>Monday 3rd</b> Chaplain</p> <p><b>Tuesday 4th</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 5th</b> Outdoor Classroom—onsite Chaplain</p> <p><b>Thursday 6th</b> MARC</p> <p><b>Friday 7th</b> Inglewood Extension</p> <p><i>Mrs Kingsley on LSL this week - Mr G is Acting Principal.</i></p>	<p><b>Monday 10th</b> Chaplain</p> <p><b>Tuesday 11th</b> Student Free Day Professional Practice Day</p> <p><b>Wednesday 12th</b> School Council approved Student Free Day</p> <p><b>Thursday 13th</b></p> <p><b>Friday 14th</b> Assembly</p>

**Happy Birthday Rylea!**



## Bridgewater PS banking details:

EFT DETAILS: BSB 633-000  
A/C 132448242

**YOU MUST MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY SURNAME  
IS INCLUDED AS THE REFERENCE!**

## Thursday, September 15 - Kyabram Fauna Park

On Thursday September 15, we are heading to Kyabram Fauna Park. We will be departing at 9am sharp to ensure we get a good walk around and toilet stop before we head into our Education Session at 12:30pm.

Students will need to be in full school uniform, including their hat. Please bring:

- a drink bottle, and
- morning tea and lunch.

We will be leaving Kyabram Fauna Park at 2pm, and anticipate arriving back at school just a few minutes before 3:30pm. If there are any delays we will notify you via the Bridgewater Primary School Parents Facebook page.

## Sleepover

Students need to arrive at school by **5pm**. Upon arrival students can put their bedding and luggage in the classrooms. Any medications need to be clearly labelled and given to Mr. G.

Students decided on spaghetti for dinner, and will have some cake for dessert.

Following dinner, we will move on to a disco, games, pyjamas and movie.

## Friday, September 16 - Inglewood Extension & Fun Run

After breakfast and packing up from our sleepover, we will be traveling up to Inglewood PS for our usual Friday morning extension program. Students will have morning tea and a play with their Inglewood friends before joining them in the Colour Fun Run fundraiser. We have purchased white shirts for all students, however they will need to wear old tracksuit pants/shorts as they will be getting wet and dirty.

Following the completion of the Colour Fun Run, we will be having lunch and returning to school, departing approximately 2pm.

*Please ensure you have approved the permission form on UEducateUs*

*The end of term means early dismissal at 2:30pm from Bridgewater Primary School.*

## Working Bee

Wednesday, 28th October

This is the second week of the school holidays. If you are ready, willing and available, we would love to have your help. Feel free to bring the kids - they can play or join in with sprucing up our beautiful school.

Morning tea, lunch and drinks provided.

For catering purposes, please let Linda know if you are coming.



## R U OK? Day

Thursday, September 8 was R U OK? Day, a national day of action to remind everyone that any day is a good day to ask "Are you OK?" and support those who are struggling.

After 2020 and 2021 challenging us all with COVID lockdowns, Remote and Flexible Learning, etc., and now the rising cost of living (and all the challenges 2022 seems to be throwing at us!) it's more important than ever to stay connected and support one another.

Use these four steps to start a conversation that could change someone's life:

1. Ask: Are you ok?
2. Listen.
3. Encourage action.
4. Check in.

Sometimes it can be hard if someone says they're not OK. The good news is, you don't have to be an expert to help. There fabulous resources, including child-friendly information, available on the RUOK day website: <https://www.ruok.org.au/>

*Of course, as always, we are here to listen and support you in whatever we can. We are just a phone call away if you need assistance or to just have a chat.*



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

## Find the help & support you need

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need support for the wellbeing of children.

### The Orange Door in Loddon

1800 512 359

[loddon@orangedoor.vic.gov.au](mailto:loddon@orangedoor.vic.gov.au)

57 View Street,  
Bendigo 3552



## The Orange Door

I had the pleasure of meeting Nicolette, our local Orange Door Practitioner a few weeks ago.

If you or your family are in need of support, she is available to meet you in Boort, Inglewood, Bendigo or here in complete privacy at school.

Beyond Blue  
1300 224 636

Kids Helpline  
1800 55 1800

Lifeline  
13 11 14

Contact your  
local General  
Practitioner (GP)