



**BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Term 4 – Week 10 – 2021

December

- Monday 6 – Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 7 – Teachers' strike – minimal supervision will be provided
- Thursday 9 – Presentation day (invited parents only). Whole school is welcome to join a live zoom. Link will be sent out on School Stream.
- Tuesday 14 – Reports go home
- Wednesday 15 – Bardia's Got Talent
- Thursday 16 – Last day of school at BPS (different schools conclude on different days)

February

- Tuesday 1 – First day years 1 to 6
- Tuesday 1 – 3 – Best Start Kindergarten
- Friday 4 – First day for Kindergarten students

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Bardia Public School does not endorse any product or services advertised in this newsletter.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

The Department of Education is currently negotiating a new Award with the Teachers Federation with the help of the Industrial Relations Commission.

On Tuesday 7th November the Teachers Federation have called on their members to take industrial action.

As a result of the strike our school will ONLY be providing minimal supervision of students on Tuesday 7 December.

This means that while there will be no normal teaching on that day, there will be minimal supervision available.

Our school will still operate in a COVID-safe manner in accordance with NSW Health guidelines.

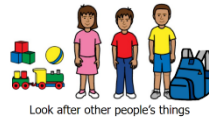
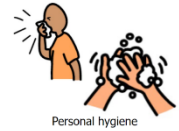
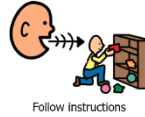
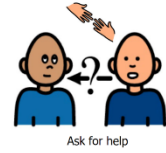
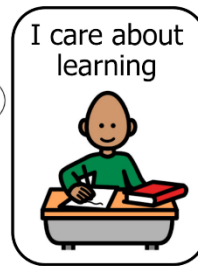
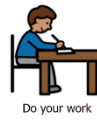
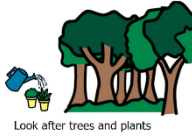
I appreciate your patience and understanding during this disruption, especially given the challenges we have all faced this year. I will keep you updated on further developments as they come to hand.

A big thank you to our valiant P&C for manning the BBQs at Saturday's election. Money raised by your P&C is very much needed! Thanks to the P&C we now have a well-stocked music room. I will suggest to the P&C that for the foreseeable future funds raised should go toward our purchasing ICT devices (laptops and iPads). Because our school is growing so fast, it is difficult to ensure that we have enough devices for all the children.

A big thank you to Miss Lewis and Mrs Langdon for their replacing me while I was on long service leave. As expected, they both did a fantastic job.

This year, 2021, has been a strange and difficult year for us all. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your support and patience. I also want to acknowledge the fantastic dedication shown by our staff in ensuring that your children continued to gain the best education possible given our awful circumstances with covid. And finally, I want to thank our students for settling back into school so quickly. Your work ethic and behaviour have been amazing!

From the staff at BPS, we wish you a Merry Christmas (for those who celebrate) and hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable break with your children.



COVID-19

Thank you for working with us to ensure our community is kept safe by following our COVID-19 safety measures.

NSW Department of Education

Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.

- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.

Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.

Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.

Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.

Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.

Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.

Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.

For the latest information, refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.

NSW GOVERNMENT

Pick up and drop off at Bardia Public School

We are continuing to have traffic issues at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that you are keeping our students and community safe by driving safely and adhering to the road rules. We have had complaints from the greater community regarding dangerous crossing across Macdonald road and parents parking across or in private driveways. For your child's safety, please walk up to the intersection and cross safely at the traffic lights. Please respect our community and neighbours by parking your car in an appropriate location.

We are continuing to work with relevant stakeholders to push the approval and installation of the traffic lights at the corner of Arthur Allen Drive and Macdonald Road.

Road safety

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on safetytown.com.au



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:

- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in a car park

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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As we head into the last 18 days of teaching and learning for 2021, we will continue to provide engaging teaching and learning opportunities for the students at BPS. The teaching staff have some fun activities planned for the students to celebrate the end of an unusual and difficult year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Renee Langdon
Deputy Principal



Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2022 and have not completed an online enrolment?

