



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

After the disrupted start to the year, we are back on track at Bannister Creek with events and activities progressing as expected.

Last Tuesday, 16th February, our hardworking P&C held their AGM in the school staffroom. We had a fantastic turnout with many new faces coming along for the first time. Our P&C has some fabulous plans in place to help the school this year and I encourage you to help out and support their fundraising efforts whenever you can.

Our very successful classroom Parent Information meetings were held on Thursday 18th February. It was great to see such a fantastic turn out for these meetings and I know that our teachers appreciated the interest that was shown by our parent community.

Thursday was also the day for our first assembly of the Year. We are welcoming parents and community members back to our assemblies in 2021 and look forward to seeing you there at future assemblies. We ask that you comply with social distancing requirements and leave the audience chairs in the position they are placed.

I would like to thank Mrs. Stone's Year 4/5 class from Room T4 who volunteered for the first assembly item. In very short time they wrote and prepared a variety of short skits that focused on Bannister Creeks school rules. This was very timely to remind the students of the expectations of our school. You will see from the photos below that Miss Carey and I made special appearances in the assembly. Spencer and Evelyn did a wonderful job of acting out our characters!

Tomorrow is a School Development Day at Bannister Creek and the school will be closed to all students. Teachers will be at work completing a variety of professional learning courses during the day. With the Monday public holiday to follow, this means students will have a 4 day break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday next week.

Our Year 6 Graduation Committee is looking for parents of Year 6 students who would be willing to help out with some of the necessary organization for the end of year activities. If you are interested, please let the front office know and we will pass on your details.



Mr Miller and Miss Carey

Kind Regards

Travis Miller
PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

Thu, 4 March	Assembly hosted by Room 17
Fri, 5 March	School Clean-up Day
Mon, 8 March	School Board Meeting: 3:15pm/Conference Room
Wed, 17 March	Summer Carnival - Year 6 Students
Thu, 18 March	Assembly hosted by Room 16
Fri, 19 March	Harmony Day Picnic: 5:00 to 7:00pm
Tue, 30 March	Parent / Teacher Interviews

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, 26 February
School Development Day
Students do not attend

Monday, 1 March 2021
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday, 19 March 2021
Harmony Family Picnic

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Secondary School Gifted and Talented Testing for Year 5 students

Students who will be entering high school in 2022, have the opportunity to apply for Secondary Selective Academic, Arts and Languages programs. Testing is offered for Year 5 students each year and applications for testing are available online for students who will be entering High School in 2022 at: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>

For more information about Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs, call (08) 9264 4307 or email: gtsu@education.wa.edu.au



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Year 4/5 students from Room T4 hosted the first assembly for 2021. They reminded everyone of some Bannister Creek playground rules.

- No hat, no play.
- Don't run on hard surfaces.
- Sit down while you eat and put your rubbish in the bin.
- Eat canteen purchases on the concrete outside the undercover area to protect the carpet.



Congratulations to Mrs Stone and the students in Room T4 for a great assembly with a timely reminder.

The next assembly will be held on Thursday, 4th March 2021 commencing at 8.45am. Parents are welcome to attend, we ask everyone to observe social distancing practices.

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 practise excellence. When you practise 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	Heidi
Room 4	Daniel, Mayah
Room 5	Ella, Harvey
Room 6	Blake, Jaxon
Room 7	Irfaan, Rachel
Room T3	Emma, Paige
Room 8	Maddison, Toby

CLASS	STUDENT
Room 9	Ethan, Keara
Room T2	Aisha, Nurfathia
Room 10	Abigail, Sascha
Room 11	Teagan
Room T1	Afseen, D'Artagnan
Room 12	Mila, Saroj
Room 13	Lacey, Ron

CLASS	STUDENT
Room T4	Lorenzo, Natalie
Room 14	Hayden, Sunny
Room 15	Erik, Grace
Room 18	Joshua, Reilly
Room 16	Nadilene, Sonam
Room 17	Eva, Logan



PURPLE TOKENS

Students who follow our Code of Conduct and display outstanding social skills are awarded Purple Tokens. At each assembly, a raffle draw is conducted for fortnightly winners who receive a prize. All tokens go into an End of Term Second Chance Draw, so keep doing your best. The winners at the last assembly were: Louise, Room 6; Rihanna, Room T3; Flynn, Room 15 and Eleanor, Room T4.

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are a common lighting choice in Australia since the government began to phase out the use of incandescent bulbs in 2008. CFLs contain small quantities of mercury.

Most bulbs contain fewer than 5mg of mercury, which is about the same as the amount of ink on the tip of a pen. Only very small amounts of mercury are found as fumes in CFLs and there is very little risk to healthy humans of any age.



MARCH MUNCH



Our school is participating in March Munch, where students challenge themselves to crunch on vegetables for Crunch&Sip during the month of March.

