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# NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1

1 February 2021

## Sports uniform – Tuesdays & Fridays

### Library bags – Fridays

**School Day:** 9.15am – 3.15pm

Lunch: 11.15-12.15pm

Recess: 1.40-2.00pm

### Term 1 week 2 (this week)

- ◇ Kindergarten enter on Wednesday 3 February
- ◇ Library: begins this Friday 5 Feb (library bag)
- ◇ Assemblies begin: Friday 5 Feb directly after morning circles

### Term 1 Week 3

- ◇ Gecko Sports Program #1: begins Tuesday 9 February (sports uniform)
- ◇ Scripture: begins Wednesday 10 Feb at 9.30am
- ◇ **P&C Welcome in the Park after school:** Wednesday 10 Feb (P&C invite to come home Wed 3 Feb)

### Term 1 Week 4

- ◇ **P&C AGM Meeting:** Wednesday 17 February 7.30-8.30pm onsite or via zoom TBC



Dear Parents and or Caregivers,

Welcome back to the start of the school year for 2021. We trust everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday with family and friends.

### 2020 Year 2 gift

The 2020 Year 2 gift to the school, the 'Super Hero' totem, is taking pride of place in our front garden. *Thank you to George and Govinda!* It is an extraordinary art installation and a wonderful reminder of the students' contribution to our school community and their learning superpowers. We wish the students who have moved on to Year 3 all the best in the next part of their learning journey.

### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Elaina Stamoulos to our school. Mrs Greige, Ms Stamoulos, Mrs Kritsotakis and I look forward to another exciting year ahead. Mrs Colette Samerski and Mrs Nicole Slater return as our School Learning Support Officers (SLSO). Ms Jordan Short is the counsellor assigned to our school this year and will be with us every second Friday. Mrs Maclean, our School Administration Manager (SAM) is in the office Mondays to Wednesdays and Mrs Christine Burrell is in the school office on Thursdays and Fridays. Mr Mick O'Malveney continues as the school's General Assistant (GA). I thank all our staff for their hard work, dedication and care of our students.

### School Development Days

On Wednesday and Thursday last week teachers had productive school development days engaging in mandatory training including Child Protection 2021, the revised Code of Conduct and Corruption Prevention e-learning. Staff viewed the message from Mark Scott regarding professional learning. All staff undertook CPR and face-to-face Anaphylaxis training, delivered by Surf Life Saving. Staff discussed the learning needs of our students and the results of the TTFM surveys of 2020.

### Before and After School Care

The Before and After School Klub (TASK) provides out of hours care to our students, off site. Their operating hours are 7.00am until 9.00am and then 3.00-6.00pm at Arncliffe West Infants School. If you are interested in before or after school care please contact [enrol@task-kids.com.au](mailto:enrol@task-kids.com.au) or on 1300 827 500.

## Newsletters

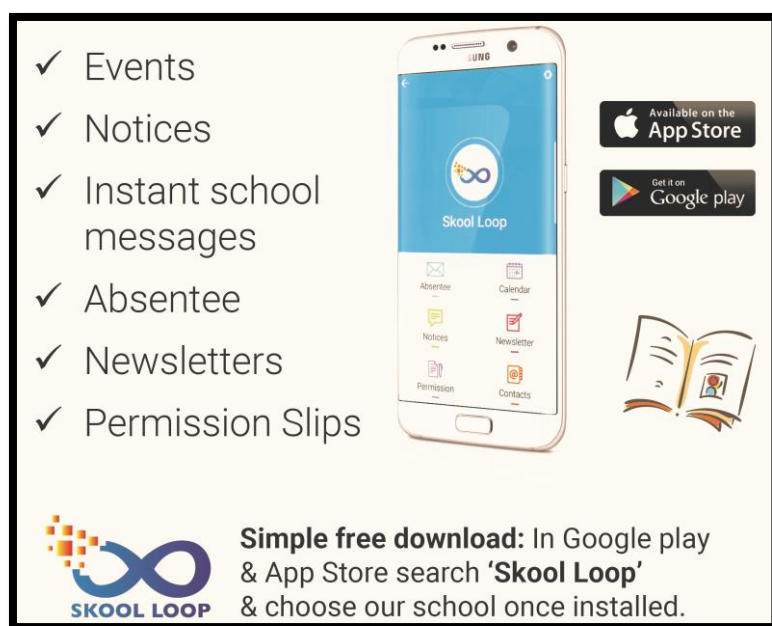
Newsletters will be written and distributed in hard copy on a fortnightly basis only this year. All newsletters are uploaded to the school website and the school communication app, **Skool Loop**.