If you live within the Bardia Public School catchment zone use this link

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4311>

If you already have a child attending Bardia Public School and you live outside of the Bardia Public School catchment zone please use the Out of Area Application form

<https://oaa.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=4311&catchmentLevel=primary>

Burnside Giving Tree

Thank you to the families who have already donated presents for the Burnside Giving Tree. There is still time to donate gifts which will go to needy families in the Macarthur region this Christmas. If you would like to participate then please purchase a gift, place it in a gift bag and attach a tag indicating the age group the gift is suitable for. Gifts can be placed under the Christmas tree in the foyer of the office. The gifts will be collected on the 9th December to enable them to be distributed to families before Christmas.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile charity.

Miss Lewis



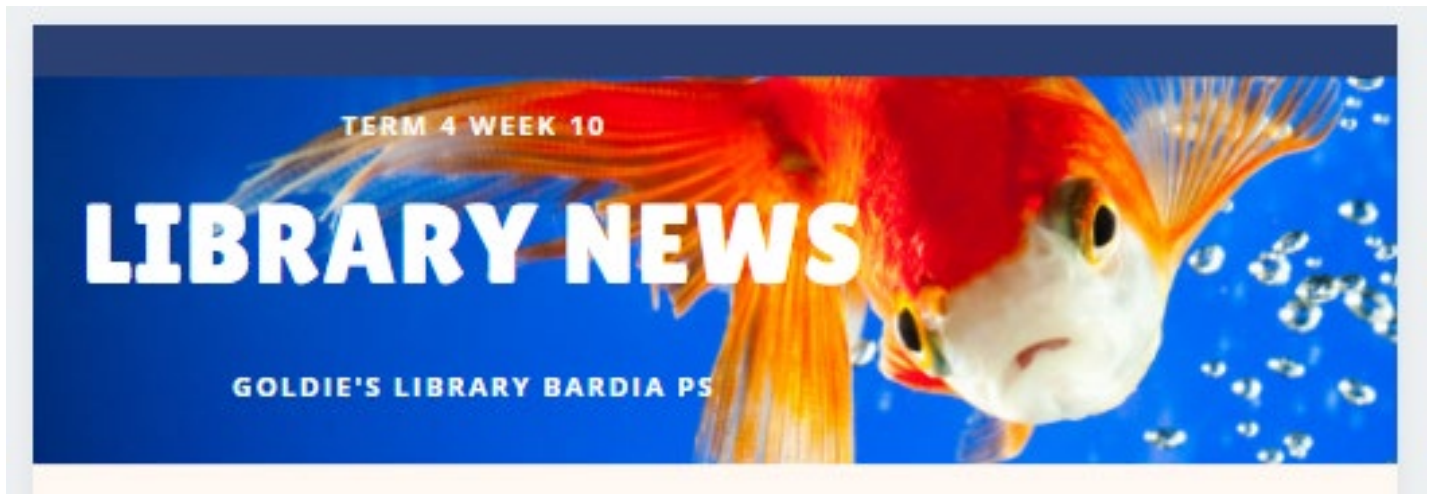
Park safely
in the kiss and drop zone

Follow the road rules

Park for 2 minutes at most

Stay within 3 metres of your car





It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the school year! The library has officially closed for student borrowing. If your child has an outstanding library loan you will receive an email with the cost. Please pay at the office if you are unable to locate the book. If you feel the book has been already returned, email me directly at Kathleen.wyber@det.nsw.edu.au and we will check the library again.

IF YOUR NOTICE HAS A DEVICE/COMPUTER LISTED, THIS IS A MISTAKE AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE CONCERNED.

All Book Fair orders should have been received. Again, if you have not received your order please contact me via email.

I look forward to seeing the students in the new year.

Below, we have listed below the local library Summer reading programs. We encourage you to join your child.

We wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and Christmas.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped in the library covering books, shelving and decorating. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for supporting the school library.

Happy reading

Mrs Wyber & Mrs Fonseca

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



Summer Reading Challenge 2021 - 2022

Studies have shown that children's reading skills can slide during the Summer school holidays, especially for those in low-socio economic families. Regular self-chosen reading, with support from families, can counter this decline. During the Summer school holidays, public libraries can provide ongoing learning by facilitating the borrowing of collection items and family support.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge at Liverpool City Library?

