



Education

# Bankstown South Infants School



Creating Our Future

Newsletter Term 3 Week 3, 2019



## What's on @ BSIS



### Term 3 Week 3 \*Education Week\*

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - Education Week Open Day

### Term 3 Week 4

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August - K-2 Assembly hosted and with an item by KD

### Term 3 Week 5

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August - East Hills PSSA District Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Public Speaking Finals
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - K-2 Sean Murphy Show Excursion to Bankstown Library

### Term 3 Week 6

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Book Fair Begins
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Book Week Parade
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August - K-2 Assembly hosted by KS

**Tuesday** - School Banking Day

**Wednesday** - Playgroup 9:15am

**Friday (Even Weeks)** - K-2 Assembly

**Friday** P-2 Sports Pro Program



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## Principal's Report

### Term 3

Welcome back to another exciting Term at Bankstown South Infants School. All classes have settled back into a wonderful learning routine and I am so impressed with the progress everyone is making. We look forward to sharing all the wonderful things we have been doing when we open the classes up for our Education Week Open Day this Thursday. We hope to see as many parents and friends here as possible so we can celebrate our wonderful students, staff and school with you.



We will only be printing one newsletter per family. The newsletter will go to the oldest child enrolled at Bankstown South Infants School. Our newsletter will also be available on our Skoolbag app and school website. If you would prefer not to receive a printed newsletter please inform the school in writing and you can access it through the app and website.

### 2020 Enrolments

We are now taking 2020 Kindergarten and Preschool enrolments. Please visit the office to collect an enrolment pack. **First round Preschool applications will close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Week 9 Term 3)**. Please ensure that you have returned your waiting list form before this day to be considered in the first round offers. Kindergarten orientation sessions are now being planned. If you have a school aged child or know of anyone in our local area please contact the office. Year 2 parents have all been contacted via a written note about their intended school for 2020. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office as soon as possible so we can begin to plan the transition process. If you have a child in Kindergarten or Year 1 who will not be returning to Bankstown South Infants School in 2020 please contact the office.

### Interactive Panel

K/IT have been waiting patiently for an updated interactive display. They were very excited to return to school this term to find a brand new Promethium Board in their classroom. We hope they are enjoying their new technology and I am sure it is enhancing their learning experiences.



## **Athletics Carnival**

Thank you to our entire school community, students, staff and families for an outstanding Athletics Carnival. The weather was lovely and it was wonderful to see all our students participating so well. We have included a page of photos later in the newsletter. Please check out our school Facebook Page for an exciting video that was made by Ibrahim's Dad. We thank him for the time and effort he put in to producing the wonderful memory for us. Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly on the day to make the activities so engaging and to all the parents who came and supported us. I am so proud of all our amazing students. They all tried their best and displayed such good sportsmanship. We have had 6 students qualify for the East Hills PSSA District Athletics Carnival in the 8 Years 100m. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to sharing their successes with you.

## **Hall**

A big thank you to our P&C who work tirelessly to support our school and raise money. In collaboration with our P&C we have ordered a projector, electronic screen, speakers, PA and cordless microphones for use at assembly and special events. We hope they will be installed in the coming weeks and look forward to sharing them with you. Please continue to support our P&C and their fundraising efforts.

## **Assembly**

Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who have been joining us for assemblies every second Friday morning. Our assemblies are a chance to acknowledge and celebrate student achievement, effort and success and I know your children love seeing you there. In the last few assemblies parents and toddlers have become increasingly loud and distracting to the classes and students presenting. Please keep all conversations until after assembly has finished and if you need to take a phone call please walk outside. I would also like to remind parents about having appropriate conversations in the hall. The classes sitting in front of the parents can hear the conversations being had and it is quite upsetting when they report inappropriate comments made about other students, staff and classes by the parents. Please help us to keep assembly a place to celebrate our wonderful school.



## **National Consistent Collection of Data**

It's that time of year again when schools are required to complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). This annual collection counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students. Personal details, such as student names or other identifying information are not provided. If you would like further information about the NCCD please contact the school.

## **Money and Notes**

Thank you to the many families who return permission notes and payments to the office on time. We have an increasing number of families who are trying to pay late for events. Please be advised that we are no longer able to accept late payments and notes. All activities and events will have a cut off date and these will be strictly adhered to. We often need to confirm numbers up to a week or two in advance with companies and order food and supplies. We then need to complete risk assessments and organise the supervision and safety of students. To avoid disappointment please ensure that all notes and money are returned to the office by the due date and time. **All money must come to the office.** Teachers, including the preschool do not handle money and should not be handed payment envelopes. If you are having difficulty with the payment of events and activities please make an appointment to see me.

