



Education

Bankstown South Infants School



Creating Our Future

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3, 2022

What's on @ BSIS

Welcome to Term 1 2022



Term 1 Week 4

- **Monday February 14th**
 - Year 2 Gardening
- **Friday February 18th**
 - Soccer begins

Term 1 Week 5

- **Wednesday February 23rd**
 - Healthy Harold
- **Thursday February 24th**
 - Healthy Harold
- **Friday February 25th**
 - Healthy Harold
 - Soccer

Term 1 Week 6

- **Tuesday March 1st**
 - Whole School Photos – Full School uniform.
- **Wednesday March 2nd**
 - Early Intervention blue group school photos.
- **Thursday March 3rd**
 - Preschool Koala, Early Intervention Green & catchup school photos.
- **Friday March 4th**
 - Soccer



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Principal's Report

Welcome back for the 2022 school year! We have had a wonderful start to the year and students are all settled in classes and are already producing wonderful work. We have formed 7 classes and are very lucky to have small class sizes so we can cater for all students needs. We look forward to continuing to see each child grow and develop to their personal best.

It was lovely to see all our students back after the holidays 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.

Communication

Our main forms of communication are email, our school Facebook page, K-2 and EI class dojo, Preschool Seesaw and the newsletter which is on the website. The newsletter is published on a Thursday in weeks 3, 6 and 9 and will be emailed to each family. The newsletter is also available on our school website. If you would like a printed copy please contact the office. All notes are handed out to students and are also emailed to families. Please make sure you read all correspondence that comes home so you don't miss out on 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.

Parents that need to access the office to pay via eftpos can only do so in the afternoon between 2:43 and 2:55pm. Parents are unable to come into the office in the morning before school due to current COVID restrictions. Money and notes can still be sent to the office with students in the morning.

Payments can be made in cash, through the eftpos machine in the office for credit/debit card payments and online through the school website at the Make A Payment tab. 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.**

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 a 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 or poncho 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 name 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.

Attendance

This year we will be again recognising students who have outstanding attendance at Bankstown South Infants School. **Students who have had 93% attendance or above including no more than 4 partial absences (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.

The department has set us a school attendance target of students attending 93% or above and we will regularly be checking in with families who are falling below this percentage. Please make sure that you send a note or doctors certificate with your child the day they return to school.

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

Luna New Year

We celebrated Lunar New Year on Friday 4th of February at BSIS. The students wore red, yellow, and traditional dress to celebrate the Year of the Tiger. It was such a bright, happy day, with the students making tiger masks and other amazing art works. Thanks to your generous donations to the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie, we were able to adopt a Koala for each class, with the money going towards the rescue and treatment of sick and injured koalas.



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Monday mornings 8.30am-9am & Thursday afternoons from 2.45pm-3pm only. If you are unable to make this time you may email the school your order and make your payment online via the school website. Due to staffing, we are unable to open the uniform outside of these hours. Online orders will be delivered to your child in class on Monday or Thursday. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day.

Parking, pick up and drop off procedures

Parents, please make sure you are parking legally when dropping off in the mornings or picking up in the afternoons. We understand that parking can be difficult, especially in the afternoons, however parking is available a few streets away. Please arrive a little earlier, park, and walk to collect your child. We have had neighbours complain of parents parked across their driveways and unfortunately have also called the police. Please allow plenty of time to get to school to pick up your child on time at 2.45pm. We are having an increasing number of students arriving closer to 3pm. You will need to utilize our onsite after school care program if you are unable to collect your child on time each day.

Kids look to you to keep them safe...

Know the signs. Know the rules.



40km/h School Zone
This 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed during school zone operating times.



Bus Zones
No stopping zones
No parking zones

Fines and loss of demerit points apply.

A road safety initiative from MidCoast Council

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES		Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016	
	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	Maximum Penalty	\$433
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods, and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty	\$180
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	Penalty	\$325
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty	\$325
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$425 + 2 Demerit Points • STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points • STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$841 			
<p><small>Check for fines and demerit points on www.fines.nsw.gov.au</small></p> <p><small>These penalties apply to offences of either a traffic or during period school hours.</small></p>			

In the mornings please remember our school gate closes at 9am each day. Children arriving after 9am need to walk themselves to the office for a late note, under no circumstances are parents allowed to walk onsite in the morning. This lateness will affect their attendance so please arrive on time each day and make appointments outside of school hours where possible.

Library

Every class will go to the library weekly to borrow books. Only students with a library bag can borrow. Please ensure students have their library bag ready on their day.

KB, KC & KJ – Wednesdays
1N, 1S & 2X – Thursdays
2M – Fridays