Reading is like playing a sport: the more children engage enjoyably with reading, the better they'll become at it. Our [Summer Reading Challenge](#) (SRC) aims to develop regular reading habits through a log that promotes reading at least 15 minutes daily.

The SRC aims to support all aspects of literacy over the summer. Children receive a pack with challenges that explore talking and listening, writing, as well as the reading log.

The SRC can be completed mostly online with [online registration](#), access to our extensive [eLibrary](#) and [downloadable entry forms](#). Children will need to visit the library to submit their entry forms.

Children will go into a draw for \$150 vouchers or other prizes when they complete any of the challenges and return them to their local library.

When is it being run?

It is running from **1 December 2021 – 4 February 2022** to overlap with the end and beginning of school terms.

Need more information?

For more information, promotional materials or any feedback, you can contact me directly on 87117163 or vitalonek@liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

Summer Reading Club



Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club is coming to a Library near you from Wednesday 1 December 2021.

The Summer Reading Club is a program designed to encourage and promote reading and literacy during the Summer school holidays for children aged 0 - 14 years.

Parents can read to children who cannot read on their own.

How to register for the Summer Reading Club

- The Summer Reading Club will open on Wednesday 1 December 2021 and will run until Monday 31 January 2022, you can register at one of our libraries during this time.

How does the Summer Reading Club work?

- When joining the Summer Reading Club, children will be given a [↓ reading log](#) (815KB, PDF) where they can record up to 10 books read or 10 periods of reading time.
- Children may read fiction or non-fiction, but all books should be suitable for their age level. Participants can also record books that are read to them.
- If a child is a member of [Bookalicious](#), they can also add their books to their Bookalicious Reading Log as well.

Enter in the lucky draw

- When you complete a reading log, hand it in to one of our library branches to enter our lucky draw and you'll also receive a random lucky dip prize.
- Participants may request additional logs to continue reading and may enter the draw for every reading log they complete.
- There will also be some special prize draws along the way, so you will have the chance to win some other great prizes.

For more information contact our friendly library staff on [02 4645 4444](tel:0246454444).



Road Safety Reminder!

Walking to and from school with your child helps ease traffic congestion, reduces your carbon footprint, promotes physical activity and provides a talking point about road safety.

When you walk with your child, talk about safe behaviour. Always demonstrate correct pedestrian behaviour. The best way you can help your child to be a safe pedestrian is to:

- give them lots of supervised practice with you or another trusted adult.
- talk with and teach your child about being alert in a road environment.
- always hold your child's hand.
- explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross the road.
- point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways.
- teach your child to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
- talk with them about everything they need to think about to keep safe when walking.
- explain why they should look and listen before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.
- use the pedestrian refugee island correctly. →
- talk with your child and reinforce Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road together.



STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! continuously look both ways.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Walking together also helps you to observe if older children are ready to cross the road independently.



FROM THE OFFICE



LOST PROPERTY

We have a quite a number of uniform items in lost property with no names. If your child has lost clothing that does not have their name on it but you feel you would recognise it, please go through the lost property (located in front of the office)



Don't forget to bring your child's hat and jacket purchases to the office for embroidery with their unique initials. We retain a register of all records so we can return any lost items to the students.

Embroidery service is on FRIDAY MORNINGS only

Our Eftpos service is available between 8:30am – 12:00pm



We kindly ask you to send tissues which are **urgently** needed.

Out-of-area applications

Out-of-area applications are now online. It is a requirement that all applications for out-of-area must be applied for under the out-of-area guidelines.

If you have a child currently enrolled in our school but live outside our catchment area please complete an out-of-area online application <https://bardia-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

No more paper notes will be sent home

By now all parents should have access to School Stream.

