



Education

Bankstown South Infants School



Creating Our Future

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3, 2020



What's on @ BSIS



Term 1 Week 3

- **Friday 14th February**
- NRL skills clinic K-2

Term 1 Week 4

- **Thursday 20th February**
- Meet & Greet teacher interviews
- **Friday 21st February**
- P&C Meeting

Term 1 Week 6

- **Monday 2nd March**
- School photos P-2
- **Thursday 5th March**
- Big Veggie Crunch
- **Friday 6th March**
- Koala Preschool photos

Tuesday - School Banking Day

Wednesday - Playgroup 9:15am

Friday (Even Weeks) - K-2 Assembly



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Skoolbag 

Smartphone school to parent communication

Principal's Report

I would like to welcome all of our students and families to Bankstown South Infants School for 2020. We have had a wonderful beginning to the term and I am very thankful to the staff for their hard work behind the scenes to settle the children so quickly into their new routines. Our Kindergarten students began school on Monday 4th February and we are so impressed with how well they have settled in. Welcome to all our new families we are so excited to have you join the BSIS family.



It was lovely to see all of our students back looking so refreshed and ready to learn. Their uniform looks amazing and I thank you for your support in making our students look so good in their school uniform. Please remember to send a school hat and water bottle with the students daily.

I would like to warmly welcome our new staff: Ms Bova - KB and Relieving Assistant Principal Kindergarten, Mrs Noshie - 1/2N, Mrs Halloran - Preschool, Mrs James – Preschool and Mrs Ma - Community Language Vietnamese. We are very lucky to have them and I know you will make them feel very welcome.

Communication

Our main forms of communication are SkoolBag, our school Facebook page and the newsletter. I encourage all members of our community to download the SkoolBag app via the app store - search Bankstown South Infants School. The newsletter is published on a Tuesday in weeks 3,6 and 9 and will go to the oldest child in each family. The newsletter is also available on our school website. All notes are handed out to students and also placed on the SkoolBag app for parents to download. Please make sure you read all correspondence that comes home so you don't miss out of important information.

Notes and payments

All notes and money need to be brought to the office not the classroom teachers. This includes the preschool and early intervention. Please make sure that all notes are correctly filled out including your child's first name, last name and class.

Payments can be made in cash, through eftpos machine in the office for credit/debit card payments and online through the school website at the Make A Payment. There is no option for cash out.

A permission note still must be returned for cash,online and eftpos payments.Please remember that we strictly adhere to due dates with notes and payments. **No late money or notes will be accepted so please make sure that everything is in on time to avoid disappointment.**

Visitors

All visitors including parents must report to the office when they enter the school site between 9:00am and 2:45pm. **Parents are not to go straight to the classroom to drop of lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats or jackets.** This disturbs learning time and disrupts the class. We appreciate your support with this matter. It is vital that we know who is onsite at all times and for your own, and your child's safety, all visitors must come through the office.

Preschool Hours

Our current K-2 school class hours are 9:00am - 2:45pm. As of Monday Week 5, 24th February 2020 we will be changing our preschool finish time to be consistent with the rest of the school. Preschool will start at 9:00am and will now finish at 2:45pm. This means your child must be picked up by 2:45pm each day. Pick up time for preschool will now be between 2:30 -2:45pm.

Weather

We have had a full range of seasons in the first few weeks of school! It is important that all students wear a school hat and sunscreen to school every day. Students who do not have a school hat will need to stay in the shade at recess and lunch. Non school caps are not acceptable as we require student to either have wide brimmed hat or a hat that covers their neck. This is why only school hats are acceptable.

During wet weather puddles quickly develop around our school. On very wet days we encourage students to wear gumboots to school and to bring their school shoes in a bag to change into in the classroom. All students need to have a raincoat/poncho or umbrella to access parts of the school like toilets, library and hall. Please ensure a raincoat is in your child's bag every day. We ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's names so the right property goes home with the right person at the end of the day.

Lost property

We already have amounting piles of lost property at the office. Please ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child accidentally brings something home with another child's name on it, we ask that you return it to school the next day so we can reunite it with its owner. If you are looking for lost items the first port of call is always the classroom or playground followed by the lost property box in the office.

Meet and Greet session

As you were advised last week in place of our usual 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon we will be holding 10 minute individual 'Meet and Greet' interview sessions. This is a time for you to share information with the teacher that will assist them this year. It is also a great time to share strength and areas for development and to build a strong home/school partnership. We encourage students to attend with their parents in a 3 way interview. The information about how to book online is included later in the newsletter. If you require any assistance booking a time please visit the office.

Attendance

This year we will be again recognising students who have outstanding attendance at Bankstown South Infants School. **Students who have had 95% attendance or above including less than 5 late arrivals or early departures will be rewarded each term with an attendance party.** Students who have 100% attendance at the end of the year will be recognised at our end of year presentation day.

Just a reminder that our morning bell goes at 9:00am and a teacher will be on duty from 8:30am. The school day ends at 2:45pm and students need to be collected promptly. We have before and after school onsite every day for K-2 should you need to access extra hours.

