



BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'THE BUGLE'



Term 2 – Week 2 – 2016

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Bardia Public School community,

Welcome Back! I hope that you all had a wonderful break with your children. The children have been very excited to return and I have even spotted a couple of parents smiling as they leave the school!

As always we have a very busy term ahead. In particular, I draw your attention to the extraordinary construction work about to envelop our school. At the end of July the New Breeze Estate will be commenced. The company concerned will construct approximately 1200 dwellings **and** all the streets and utilities required. This means that they will start work on the New Macdonald Road and the road at what *will* be the front of the school, Arthur Allen Drive. At the end of August the construction of our new school will commence and at the end of September the upgrade of Campbelltown Road will commence.

This means that we will have construction on three sides of the school as well as up on our school oval! To write that this will be somewhat chaotic is probably an understatement. Yes, we are all excited about these developments in our little suburb of Bardia; however, the traffic situation will no doubt be "difficult". To make sure that your children and you remain safe, please remain patient, sensible and accommodating.

The company responsible for the school rebuild, Coffey, will be holding an information evening on Wednesday 18th May 6-7pm in our library. Please come along and see a computer version of what will be one of the most amazing schools in Australia!

MAY

- Friday 6th: Zone X-Country
- 10th – 13th: NAPLAN
- Thursday 12th: Assembly 2pm – ALL WELCOME
- Thursday 12th: P&C Meeting 6.15pm to 8pm
- Friday 13th: Book Club due
- Wednesday 18th: **New School Information Evening 6-7pm**
- Friday 20th: National Walk Safely to School Day
- Thursday 26th: Assembly 2pm – ALL WELCOME
- Friday 27th: GALA DAY

JUNE

- Thursday 2nd: Line of Coins
- Tuesday 7th: 5/6M & 4/5M Excursion
- Thursday 9th: Assembly 2pm – ALL WELCOME
- Thursday 9th: P&C Meeting 6.15pm to 8pm
- Friday 10th: GALA DAY
- Monday 13th: **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Thursday 16th: SSW X-Country
- Thursday 16th: Kindergarten Excursion
- Monday 20th: 3/4D & 3/4P Excursion
- Wednesday 22nd: Banking Talks
- Thursday 23rd: Banking Talks
- Monday 27th: Bardia Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 28th: Student Reports sent home

JULY

- Friday 1st: LAST DAY of TERM 2

P&C EVENTS

(notes with more information will be sent out closer to the date)

- Thursday 5th May: Mother's Day stall
- Current:** Chocolate fundraiser. Boxes can be collected from the front office.

PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS UNTIL WE CAN GET MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.

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Last term ended with a flurry of interesting events:

1. **Pedagogy for Parents** an information evening was conducted by me in the library on Wednesday evening, 30th March. While the number of parents attending was small, I am confident that everyone who attended was rather surprised by and very interested in the complexity of modern teaching. In Term 3 Mrs Wyber, our fabulous librarian, will conduct an information evening titled *The Importance of Your Child Developing a Growth Mindset*. We believe that this and the associated skills of taking any learning challenge are the missing links in education. Without these skills your children WILL NOT succeed in life, let alone in school.
2. **Harmony Day** was a wonderful success. Thanks to Mrs Wyber's organisation skills and all of the teachers who chose to represent a particular country, the children were able to "travel" to each country and have their passport stamped once they had taken part in 20 minutes of activities. Already, the students are asking if we can do it all again! At lunch quite a few parents, dressed in traditional clothing from numerous countries, brought interesting (and extremely yummy) foods for other adults to try. This was followed by our assembly where we were entertained by 3/4D. What a great day! And what a great country Australia is; a country where we can get to know one another in peace and friendship.
3. **Parent Teacher Night** was held for the first time at Bardia P.S. in Term 1 and this was a complete success. In fact it was the best attended Parent Teacher Night I have seen at this school. A Term 1 Parent Teacher Night is definitely something we will continue at Bardia Public School.
4. **The Student Tournament Support Mufti Day** was also a complete success. The school was able to raise \$246 for this very worthy cause. Parents wishing to dip into these funds for their children's representative purposes should see me.

Our ANZAC DAY Memorial Service held on Thursday 28th was a wonderful occasion. Our special guests, parents and carers attended what was a very respectful and moving ceremony. Thanks go to Mrs Yandall who spoke to the children about what it means to serve others with little regard for one's safety. Thanks also go to Mrs Wyber, whose organisation of our ANZAC Day service continually astounds everyone.

School Camp will take place 10th/11th/12th August. The camp is now open for Year 4 students with only a couple of places left. The camp is to the Snowy Mountains and is a two-night-three-day learning experience. In effect, the camp is a combination of *nine* excursions, the highlights being a visit to Parliament House and to the snow fields. The camp will be a great way to expand on and cement classroom learning! The approximate cost for the camp is \$340 (a final cost is yet to be calculated by the tour company). My advice is to pay it off in increments – say \$20 per week. This is our most popular camp and places are strictly limited to the capacity of one bus. **Students will be accepted on a first come basis.** Should there be more students wanting to go than places available late comers will be placed on a waiting list. **The last day for payment in full is Friday 29th July.**

Applications for Opportunity Classes for students now in Year 4 are now available online and will close on May 13th.