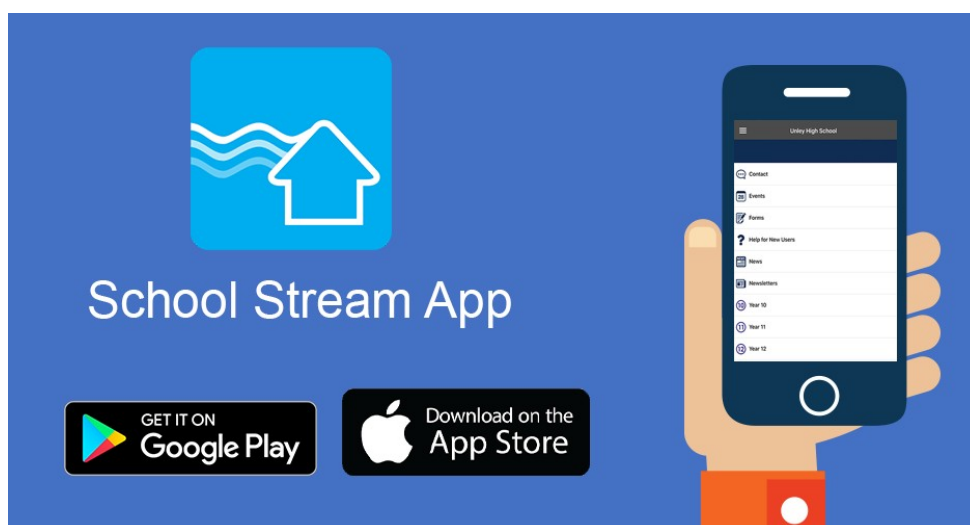
If you have downloaded the app and do not have access it is because your details do not match the details given on your child's enrolment. Mrs Zeeman sent an email to these parents today attaching a change of details form. Once received we will update our computer records and you will receive access automatically.

If you have not downloaded the app do so immediately. You will be missing out on vital information and notes. Detailed instructions on how to download the app are in the last few issues of the newsletter which is emailed to parents who have given their email address. Alternatively the newsletter can be found on our website <https://bardia-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (tab top right).

One-to-one messaging between parents and teachers is still a couple of weeks away. We have been in negotiations with School Stream and will advise you as soon as it is available. In the meantime you can send a message to the school's email address bardia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au (please put the teacher's name in the subject line) and the office staff will forward to your child's teacher.

School Stream in your preferred language is a wonderful feature. You can set your preferred language so all communication will be received in the language of your choice. When you send a message or complete details in your preferred language it will appear to us as English! Details on how to set up this feature are in the instructions as noted above.

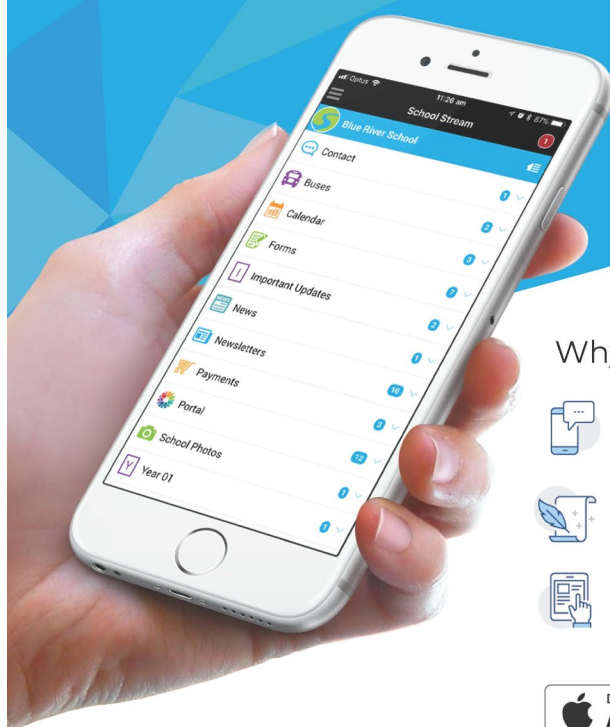
Happy Streaming





This is how the school communicates with you. One-to-one messages to the teacher, whole-school communications, forms, permission slips, newsletters etc. Easy school contact details and you can set your preferred language

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?



Receive instant notifications for important news.



Easily register absentees and excursions.



Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



Icons will only appear if there is information within them

One-to-one messages with your child's teacher

Important Updates - here you will find the most recent updates.

