



Issue 1, Tuesday 7th February, 2018

Key Dates

Feb		March		April	
Wed 14	Swimming Carnival (P-Gr 6)	Mar 7	North East Swimming Carnival	Mon 2	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Thur 15	Launching Into Learning begins	Mon 12	Eight Hour Day Public Holiday	Tues 3	Easter Tuesday Public Holiday
Tues 20	Welcome Back BBQ	Mar 14	Athletic Carnival (P-Gr 6)	Thur 5	ENE Athletic Carnival
Tues 27	School Association Meeting	Tues 27	North East Athletic Carnival	Fri 13	Moderation Day (Student Free Day) Term 1 concludes
Wed 28	Launceston Cup (no school)	Fri 30	Good Friday Public Holiday	Mon 30	Term 2 Starts

From the Principal.....

Dear Community,

Welcome back to the 2018 school year at Bridport Primary. I hope everyone had a most relaxing and enjoyable holiday and is now ready for another exciting year of learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers for having students so beautifully attired and prepared for their first day of school. The day ran very smoothly with students enjoying their day, getting to know their teachers and catching up with friends.

This year we welcome 4 new staff members – Miss Nicola Dawes will be teaching the Prep class, Mr Cameron Lynch is our new PE teacher who will here on a Wednesday as well as working on the 5/6 and 4/5 on a Friday, and Mrs Natalie Bosworth who will be working in the classes as a teacher assistant to help support the students, and Mrs Natalie Brown will be teaching the Grade 4/5 class.

A reminder to parents that our class structures for this year and their respective teachers are as follows:

Grade 5/6	Mrs Reid (Mr Lynch whilst Mrs Reid appointments on some Fridays)
Grade 4/5	Mrs Brown
Grade 3	Mrs Somerville-Hall (Monday – Thursday) & Mrs Lewis (Friday)
Grade 1/2	Mrs Beard
Grade 1/2	Miss Cox
Prep	Miss Dawes
Kindergarten	Mrs Grace

Support Teacher – Mrs Cox

Support Teacher – Mrs Waddingham

Music Mrs Lewis

PE Mr Lynch

Support Teacher Mrs M Hall

(Special Needs)

Our teacher assistants will be providing support to the classrooms as follows:

Kindergarten	Mrs Frost
Prep	Ms Howard
Grade 1/2	Mrs Barron, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Burke, Mrs Bosworth
Prep – Grade 6	Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Jacobson
Library	Mrs Burke

School Times

A reminder to parents of the school times is set out below. Students should not arrive at school before 8.30 a.m. as there is no supervision until this time.

Start of class time	9:00 a.m.
Recess	10:50 – 11:10 a.m.
Lunch	12:40 – 1:40 p.m.
End of school	3:00 p.m.

This year our priority is to improve the literacy skills of students through focusing on the development of oral language and vocabulary as well as continuing with the highly acclaimed LIFT program (Learning in Families Together) to improve both literacy and numeracy skills, especially in the younger grades.

We will also continue to offer the highly motivating Mathletics program which is an on-line computer program that helps to engage students' interest and improve their ability levels in the area of maths as well as improve their recall of maths facts. We will also be offering the highly popular and educationally beneficial on-line Reading Eggs program, which focuses on reading.

Something else to look forward to this year will be our focus on developing students' knowledge and understanding of digital technologies and increasing students' abilities to solve problems through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths). This in turn will help to prepare our children for their future where digital technologies are already having a major effect.

We will continue to embed the language of MYTERN to help students build control over their emotions. We will also continue to strengthen our Supportive School Environment in order to nurture the development and promote the positive behaviour of all children.

A copy of the Bridport Behaviour Plan will be sent home today as a reminder to everyone regarding our school expectations that help to maximise the learning of every student.

Thank you to all of the staff who have helped prepare our school for the new school year – to Mr Brown, Miss Blackwell & Mrs Whitmore for the preparation of the grounds and the classrooms, to Mrs Thompson & Mrs Nunn for the office administration, to our teacher assistants who have helped with various preparations throughout the school and to all of the teachers in the preparation of their classrooms and units of work ready for an exciting term.

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will be held next Wednesday 14th February at Scottsdale Swimming Pool. Our Prep to Grade 6 classes will participate. A letter with further information has been sent home today. Please complete and return the transport slip to help us with the organisation of the buses.

Welcome Back Free BBQ

We invite everyone to our Welcome Back **FREE BBQ**, (courtesy of our School Association), to be held on Tuesday 20th February, starting at 5:00 p.m. which will be a fantastic opportunity for families and staff to get to know one another.

Sun Protection Policy

A reminder to everyone, our Sun Protection Policy states that during Term 1, hats (not caps), must be worn during the recess and lunch breaks. Children who do not have a sun-safe hat will be directed to play in the shade areas. Sun-safe hats are available for \$10.00 (cash only) from the school office.

Student Absences

A reminder to parents/guardians that all absences need to be explained. Please find the list of authorised reasons that the Department of Education accepts for children to be excused from attending school.

1. Bereavement of a person with whom the school-aged child or youth has a close, significant or family relationship; or
2. Medical, legal or related appointments; or
3. Where the school-aged child or youth has witnessed or been subjected to family violence; or
4. Terminal illness of an immediate family member; or
5. Where a natural disaster or extreme weather event prevents:
 - a school-aged child or youth from a non-government school safely attending their enrolled school; or
 - a school-aged child or youth from a State school safely attending their enrolled school or nearest State school; or
6. Participation of a school age child or youth in a:
 - recognised learning experience (e.g. a music examination); or
 - cultural activity (e.g. participation in NAIDOC Week); and
7. Initiated by an independent student or parent, where the principal is of the opinion that the experience or activity has educational value to the school age child or youth; or
8. Attendance at a recognised event (e.g. a State, National or International level event sanctioned and organised by the official governing body) as:
 - a participant; or
 - an official of a team or other body, competing or participating in that event ; or
 - an official otherwise engaged in that event; or
9. Where an independent student or parent objects, as a matter of conscience, to his or her school-aged child or youth participating in a school activity specified in the *Education Regulations 2017*; and
 - the independent student or parent notifies the school's principal in writing at least two (2) days in advance of that school activity occurring; and
 - that activity will occur for at least one (1) full school day; and
 - separate supervision of the school-aged child or youth is not possible; or
10. Where an application for home education has been received by the Registrar and provisional registration has been granted; or
11. Where the parent or independent student notifies the principal of an absence due to sickness, temporary or physical incapacity later than five (5) days from the date of the absence.

Playground Maintenance

Due to circumstances beyond our control the deck from the hall was removed during the holidays, and we are still waiting for its reconstruction. This means that entry via the lower South St gate requires visitors to the school to walk through the lower playground in order to access the Prep and Kindergarten classes.

In closing, I am sure that 2018 will be a year full of exciting learning experiences and challenges and I strongly encourage parents to work actively with teachers to maximise the learning outcomes for all of our students.

Regards,

Carol Stingel



SCHOOL NEWS



CANTEEN

The 2018 canteen menu will go out later this week. The canteen will be fully operational starting next week.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

If you have indicated your child has a medical condition and needs medication to be administered and stored at school you must drop this to the school office and complete a medical authorisation form. Asthma Action Plan and Anaphylaxis/Allergy forms must all be completed by your child's doctor and returned to the school office ASAP (if applicable). For more information please speak to the school office.