Please remember that you must be here at 3.00pm each afternoon to collect your child. There is no afternoon supervision provided. If you are going to be late regularly you should enrol your child in our After School Care. If there is an emergency and you will be unavoidably late, please ring the school and let the office staff know.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to those students who made the zone cross country team. The zone cross country will be held next Friday 6th May at Eschol Park soccer ovals. Notes have been sent home. Could you please fill out and return to the school by Wednesday 4th May.

Bardia PS would like to send a big thank you to the parents who helped by supervising students at checkpoints at our cross country carnival on Tuesday 5th April. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



The school has applied to become a member of the Amart All Sports Community Kickbacks Program. Customers of Amart All Sports can elect Bardia Public School to receive credits against purchases made.

You will need to join the Amart All Sports Team Amart Loyalty Program and nominate Bardia Public School as your "Relevant Participating Club or School".

You will receive a loyalty program card which must be swiped or selected when purchasing goods in store or on-line in order for the school to accrue credits. Once the school's credits reach \$2000 (ex GST) within a 12 month period the school will receive a 5% store credit (\$100).

This is a convenient way for the school to acquire sporting equipment for the benefit of all our students.

Bardia Public School
P & C Association



If you have any construction toys that you no longer need that are in good condition it would be most appreciated if you could please donate them to the school for the kindergarten classes.

You can drop these off at the front office.



**Don't forget!
Book Club
orders
are due:**

13th May, 2016

FROM THE OFFICE

**Term 2
PDHPE
payments of
\$25 is now due.**

CRAFT SESSIONS

We are running craft sessions during the lunch period. If you have any craft items you could donate (e.g. wool, knitting needles, ribbon etc.) please hand in to the office.

All donations welcome.



Mrs. White – SL SO

Tissues



URGENT! We are running out!

It would be appreciated if families would pop a box of tissues into their shopping trolley next time you are shopping to build up our supply. Boxes can be sent to the office.

Thank you in anticipation.

Office staff.

School Banking



Wednesday is school banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the front office before 9:00 a.m.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a school banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Bardia Public School.

HELP!

The office spare clothing is in desperate need of small trackpants and jackets. If you have any items that you could donate please see the ladies in the office.



Stewart House Bags

We are again collecting for Stewart House. If you have any clothes or manchester that you no longer need, you may drop these off at the office by **Monday 16th May, 2016.**

Stewart House bags are available at the office.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to save time packing lunches.

We know parents are eager to pack healthy, nutritious lunches.

But doing it five times a week, and getting the kids keen on healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, can feel like a chore.



Plan ahead to get organised and save time:

- Make sandwiches at the beginning of the week and freeze, then add fresh salad on the day.
- Cook extra at dinner and use leftovers for lunches - baked veg, stir fry, pasta and rice work well.
- Chop up sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber and store in a container in the fridge until ready to use. Let the kids help prepare and select, saving you time and getting them interested.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Library News

Anzac Day

WOW! I'm so impressed with our students, especially our captains and year 5/6 students for the running of the Anzac Day assembly. Each year our students patiently listen to the speeches, even our youngest, showing the respect we are trying to instill in them. Again our visitors were incredibly impressed with this behaviour. Our students are a credit to the teachers and parents and I know you will join me in feeling proud. Thank you to the parents who returned the information about their own family veterans, this part of our ceremony is very important. Finally thank you to the P&C for providing a wonderful morning tea for our guests.



Premier's Readers Challenge

All students will begin the PRC this week and record their books at school during library sessions. If your 3-6 child wishes to borrow books from the local library or use books from their own collection, then they can bring the details of that book to school to record on their master sheet. K-2 students will have their forms completed by the teacher.

For more information and the book list please see: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index

Parent's Library

Over the last few years we have built up a small collection of books for the parents from donations. All parents are welcome to come in and borrow these books or if you have any books you don't want at home we are happy to put them in the parent library.

Parent Helpers

Thanks to the parents who have arranged to come in and help in the library. If you would like to help Thursday afternoon on the weeks we don't have assembly are popular but if you can't make it on this day just give me a call through the office or pop in and chat. I'm sure I'll have another time that can suit. A number of mums have used this volunteering as an avenue to returning to work.



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." Emilie Buchwald

Happy Reading
Kathy Wyber
Teacher/Librarian



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 20TH MAY 2016

Well it's that time of the year when school starts talking about walking!

