



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya, Ni hao, Hello to our wonderful Bannister Creek families,

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of opening the 2024 Pre-Primary Parent/Carers Meeting. It was a full house with so many parents and carers coming to hear from our fantastic Pre-Primary Teachers, Mrs Carrick, and Mrs Barlow. Our PP teachers at BCPS are incredibly experienced at nurturing the whole child. Not just academic, but physical social and emotional as well. I am always excited to visit their rooms and see the huge changes in students over the year as their confidence and independence blossoms.

I have loved opening the PP and Kindy Parent/ Carer meetings because it gives me the opportunity to get to know the families that will be with us the longest. Building strong relationships with our families is one of our most important priorities. In 2024, we have positions available on our School Board, Baldja Waangkiny, our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Parent Group and on our P&C.

If you are interested in assisting us to run this awesome school, please reach out, we have people ready to show you what these roles require. The School Board AGM will be held Monday 19 February 2024. The P&C AGM will be held Tuesday 20 February 2024. We are very keen to encourage lots of new members to the P&C so that it truly reflects our wonderfully diverse community. There will be positions on the committee, in the fundraising sub-committees and as general P&C members available.

Next year, we would like to encourage parents and carers to join rosters to assist with morning reading and joining in daily fitness programs, we have lots of ideas to grow this space.

We also like to reach out and assist our community. The Student Councillors have run eight fundraisers for charity this year and Mrs McKeown is now assisting us as a school community to run a Christmas Appeal with the C3 Church, where we can donate toys and non-perishable food items. These can be brought to the front office.

Another awesome initiative we have in our community is Street Libraries. Street Libraries are a beautiful home for books, planted in your front yard. They are accessible from the street and are an invitation to share the joys of reading with your neighbours. Street Libraries are a window into the mind of a community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out. People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library network, or pass them on to friends. If anyone has a book or two that they think others would enjoy, they can just pop it into any Street Library they happen to be walking past. They are a symbol of trust and hope – a tiny vestibule of literary happiness. We have a few close to our school and we encourage everyone to enjoy and look after them.

Thank you for helping to keep our school a safe community for everyone. I look forward to chatting with you soon.

Kind Regards

Susan Archdall
 PRINCIPAL

STUDENT COUNCIL CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Christmas Dress-up Day
Friday 1 December 2023

Have you got your costume ready?
 Remember to bring a gold coin donation!



All proceeds will go towards supporting
 The Smith Family Foundation.



COMING EVENTS	
Fri, 24 Nov	Year 6 - Lynwood SHS Orientation Day
Mon, 27 Nov	School Board Meeting - 3:15pm
Thu, 30 Nov	Assembly hosted by the Student Council - 1:40pm Kindy Yellow Group Concert - 8:45am
Fri, 1 Dec	Christmas Dress-up Day Kindy Blue Group Concert - 8:45am
Wed, 6 Dec	Aboriginal Awards Night - 6:00pm
Fri, 8 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 9:30am Year 6 Graduation Dinner - 6:00pm
Tue, 12 Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out
Wed, 13 Dec	Year 1 to 5 Presentation Ceremony - 9:00am
Thu, 14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 for students



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

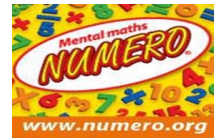
The next assembly will be held on **Thursday 30 November**. The assembly will be hosted by the Student Council and will showcase aspects of our specialist programs. The assembly will commence at **1:40pm** sharp.

MATHS CURRICULUM UPDATE

Teachers at Bannister Creek PS recently completed Numero professional learning, and resources were bought for the school. Numero is a mental maths game that can be played with all year levels.

What does Numero teach? In its early levels, Numero develops:

- . basic number recognition from zero to 15
- . basic number facts of all four operations
- . speed of recall.



As the game develops, and players move to more difficult levels with the introduction of Wild Cards, additional concepts and skills are developed and reinforced including:

- . fractions
- . decimals
- . percentages.

At its higher levels, with the introduction of more wild cards and scoring, Numero continues to challenge minds and develop concepts such as:

- . squared and cubed roots
- . multiple equations
- . point scoring.

Maths Seeds and Mathletics

Next year, an important goal in Mathematics is to provide students with daily reviews, with the aim of limiting cognitive overload and supporting the transfer of concepts and skills to long term memory.

A decision has been made to cancel our subscription to Maths Online and move to Maths Seeds PP-2 and Mathletics 3-6 for 2024. Maths Seeds and Mathletics offer engaging activities that can be used to support the review of Mathematical concepts, skills and fluency at home.

Your child's Maths Online account will continue to work until February 2024. By the end of this term, students will receive a Maths Seeds or Mathletics account with access to explore the new resources over the school holidays.

Please encourage your children to use these resources during the school holidays to review previous learning. 10-15 minutes a day will help to support their transition into a new year level.

Maths around our school



2024 CAMP

The Year 6 2024 Camp meeting (previously scheduled for 28 November) has been postponed.

LYNWOOD SHS TRANSITION DAY

Year 6 students who will be attending Lynwood SHS in 2024 will participate in their transition day tomorrow, Friday 24 November. Students need to go directly to Lynwood SHS and will spend the entire day there.

Students not participating in the transition day should attend Bannister Creek PS as per normal school days.

LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure you check the lost property boxes and claim anything that belongs to you before the end of Week 9, Friday 8 December.

Thank you



Bannister Creek Toy and Food Collection

BCPS is partnering with C3 Church Langford to support our local community this Christmas season.

If you would like to contribute please drop off
Toy and Food donations to front office by

12 DECEMBER

Please Note: Donations should be new and
non-perishable items.