Kim Collas
Principal



EVERY DAY COUNTS....


A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!






EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!



2020 class and teachers

We have formed classes that students will remain in for the rest of the year. On the back of this sheet is a list of the classes and teachers. The class teacher is always the first contact if you have any concerns or questions about your child. Please refrain from talking to them at lines after the morning bell has gone. They are unable to discuss issues or concerns with you when they are supervising their class. Please visit the office to make an appointment to speak to the teacher at an appropriate time.

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

KB - Miss Bova - Assistant Principal

KD - Mrs De Andrade Monday - Wednesday, Mrs Stephandellis Thursday, Friday

KS - Mrs Samrout Monday - Thursday, Mrs Tamer - Friday

Stage 1 - Year 1 & Year 2

1M - Ms Mustafa - Tuesday - Friday

1/2N - Mrs Noshie - Thursday - Friday

2X - Mrs Xiros - Assistant Principal

Preschool

Koala & Echnidna Groups Teachers- Mrs James Monday, Mrs Halloran Tuesday - Friday.

Koala & Echnidna Groups SLSOs - Mrs Hurst - Monday Tuesday, Mrs Nicoll - SLSO Wednesday - Friday

Early Intervention

Yellow, Blue & Green Groups - Ms Judy, Ms Elle - SLSO

Support

EAL/D - Mrs Chamron

Learning and Support - Mrs Dion - Monday - Thursday

RFF - Mr Jones - Tuesday, Thursday, Mrs Tamer - Thursday

Community Language Arabic - Mrs Haddara - Tuesday

Community Language Vietnamese - Mrs Ma - Thursday



School Uniform

Thank you to all of the families who have made sure their children are wearing the correct school uniform this year. Our students look wonderful and feel such a sense of school and personal pride when they know they are wearing what is required.

All students K-2 are expected to wear full school uniform each day which includes plain black school shoes and white socks Monday to Thursday. Sports shoes and white socks need to be worn on a Friday.

Correct school uniform also means not adding non-uniform items including: brightly coloured shoe laces and hair ribbons (all hair accessories need to be royal blue and yellow); jewellery, clothing which is visible worn underneath the uniform, such as long sleeves under short sleeves and leggings/tights; non-uniform jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, jumpers and jackets.

One way in which we can foster school pride and build our reputation in the community is by the wearing of correct school uniform every day. We greatly appreciate your support.

The correct summer uniform is: (worn Monday to Thursday)

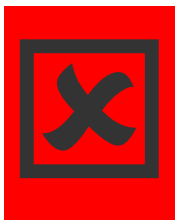
Royal blue shorts or skirt with the school yellow polo shirt with the school crest or the school dress, white socks, black shoes and a yellow school hat.



Examples of appropriate plain back school shoes for Monday to Thursday include:



Examples of shoes that are **not** appropriate for Monday to Thursday include:



The correct summer sports uniform is: (worn only on Friday)

Royal blue shorts or skort with the school yellow polo shirt with the school crest, white socks, sport shoes, and a yellow school hat.



Kindergarten 2020

Kindergarten were off to a great start on their first week at school! They are settling well into the routines and are feeling happy to be at school!



Thank you families for your generous donations towards adopting a koala for each class. These are the koalas kindergarten has adopted:

KB



Oxley Twinkles

KS



Ocean Summer

KD



Emerald Downs Mary

In our first week we also celebrated the Lunar New Year. We wore red to school last Friday and made some paper dragons in class. Thank you parents for visiting our classrooms on Friday afternoon to celebrate with us.



Koala Hospital Port Macquarie fundraiser

The Koala holds a special place in our heart as it is prominently featured on our school crest. As you would have seen the koala population in NSW was devastated in the recent bushfires. To support the Koala population in NSW each class raised money to 'Adopt a Koala' from the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. Each class chose which Koala they would like to adopt and a certificate of adoption is hanging both in the classrooms and the office. With the money raised we were also able to plant Koala food trees. The trees are planted in the wild to help nourish koalas and reduce Australia's carbon footprint. Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting this event.



Certificate of Adoption



This is to certify that
**KS - Bankstown South Infants
 School**
adopted
Ocean Summer

*Koala Hospital Port Macquarie
 New South Wales, Australia
 Koala Preservation Society Australia Incorporated*

Koala Preservation Society Australia

Exp: 07 Feb 2021 #1230253



Certificate of Adoption



This is to certify that
**1M - Bankstown South Infants
 School**
adopted
Balmoral Mini

*Koala Hospital Port Macquarie
 New South Wales, Australia
 Koala Preservation Society Australia Incorporated*

Koala Preservation Society Australia

Exp: 07 Feb 2021 #1230253



Certificate of Adoption



This is to certify that
**2X - Bankstown South Infants
 School**
adopted
Crescent Head Jimmy

*Koala Hospital Port Macquarie
 New South Wales, Australia
 Koala Preservation Society Australia Incorporated*

