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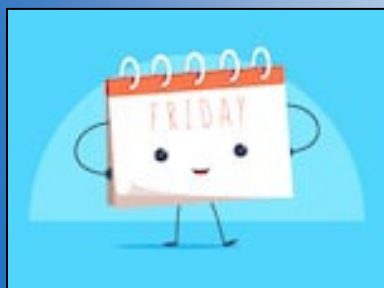
Term 1: Week 5

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday 8 March**
Centenary Committee meeting 6pm
- **Friday 19 March**
Finlayson's Sport Day
Chandler Public School
- **Wednesday 31 March**
Snow Gums Cross Country at BBPS
- **Thursday 1 April**
Easter Hat Parade
- **Thursday 1 April**
Last day Term One
- **Friday 2 April**
Good Friday
- **Tuesday 20 April**
Students return, Term Two
- **Sunday 25 April**
ANZAC Day



Principal's Message

Ros Edwards

Welcome to 2021!

After a tumultuous 2020, we are feeling positive about the 2021 school year. We are excited that school sport is up and running again. Already we have enjoyed our Snow Gums swimming carnival, even though it was a long way from our normal event. Nine of our students went on to the Armidale District PSSA carnival and four of those students have progressed to the North West Zone carnival.

We have continued our successful three class model with all of our teachers strongly committed to every student improving every day.



Mrs Purvis' class are the K/1 Llamas

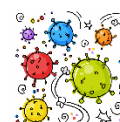
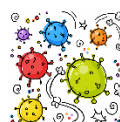
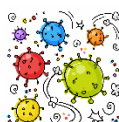


Mrs Lenehan's class are 2/3 Seuss Ville



Ms Edwards' class are the 4 – 6 Busy Bees

We are all looking forward to the return of the Finlayson Sports Day at Chandler Public School in Week 8 of this term. This will be followed by the Snow Gums Cross Country day in Week 10 of this term. **Please note the Covid-19 update on the following page.**



Covid-19 update

Visitors to school sites

Non-essential adults are not permitted on school grounds or at school events.

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at an offsite school event held during school hours except for the purposes that follow with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives, with a scheduled appointment. This includes scheduled meetings with parents and carers of prospective students
- entering a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- attending a school's administration building or other defined location for the purpose of picking up or dropping off a child with disability
- fulfilling canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms. Schools will need to limit the number of adults visiting the uniform shop relevant to the space available to comply with physical distancing requirements. Schools may need to consider additional operating times or arrangements to minimise gatherings of people to collect or purchase uniforms. For example, arrangements may need to be made to pre-order uniforms, or for different cohorts to attend on specific days to manage the number of parents and carers attending
- volunteering in educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged
- attending school or community run playgroups
- dropping off and picking up students for department run Preschool, Kindergarten and Years 1, 2 and 7

- attending parent orientation meetings for department Preschool, Kindergarten or Year 7 and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups. Meetings should be limited to 1 hour where possible. A COVID-19 Safety Plan must be in place
- attending P&C meetings held after school hours with a COVID-19 Safety Plan. Gatherings are limited to 30 people indoors and 50 people outdoors for schools within Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong or 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors for all other locations
- attending P&C or community outdoor social events and functions with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. These are limited to 30 people indoors and 50 people outdoors for schools within Greater Sydney (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong) or 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors for all other locations
- for specific events as outlined in the other areas of the guidelines.

Parents and carers should regularly be reminded that they are not permitted on school grounds except for the reasons outlined.

All visitors to school should sign in using the QR code system. QR codes are located in the office, the main building and Mrs Lenehan's classroom.

Visitors should also sign the updated School Sign-in sheet located in the office, the main building and Mrs Lenehan's classroom.

A big thank you to everyone for your patience and co-operation.



Birthdays



So far this term, we have celebrated four birthdays. Happy birthday to Sydnee, Harriet, Emily and Grace.



Swimming

The Snow Gums Learning Alliance swimming carnival was held on the 11 February. Our students swam like fish and came away with many age championships and runner-up awards. Bald Blair Public School also took home the winning trophy for the highest point-score on the day. Well done everyone.



Age champions and runners-up: Emily, Bridget, Rubi, Alby, Taharn & Clem

At the Armidale District PSSA swimming carnival held on 18 February, Molly Morgan excelled by coming 3rd in her 50m freestyle event. Our relay team consisting of Molly, Clem, Abbey and Issy were also 3rd. All four swimmers are now off to the Regional carnival on Monday 1 March.



Molly, Abbey & Issy with their PSSA ribbons.

Congratulations Bridget

Year Six student, Bridget Foster, was congratulated on Thursday by the new Director of Educational Leadership, Mr Peter Flannery. Bridget demonstrated outstanding leadership skills throughout Year Five and will be an excellent role model and leader for Bald Blair Public School.



Tennis



Isabella Purvis has again been selected in the Regional tennis team to compete at the State carnival at the end of April. Congratulations Issy and good luck in Newcastle.



Welcome Mrs Siddell

We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Tanya Siddell join our teaching team for 2021. Mrs Siddell has taught at schools in the Snow Gums Learning

Alliance for many years and is very experienced in a small school setting. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skills across all key learning areas with one of her specialties being music. Mrs Siddell has already introduced formal music lessons to all of our classes and we are very much looking forward to some very entertaining performances.



P&C News

The P&C held their AGM on 9 February. Office bearers for 2021 are: President, Mare Foster; Vice President, Amanda Everett & Sam Ulrick; Secretary, Michelle McKemey; Treasurer, Emily Evans. The catering co-ordinators are Mara Grills and Sal Chilcott. It was determined at the meeting that membership fees remain at \$5 per family. This money can be paid as a direct deposit to the P&C or given to the school. Could families ensure they pay their membership fee asap.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 April, 6pm at school.

Centenary Committee

Hopefully, our Centenary Celebration will be able to go ahead this year, meaning we will really be celebrating 101 years of Bald Blair Public School.

The committee are in the midst of finalising plans, having been led by Liz Pearson. Unfortunately, Liz has had a significant change to her work role and as a result, is unable to continue as Chair of our committee. I would like to thank Liz for the amazing work she has done over the last two years to bring our celebration to life.

The next meeting of the Centenary Committee will be held on Monday 8 March at Helen & John McKemey's place.