



BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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BARDIA NSW 2565
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'THE BUGLE'



Term 1 – Week 3 – 2017

Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Bardia Public School community,

Welcome everyone to the first newsletter of 2017 and an especially warm welcome to all of our new parents and carers! Our school is growing and this is bringing rapid changes. Our ways of doing things in the past are coming under scrutiny and we have to adapt to our and your changing needs. Soon the school rebuild will commence. There is going to be some disruption ahead for us adults, but I am committed to ensuring that for our students it will be business as usual. Their learning will NOT be affected.

One of the first changes I want to flag regards our P&C. Quite simply, despite the incredible efforts of a small, dedicated group of parents, for the past few years the P&C has struggled to function.

Over many years I have spoken to hundreds of parents about their reasons for not getting involved with the P&C. Those reasons fall into four categories:

1. Work commitments prevent volunteering.
2. Reluctance to volunteer for P&C duties due to fear of being "trapped".
3. Not wanting to get involved with P&C "politics".
4. The workload for those on the P&C is way too hard.

FEBRUARY

Thursday 9th: **P&C Annual General Meeting**
6.15pm in the Library - ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 15th: **Swimming Carnival** Attendance at the carnival is compulsory for Year 3 to Year 6. (Year 2 students turning 8 in 2017 can attend.)

Thursday 16th: **ASSEMBLY** Captains' Inauguration
(starts at 2.10pm ALL WELCOME)

Tuesday 28th: **Zone Swimming Night**

MARCH

Thursday 2nd: **ASSEMBLY** All Welcome (2.10pm)

Thursday 2nd: **Zone Swimming Night FINALS**

Tuesday 14th: **SWS Swimming Finals**

Thursday 16th: **ASSEMBLY** All Welcome (2.10pm)

Thursday 30th: **ASSEMBLY** All Welcome (2.10pm)

APRIL

Thursday 6th: **PARENT / TEACHER NIGHT**

Friday 7th: **EASTER HAT PARADE**

Friday 7th April LAST DAY of TERM

Wednesday 26th April FIRST DAY of TERM 2

CANTEEN OPENING DAYS THIS FORTNIGHT

Thursday 9th February
Friday 10th February
Thursday 17th February
Friday 18th February

Disclaimer:

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P&C cont.

Community support of, and involvement in, our school is very important for our children. So what can we do?

I propose the following:

1. We disband the P&C.
2. We introduce the ***Friends of Bardia***.

What does this mean in practice?

A. **Canteen:**

- a) A roster will be placed in the school newsletter each fortnight. Parents, carers and community members can elect to help out in the canteen on any day that suits them. They are not locked in! They can do one day only if they wish.
- b) All training will be provided (it's easy!).
- c) We need one parent to volunteer as Canteen Manager. Responsibilities include checking stock and ordering stock. *Thanks to Mrs Sealby for volunteering to take this role!*
- d) All money (payments to suppliers, float, profit) & roster will be managed by Mrs Zeeman one of Bardia's administration staff. Mrs Zeeman will be allocated two hours per week to work on canteen related matters.

B. **Uniforms:**

- a) We need one parent to volunteer as Uniform Manager. Responsibilities include checking stock, ordering stock and helping parents in the purchase of uniforms (about 3 hours per week).
- b) Parent purchases will be through eftpos in the administration office. Mrs Zeeman will be allocated one hour per week to work on uniform related matters.
- c) We need one extra parent to volunteer as uniform assistant. Responsibilities include working with the uniform manager and helping parents in the purchase of uniforms.
- d) The uniform manager and the uniform assistant will need to nominate a regular time that they will be in attendance at the uniform shop, i.e. Friday mornings 9.00am to 10.00am.

C. **Fundraising:**

- a) With as much notice as reasonable, upcoming fundraising events will be advertised in the newsletter. Parents and carers will be invited to volunteer to help out with *that particular event*. Say, for example, the event is the Term 3 Disco, the need for volunteers will be advertised and a date for a committee meeting will be posted. The meeting will usually be in the afternoon, unless the committee concerned decides otherwise. The need for purchases, etc. will be handled by Mrs Zeeman.
- b) Once the 'one-off' project concludes, the committee will be disbanded. Parents and carers can elect to be on as many committees throughout the year as they wish.
- c) Mrs Zeeman will be allocated one hour per week to work on fundraising related matters.