Koala Preservation Society Australia

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Certificate of Adoption



This is to certify that
**1/2N - Bankstown South Infants
 School**
adopted
Lion Leo

*Koala Hospital Port Macquarie
 New South Wales, Australia
 Koala Preservation Society Australia Incorporated*

Koala Preservation Society Australia

Exp: 07 Feb 2021 #1230253



Certificate of Adoption



This is to certify that
**Bankstown South Infants
 School**
adopted
Lismore Rose

*Koala Hospital Port Macquarie
 New South Wales, Australia
 Koala Preservation Society Australia Incorporated*

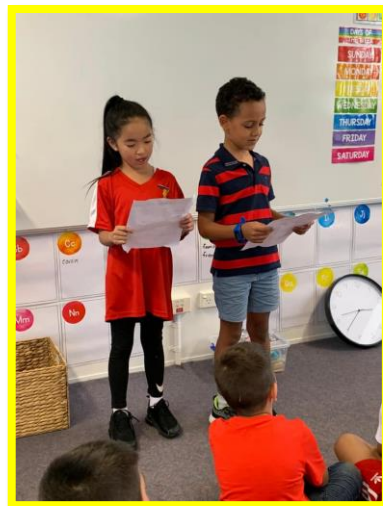
Koala Preservation Society Australia

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Lunar New Year Celebrations

On Friday 7th February we came together to celebrate Lunar New Year. Due to the bad weather we had to cancel our parade but enjoyed having open classrooms instead and sharing all our wonderful craft with you all. We wish everyone a years or prosperity and happiness!



Free Playgroup



A free playgroup is held here every **Wednesday** in the multi-purpose room.

9:15-11:00am

Children and families are supported by Early Childhood Educators and Family Support Workers as well as a Speech Therapist every fortnight.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Please Come Along!



Crunch & Sip

Live Life Well @ School

FRUIT, VEGETABLE & WATER BREAK

Research says that a chance to “refuel” by eating fruit and vegetables in class can help students focus.

Our school offers Crunch & Sip, a set time in class for students to have fruit and/or vegetables and water.

Here is how to pack for Crunch & Sip:



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Meet & Greet Interviews



Dear Parents,

This year we have decided to start the year with our meet and greet Parent/Teacher/Student interviews instead of our usual meet the teacher afternoon.

This is an opportunity for you and your child to talk to the class teacher. You can share information you feel will be helpful, and your child can discuss their areas of strength and their learning goals to start the year. The meet and greet will be held on **Thursday 20th February 2020**. Interviews will be held in your child's classroom.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9790 6176

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

MAKE A BOOKING

enter the code **fqf79**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Tuesday 18th February 2020.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

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SkoolBag App

Thank you to the families who have already downloaded our SkoolBag app. We encourage everyone to download it as this is where important information, announcements and reminders are sent. A copy of all notes that are sent home are also stored here for parents and carers to access from their phone or tablet. Please ensure you have alerts turned on so you receive instant notifications and please regularly check our Facebook page and school website for updates and information.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

1

Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

2

Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

3

Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag 

SMOOSH Before and after School Care

HAVE YOU HEARD OF

SMOOSH?

SMOOSH is an approved child care provider running OSHC and vacation care programs in five Sydney schools.

Under the umbrella of non-profit organisation South Eastern Community Connect, SMOOSH is supported and driven by an exceptional team of qualified Early Childhood Educators.

At SMOOSH, your child will receive delicious and nutritious seasonal meals and an educational, play-based program focused on their unique interests. You will *love* SMOOSH!

Costs are as follows:

\$16 for before-school care or as little as \$2.50 with government rebate*
\$20 for after-school care or as little as \$3.00 with the government rebate*
(+ \$2 for casual bookings)

*CCS approved. Please visit SMMOSH to see your eligible rebate amount.

Casual bookings are also available!



**South Eastern
Community
Connect**

Bankstown South Infants, Bankstown Public & Birrong Public School
enquiries: 0416 244 504

Hampden Park & Eastlakes Public School enquiries: 0431 427 176

Term 1 2020 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27/1 Australia Day Public Holiday	28/1 Staff Development Day	29/1 Year 1 and Year 2 students return for Term 1 Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	30/1 Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	31/1 Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
2	3/2 Kindergarten Students begin school	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2 Chinese New Year celebration
3	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2
4	17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2 P&C Meeting
5	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2
6	2/3 School Photos P-2	3/3	4/3	5/3 Big Veggie Crunch	6/3 Koala Preschool Photos
7	9/3	10/3	11/3 Swimming Scheme money and notes due	12/3	13/3
8	16/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	17/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	18/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	19/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	20/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme
9	23/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	24/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	25/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	26/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme	27/3 Year 1 & 2 Swimming Scheme
10	30/3	31/3	3/4	2/4	3/4
11	6/4	7/4	8/4 Easter Hat Parade	9/4 Last day of Term 1	10/4 Good Friday Public Holiday



Education &
Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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