Forms

Current forms:

- * Change of Details
- * Absentee (this is where you report your child's absence)

Future permission slips for excursions/events will be located in Forms

Contact

Easy link to our school.
You can send an email to the office or your teacher. If you want to send an email to your teacher **MAKE SURE YOU SEND IT TO THEIR ATTENTION.**
Next year you will be able to send your teacher a message through the app.

Communication – this is where you will see all the messages from your teacher to the entire class.

Published newsletters

Make a payment

This is where you can make an online payment (POP).
* Press here

Make a Payment

Enter your payment details below. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the right of the student's name

* Given Name

* Surname

* Enter both Class/Year & Ref Number, or Date of Birth:

Class or Year

Remember !
Only mandatory fields need to be completed (*).

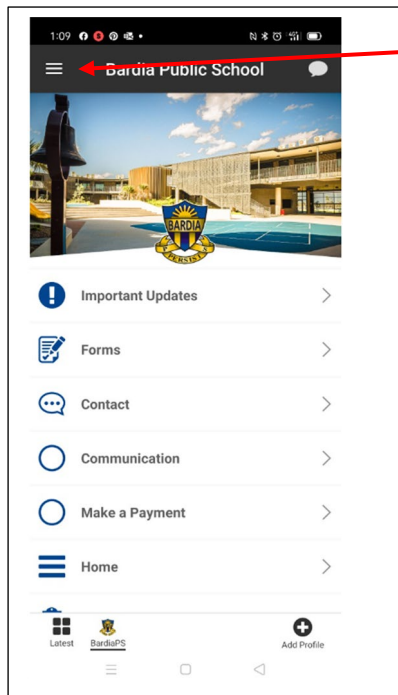
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You can set your preferred language so that all this information will be shown in another language.

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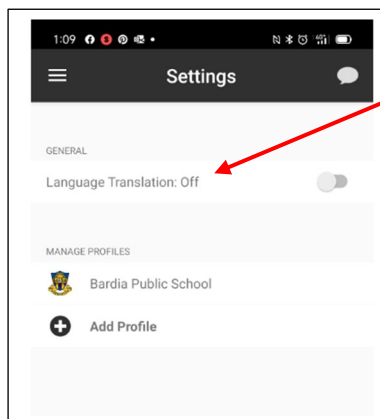
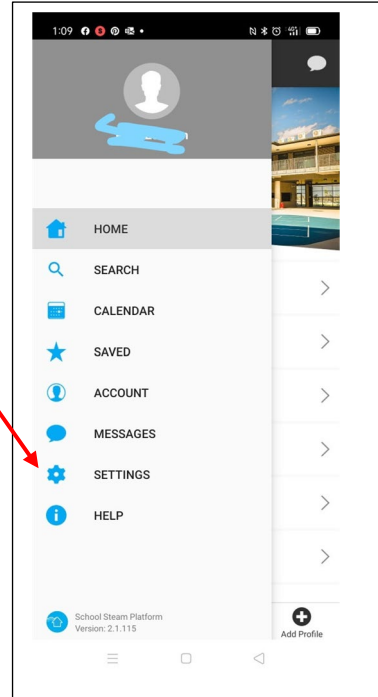
HOW TO SET YOUR PREFERRED LANGUAGE

See all communications, messages, forms etc. in your preferred language



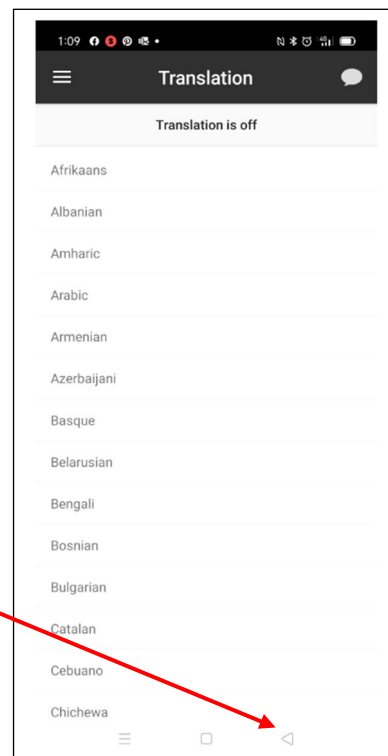
1) Press  (Home)

2) Go to **SETTINGS**



3) Press Language Translation Off

4) Select your preferred language



5) Press back

All forms, messages, communications etc. will now be in your preferred language



Brooke's CANTEEN



Keep an eye out on the
Brooke's Canteen Facebook
page for photographs of
just some of the healthy
counter items that are
made daily!



