



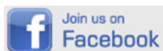
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**BPS Newsletter – Number 13**  
**Friday 13th August, 2021**

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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see some sunshine this week and our students have certainly made the most of it outside.

#### School Review

Our school review dates have been shifted due to COVID restrictions.

We will now be holding the Validation Day on **Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August**. This is where the reviewer and two principals from other schools will chat with parents to gather opinions and reflections of the school's journey over the past four years. We would really appreciate it if all parents could come in for a cuppa at 9:00 am after drop off to meet the reviewer and share your experiences. It doesn't matter if you have only been here this year, that means you have come to our school with a fresh set of eyes.

#### Prep Celebration of 100 Days

Our Preps have officially been at school for 100 days (plus a few). While we had to postpone our celebration this week, we are hoping to celebrate this milestone on **Monday**. That means that all preps can come dressed in their Super Learner-Super Hero outfits. ***We would really appreciate it if all students could bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.***

#### Bikes and Scooters

The students have requested to be able to ride their bikes and scooters at certain times during breaks. Mr G will be supervising all activity to ensure there is no Evel Knievel stunts taking place. Jo has uploaded a permission form to uEducatedUs which will need to be completed if you are happy for your child to participate in this activity. Helmets must be worn at all times and any delineation from this expectation will result in that student not being able to use their bike/scooter at break times for a set period of time.

#### Book Week

Book week is fast approaching – set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. This is an official costume reminder to help prevent any last minute panic attacks when your child reminds you at 9:00 pm the night before.

We are so lucky to have the author Corinne Fenton coming to work with our students on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. The students have been reading her books during class and have been developing an understanding of her work and orientation of her stories.

#### Outdoor Classroom

We are currently looking at a curriculum for an outdoor classroom.

'Learning without four walls' is an amazing opportunity that we are able to offer our students. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood. With increasing pressures on childhood, children today are too often overprotected, overscheduled, and overly attached to screens, which is why it's more crucial than ever before to help get children outdoors.

We are thinking of running the outdoor classroom at the river each fortnight and then alternatively in the school grounds every other week. Students spent time today brainstorming potential activities

that could be incorporated into their learning. Of course, the River Detectives program will also be used to plan lessons that involve sustainability and biodiversity.

We are hoping to purchase some wet weather gear for the program. This will remain at the school and then be utilised as required.

Please watch this space.

### **Nursery next Thursday**

We are hoping to visit the Bridgewater nursery next Thursday to pick up some fruit trees for our garden. The local excursion permission that has been signed by each family will cover the consent required for this activity.

If walking there ends up not being possible (who knows in this current climate), we will have the trees delivered and then spend the afternoon planting. The plan is to plant the trees in the existing vegetable boxes so that any fallen fruit can be eaten by the chooks and turkey.

We have decided to plant fruit trees instead of vegetables due to the fact that the school has been allocated a number of garden beds through the new community garden grant.

### **Survey**

During Term Three, our school will be taking part in the Comprehensive Monitoring System (CMS). The CMS will collect information through eight surveys, delivered at key developmental points in life: infancy, toddlerhood, Prep, Year 3, Year 6, Year 9, Year 12, and at 21 years of age.

The surveys are designed to understand how children and adolescents think and feel about their lives both in and outside of school. Accessing and using relevant local data is crucial for schools and communities to understand how their children, young people and families are faring, and to determine if the best and most effective community programs and supports are in place.

Summary data from this survey will be used by government, schools and communities to develop and deliver programs to ensure better health and education outcomes for the participants. There is further information attached to this newsletter as well as an 'opt out' form if relevant to your child.

### **Shade Sail**

The main shade sail over the playground has again been damaged from strong wind. You will notice that the whole thing has been taken down for safety as we explore other options for sun protection.

### **Football**

Well done to Isaac Ferguson who proudly represented our school in the St Inglebridge football team last week. While they didn't come home with the trophy, the team gave it a good shot and a great day was reportedly had by all.

### **Remote Learning**

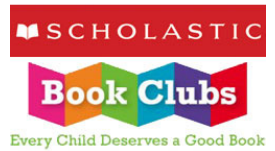
Thank you again for patience last week as we entered remote learning 6.0. I think we are all feeling some lock down fatigue and frustration at the inconsistency within our current climate. Please take care and reach out if further support is needed.

Did you realise it is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> today? Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Julie Ladd  
Principal

# Scholastic Book Club



Issue 6 will be handed out next week and is available from the school office, please return orders with money to the school office box by Thursday 26th August, or alternatively orders can be placed online through LOOP.



	<h2>Bridgewater Book Week 2021</h2>	
	<p>Our dress up parade and activities will be on <b>Thursday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>Come as your favourite book character!</p>	

### Lunch Orders

A reminder that orders must be either handed in to school on a Thursday morning, or alternatively, dropped off at the bakery in person by close of business the day before.

## Student Awards—Classroom Award

The classroom awards recognise students who are demonstrating skills that are in line with our school values, Respect, Excellence and Relationships.

Please note that this award will be presented at our next Assembly. Our current Award recipient will be held over to our first onsite Assembly.

Student	Reason
No Award	Due to no assembly

Term 3 Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
<b>Monday 16th</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup  <b>Wednesday 18th</b> Lunch Club  <b>Thursday 19th</b> MARC Assembly	<b>Monday 23rd</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup  <b>Wednesday 25th</b> Lunch Club  <b>Thursday 26th</b> Inglewood Extension  <b>Friday 27th</b> Newsletter	<b>Monday 30th</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup Validation Day for Review  <b>September</b> <b>Wednesday 1st</b> Lunch Club  <b>Thursday 2nd</b> MARC Book week Dress up parade Assembly	<b>Monday 6th</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup  <b>Wednesday 8th</b> Lunch Club  <b>Thursday 9th</b> Inglewood Extension  <b>Friday 10th</b> Newsletter

*Happy Birthday to Gus & Izzy W.*



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