



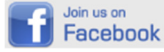
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**BPS Newsletter – Number 3**  
**Friday 26th February, 2021**

Dear parents,

As we draw to the end of week 5 and the last breath of summer, I am surprised at how fast the year is progressing.

**School Council**

Thank you to the parents who have nominated to be on our school council.

We have not had enough nominations to fill all existing vacancies and so a ballot process will not be necessary.

The current nominations include:

- Leah Bailey
- Shannon Zimmer

Event	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 12 February 2021
Closing date for nominations	Friday 19 February 2021
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday 19 February 2021
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 22 February 2021
Close of ballot	Monday 1 March 2021
Vote count	Monday 1 March 2021
Declaration of poll	Monday 1 March 2021
Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday 2 March 2021
Council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	<b>Wednesday 17 March 2021</b>

**Respect**

**Excellence**

**Relationships**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Acting Principal**

Julie Ladd

**President**

Leah Bailey

**Treasurer**

Heidi Ferguson

**Finance Committee**

Leah Bailey

Heidi Ferguson

Julie Ladd

**Minute Secretary**

Janine Andrews

**Members**

Leah Bailey

Heidi Ferguson

Rae O'Toole

Joelene Simsen

Please note that the next school council meeting will take place on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 3:45 pm.

The Finance Sub-committee will meet on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:30 pm.

### New Lawn Mower

Our very old lawnmower made way for a new one this week. Graeme Tennent, our gardener has been mastering the fine steering and we look forward perfectly manicured lawns.

### Vandalism at our school

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks we have had some people entering the grounds after hours and disrespecting the school property. Some of the vandalism has included a smashed sprinkler timer, a broken tank leveller, bent chairs, foul language written in the cubby and smashed garden tiles.

The Bridgewater police station has been contacted in relation to this matter.



### Learning

#### *Writing*

At the moment the students have been writing persuasive texts for a range of reasons. Being able to identify reasons and evidence for their opinions is gradually coming along. It would be great if you could discuss this work at home and ask your child why they feel a certain way about something. What are their reasons? Do they have any facts/evidence to back up their ideas?

#### *Spelling*

On Monday, students will be bringing a list of words home. These will be spelling rules/patterns that have been identified through testing. Students will be tested again at the end of each week and then new words will be sent home if they are successful in this task.

#### *Reading*

Thank you to the parents who have continued to monitor their child's reading. Regular reading makes such a difference to their learning and it is imperative that this is undertaken regularly. We are almost at 10 petals or more per student so further communication in regards to a picnic at the river will be out soon.

Preps have been working on 'onset and rime'. Onset and rime are terms that technically describe the phonological units of a spoken **syllable**. Syllables are normally split up into two parts, the **onset** and the **rime**.

Eg – cat = **c** (is the onset) and **at** (is the rime)

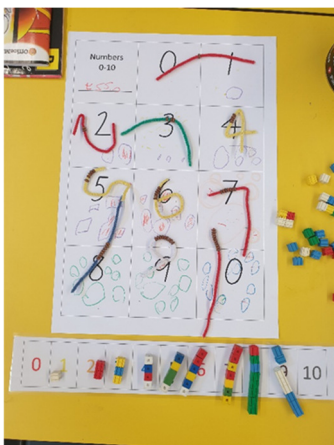
The concept of onset and rime is used to improve phonological awareness by helping children learn about word families. Phonetical awareness is an important skill used to hear sounds, syllables and words in speech. This can help students decode new words when reading and can also make it easier for them to spell words when writing

#### *Maths*

In maths we have been revising the place value of numbers. You may hear your child talk about place value 'houses'/ neighbourhood – please see the following clips for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omkDLmfvetk> (basic house)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1uN6SwVAil> (neighbourhood)



It would be great if you could revise their understanding of this – of course students will be working with different sized numbers depending on their year level.

Start at hundreds and progress as far as they can.

Students have been pre-tested on their understanding of number through Essential Assessment and are working at their own pace.

Meanwhile, Preps have been busy consolidating their understanding of numbers to 10 – before, after, more than etc.

### Chinese (Written by Ms Chan)

This week our Prep students started to put the Chinese New Year song and the steps together, they enjoyed the Chinese singing and dancing a lot. They showed great confidence to perform the song and dance for their buddies. They engaged in the speaking activities and loved being a student teacher to teach each other how to greet in Chinese through the 'copy me game'. They read an information book about Chinese New Year celebration with Ms. Chan and decorated their own books. They were able to retell some celebrating activities of Chinese New Year.



