

# Bridgewater on Loddon Primary School NEWSLETTER

**RESPECT, EXCELLENCE & RELATIONSHIPS**

Bridgewater-on-Loddon



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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**A/C    132448242    YOUR FAMILY SURNAME**  
**IS INCLUDED AS THE**  
**REFERENCE!**

**BRIDGEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL**  
- We all have a responsibility to report child abuse!

## Birthdays...

Nil this week.



### READING AWARDS

No Reading awards this week

Reading Goal:  
To read at home five times a week!



**ATTENDANCE DATA OVER THE LAST 4 Day Week:**  
For the whole school is 92.5%

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK**  
**TOWARDS ZERO ABSENCES**

### TERM 3, 2020

#### JULY

Monday 20th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards  
Assembly 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
extension

Wednesday 22nd  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards

Monday 27th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards  
Assembly 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
extension

Wednesday 29th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards

Thursday 30th  
MARC

#### AUGUST

Monday 3rd  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards  
Assembly 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday 5th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards

Monday 10th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards  
Assembly 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday 12th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
MARC

Monday 17th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards  
Assembly 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday 19th  
Breakfast Program 8:20 onwards

Dear Parents,

### **Mr Tonkin's Long Service Leave**

Yesterday, Gordon Tonkin spent his last day in the office before heading off on a well-earned 6-month long service leave. We wish Gordon all of the best and look forward to hearing about all of his adventures at the end of the year.

### **A brief introduction**

My name is Julie Ladd and I will be replacing Gordon this semester. I have previously been the Assistant Principal at Strathfieldsaye Primary School and thought I would share a few quick facts about myself:

- I have been teaching for over 20 years in all grade levels and in a variety of leadership positions including, wellbeing, department leader, assistant principal and acting principal.
- My husband, Cam Ladd, teaches PE at Kennington Primary School
- We have 5 children between us – Myah 11, Archer 13, Kai 14, Bella 15 and Jarrah 25
- I started my teaching career at Drummartin Primary School with an enrolment of 28 students
- I have worked for Child Protection and have driven a back-packers bus in Queensland
- I have owned and ridden horses for most of my life – up until a few years ago
- I lived in Denmark for a year when I was 16 and then travelled around the world when I was older
- Our family has two education support dogs – Murphy and Sadie, a cat named Oscar and 10 silkie chickens

Coming from a school of 550 students, a number of people have asked me why I have chosen to come to Bridgewater Primary School. The short answer is – it has so much to offer and **such** potential!

I am passionate about education because knowledge equals power and that means choice. Our goal is to ensure that every student who walks through our gate in the morning has the opportunity to work to their full potential so that they have choice in the future.

It has been great getting to know students and parents and I am so excited to be a part of the school's journey over the next 6 months. Please feel free to pop in and say hello.

### **Welcome Janine Andrews**

Deneb has taken on a role in ICT at another school this semester and we wish him well in his new role.

I would like to formally welcome our new classroom teacher, Janine Andrews, who will be with us until the end of the year. Janine joins us from Colbinabbin Primary School and has a wealth of experience, including a particular strength in numeracy and digital technologies.

### **Education Support position**

Congratulations to Sue who was the successful applicant for the ES position. Sue is a familiar face around the school and will continue to offer classroom support.

### **Term 3 arrangements**

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government has introduced new measures to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

These measures do not apply to schools in regional and rural Victoria, including ours.

Our school will therefore continue to operate as normal from the start of Term 3.

The health advice is that schools can continue to operate while observing health measures recommended by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and going to and from school may do so.

If you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

These continue to be challenging times and I will keep you updated on further information as soon as it is available.

### **Drink Taps**

Due to the risk of COVID19 the drink taps cannot be used at recess or lunch. Please ensure that your child/ren have a drink bottle that they can refill each day.

### **Garden**

The students have been hard at work weeding the school garden in preparation for a batch of new vegetable seedlings. There has also been the word, 'chickens' floating around...watch this space.

### **Maintenance**

The repair to the stumping in the office area started last week and will continue over the next couple of weekends.

### **Michael Grose Articles**

We will be regularly including tips and articles from Michael Grose who is a psychologist and regularly features in parenting and education forums.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 5 is attached to this week's newsletter, ordering can be done through loop or placing order with money in the office box by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July.  
Thankyou Jo Egan

