



BILPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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At Bilpin Public School we are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS

Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 3rd April 2018

Dates to Remember

TERM 1 2018

WEEK 10

- Tues 3rd April - P & C Meeting 3.40pm
- Tues 3rd April - Last day for Coles Sports Vouchers
- Wed 4th April - School Uniform Order due
- Fri 6th April - Think Blast Challenge Year 4

WEEK 11

- Fri 13th April - Cross Country
- Last Day of Term 1
- P & C Small School's Fundraising Note due

TERM 2 2018

WEEK 1

- Mon 30th April - Staff Development Day
- Tues 1st May - First Day of Term 2
- Tues 1st May - P & C Meeting 3.40pm
- Wed 2nd May - ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Thurs 3rd May - Canteen commences
- Fri 4th May - Leadership Year 6
- Fri 4th May - Mother's Day Gifts due

WEEK 2

- Thurs 10th May - Mother's Day Stall
- Fri 11th May - Small Schools' Cross Country

WEEK 3

- Tues 15th - Thurs 17th May - NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5

Thank you to the families who have made donations towards the Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival canteen. We have had some very generous donations and are very appreciative of the support provided by our school community.

Please see further information about donations and the events in the P & C section of this Newsletter.

Think Blast Challenge

On Friday 6th April, a team of 6 Year 4 students will be attending a STEAM challenge at Colo High School.

The day will consist of general knowledge, mathematical, scientific, environmental and creative challenges, requiring students to use their creative and critical thinking skills and work as a team to complete each challenge.

This day is the launch for an ongoing team project that will take place in Term 2. The challenge will focus on a local or school concern. Each school will choose an issue of concern and develop their technological, scientific and ethical thinking to present to the Colo Learning Community of schools.

Students will provide reports about their experiences in the first newsletter for next term. We wish them all the best for the challenge on Friday!

Coles Sports for Schools vouchers

Once again we have had a very successful fortnight with the collection of Coles Sports in Schools vouchers! We are already up **20,726 vouchers** which is an amazing effort!



Today is the last day to collect **Sports for Schools** vouchers. Please bring in any vouchers to the school as they won't be accepted at Coles after the 3rd April. We thank you once again for supporting our school!

School Cross Country Carnival

The school Cross Country Carnival will take place on the last day of school (Friday 13th April), commencing at 10am. Students will be required to wear their sports uniform.

We will begin with Junior races followed by Juveniles and then 11 Years and Seniors. As always, we are looking forward to parents coming along to support their children.

We hope you all had a relaxing Easter. With a week and a half to go before the school holidays, we have a lot of activities to squeeze in!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have worked in the canteen, in classrooms and on P & C during this term. We truly value your help!

P & C Meeting

This week's P & C will be held this afternoon from 3:40pm in the staffroom. The main focus for this meeting is to finalise organisation for the Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival and the Mother's Day Stall. Both events will be taking place in Week 2 of Term 2. Mothers Day stall on Thursday 10th May and Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival on Friday 11th May.

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 3rd April
The Staff Room 3.40pm

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

President	Angie Pirie	0414 570 364	<i>Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss</i>
Vice President	Michelle Leer	0410 548 210	
Treasurer	Cheryl Baird	0414 499 239	
Secretary	Nikki Wheen	4567 1154	

In the event of rain, the carnival will take place early next term.

The Small Schools' Carnival will be held on Friday 11th May at Woodbury Reserve in Glossodia.

Hawkesbury Show

The Hawkesbury Show will be taking place from **Friday 20th April until Sunday 22nd April**.

If you are attending the show, make sure you pop into the pavilion to have a look at our students' artwork.

Each class will be busily working on our sheep design in the lead up to the end of the term. Keep a look out for them grazing somewhere around the showgrounds!

Shining Star Medallion and Principal's Lunch

During the last week of school, the Shining Star Medallion winner and any student who has received 3 Principal's Award this term, will be invited to have lunch with me in the staffroom. Notes will be sent home prior to this luncheon informing students and parents of the date which is currently to be confirmed.