D. **Mrs Zeeman** will be paid out of profit from these three activities.

E. **Communication:** Once per term parents and carers will be invited to attend a Friends of Bardia meeting with the BPS Principal, Mr Moseley. At these meetings Mr Moseley, along with other members of staff, will inform the community of the latest developments in and around the school. Also, at these meetings fundraising targets will be discussed and a financial statement will be presented. ALL profit left will go directly to students; for example, laptops for the students.

F. **Complaints and "issues":** No complaints or "issues" will be heard or addressed at these meetings. If you wish to raise a complaint or an "issue" you need to make an appointment to see Mr Moseley. *(Remember that I do have an open door policy! Come and have a chat **BEFORE** things become a problem).*

G. **Should there be insufficient volunteers the fundraising event will be cancelled, the canteen will be closed, etc. However, the canteen roster and the next fundraising event will be advertised as usual.**

P&C cont.

Well, as you can see, this proposal is quite a change to the way we have done things in the past. However, this proposal goes a long way in addressing the four categories for people not getting involved in the P&C.

This proposal will be put forward at the next **P&C Meeting, Thursday 9th February, 6.15pm in the Library - ALL WELCOME.**

Anaphylaxis

It is a fact of life in our modern world that our children's health is often quite delicate. At BPS we have seven students who are at risk of **severe anaphylaxis**. For these little people simply touching a nut could result in a serious medical emergency. For this reason we ask our community to please help keep these children safe by making BPS a **nut free zone**. However, many foods now contain traces of nuts. The only way to be sure that the food does not contain nuts is to read the label carefully.

It is also true that we have a fairly large number of students with other moderate to severe allergies. Carpet mites, dust, grass seeds, gluten, milk, insect bites, etc. could cause these children to break out in welts, have difficulty breathing, vomit and suffer headaches. In some circumstances these children could also suffer anaphylactic shock.

Every member of staff at BPS is trained annually in determining the signs of anaphylaxis and in using an epipen. An epipen carries a small dose of adrenalin and has been shown to be very effective in countering anaphylaxis.

What can you do to help?

1. **Please do not send foods containing nuts to school.**
2. **Please ask your child NOT to share food at school.**
3. **Please let us know (if you have not already done so) about your child's health conditions.**
4. **If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, please make sure that you provide a health care plan signed by your child's doctor and an up-to-date epipen.**
5. **Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date.**

As serious as the above is, if we all work together I am confident that we can keep our children safe.

Teachers' Professional Development

A teacher undertaking **professional development** is the best way to improve his or her students' learning. Such additional training ensures that the teacher is continually up to date with the latest teaching methods. As was the case last year, instead of holding two staff development days at the end of the year (*when we are exhausted and face a five week gap before we can practise our new skills*) the teachers will be attending four half-day evening sessions (*in lieu of the two staff development days at the end of the year*), two staff development days in Term 2 and Term 3 and approximately two additional whole days of professional development. The teachers will also be attending 16 one-hour after school professional development sessions. In total this amounts to approximately ten full days of professional development. This is not as much professional development as teachers in other OECD countries experience, but it is a huge improvement on years past.

Please make a contribution to your child's education. The voluntary fee we ask for is \$45 for an individual child and \$70 for two or more children. Granted, this is not very much compared to private schools' ridiculous fees; however, this small amount of money is VERY important to our being able to provide your child the latest and the best educational resources. Please help us to help your children!

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 inform the office staff.

For everyone, particularly our new parents, the following advice is offered out of my concern for the safety of your children and you. **We have had numerous incidents in the car park and along Macdonald Road in the past few years** and sadly, two children have been involved in “incidents” with cars at Bardia Public School. With our school growing, the dangers will only increase. I have no power to prevent drivers’ foolish risk taking and the police are not here every day; in short, once you collect your children it is up to you to keep them safe.

Did you know that **there are three car parks at BPS** and that each of them has particular rules to keep you and your children safe?