## Skool Loop

Please download the school's communication app, **Skool Loop**. Newsletters are uploaded on the Monday every second week. The app is a way for the school to send instant messages to parents that have downloaded the app, if needed. The school will not be using the check in function on this app, as all Department of Education schools now have a NSW Government COVID safe QR code, which are on the front and back gates. Visitors to the school for example, if you are called upon for an interview with a teacher, must check in via the NSW government site, sign a DoE external visitors form and sign the visitors' register in the office.

## NSW schools updates app

The NSW school Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational updates for NSW public schools. NSW families will be notified if and when a school becomes non-operational due to COVID bushfires or other emergencies.

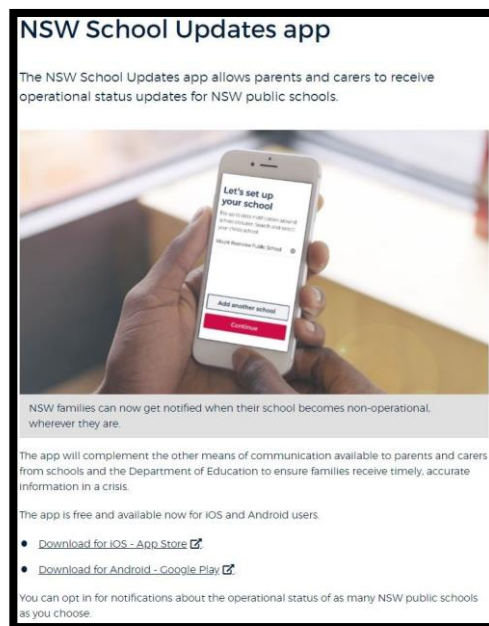


✓ Events  
✓ Notices  
✓ Instant school messages  
✓ Absentee  
✓ Newsletters  
✓ Permission Slips

Available on the App Store  
Get it on Google play

Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.

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**NSW School Updates app**

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools.

NSW families can now get notified when their school becomes non-operational, wherever they are.

The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis.

The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users.

- [Download for iOS - App Store](#)
- [Download for Android - Google Play](#)

You can opt in for notifications about the operational status of as many NSW public schools as you choose.

## COVID/health

All schools continue to be updated by the Department of Education regarding COVID and the guidelines schools are to follow. Our new Kindergarten parents will be able to escort their child in to the school in the first few days of school. Physical distancing between adults needs to be adhered to at all times. Students frequently use hand sanitiser throughout the day. Enhanced cleaning continues to be provided by the Department daily. Our school bubblers are now open although I encourage you to continue to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle.

## Student absences

If your child is absent please write a short note of explanation for the absence, or alternatively phone the Office on 95678754. You may also use **Skool Loop** to notify the school email of a student absence. It is a Departmental requirement that all student absences are explained, with teachers having the responsibility to mark rolls correctly. Attendance is a target in our School Improvement Plan this year.

## Health Care Plans/Action Plans

The school is currently reviewing the students' Health Care Plans and Action Plans. This is reviewed annually. You may be asked to update your plan with your local Doctor, and then return it to the school office. We appreciate your timely response in the interest of student health and safety.

## Road Safety

Please be mindful of parking and speeding restrictions in Crewe Lane for the safety of **all** students.

### **Students' birthday cakes**

If you wish your child to celebrate his or her birthday, by bringing birthday cakes to share with other children in the class, we really appreciate small cupcakes, purchased from a store. We are unable at this time to share food made by others. Some of our students, who have specific dietary requirements or allergic reactions, have their own cakes or treats in the staff fridge.