ANZAC Ceremony—REMINDER for next term

We will be holding our ANZAC Day Ceremony at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 2nd May. This is the second day of school for students next term. Students are encouraged to bring along flowers for the ceremony. Parents are also invited to attend.



Our 3 leaders will attend the Dawn Service at Kurrajong on Anzac Day, which falls during the school holidays, to represent our school and pay respects to those who have served our country in the past and today.

Leadership Day Year 6

On Friday 4th May, Year 6 will attend a Year 6 transition day at Richmond North Public School where they will have the opportunity to meet other Year 6 students from local primary schools and work with Year 11's from Colo High School.

Students will undertake a variety of activities about getting ready for high school.

NAPLAN—REMINDER for next term

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is conducted across the country at the same time.

The results of the tests will provide a snapshot of information to schools and parents about what students are able to do at this point in time. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement against the national minimum standard.

Last year schools participated in an online trial. This year our school will undertake the paper and pencil assessment.

The tests will be conducted from Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th May.

Last year our school was identified as a Value-Add school in NAPLAN, which means our students performed extremely well and demonstrated significant growth from Year 3 to Year 5. A separate handout for Year 3 and 5 parents is attached to this newsletter.

Annual School Report 2017 and School Plan 2018 - 2020

At the end of this term the Annual School Report for 2017, which is a reflection of school initiatives that took place in 2017, as well as the School Plan 2018 - 2020, which informs the 3 key strategic directions for the next 3 years, will be uploaded onto the school website at the end of the term.

The school Plan and Annual School Report will be presented to the P & C at this afternoon's meeting.

School Defibrillator

The school has been approached by **Hawkesbury Heart Start** to receive a defibrillator for school and community use. Hawkesbury Heart Start will pay for half of the cost of the machine at \$1200, which is a very generous donation. We will also receive a cabinet to the value of \$300. All staff are trained in the use of defibrillators. This training occurs annually.

To cover the other 50% we are seeking donations from local businesses to assist the P & C in meeting this cost. Any donations are tax deductible. Please see the separate information regarding the device.


If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Mrs Chapman for details. Thanking you in advance!

Further details about community use and location of the device, will be included in the next newsletter.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Focus

PBL Focus for Weeks 10-11

Over the next two weeks our PBL focus is about using our own and other people's equipment in a safe and respectful way. We can pass equipment properly and we know how to use it in the way it was intended. We understand that it is considerate to ask others to use their equipment and then return it when we are finished. It is also important to have our equipment ready for learning.



Always walk
when carrying
scissors.

Happy Birthday

We hope the following students have a great birthday in April. Ryley A. (12yrs old), Keira K. (8yrs old), Leander M. (9yrs old), Lexie N. (8yrs old).



CLASS NEWS

Year K/1/2 News—Mrs E McCloy

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. This week K/1/2 are focusing on patterns and algebra in maths and beginning to construct our own narratives as part of our imaginative writing unit.

K/1/2 were lucky enough to be visited by Mrs Footit from Penrith Public School the Friday before last. Mrs Footit is a trainer for the Education Department's L3 program (Language, Learning and Literacy), which Bilpin is undertaking this year for Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). Mrs Footit will make many more visits over the year to support our school in the implementation of L3, whilst I will also be visiting Penrith Public School to attend training with 14 other teachers. Our L3 program is in full swing, and the students are benefiting from the opportunity to work directly with the teacher in small groups. In a classroom of such a diverse range of learners this direct small group instructional time is essential for ensuring each student is working towards their next goal.

As we are nearing the holidays it is a perfect time to praise our learners for the great work they have been doing this term. Many of our students have read every day and have been lucky enough to choose a prize from our box. Reading, even just a tiny amount everyday, is the best homework for your child at this age. A kindergarten child who reads everyday will read approximately 20,000 words in a year, whilst a child who reads once a week will be exposed to only 3,000. Let me know if you would like some readers sent home for the holidays. Happy reading!