Parents’ Car Park: This is the largest car park to the south of the school. We are one of a very small number of primary schools in NSW to have a parents’ car park. Yes it can be a little difficult to negotiate (especially when muddy) but we are lucky to have it! **RULES:** *please drive VERY slowly (5kph); only reverse park against the hall; do not park near the bus stop or block the area at the end of the car park near the trees where the bus turns around. Watch out for children at all times!*

Staff and Deliveries Car Park: This car park is located next to the Admin Office at the northwest corner of the school. ***Under no circumstances should this car park be used by parents or volunteers – at any time!***

Before and After School Care Car Park: This car park is located between the large rubbish bins, the hall and the Before and After School Care. This car park **MUST NOT BE USED** by anyone other than BPS staff and After School Care workers and two parents whose children have disabilities. *This is a thoroughfare for pedestrians and the chances of hurting a child should you use this car park are extremely high!*

Note: Students are NOT permitted to leave the school unaccompanied by an adult. You should not sit in your car and expect your children to make their way to you unescorted by an adult. The students have been instructed that they are to wait on the silver seats until their parent/carer collects them. The students have been informed that to do otherwise is against school rules.

Please help us to keep EVERYONE safe by following these *common-sense* rules, by remaining patient and courteous and by being considerate of others. Thank you.

In summary:

1. **Drive slowly = 5km**
2. **Do not park or drop your child off in the car park where the large bins are positioned**
3. **Do not park or drop your child off in the bus bay**
4. **Stop at the crossing and look out for children – especially when reversing!**
5. **Always keep a sharp eye on your children in the car park**
6. **Always park your car and walk your children **to and from** the school**
7. **Park rear to the school hall**
8. **Be patient and courteous**

STAFF 2017

Teaching Staff			School Administration and Support Staff (SASS)		
1.	KA	Nina Attard	12.	5/6L	Kerry-Ann Lynch
2.	KM	Carly Morgan	13.	5/6M	Sarah McCabe
3.	KK	Emily Kinder	Support Teachers		
4.	K/1W	Kate Walters	14.	Learning Support	Tanya Parker
5.	1G	Andrea Gavrielatos	15.	Librarian	Kathy Wyber
6.	1/2L	Tanya Lewis (API)	16.	RFF	Michael Hanus Smith
7.	1/2S	Megan Saxon	17.	RFF	Tara Jones
8.	2/3L	Samantha Lind (APS)	18.	RFF	Meredith Hough
9.	3/4D	Kathryn Duffy (APP)	19.	RFF	Lyn Beavers
10.	3/4P	Laura Potter	Counsellor		
11.	4/5M	Kieran McMaugh	20.		Merryn Connolly
			Principal		
			21.		Brett Moseley
			Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs)		
			1.	ESL	Amela Lakicevic
			2.	Learning Support	Kath White
			3.	Learning Support	Amanda Whalan
			Office Staff		
			4.	SAM	Meaghan Hancock
			5.	SAO	Cathy Keen
			6.	SAO	Kelly Zeeman
			General Assistant		
			7.	GA	Dave Pearson
			* API = Assistant Principal Infants		
			* APP = Assistant Principal Primary		
			* APS = Assistant Principal Support		

As you can see, the Canteen Roster is fairly empty. If you would like to volunteer to help out in the canteen, please ring 9605 2459 or drop in to the Admin Office and put your name down for the day or days of your choice.

BPS CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1 2017						
Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	23 January Holidays	24 January Holidays	25 January Holidays	26 January Australia Day Public Holiday	27 January SDD Eastern Division	28 29 Jan
2	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February	3 February	4 5 Feb
3	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February L Smith A Ugwu H Bettison	10 February A Yusuf F Najjar K Sealby E McKay A Najjar	11 12 Feb
4	13 February	14 February	15 February Swimming Carnival	16 February Captain's Assembly L Smith A Ugwa	17 February TBA after training Canteen will be open.	18 19 Feb
5	20 February	21 February	22 February J McWilliam S Francis	23 February L Smith A Ugwa	24 February TBA after training Canteen will be open.	25 26 Feb
6	27 February	28 February	1 March J McWilliam S Francis	2 March Assembly L Smith A Ugwa	3 March TBA after training Canteen will be open.	4 5 Mar
7	6 March	7 March	8 March J McWilliam S Francis	9 March L Smith A Ugwa	10 March TBA after training Canteen will be open.	11 12 Mar
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10	27 March	28 March	29 March J McWilliam S Francis	30 March Assembly L Smith A Ugwa	31 March TBA after training Canteen will be open.	1 2 Apr
11	3 April	4 April	5 April J McWilliam S Francis	6 April L Smith A Ugwa	7 April Easter Hat Parade TBA after training Canteen will be open. LAST DAY of TERM	8 9 Apr
Hols	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April Good Friday	15 16 Apr
Hols	17 April	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 23 April