## **Attendance**

If your child is absent from school it means they miss out on vital information and learning routines. It can result in a loss of confidence and impact on the formation of vital friendships. Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days, unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness. Constant sick days need to have medical certificates attached to the explanation.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the classroom teacher or myself. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please notify the school detailing your child's name, class, date of absence and reason for the absence. This can be done via a handwritten note to the teacher on their return, a telephone call to the office or through the Skoolbag app. If your child is going to be absent for more than two or three days, please notify the school and ensure that a medical certificate is provided to the teacher on their return. Students arriving late to school or leaving early, must be signed in or out at the school office.

## **Road Safety**

We are continuing to try to make the drop off and pick of students as safe as possible. I understand that parking around the school is limited and we have contacted Bankstown council again about this issue. I ask that all parents/carers drive and park safely and legally around the school at all times. Students need to be collected and cross at the pedestrian crossing with an adult.

## **Health Care**

At Bankstown South Infants we welcome information from parents about their child's health, even when you are not requesting specific support. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child, but it is also important to let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school, in writing, by parents/carers. This will greatly assist in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify the school of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information provided to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs.

## **What did you do at school today?**

If your child answers this question by saying "nothing", try asking a different question: "What words did you learn today?", "Who did you play with at lunch time?", "What did you enjoy most about school today?" Framing questions in a positive way can encourage children to remember the good parts of their day rather than focusing on the negative. One of the keys to doing well in school is staying positive. Positivity will make your child feel better and give them a good attitude to be more productive with their schoolwork. Staying positive in school means staying optimistic, keeping organised and avoiding negativity.

## **Class Stories**

Each newsletter we will be showcasing a class and program from across the school. We have started with KD this week and I hope you enjoy seeing all the wonderful things they have been learning about.

## **Calendar**

I have included a copy of our Term 3 & Term 4 calendars. Please note that these are working documents and we will continue to add dates and events so please check them carefully each newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Education Week open day this week.

*Kim Collas*  
*Principal*





Showcase of KD



This term we have been reading Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and have created retells of the stories read along with some artworks

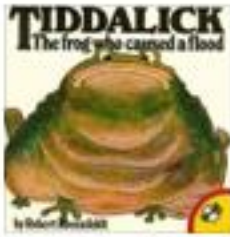


# Our Class KD



This year KD have been busy learning letters and sounds and how they go together to help us with our reading. We have also worked hard in writing and always try our best. During literacy sessions, kindergarten enjoy a variety of activities such as making sight words with magnetic letters, free writing on the white boards and learning how to put sounds together to make a word.





Student read the Dreamtime story of:

## Showcase of KD

### Tiddalick the Frog

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago in the Dream Time there was a greedy **frog** called **Tiddalick**. **Tiddalick** wanted to be the biggest **frog** in all the land. One very hot day **Tiddalick** was very thirsty so he began to drink and drink and drink until the whole billabong was all dried up.



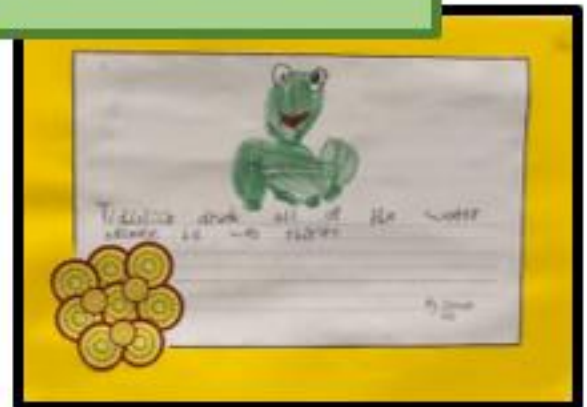
Students were asked to retell part of the story.

Our Learning Intention was to compose a simple text

Our Success Criteria was:

- > We can use past tense verbs
- > We can use pronouns and
- > We can use 'and' to join ideas