Year 3/4 News - Mrs M Mackie

During class we have been focusing on expectations for the classroom during PBL lessons. The focus for the past 2 weeks has been **'using equipment respectfully'** in the classroom. PBL awards will be awarded each fortnight to students demonstrating the expectations of Safe, Respectful, Learners in relation to the targeted focus.

Our **Random Acts of Kindness** Award winners since the last newsletter are; Billy, Gemma, Khannah, Oskar, Kye, Sam G.

Congratulations boys and girls!

Most of the students have been very consistent with bringing their Homework to school on time.

Home Reading Reminder:

As students in Year 3 and 4 are becoming more independent and developing more advanced reading skills, the children are encouraged to read a book of their choice for Home Reading. This can be a book from the library or from home. Home Readers are **optional** which has been previously mentioned in class news.

Reading is the most important element of homework as it provides the foundation for many other skills.



Students borrow books of their choice from the library specifically for reading during 'Munch and Crunch' during class time.

Year 3 will bring home NAPLAN style homework this week and for the first few weeks of next term. Year 4 will have the option to take home Year 5 NAPLAN style homework, or other activities that will be provided.

Please remember, if you have any questions regarding your child's progress before the end of the term, please contact the office to arrange a time to meet with me.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday and we will see you on Tuesday 1st May!

Year 5/6 News—Mr A Hynds

I trust everyone had an enjoyable break for Easter. This week we will be continuing our usual routines in class including our homework.

In Writing we have been working on narrative texts. We have been practising independent writing from a stimulus picture with a given orientation. Each student will then create a planned structure to extend the story with a complication, series of events and a resolution. At the same time we are also practising our typing skills by drafting and publishing the narrative in word.

In Maths our topics to be covered during the next fortnight are Whole Number, Multiplication, Division, Decimals, Time, Angles, 2D, 3D and Length.

In Science the students have completed observations of different liquids and over the next fortnight we will be looking at different properties of solids.

We will be beginning our wooden sheep creation for the Hawkesbury Show this week. We will be decorating our sheep using Aboriginal dot painting techniques to make it bright and colourful. Our sheep will be on display at the show.

Congratulations to our Class PBL Award Recipients Term 1 Week 8 & 9

K / 1 / 2

Josie and Charlotte

CLASS 3 / 4

Joel and Keira

CLASS 5 / 6

Ariarn and Alana

If you would like your child to take some readers home for the holidays, please let me know by **Wednesday 11th April**.

P & C NEWS

Canteen News

Please note Canteen Menu changes for 2018.

Term 1 2018 CANTEEN ROSTER:

Thursday 5th April	-Liz Peters
Monday 9th April	-Shayne MacRae
Thursday 12th April	-Samatha Craigie

Please remember to return Canteen Roster for Term 2 before the end of Term 1 thank you. Canteen will commence Thursday 3rd May. Canteen hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm (approximately)

School Uniform Order

All uniform orders need to be handed into the office with payment by Wednesday 4th April in order to be processed for the start of next term. Please note we have had to slightly increase our prices for the first time in several years due to supplier increases.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT FOOD, TEAMWORK AND CHILDREN?

Bilpin Public School is looking for canteen volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays (9.30am to 2.30pm) and we'd love your help.

- No experience is required, we will teach you the ropes!
- This is a great opportunity to meet new people and become part of the school community.
- Best of all, children love seeing their parents at school!

If you are interested or for more information, please Contact

Rebecca Tadrosse on 0415 312 995

P & C Fundraising - Small Schools Cross Country Kiosk

Please find attached to the newsletter information regarding this important fundraiser for our school. If you would like to help, please hand in the note before **Friday April 13th**. If you have any questions regarding this, please phone Angie Pirie on 0414 570 365

Community News



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7 DAYS A WEEK
7AM - 8PM

