



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Aboriginal Education Awards

Last night, Wednesday 8 December, we held our annual Aboriginal Education Awards. This is an occasion to acknowledge the growth and progress our Aboriginal students have made over the course of the year. This is an important part of our community-based culture here at the school and has been a significant part of our school calendar for over a decade. Congratulations to our award winners, who will be featured in next week's special edition newsletter.

Year 6 Graduation

Thank you to our community, important guests, students and their teachers for participating in a lovely Graduation Ceremony today. The Year 6 students are entering the final stage of their primary school experience and are to be congratulated on the way they practised hard and presented a polished performance on their graduation. It was also greatly appreciated that Mr Miller returned to join the Year 6s on this occasion. Now, it's on to the Dinner Dance with lots of music, fun, fashion and more chips and chicken nuggets than you could poke a stick at.

Year 1-5 Presentation Assembly

Don't forget our Presentation Assembly next Wednesday 14 December. The teachers have selected two prize winners from each class. This is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the good work and positive citizenship of our students.

Principal

The principal selection process is not yet complete and the year is rapidly drawing to a close. The process is designed to be rigorous and accordingly, it takes some time to select the right person to move our school forwards. I will remain the principal until the start of the school year, when our new principal will take the reins. As this is the last full newsletter for the year, I'd like to give a shout out to you, the community, who have been very supportive of me this term. I look forward to remaining at the school as a deputy and look forward to working with our new Principal in the best interests of your children.

Kind Regards

Howard Christie,
PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

Tue, 13 Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out Semester 2 Reports go home
Wed, 14 Dec	Year 1 to 5 Presentation Assembly - 9:00am
Thu, 15 Dec	Last day of Term 4 for students

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who joined in the 'Creative Christmas' dress-up day.

The students raised \$436.00.



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Provide general support within the classroom such as reading, numeracy skills or assist with various school projects under the teacher's guidance.



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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



In Pre-primary, we have been learning about special places in our community. The special place that we chose to feature in our assembly was Matilda Bay.

The students enjoyed learning the catchy song, *DOWN BY THE BAY*, and dressing up as the many different and interesting animals in the song. The stage was filled with colourful, flies wearing ties, snakes baking cakes, llamas wearing pyjamas, bears combing their hair, pigs wearing wigs and cats wearing hats.

Well done to all the PP students - everyone did an outstanding job!

Congratulations to all the Pre-Primary students and teachers for a wonderful assembly.

SCHOOL AWARDS

HONOUR CERTIFICATES: Excellence, no matter what you are doing, excellence means you are giving it the best you have. Excellence is what leads to success. It takes courage to practice excellence. When you practice excellence, you can break new ground and try new things that have never been thought of before. Doing your best helps you find out who you really are. **Congratulations to the following Honour Certificate recipients from our last assembly.**

Class	Student
Room 3	Zavier
Room 4	Laurence, Priyal
Room 5	Emberley, Willow
Room 6	Carter, Harvey
Room 7	Hayley
Room T3	Addison, Annabelle
Room 8	Michael

Class	Student
Room 9	Sophie, Zainab
Room T2	Sophia, Thanishq
Room 10	Adam, Leonardo
Room 11	Hemal
Room T1	Zehraan
Room 12	Alyssa, Angus, Grace
Room 13	Aella, Tharonne

Class	Student
Room 14	Benjamin, Jordy
Room 15	Elwyn, Logan
Room T4	Hazel, Misha, Wayne
Room 16	Sophia, Zachary
Room 17	Ahmed, Charlie, Jake, Nate
Room 18	Brady, Kiano, Lovish

ROOM 9 NEWS

On Wednesday 30 November 2022, we had a zoom call with Senior Engineer, Mr Nick Mortimer. He works off the coast of Exmouth right now on Australia's Research Vessel, the Investigator in the deep waters. Nick Mortimer is a senior engineer with CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere.

His favourite trip was the trip when he went to Indonesia studying seagrass. Right now, he's at the coast of Exmouth studying what is 6000 metres (6 kilometres) deep underwater. The biggest fish his team has accidentally caught was a sunfish wandering around at Rottneest Island.

Once, he went to Antarctica (the coldest continent) and stayed there for about 50 days straight. He has caught tons of different types of fish but he hasn't caught an axolotl yet.