### **Gates**

The school's back gate will be locked as soon as possible after morning circles this term and be re-opened before the end of the school day. The driveway gate will be closed at 9am when the teacher goes on duty in the morning. The pedestrian gate is to remain closed at all times. We appreciate your support in ensuring the gate is **not left open**.

### **Before and after school**

Morning playground duty begins at 9am. If your child has to be at school before 9am, then they are required to sit on the verandah until the teacher's morning duty begins. In the afternoon, both classes are dismissed from their verandah at 3.15pm. Teachers wait with students until they are collected. If you are late at the end of the day, your child will be escorted to the office verandah. All children are to be collected by a responsible adult. If you have made arrangements for anyone other than yourselves to collect your child/children, the school needs to be informed in writing or please inform Mrs Maclean or Mrs Burrell in the office verbally. If for any reason you are running late please ring the school so we may reassure your child.

### **Interviews**

Please ring the office to make an appointment to see a teacher, if at any time you have concerns regarding your child, so a suitable mutually agreeable time can be arranged.

### **Updated student parent and information form**

Please complete this form attached to the newsletter if any of your previously supplied information has changed, so that the school office can update our records.

### **SRE (Special Religious Education) Form**

Please complete this form if your preferences have changed.

### **Calendar**

The first term calendar is attached to the end of this newsletter providing you with an overview of the full term.

### **Kindergarten 2021**

#### **Welcome: Kindergarten students Wednesday 3 February**

Welcome to our Kindergarten students who will have their first day at 'big school' this Wednesday 3 February. Please promptly collect your child from the verandah at 3.15pm. If for any reason you are running late please ring the office on 95678754 so we are aware. Do not be surprised if your child is tired at the end of the day or comes to the realisation that big school is just the start of his or her learning journey.

#### **Kindergarten Best Start**

Kindergarten Best Start assessments began last Friday and continue today and tomorrow. Best Start assesses the knowledge, skills and understandings children bring to school, so students can be grouped accordingly. Students' responses are entered directly into Departmental software and all assessment data is entered by week 5. A parent feedback letter will be generated and distributed to parents and/or caregivers of Kindergarten students shortly thereafter.

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#### **BPIS P&C Welcome in the park: Wed 10 February after school**

Our P&C would like to invite all new Kindy parents to the park opposite the school after school on Wednesday 10 Feb. An invitation from the P&C will come home on Wednesday 3 February.

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## **Term 1 Week 2 (this week)**

### **Assembly**

The first Assembly will be held this Friday, directly after morning circles in the Connected Classroom. No visitors at this time.

### **Library**

The first Library lesson begins this Friday. Please bring a library bag.

## **Term 1 Week 3 (next week)**

### **Home Learning**

Home learning begins next Monday (week3).

### **Gecko Sports Program #1: Tuesday 9 February**

Gecko Sports Program will begin on Tuesday 9 February and thereafter every Tuesday, finishing on the 30 March. Students are to wear their sports uniform. The cost of the 8 week program is \$56.00 per student. All students K-2 participate in this program as it is a component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus. The lesson costs may be paid in full or in instalments in cash or through the *'Make a payment'* tab on the school website. As always if you are having financial difficulties, please make an appointment with the Principal. Please complete the permission note at the end of this newsletter.

### **Scripture**

Scripture begins on Wednesday morning 10 February. Thank you to our Scripture teachers/volunteers who provide religious education for our students every week. If at any time you choose to move your child to another Scripture class or attend non-Scripture, please ask the Office for an SRE letter to change your preference and provide a signature.

## **Term 1 Week 4**

### **P&C Meeting AGM: Wednesday 17 February 7.30-8.30pm**

The P&C AGM and meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February from 7.30-8.30pm. To be confirmed whether this will be held onsite or via zoom.

## PERMISSION for GECKO SPORTS PROGRAM 2021

Students will be participating in the Fundamental Movement Skills Program in Term 1 every Tuesday beginning 9 February and finishing on 30 March. The cost of this program is \$65.00. You are welcome to pay in instalments or in full. Payment may be made with the correct cash or cheque but the preferable method would be through the *Make a Payment* tab on the school website. Please see the Principal or office if you are experiencing financial hardship. Please advise us if your child is not able to participate for any reason as it is part of the school curriculum.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Gecko Sports Program in Term One. I am aware the program is run within the school grounds and that my child is expected to participate each week.