FROM THE OFFICE

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.



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.

Student Opal Card

From Term 1 2016 Transport for NSW issued school opal cards to students eligible for travel under the (SSTS) via a new online application process.

If you wish to apply for an Opal Card the application form can be found at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Application process:

Applicants will need an email address to complete the form.

Step 1: Parents/guardians (or students over 16 or over) first fill in the online application form at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2: Print and sign the form and submit to the school for endorsement.

Step 3: The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. If the application is approved a school opal card will be sent to the address given in the application form.

The application process may take several weeks. Students will be informed of the outcome of their application by email.

Tissues



URGENT! We have run 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.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Firstly, welcome to all our new families. We have several options available to you to make it easier in this busy world for you to pay for all your child's requirements at school. At the bottom of all permission slips you will notice the following:

Payment options:

- ☐ I have enclosed \$ _____ cash/cheque as payment
- ☐ Paid via POP (Parent On-line Payment via the website)
- ☐ Eftpos
- ☐ Please debit fees paid in advance

Cash and cheque - payments must be placed in an envelope with the relevant note (**clearly marked with your child's name and class and reason for payment**) and placed in the payment box in the front office.

POP (online) - payments is a facility that is accessed through our website. Please see detailed instructions attached to this newsletter.

Eftpos - facilities are available until 12:00 p.m. every day. With the new DoE system implemented last year we cannot process after this time for banking reasons. Eftpos payments can be made over the counter or telephone.

Fees in advance - **is a new service this year** facilitated with the implementation of our new systems. You can make a cash/cheque/eftpos or POP payment in advance. When you send in your child's permission slip and mark the appropriate box we will take it off your child's credit. This is held under the family's name so can be used for all siblings.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR CHILD'S COMPLETED
PERMISSION SLIPS WITH ALL PAYMENTS**