<https://people.csiro.au/M/N/Nick-Mortimer>

by Jonathan, Room 9



MATHS ACTIVE SCHOOL AWARD

The Mathematics Association of Western Australia (MAWA) has just awarded Bannister Creek Primary School with a **Silver Award** as a 'Maths Active School'. This award acknowledges the way in which our school demonstrates that they actively extend students and teachers beyond the normal mathematics classroom. Our school deserves this recognition at a time when the school culture has become more competitive, and parents are looking to "Myschool" and other metrics for comparing schools. The scheme is recognised by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers and is already in operation in two other states.

Schools can apply to be recognised for one of three award "levels" – Bronze, Silver and Gold. MAWA has issued Bannister Creek Primary School with a certificate and an official copy of the 'Maths Active Logo' which will be displayed on the school website and used in newsletters. MAWA will also advertise on their own website that we are a Maths Active School. We feel very proud that Bannister Creek Primary School has achieved this award.

Regards
Cassandra Stewart - Mathematics Curriculum Leader.



AUSATRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

At Bannister Creek Primary School, we are lucky to have a school full of problem solvers. In Term 3, there were 90 students from Years 3 - Year 6 that entered the Australian Maths Trust (AMT) - Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). Students completed 30-problems that demonstrated the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives.

All students that participated received a copy of their results and a certificate. In total there were 9 Distinctions, 18 Credits, 41 Proficiency and 22 Participation awards. The top two students in each year level were also presented with a prize and their certificate at the last assembly. Congratulations to these students:

Year 3 - Nurfathia, Room 11 and Bronwyn, Room 10
Year 4 - Nara, Room 13 and Thomas, Room 14
Year 5 - Alex, Room 15 (also received Best in School award) and Zachary, Room 16
Year 6 - Shanjayi, Room 17 and Alyssa, Room 16



P&C NEWS

A big thank you to everyone involved in the P&C this year and to the school community for their support.

A special THANK YOU in particular to the members of the committee who attend the meetings and then volunteer their time to support all of our initiatives. We are one of the only schools who has a full time canteen, who has Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Slime Runs, and multiple sausage sizzles, it is because of all of our volunteers who support us!

There are always extraordinary people who go above and beyond, and this year without doubt, I must thank my right-hand-man Jessica Sloss, she has done more for the school this year than most, and like me, does it while holding down a full time job, thanks Jess. Somehow we fit it all in! I must also thank our fantastic Canteen Team, Julie Holloway and Sheree Edwards, you are all simply amazing! There are lots of parents who appreciate your hard work and dedication to the school. All the parents who enjoyed their Mother's Day, Father's Day gifts, ordered something from the canteen, and every child at the school who benefits from the money you raise, say THANK YOU!

I really hope that all the BCPS families have a safe and wonderful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming some new P&C members to the committee in 2023.

When everyone contributes a little bit as a whole, we achieve a lot!

Linda Ross, P&C President
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PARENT SEMINAR



The Digital Life of Kids: The good, the bad and the really scary!

A masterclass with Maggie Dent and Claire Orange

commonsenseparenting.com.au

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PLAY NETBALL



Is your child interested in netball? Provide them with the chance to learn netball basics, get outside and make some friends. Even if it is the first time they'll be picking up a netball, or putting on a bib, it's an all inclusive learning experience, and a lot of FUN!

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Schools and other organisations are desperately hiring people for the following roles: Gardener, cleaner, administration, management, canteen, education assistants and many other roles.

Starting in January 2023, North Metropolitan TAFE are running a one-semester course on the skills required to be a successful candidate for employment in a school or elsewhere. The course gives you an employment advantage that you can't achieve elsewhere. If you have tried and failed, we will get you to where you want to go.

The course includes:

- . Training in skills specific to the role you are interested in e.g. IT skills, Office 365
- . Work experience in a school or other organisation
- . Help and support to find work
- . Help accessing further training as required e.g. Certificate III in Education Support
- . Development of your job application cover letter, resume and help with selection criteria

Entry requirements:

- . 18+
- . Strong work ethic
- . Good oral and written communication
- . Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles etc.
- . Must be able to send and receive emails
- . Successful completion of an entry interview
- . Working With Children Check and a Department of Education Clearance

Course details:

- . Dates - Starts week 1 of term 1 and runs for up to 20 weeks
- . Many students finish the course early because they find work
- . Days - 3 days per week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday during school hours
- . Cost - Approximately \$170 (subject to change) total course fee for full 20 weeks
- . Location - North Metro TAFE Leederville and on work experience
- . Qualification - GATE (Gaining Access to Training and Employment) Certificate I

To apply for this course, use the following website and select "GATE I Leederville": <https://tasonline.tafe.wa.edu.au>

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