Signed Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## UPDATED STUDENT & PARENT INFORMATION

**(only complete if you have changes)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts: 1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts: 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to Publish: Yes/ No      Online Services: Yes/ No

Student Medical Concerns: eg. (Allergies, Asthma, Anaphylaxis \_\_\_\_\_) (See the school office)



## **BARDWELL PARK INFANTS SCHOOL - THE ROLE OF THE P&C**

Each year a new P&C executive committee is elected. In the upcoming P&C meeting on Wednesday 17 February 2021, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place. Below is more information about each of the roles. If you are considering becoming more involved in your child's education, joining our P&C is the perfect platform to do so. Bardwell Park Infants has a very active P&C Committee who are responsible for coming up with new fundraising ideas and the successful execution of any events held.

### **THE ROLE OF THE P&C**

The P&C's role is not just the creation and provision of a supplementary form of funding for their local school but a place where parents can actively engage and support the education of their children by participating in the decision making process.

#### **The President is responsible for:**

- Chairing the P&C Meeting
- Liaising with the Principal where necessary
- When necessary being the face for the P&C at School Functions
- Being signatory on the Association's bank account

#### **The Treasurer is responsible for:**

- Liaising with the school office
- Collecting bank statements/bills from office
- Banking cheques (Commonwealth Bank)
- Writing P&C cheques (2 signatures needed)
- Bank reconciliation each month
- Reporting financial position at each P&C Meeting
- Encouraging members to understand the state of the P&C finances
- Ensuring books are kept correctly recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association

#### **The Secretary is responsible for:**

- Preparing Agendas in consultation with the President
- Recording the minutes of meetings
- Receiving and tabling all correspondence and answering correspondence as needed
- Distributing minutes to the school admin staff for the newsletter
- Maintaining official records of the P&C Association

#### **The various Fundraising Co-Ordinators chosen are responsible for:**

- Ordering materials for Mothers Day & Fathers Day etc
- Co-ordinating events such as chocolate drives, trivia nights, fetes etc
- Directing helpers to assist with P&C activities
- Liaising with the Principal and school office.

# Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics Participation Letter

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

The school website (insert link) provides information on these options to support parent/carer choice.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

If your preferred SRE or SEE option is not available please contact the approved provider. Students not attending SRE or SEE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

The following options are available at Bardwell Park Infants School. Please choose one.

## SRE Options

- Option 1: Greek Orthodox
- Option 2: Uniting Church
- Option 3: Catholic

OR

Please check this box if you do not wish for your child to attend SRE. Your child will participate in alternative meaningful activities.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BARDWELL PARK INFANTS SCHOOL - TERM 1, 2021

MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
JAN/FEB WEEK 1	25	26 AUSTRALIA DAY	27 STAFF DEV DAY	28 STAFF DEV DAY	29 Best Start Yr 1 & 2 Start	30/31
FEB WEEK 2	1 Best Start	2 Best Start	3 2021 Kinder Start	4	5	6/7
FEB WEEK 3	8	9 Gecko Sport #1 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	10 P&C in park after school  Scripture begins	11	12	13/14
FEB WEEK 4	15	16 Gecko Sport #2 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	17 P&C AGM & Meeting on site or via zoom TBC	18	19	20/21
FEB WEEK 5	22	23 Gecko Sport #3 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	24	25	26	27/28
MAR WEEK 6	1	2 Gecko Sport #4 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	3	4	5	6/7
MAR WEEK 7	8	9 Gecko Sport #5 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	10	11	12	13/14
MAR WEEK 8	15	16 Gecko Sport #6 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	17	18	19	20/21
MAR WEEK 9	22	23 Gecko Sport #7 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	24 P&C Meeting	25	26	27/28
MAR/ APRIL WEEK 10	29 DON WOOD SCHOOL PHOTOS	30 Gecko Sport #8 K:9.30-10.15 1/2:10.15-11.00	31	1	2 Good Friday	3/4