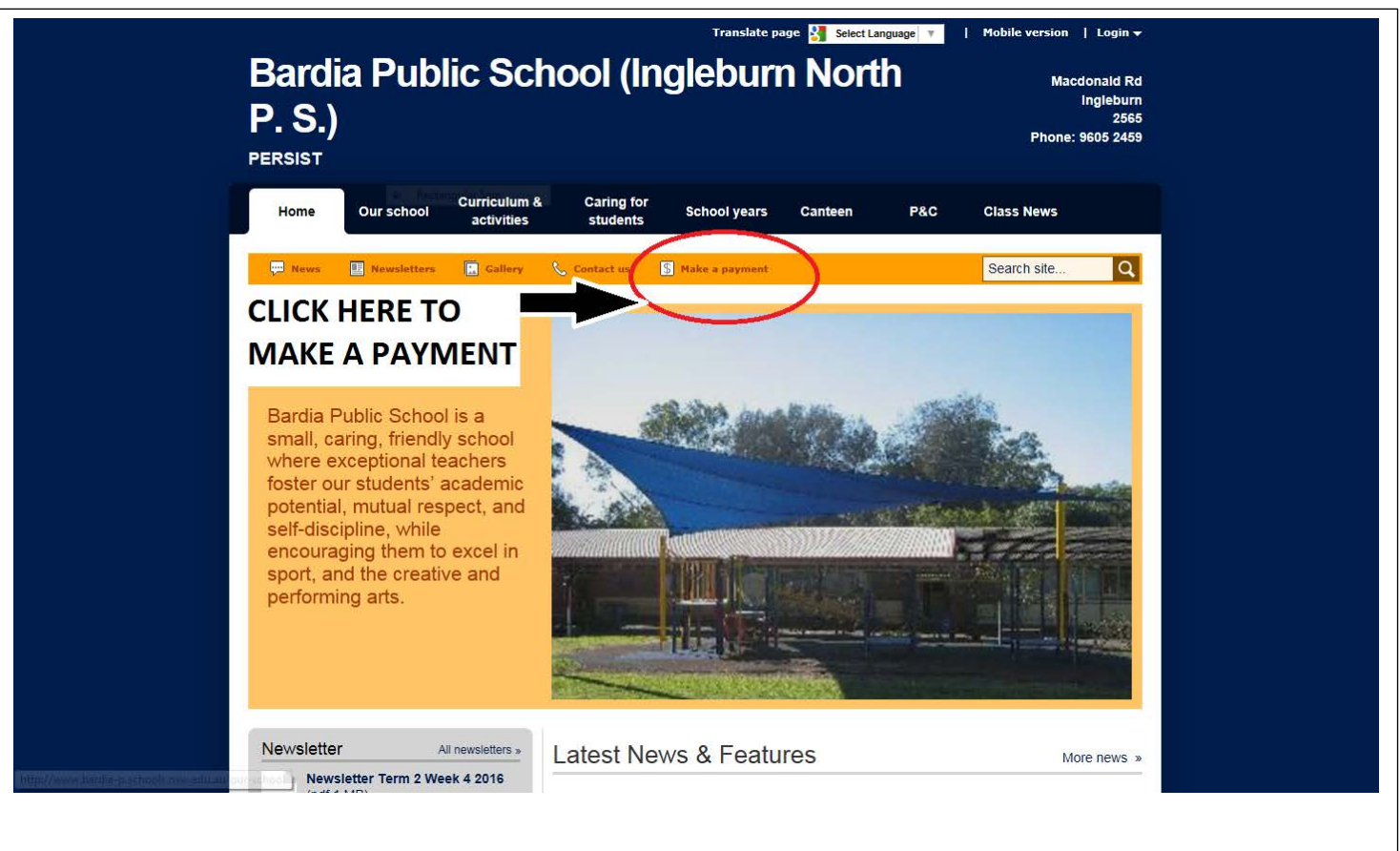
YOU CAN PAY FOR ALL YOUR CHILD'S EXCURSIONS, FEES, UNIFORMS ETC. ONLINE

The school is registered for Parent Online Payments (POP) and can accept online payments using banking facilities.

POP provides parents/carers with a secure payment facility to deposit into the school's account via a credit or debit card. It gives you a convenient and alternative means of paying for all your child's school needs.

HOW DO YOU ACCESS ONLINE PAYMENTS:

The payment link (**\$ Make a payment**) can be found on the Bardia Public School website (www.bardia-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). See below:



The following screen will appear (**complete details ensuring you fill in all mandatory items marked with an ***):

Complete the payment details. **See example below:**

Payment Options

Please select which items you would like to make a payment or donation for:

☐ Voluntary School Contributions

☐ Subject Contributions

☒ Excursions

* Payment Description 1

Farm Excursion

* Payment Amount 1

\$ 20.00

Add Payment

☒ Sport

* Payment Description 1

Gala Days

* Payment Amount 1

\$ 40.00

Add Payment

☐ Creative and Practical Arts

☐ Sales to Students

☐ Other

Total Payment Amount

\$ 60.00

Click **Next** to proceed to the payment page where you can enter credit card details for your payment.

Cancel

Next

This will then take you to the payment page to enter your credit/debit card details.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN PERMISSION SLIPS FOR
EXCURSIONS ETC. WITH YOUR CHILD.

Library News By Mrs Wyber



Welcome all our new families to the school and welcome back to the familiar faces. It was lovely to see all those happy smiley faces. We're looking forward to an exciting year in the library!

Borrowing

Borrowing will begin this week for Years 1-6 and next week for Kindergarten. Each class has a weekly 30 minute library and borrowing time. During this session the children are allowed to borrow 2 books for one week if they bring their library bag and 1 book, for the classroom only, if they don't have their bag. The children are also allowed to borrow during the second half of lunch.