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be but it also gets your health and your child's health on the right track too. So that is why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 20 May 2016.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school.
- If they catch the bus or train, walk them past your usual stop and get on at the next stop.
- If you have to drive, park your car a few blocks away from school and walk them the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Mrs Greenup, along with Mark from Camden Community Connections (funded by Landcom) will be running the Bardia Public School Walk Safely to School Day on 20th May 2016. Students and parents will be asked to meet at Brallos Park (Cnr Bardia Avenue & Vedi Street), Bardia at 8am and we will all walk together to school where a healthy breakfast will be provided. Further information to come!

Keep your eye out for a note closer to the time.

Tips for Parents and Other Adults For Teaching Pedestrian Safety to Children

SafeRoutes
National Center for Safe Routes to School



TIP SHEET

Walking is a fun and healthy way to spend time with your children while teaching them skills that can serve them well throughout life. The walk to school is a great time to use these safety tips.

Be a walking role model

Children learn through experience. Walking with parents or another caregiver is an important way for children to practice crossing real streets and picking safe places to walk. There is no magic age when children are old enough to walk without an adult. But, as a parent, you should decide when your child has the skills and experience to deal with traffic safely without you.

As you walk with your child, remember these safety tips:

- Wear bright-colored clothes, and carry flashlights or wear reflective gear if it is dark or hard to see.
- Look for traffic at every driveway and intersection. Be aware of drivers in parked cars that may be getting ready to move.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Cross the street safely:
 1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
 2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
 3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
 4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
 5. Walk, don't run across the street.



Choose the safest route to school

Select a walking route with less traffic and intersections.

- Pick places where there are sidewalks or paths separated from traffic. If there are no sidewalks or paths, walk as far from the motor vehicles as possible and, if possible, on the side of the street facing traffic.
- Limit the number of street crossings. When available, cross at a location with an adult school crossing guard.
- Avoid crossing busy or high-speed streets.

Understand your child's limitations

Children are not small adults. It will take time and practice for a child to develop the ability to deal with lots of traffic. Over time, children develop the ability to accurately judge the speed and distance of oncoming traffic. Young children may think that a car is able to stop, when in fact, it is not. Also, children may think that if they can see a driver, the driver can see them. But, children are smaller and harder for drivers to see. Get down to a child's height to experience their perspective and see what they see.

P&C NEWS



Bardia Public School P & C now on Facebook

"Like" our page to keep updated on:

1. Events happening at the school such as assemblies, Easter hat parades, cake days etc;
2. Fundraising events;
3. Uniform changes and updates;
4. Canteen changes – menu, new products, opening times;
5. Play group for parents and carers with children 5 years and under.

All that and more at <https://facebook.com/ingleburnnorth>

Canteen

The canteen will be closed every Tuesday and Thursday until further

notice. The canteen is open every other day for lunch and closes at 12pm except for Wednesday when it will be also open at recess.

A wonderful way to be part of the school community is through volunteering. We currently have some amazing volunteers in our canteen to ensure we have canteen facilities for our students. No experience necessary. If you are able to donate any of your precious time, please contact the canteen or office staff. Your children also gain a sense of pride when their parent helps at the school.



P & C Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser



Dear Parents & Carers - The Bardia Public School P&C ran a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser in Term 1. Unfortunately we have some remaining boxes of chocolates that we desperately need to sell. Parents and Carers are invited to collect a box of Cadbury chocolates from the office. If you would like your child to collect a box, please complete the details below and return to the office and your child may collect the box at the end of the day. Chocolates sell for \$1 each and money is required to be returned by 31 May 2016. All funds raised go towards initiatives which support the education of our children. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards, Bardia Public School P&C Committee - 29 April 2016.

I give permission for my child in class to collect a box of chocolates from the office for the P&C Fundraiser.

Parent/Carer Name:..... Signature:.....

A fairer way

The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) in 2016

Dear parents and carers,

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM provides a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and changes the way resources are managed in our school system.

On 21 October 2015, the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli announced the next phase of the RAM implementation. In 2016, \$113 million in additional funding has been allocated to NSW public schools through the RAM. These additional funds have been allocated in a way consistent with the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

In 2016, NSW public schools will receive a base allocation for staff professional learning and funding for each student using a new methodology. Schools will continue to receive equity loadings for socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low level adjustment for disability. Eligible schools will also continue to receive a location allocation in 2016 to address the additional costs faced by NSW public schools that are geographically remote or isolated.

We have been advised that Bardia Public School will receive \$167,722 RAM equity funding to support our students with additional learning needs in 2016 and \$11,630 in the new base allocation, a total of \$179,352.

At Bardia Public School we expend these funds as follows:

Learning and Support Teacher x 3 days per week	-	\$61,213
Students with Disabilities (High Needs)	-	\$36,284
Conferencing Teacher	-	\$81,855
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		\$179,352

I think you will all agree that the NSW State Government's commitment to the initial years of Gonski and the RAM allocations is a wonderful development for our school. With these funds we are able to provide crucial support for all our students, but in particular, those students with additional learning needs.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Brett Moseley.
Principal, Bardia Public School

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