Grade Three to Six students showed great self-management and time management skills on their self-learning time, when Ms. Chan had the Prep students. They worked on their research project about China. They did some research on the Chinese New Year celebration and read a book called 'PoPo's Lucky Chinese New Year' to learn more about the 'Dos' and 'Don'ts' during the celebration. They also wrote and draw an advertisement for the Lantern Festival event, to attract people to participate their designated celebrations at Joss House.

To experience the 2000-year-old tradition of celebrating the Lantern Festival, all students guessed the riddles and made different paper lanterns to be part of the celebration. Prep students made beautiful flower lanterns with their special dragons inside, wishing good luck for the New Year. Our Three to Six students made their unique 3D animal lanterns with their creative ideas and artistic decorations. All of them have



### Lunch orders

Students have been enjoying the opportunity of having a lunch order on a Friday. Order forms will be sent home with each newsletter.

Please note that lunch order forms/money are delivered to the bakery after school each Thursday at about 4:00 pm. Any orders that need to be placed after this time, will need to be delivered by parents themselves.

### Sue Stewart

Sue Stewart will be finishing her time with us next Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank Sue for her commitment to improving the education of students at Bridgewater Primary School. She will be missed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

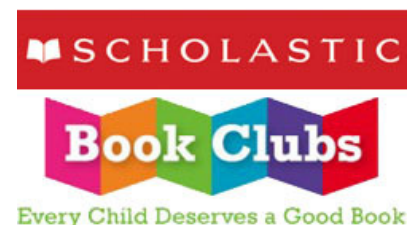
Kind regards,

Julie Ladd

Principal

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 was attached to our last newsletter, parents can order through Loop or place order with money in the office box before Thursday 11th March.  
Thankyou Jo Egan





# AUSTRALIAN LITERACY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

## Of Central Victoria



ALEA Central Victoria Committee would like to invite you to their annual 'Local Author, Illustrator and Creator's Meet and Greet'.

SPECIAL VIEWING OF THE 'MARC' VAN Presented by Susan Gentry

18 Forest Street Bendigo from 4-6pm Wednesday 10th March 2021.

Email [kerrinyates@gmail.com](mailto:kerrinyates@gmail.com) if you can attend in person.



Chris Kennett



Katrina Nannestad



Lorraine Marwood



Martine Murray



Amy Doak



Pam Harvey

### CATERING BY COFFEE STORM

<https://www.coffeestorm.com.au/>

The 'Coffee Storm' Van will be present for you to purchase drinks and snacks from 3.45 until 4.45pm. See the above link for menu options and prices.



Gold coin donation to help cover costs would be appreciated.

Lucky door prize

BAG of BOOKS

This is a very casual get together to hear from each author/illustrator/creator about their latest ventures.

The event will be held outdoors.

Covid safe procedures will be in place so please bring a mask. You will be required to register on arrival.

Adults and students welcome

In the event that we go into lockdown or if you are unable to attend in person, the ZOOM link to Register in advance for this event is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYqceqgzljGnLeneo0HKM1USCufKH8WGgQ>

# Student Awards

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

Student	Reason
Noah	Leadership and being a great role model to his peers
Emily	For being kind and inclusive



## Important Dates

Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
<b>MARCH</b> Monday 1st Breakfast Club  Wednesday 3rd Breakfast Club Grade Prep rest day  Thursday 4th MARC Lunch orders & money to school  Friday 5th Lunch order day Assembly 3.10pm	Monday 8th Labour Day Holiday  Wednesday 10th Breakfast Club  Thursday 11th Inglewood Extension Lunch orders & money to school  Friday 12th Lunch order day Newsletter	Monday 15th Breakfast Club  Tuesday 16th School Photos  Wednesday 17th Breakfast Club Grade Prep rest day  Thursday 18th MARC Lunch orders & money to school  Friday 19th Lunch order day Assembly 3.10pm	Monday 22nd Breakfast Club LCDSA Gr. 3-6 Cross Country  Wednesday 24th Breakfast Club  Thursday 25th Inglewood Extension Lunch orders & money to school  Friday 26th Lunch order day Newsletter

## Birthdays...

**No Birthdays this week**



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 IS INCLUDED AS THE  
 REFERENCE!