Class library days

Monday- KA, 1/2S & 1/2L

Tuesday- 1G & KK

Wednesday- 2/3L, 4/5M, KM & K/1W

Thursday- 5/6M, 5/6L, 3/4D & 3/4P

Library Bags

As mentioned the children need library bags to borrow books to take home. This bag does not have to be fancy as long as it is labeled with their name. It can even be an old pillow case. We only ask that it not be a plastic bag for health and safety reasons.

Book Covering

Are you looking for a way to help the school but work or have small children at home, then covering books for the library is a great way to get involved? You can collect books any time from the office or I can send a bag home with your child. We provide everything you need. Please fill out and return the form below if you think you can help out.

Yes, I can help cover books for the library

Child/ren Class_____ Parent's Name_____

Contact Details_____

 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get bang for food budget buck.

Budgeting the week's food money according to the healthiest foods means getting the best value for money.

Spend most: wholegrain breads and cereals; fruit and vegetables.
Spend moderately: meats and alternatives; dairy.
Spend least: foods high in fat, salt and/or sugar.



Buy what's good for you...
 Fruit and veg are good for you and good value for money, especially when in season. Buy canned or frozen when they're cheaper than fresher varieties.

And save...
 Processed snacks are much more expensive per kilo, so go healthier and cheaper with some fresh fruit and veg!

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



 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get kids eating more fruit and veg.

Learn how to create easy, budget-friendly family meals, entice fussy eaters and eat well to prevent cancer.



Cancer Council NSW's *Eat It To Beat It* program hosts free Fruit & Veg Sense workshops at schools across NSW.

In these 90-minute workshops we give you simple tips and ideas on:

- saving money by eating more fruit and veg;
- changing family favourites into healthy meals; and
- learning clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

All participants receive a FREE recipe book.

We have proven results that this workshop helps parents to eat more fruit and veg. And if you eat more fruit and veg, your children will too!

Ask your school to register via eatittobeatit.com.au.

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





The school is 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
 Initiated by Bardia Public School P & C Association

ADVERTISEMENTS



Looking to play netball?

Registration day
Sat 11 Feb 2017
10:00am - 12:00pm

We need players:
5 - 7 yr olds
8 - 9 yr olds
10 yr olds *

*Must turn 10yrs in 2017
Birth certificates required for
all new members.



Netball is a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends, all in a safe and respectful environment. Join us now!

Active kids are healthy kids!

— YOUR LOCAL CLUB —

Glenfield Netball Club
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Email: glenfieldnetballclub@hotmail.com

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than ever for kids to experience the fun of cricket!



NOTICES

Edmondson Park Town Centre – Help shape this new community

Edmondson Park Town Centre is taking shape in Sydney's south west, and we at Frasers Property Australia welcome your help to develop a plan for this new community.

Please join us at a Community Open Day on Saturday 11 February. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the project and share your ideas for building a strong community at Edmondson Park Town Centre.

Time: Drop in any time between 11am and 2pm, Saturday 11 February

Address: Ingleburn Military Heritage Precinct, Campbelltown Road, Edmondson Park

For further information, call 1800 821 669, email frasersedmondsonpark@elton.com.au or visit www.frasersproperty.com.au/SMP/NSW/Edmondson-Park/home





School Zone Parking Offences

Current as at July 2016



No Stopping

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.

\$433

+ 2
Demerit
Points



No Parking

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

\$180

+ 2
Demerit
Points



Bus Zone

In the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

\$325

+ 2
Demerit
Points



Double Parking

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

\$325

+ 2
Demerit
Points

- **STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points**
- **STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing**
(within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): **\$325 + 2 Demerit Points**
- **STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points**

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.



School Zone Traffic Offences

Current as at July 2016



Speeding Offences

School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

\$3,740

+ 7 Demerit Points



Mobile Phone Use

Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

\$433

+ 4 Demerit Points



Children's Crossing

Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children's Crossing or approach Children's Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

\$541

+ 4 Demerit Points



U-turns

Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone

\$433

+ 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on 13 22 13

Please Note

Fines subject to change without notice.

These penalties apply to offences in schools zones only while the zone is active.

For more information, call Campbelltown City Council
or visit campbelltown.nsw.gov.au



NSW Police Force