Here are some examples of our wonderful writing





# Athletics Carnival

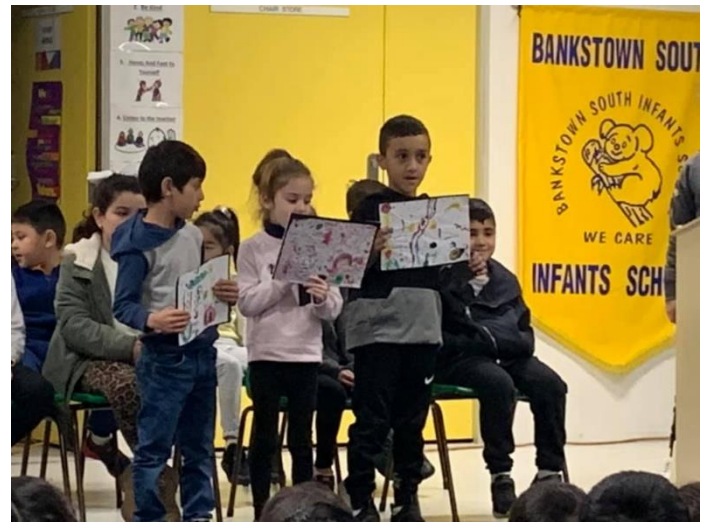
What a fantastic 2019 Athletics Carnival. We are so proud of all of the amazing BSIS students.





## NAIDOC Week

Thank you to Mrs Chamron for organising our NAIDOC week assembly. All classes participated in lessons about Aboriginal Culture, Dreamtime stories and we loved seeing all the work displayed in the hall. 1/2E presented a great play about "How the kangaroo got their tail". We also enjoyed having a muffi day and eating jelly and donuts. All money raised from this day will go towards creating an Indigenous garden in our playground.





# Pyjama Day





## Term 2 Attendance Party

Congratulations to all our students who had an attendance rate of 95% or above and less than 5 partial absences. We celebrated with a special party and some exciting presents donated by the 'Good 360' organisation. Congratulations to Aizen, Isaac M, Ayden and Isaac G who had 100% attendance in Term 2. We look forward to celebrating with all our students who have outstanding attendance again at the end of the term.



### Percentage Attendance Update

Class	Current Attendance Rate 2019
KD	90%
KS	89%
K/1T	90%
1/2E	89%
2H	95%
Whole School	91%

## Term 3 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	22/7 Staff Development Day	23/7 Students return for Term 3	24/7 <b>K-2 Athletics Carnival</b>	25/7	26/7 Sports Pro P&C Meeting
2	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8	2/8 Sports Pro Assembly - SRC Jelly & Donut Mufti Day
3	5/8	5/8	7/8	8/8 <b>Education Week Open Day</b>	9/8 Sports Pro
4	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8	16/8 Sports Pro Assembly - KD
5	19/8 East Hills PSSA District Athletics Carnival	20/8	21/8 Public Speaking Finals	22/8	23/8 Sports Pro K-2 'Sean Murphy Show' Excursion to Bankstown Library
6	26/8	27/8	28/8 Book Fair	29/8 Book Fair <b>Book Week Dress Up Parade</b>	30/8 Sports Pro Assembly - KS Book Fair
7	2/9 Book Fair	3/9 Book Fair	4/9 Book Fair	5/9	6/9 Sports Pro P&C Meeting
8	9/9	10/9 Year 2 & SRC Greening Australia Excursion	11/9	12/9 <b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>	13/9 Sports Pro Assembly - 1/2E
9	16/9	17/9 <b>Round 1 2020 Preschool Applications Close</b>	18/9	19/9 <b>Multicultural Day</b>	20/9 Sports Pro
10	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9	27/9 Sports Pro Assembly - SRC <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>



## Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14/10 Students & Staff return for Term 4	15/10	16/10	17/10	18/10 Gymnastics P&C Meeting
2	21/10	22/10	23/10	24/10	25/10 Gymnastics Assembly -2H
3	28/10	29/10	30/10	31/10	1/11 Gymnastics
4	4/11	5/11	6/11	7/11 2020 Kindy Orientation Session 1	8/11 Gymnastics Assembly - K/1T
5	11/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony <b>Dance Group Festival Night Performance</b>	12/11	13/11	14/11 2020 Kindy Orientation Session 2	15/11 Gymnastics K-2 Russ the Buss Incursion
6	18/11	19/11	20/11	21/11 2020 Kindy Orientation Session 3	22/11 Gymnastics Assembly - KD Book Fair
7	25/11	26/11	27/11	28/11 2020 Kindy Orientation Session 4	29/11 Gymnastics P&C Meeting
8	2/12	3/12	4/12	5/12	6/12 Gymnastics Assembly - KS
9	9/12	10/12	11/12 <b>Presentation Day</b>	12/12 Semester 2 Reports home to parents	13/12 P-2 School Fun Day
10	16/12 Year 2 Graduation Party at Chipmunks	17/12 <b>Celebration Assembly &amp; Graduation</b>	18/12 <b>Last Day of Term 4 for students</b>	19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 School Closed for School Holidays