Tummy Warmers

3 Chicken Nuggets H	\$2.00	Lasagne H	\$4.00
6 Chicken Nuggets H	\$4.00	Chicken Penne Napolitana H HM	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognese HM	\$4.00	Butter Chicken & Rice H HM	\$5.00
Penne Napolitana H V HM	\$4.00	Hash Brown V	\$1.00
Beef Burrito HM	\$5.00	Sausage Roll H	\$3.50
Beef Pie H	\$4.00	Macaroni & Cheese H V	\$4.00
Beef Burger HM	\$4.00	Beef or Chicken Noodles H	\$3.50
Crumbed Chicken Burger H HM	\$4.00	Bruschetta Roll V HM	\$4.50
Beef Cheeseburger HM	\$4.00	Vegetarian Curry Rice V HM	\$4.00
Beef Nachos HM	\$5.00	Ham & Cheese Toastie HM	\$4.00

Sandwiches And Wraps

Vegemite, Jam or Honey HM	\$1.50
Cheese Sandwich V HM	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich V HM	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese Sandwich HM	\$3.50
Tuna Sandwich HM	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich V HM	\$3.50
Ham & Salad Roll HM	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap HM	\$5.00
Chicken & Salad Wrap HM	\$5.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap HM	\$5.00
Salad Wrap V HM	\$5.00

Salad Boxes & Cold Food

Garden Salad Box GF V H HM	\$3.50
Fruit Salad Box GF V H HM	\$4.00
Vermicelli Noodle Salad Box V H HM	\$5.00
Greek Salad V HM	\$4.50
Teriyaki Chicken Rice Paper Rolls HM	\$5.00
Vegetarian Noodle Rice Paper Rolls HM	\$5.00
Teriyaki Chicken Salad HM	\$5.00
Ham or Tuna Salad Box HM	\$5.00
Moroccan Chicken Salad Box HM	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad Bowl HM	\$5.00
Yoghurt Fruit & Muesli Bowl V HM	\$5.00

Pizzas & Quesadillas

Garlic Bread H V HM	\$2.00
Cheese Pizza Roll H V HM	\$2.50
Cheese & Diced Ham Roll HM	\$2.50
Vegetarian Pizza Roll H V HM	\$3.50
Hawaiian Pizza Roll HM	\$3.50
BBQ Chicken Pizza Roll HM	\$3.50
Cheese & Tomato Quesadilla V HM	\$4.00
Spinach & Feta Quesadilla H V HM	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese Quesadilla HM	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken Quesadilla H HM	\$4.50
Vegetarian Quesadilla H V HM	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken Pizza H	\$5.00
Cheese Pizza H V	\$5.00
Meat Pizza H	\$5.00



Snack Food



Frozen Pineapple Ring GF V H HM	50c	Milo Cereal Cup V	\$1.00
Piece of Fruit GF V	\$1.00	Nutrigrain Cereal Cup V	\$1.00
Carrot or Cucumber Sticks GF V HM	\$1.00	2 x Vegemite Saos V HM	\$1.00
Yoghurt Tub V	\$2.00	2 x Cheese & Tomato Saos V HM	\$2.50
Frozen Grapes GF V H	\$2.00	Popcorn GF V H HM	\$1.00
Corn Cobette GF V H HM	\$1.50	Koala Popcorn – BBQ, Chicken + Sweet Chilli	\$2.00
Custard Cup V	\$2.00	Grain Waves Sour Cream & Chives 28g	\$2.00
Watermelon Cup GF V HM	\$2.00	Red Rock Deli Crisps Sea Salt 28g	\$2.00
Honey & Yoghurt Cup V	\$2.50	Mamee Noodle Snacks	\$2.00
Orange Wedges GF V H	\$2.00	Mamee Rice Sticks GF	\$2.00
Fruit Kebab GF H V HM	\$2.50		