Crunch&Sip is a set break during the school day for students to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom. As only 6% of primary school students in Australia eat enough vegetables, the program is encouraging kids to choose vegies for Crunch&Sip to help boost this figure!

Please send vegetables for your child to eat for Crunch&Sip during March. Snow peas, a whole celery stick, cut up a cucumber or capsicum, cauliflower florets, cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks are all great choices.

For more information head to: crunchandsip.com.au/event/1/march-munch-2021



CONNECT NOTICES

View community news in the Connect Library. This week's notices are from:
Rostrata Netball Club

Edmund Rice Centre - Soccer

Kick It Football

P&C NEWS

The P&C Association, wishes to extend a warm welcome and thank you to the 24 parents who joined us at the recent AGM. The P&C has just allocated funds to ensure that we can install a large commercial fan in the Undercover Area to keep our kids cool in the summer months.

We are committed to fundraising so that we can buy new upgraded school play equipment, save towards a roof for the basketball courts and, perhaps, run a large Community Fun Day. We have lots of ideas and projects that can help the school and our children to thrive! Please support your P&C.

Keep a look-out for this section in each newsletter for information about upcoming P&C events. Come along to our meetings, make friends and have fun getting involved in the school community.

I'd like to thank our 2020 P&C committee for all their wonderful, hard work last year. I'd also like to introduce, and offer congratulations to the 2021 P&C committee and office bearers:

President: Linda Ross

Vice President: Amy Fletcher

Treasurer: Jess Sloss

Secretary: Amy McKendry

Execs: Joanna Skalko, Ian Hawke & Tim Dowsett.

Graduation Committee: Julie Hawke & Andrea Crichton.

Fundraising Committee: Emma Smart, Jess Sloss, Bonnie Bambrick, Joanna Skalko & Andre Vaisey.

Classroom Reps: Bonnie Bambrick & Amy Fletcher.

School Banking has recommenced thanks to the Commonwealth Bank and Amy Fletcher, our volunteer mum who has committed to supporting this worthwhile school initiative. School Banking day is Thursday, if you have not set up an account, please contact the P&C or visit our Harmony Day stand to ask questions and set up an account to get saving!

To participate in School Banking, you simply send your child to school with their completed bank book and deposit. The children give the book and deposit to the class teacher who places it in the classroom Banking Bag. This bag is collected by our volunteer banking co-ordinators who process the deposits and return the books to the classrooms so that they can be sent home with the students at the end of the day.

Please support the P&C and let's have a great year! Remember this is your committee, your school and your opportunity to work with a fun team to raise money for more resources at the school. All parents are welcome, your contribution might be a donation, a couple of hours helping at one of our fundraising events or coming along to support us with your opinion and advice at P&C meetings. Whatever you can contribute is welcomed. We know you'll have a few laughs and make some new friends along the way. Come and join in the fun this year!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd March in the staff room at 6:00pm. Meetings usually last for 30 minutes. Please come along, we'd love to meet you!

Linda Ross, P&C President

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ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE



The Year 6 Graduation Committee will be running a sausage sizzle at the school on Election Day - Saturday March 13th 2021. Funds raised will assist with the Year 6 Graduation and Camp. Bring along your small change, buy a delicious sausage in a bun and a cold drink to support our Year 6 students.

FREE FAMILY EVENT

This Weekend is the **FREE Muddy Hands Family Festival** held at CREEC on **Sunday 28th February** from **10:00am - 4:00 pm**. So much sustainable fun to experience from Nature Play..... mud kitchens & sculpting, loose parts play and animal awareness activities. Further information is available on the Canning Website:

<https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/events/muddy-hands-festival-92d86532>



CITY OF CANNING - LOCAL SPEED ZONES SURVEY

The City of Canning (The City) is currently seeking the community's views towards vehicle speeds on local streets. We are encouraging Local Schools, Young People and Parents & Friends Associations to have their say, by completing a short on-line survey before 5:00pm on Friday, 9 April 2021.

The using the link <https://www.yoursaycanning.com.au/speed-zones> will take you to the City's 'Your Say' page. There, you will find further information about the project and a Youth Survey for young people aged 10 and older. You can register on this page to keep up-to-date with any changes or further information.

The City is currently engaged in a strategic review of its Integrated Transport Strategy Element R8 - Speeds. This consultation is part of the City's commitment to making informed decisions, by bringing the voices of our diverse communities and stakeholders together to discuss topics that are important to them. Whilst the City does not have the legal ability to change speed zones – this is the responsibility of Main Roads WA – it is the City's responsibility to ensure we are aware of our community's views. No major decisions on speed limits will be implemented without further consultation with community and Main Roads WA.

The more people that respond, the stronger the results.