Thirst Quenchers

Water 600ml	\$2.00
Fruit Infused Water	\$2.50
Oak Milk Lite	\$2.50
Juice Bomb Cans	\$2.50
Juice Poppers	\$1.50

Frozen Treats

Ice Mony Triangle	\$1.00
Juicies Ice Treat	\$1.00
Quelch Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.00
Moosies	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50

To order online please go to www.myschoolconnect.com.au. All online orders must be placed by 8am. If you miss this cut off time orders can be placed at the canteen by 9:00am. We accept cash & EFTPOS payments also. Sauces + Salad dressings are available for 50c each. Sandwiches can be toasted for an extra 50c and can also be changed to a wrap or bread roll for \$1. You can add cheese and other extras for 50c each. Extra spoons and forks are 10c each. All ice blocks, watermelon cups, yoghurt cups, noodle cups and custard cups need to be collected from the canteen by the student as these will not be sent to their classroom to avoid any spillage. Healthy over the counter items are available daily and range from 50c to \$2.50, these will be displayed on the counter at lunch and recess.

If making a halal or gluten free order or if student has any allergies please write dietary requirements clearly on the lunch bag.

H = Halal, **GF** = Gluten Free, **V** = Vegetarian, **HM** = Homemade

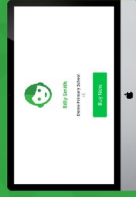


OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bardiaps

STEP 4

To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click 'Buy Now', and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!



STEP 4a



STEP 4b



STEP 4c

STEP 5

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.



STEP 5a



STEP 5b

Note: only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart.
To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click 'Buy Now', and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bardiaps



My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact (03) 8669 1869



OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bardiaps

STEP 1

Register your account on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bardiaps and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.



STEP 1

STEP 2

Add your Child as a "Student", and make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



STEP 2a



STEP 2b

STEP 3

Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.



STEP 3a



STEP 3b

(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

P&C NEWS & UPDATES

TERM 4 WEEK 10



Thank you to all our volunteers on Saturday who helped us to raise funds at the Election BBQ.

These funds will be allocated in 2022 to classroom resources!

Rebekkah Hagstrom
Matthew O'Grady
Rebekah Banga
Sarah Durbridge
Elisabeth Risnes

Mrs Langdon
Maria Reyes
Vivian Messimeris
Hemawathy Muniandy
Ginny Au

Lata Singh
Bandana Thapa
Amy Rankin





Happy Snaps



Reasons why our community is amazing, as told by you!

"We are all
different, but the
goal we share is to
make a difference
within the
community, and
within ourselves,
to be something
better."

"It has great
teachers and a
lovely
community
feeling."

"We are one family"

"IT WELCOMES YOU WITH
OPEN ARMS"

"Every day I meet someone new
and interesting."

"We have a community of respect and love for everyone, no matter their race, religion or origin"

"IT IS THE BEST... WITH THE BEST SCHOOL BUILDING, BEST SPACE FOR THE KIDS, BEST TEACHERS, BEST STUDENTS AND IT'S ONE BIG BARDIA FAMILY"

"We may all be different fish, but at this school we swim together"

"I can trust this community with any questions and support required"

"They enable students, teachers and parents from diverse background to bring their personal thoughts, feelings ideas and experience into the BPS Community"



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
COMPETITION WINNER,
HEMAWATHY MUNIANDY!



NEW SCHOOL PARENTS VIRTUAL MEET & GREET

**Hosted by Bardia Public School P&C
You're invited as a special guest to our
December P&C Meeting!**

You will have an opportunity to meet other new
parents and find out what's happening in the Bardia
Public School Community

**Tuesday, 7th December 2021
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Online via Zoom**

[Click here to register](#)



Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

*From the
Bardia Public School
P&C Association*



WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



[@bardia.pandc](#)

Keep up to date with all the latest P&C news and updates by following our official social media accounts. You can find us on **Facebook and Instagram.**

JOIN THE P&C

If you would like to become more involved in your child's school community, why not join our P&C as a member?

You'll meet many like-minded, passionate parents and carers who look out for each other and work together on some fantastic projects to build a strong community.

[Click here to sign up](#)



School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback