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Principal’s Message

Year 6 Canberra Tour

Welcome back Year 6 students from your adventures in Canberra last week. This camp marked our first interstate senior tour of this type, and reports from those attending indicate the week was an enjoyable success. Whilst staying at the nation’s capital, our Year 6 students enjoyed visits to a range of iconic and culturally important venues and landmarks. It was a very busy itinerary as campers interacted with a range of fascinating and fun learning experiences involving, science, sport, history, democracy, politics and Australian history. Whilst visiting parliament, the group were fortunate to attend question time in both houses, and insightfully acknowledged the similarities between the conduct of some of our elected representatives and behaviour in our playground at times. During their parliamentary visit, the Year 6 students met with our local federal member for Wills, who was most impressed with their perceptive and intelligent questions about current political issues. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who attended. Your sensible and mature attitude and behaviour was a credit to your parents and carers and our school. Thank you to the staff who attended also: Celia Dickinson, Jesse Hughes-Welch, Jo Adams and Hannah Reid. We all appreciate the time and effort you dedicated to ensuring the Year 6 students enjoyed their time away, and learnt much about the institutions which govern life in our country. The value of Twitter in home-school communication was experienced yet again, as many parents and carers of these students were able to enjoy each event during the camp as they followed along on the Twitter feed.

2017 Concert - Artist in Residence Grant Success

Congratulations to Emi Savini and Marina Thomson for your recent success in applying for an artist in residence grant to the value of $10,000. This grant will provide funding for a practising professional artist to work with children on a project over Terms 3 and 4 in 2017. This will culminate in a performance based presentation. This artist in residence project will connect to the ongoing curriculum elements of environmental education and visual and musical arts units of work. Luke Kane and Andrew Lang will liaise with the resident artist, and structure their programs to complement the overall arts project. This project, and the performances in early December, will replace the concert style expression of creativity which has been a biennial school event for the school over many years.

End of Year

The 2016 school year concludes on Tuesday 20th December. School will finish on this day at 1.30pm, following a short assembly in the undercover area. This assembly will give the school community the final opportunity to farewell graduating Year 6 students, and those families who are departing to other areas. Parents and carers please ensure you have made arrangements for the collection of children at this time, or have secured a booking in the OSHC program.

All families are invited to attend the end of year picnic on Thursday 8th December, commencing at 6.00pm. This will be great opportunity to celebrate the life of our school community over the 2016 school year. Yakai Barring will be open and the fire pit will be providing warmth and ambiance for the event. Please bring all food, picnic chairs and mats.

Excitement and a touch of apprehension are building as the Year 6 students approach the final weeks of their primary school careers. Celebration of this transition time for these children builds on the wonderful experience many of these students experienced on their recent tour of Canberra. Over the next week, the Year 6 graduates will have the opportunity to visit their Secondary College for transition activities. They are also most excited about their “Year 6 Big Day Out.” This is a day of fun activities, decided upon by the students as a way of celebrating this time of growth and change in their lives. At BNWPS we organise a fabulous graduation evening, attended by family and friends of the graduates, which formally awards and acknowledges the involvement of these children in the life of our school.

Term Dates 2016

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December 2016

Term Dates 2017

Term 1: 31 January (all students including Foundation start) to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

Calendar

Tues 6 Dec Yr 6 – 7 transition day, Yr 6 Graduation evening
Wed 7 Dec Yr 6 Big Day Out, School Council Meeting
Thurs 8 Dec Family end of year picnic
Fri 9 Dec Plant & Produce Market
Mon 12 Dec Whole School End of Year Excursion to Oak Park pool
Fri 16 Dec End of year BBQ for students
Tues 20 Dec Last day 2016 school year, early finish at 1.30pm
Tues 31 Jan First day of term 1, 2017 for all classes incl Foundation (Prep)

Current Notices

- Grade 6 Big Day Out permission note, sent 28/11, please return urgently
- Oak Park Whole School swimming event, pink note with attached information note sent to each child on 17 Nov, please return by 7 Dec latest
- End of Term BBQ note, sent to each child on 18 Nov, please return by 9 December latest

Oshc 2017 Enrolments - Now Open

Places are filling fast. Return forms ASAP to secure your place. All currently enrolled children must be re-enrolled for 2017.
Please ensure you have returned the note about the end of year excursion scheduled for Monday 12th December. This year’s event is taking place at Oak Park pool as it offers more shade. To participate children must be wearing a long sleeve swimming shirt and have a broad brimmed hat on the day.

Class lists for the 2017 school year will be posted at school and set home on Tuesday 13th December. This will set out the list of students in your child’s class and their classroom teacher. This occurs during the penultimate week of the school year, as described in the Class Formation policy sent home earlier in the year and published on the school website.

The end of year activities across the school includes the final Plant & Produce Market on Friday 9th December. Thanks to organisers, contributors and those which support the school by making a purchase of either, food, plants, gifts or craft.

We return for the commencement of the 2017 school year on Tuesday 31st January. Please note Foundation students will attend school on Wednesday 1st February and the remainder of this first week of school. The Foundation students will then be away from school on the following six Wednesdays, except for the scheduled times they attend for initial assessment and familiarisation work with their classroom teacher. The school office will be open for business on Friday 27th and Monday 30th January. Please see the school website for term dates for the 2017 and 2018 school years. “Parents – Term Dates”. We will once again be publishing a BWNPS School Planner for 2017 which will set out term dates and major events across the school year. This will be sent home in the first week of 2017 and available on the school website.

MELVILLE ROAD DISRUPTION

There are some major tram track renewal works occurring between Saturday 10th and Wednesday 14th December along Melville Road. Buses will be replacing trams, and different parts of Melville Road will be closed over the five days. There’s more information on the Yarra Tram website, yarratrams.com.au/servicechanges. Thanks Sue Redfearn for the information.

Trevor Bowen
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Recently I have been lucky enough to witness our students observing people working their various jobs while in our school (or school-related) setting. When the portables were trucked in, the students (and Trevor) got to watch crane operators, electricians, welders and more work together to complete the project. When a short movie was filmed in one of our classrooms, the students got to see sound technicians and camera crew using their amazing equipment. While on school camp, our grade 6s saw politicians arguing at question time and visited where judges sit in the high court.

Each of these experiences was special for me, as I saw students’ eyes sparkle at the idea that yes, I could be doing this too!

Talking to your child about what they want to do when they finish their schooling is really important. Not only does it demonstrate value and interest in their hopes and goals, it provides you with an opportunity to talk about what steps are required in order to achieve that goal. If I had talked through job prospects with someone when I was little, I might have realised that working as an astronaut could be more than just a fantasy, with the right study and focus.

An important thing to remember during these discussions is that we should always be at an age-appropriate level (let’s not scare away the possibility of anyone working as a surgeon ever again!) and should focus on all the elements of the job. Once you start doing this, you might find your child is interested in a wider range of jobs. If this occurs, start comparing and contrasting the responsibilities – you and your child might find they are interested in a similar job within a completely different industry!

While exploring role descriptions, it is a good time to also look at what requirements are tied to this job terms of education and experiences. This is not supposed to discourage your child – rather show them that it is possible! NASA’s academic requirements for astronauts is a bachelor’s degree in mathematics, engineering or biological or physical sciences… not a degree in superheroism as I thought when I was a kid.

An important thing to remember during these discussions is that we live in a world of rapid change; we don’t actually know what jobs will be available and in demand by the time this generation of children enter the workforce. If your discussion revolves around passions and interests, it allows scope for investigating future (as-yet-unknown) job opportunities.

Lastly and probably most importantly, it’s important to remember to talk about your child’s biggest dreams; what change do they want to see in their world? What part can they play in achieving this goal? It may not be something they can do on their own, but knowing that you are part of an improvement in our society or environment is incredibly rewarding, no matter the pay cheque.

Hannah Reid
PLANT AND PRODUCE MARKET 9TH OF DECEMBER.

This will be our final Plant and produce market for 2016. It will be our largest yet with gifts to buy for Christmas as well as plants and the normal sweets you find at all our markets. This year we will have some vegetable seedlings including some self propagated Tomato plants for you to purchase. Terrariums with lovely succulents will be available again. Various sizes and various prices on all these great gifts.

We always appreciate all the help we can get on the day so if you are able to bake some treats, make some gifts or even just help serve on the day we would love that.

You will also need a spray bottle to spray water.

We will be providing some instruction sheets for you to take home with your insects.

Pre ordering is available and preferable. Pick up and payment at the market.

These little creatures will be available on the day of the market if you are unable to pre order but can only be purchased by an adult. They won’t be sold to your child without your permission!!

For pre-ordering Contact/sms Maryam Clarkson 0425 767 438 maryam@netoverdrive.com.au

COMPASS UPDATE RE EXCURSIONS

1. Parents are now able to pay for and give permission for their child to attend an excursion using Compass. All future charges will be entered into compass.

2. PLEASE NOTE THAT OSHC PAYMENTS HAVE NOT CHANGED AND ARE NOT PAYABLE IN COMPASS. OSHC payments are to be paid either by EFT into the school’s account or to the office.

3. How to Consent/Pay for an Event
You will receive a notification on your Compass homepage when there is an event that requires your approval or payment. To provide the consent/payment required, click the notification. This will take you to the Events page, where you can see all events that require your consent/payment, and those that are upcoming that you have already consented to/paid for. From this page you can pay and consent for any events, or complete the process offline by printing the consent form and handing it in to the school. By clicking the “Process Now (Online)” option, you will be prompted to enter information regarding emergency contact details as well as any updated medical information that is not already on the student’s file.

4. Please keep in mind that within Compass you cannot consent for an event that has a payment associated with it without also paying for the event. If you need to pay in person at the school you should print out the paper consent form and turn it in with payment to the school.

SCHOOL BANKING

The last day of school banking this year was Thursday 1 December. Thank-you to everyone who has participated. We have some excellent savers at BNWPS – there have been more than 500 deposits made in 2016, earning our school close to $400. Being the school banking coordinator involves a commitment of about an hour per week on average; it’s really not hard, and you get to wield a very official-looking stamp.

Say – would you perhaps like to be the school banking coordinator (or one of them) in 2017?

You would?! Excellent. Contact Jane on 0422 964 926, or by email at bjane@tpg.com.au, and we’ll make it so.

LOST PROPERTY

We have already accumulated a large amount of lost property, which is located in the hall behind the office, near unit AH. Please check for anything that may belong to your children.

All un-named, unclaimed lost property is taken to charity on the last day of term.

REMINDER FOR BBQ NOTES AND MONEY

Please ensure all notes and monies are returned no later than Friday 9 December. As we wish to avoid wastage of food, we will be ordering only what is required.

Therefore late orders cannot be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOUSE TO LET

I am Santiago’s mum, Liz, from unit AH. We are going to be moving back to New Zealand to live in February so sadly Santi won’t be returning next year. We have really enjoyed the school this year. We are looking to transfer the lease of our house in Wales St and thought there might be someone in the school community who could be interested. The lease would be from end of January 2017 to May 2017.

Please call me on 0400 044106 or email liz.macpherson@gmail.com.
Congratulations to the middle school students for running such a successful street market. Students on the Soda Gembira stall had to work particularly hard and our experts on the information stall did a great job advising students with allergies or uncertainties and letting curious customers touch and smell the individual ingredients.

Huge thanks to all our Indonesian speaking parents who came to help, Linda, Intan, Elfie and Raya, it would not have been possible to run this activity without them. Big thanks also to the IKAN members that helped out: IKAN is a group of Indonesian University students that aims to help promote Indonesian language and cultural understanding. Having our students work alongside so many native speakers and enjoy new foods was a wonderfully enriching experience for the understanding of Indonesian people and culture.

Between Eid celebrations, Independence Day celebrations, Indonesian Incursion Day and now the street food stalls, it has been a big and busy year for Indonesian at BNWP. I am very much looking forward to next year when we will have Immelda Husein working with us two days a week as an Indonesian language assistant for the whole of 2017. After being successful in a grant application her position is fully funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood. She will stay with me when she first arrives but if there are any families who have a room they can let out and are interested in hosting her, please let me know.

Feedback to help build a better Indonesian program is always welcome from anyone in our community, so please feel free to email anytime with thoughts, concerns or ideas.

Finally a huge thank you to... all our wonderful students, for your enthusiasm for learning and willingness to take risks and try new things and also... all our wonderful staff who have been so supportive of our new Indonesian program as it grows and finds its place within our school.

Terima kasih banyak semua dan semoga sukses untuk tahun baru!

Salam,
Ibu Kas

**Filming at BNWP**

On Thursday 17th November, we were filming to encourage girls in sport. We were introduced to the Director named Jasmine. The Producer was named Katie and a 3-D printer guy called Joe. We were discussing what a sports hero does and looks like. Then we were drawing what our sports hero looks like. I drew Dyson Heppel because he went to my Auskick and I’ve worn his number ever since.

After we discussed our drawings, I was picked to go up to Joe and give ideas as to what our 3-D model should look like. After that, 3-D printer started printing tiny layers. After that, people started being interviewed.

After lunch, we got to meet Mel Jones, a successful Australian cricketer. She played 61 international test matches and scored over 1000 runs. In her first test, she scored over 100 runs! She brought in her own 3-D model of herself and we compared it to ours. There were some differences and similarities.

Some differences were:
- Our figure was a boy and Mel is a girl.
- Mel’s figure was more detailed.
- Ours was way too beefy to be a human.

Some similarities were:
- They were both holding a cricket bat.
- They both had knee pads.

Then we asked some questions and some of us got an autograph. It was a good experience and it was fun to act and meet a sports hero.

By Mitchell

**BNWPS Recorder Program**

1. Instrumental music Performance: Congratulations to the students who played at the School’s impressive instrumental concert on Wednesday night! Sincere thanks to all recorder parents for your ongoing support, as well as to BNWPS’s kind teachers, who help in so many ways – such as, for example, the Specialists Emma, Kas and Luke, who gave up their Office during recorder lesson times all year!

2. Enrolment Applications Now Due for the 2017 BNWPS Recorder Program: Thank you to those who have returned enrolment application forms. If your child would like a place, whether re-enrolling or enrolling for the first time, please complete a form and return it to Fiona Walters by 2 December 2016. Information and enrolment application forms were handed to current students. More copies are available from the School Office.

Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis so please return your enrolment application without delay so we can try to make enough places available for next year.

Happy music making!

Lauren Mullarvey and Fiona Walters,
Recorder Tutors

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Hi Kas. I’m in behalf of IKAN and the other volunteers want to say thank you for yesterday. We definitely have fun and enjoy meeting with the kids. They are all so lovely. Hope to see the kids and come to the school for other event in the future :D

For the filming, we talked about sports heroes. We were introduced to Jasmine, the Director, Katie, the Producer and Joe, the 3-D printer. We got to draw what our sports hero would look like. Next, four people and then print it on the 3-D printer with Joe.

At the end of the day, a successful Australian cricketer, Mel Jones, came in and had a comparison of our sport hero and her sport hero doll. Then we asked some questions. I felt really excited. I also felt nervous but I got over it eventually. Before we left, we got her autograph.

By Lucy

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**Respect • Connectedness • Resilience • Achievement**
OSHC will be operating on the last day of term: Tuesday 20th December from 1:30pm – 6:00pm

Last day of the year rates will apply. Child Care Benefit rules mean we need to report actual hours attended if the session is longer than four hours. For this reason, we have three different session charges (as shown on the fee schedule). These are $23 (pre 5pm pick-up), $26 (pre 5:30pm pick-up) or $29 (pre 6pm pick-up). The longer the session, the higher CCB rebate. Families have been charged in advance for the longer session by default, but this will be adjusted on your accounts once the actual pick-up time is known. If you have a permanent Tuesday afternoon booking and will not be attending, please let us know.

OSHC Accounts: Accounts will be sent out again this weekend and will also include any current bookings up until the end of term. Please note: Accounts must be PAID IN FULL by the end of term, Tuesday 20th December. An updated account will then be issued weekly until the end of term to take into account any extra bookings or cancellations, and a final account will be issued after the end of term. If your account is not paid in full by the end of term, we may not be able to accept your enrolment for 2017.

Enrolments for 2017: Enrolments are now open for 2017 and places are filling fast. Please return your enrolment form ASAP to secure your place – especially if you require a permanent place on particular days. Forms should be returned by the end of term (Tuesday 20th December) as enrolments will be processed over the holidays. If you leave it until next year, we may not have places available for some sessions. We will be keeping families informed of places available which sessions are nearing capacity, but the earlier everyone re-enrols, the better we can plan and take steps towards increasing our license if we find the demand is very high. So, please help us to help you and re-enrol ASAP!

Farewell to Steve! Our wonderful OSHC Educator Stephen (Steve) Lopez will be leaving us at the end of this year. Steve has been an integral member of the BNWPS OSHC since 2008. Over the last 9 years, Steve has cared for hundreds of BNWPS children. He will be greatly missed by OSHC children, parents and his colleagues alike.

The OSHC team wish Steve well on his new adventure in life as he moves to the United States to further his acting career. We would like to encourage all OSHC families to take the time over the next couple of weeks to wish him well, while he is still here.

Contacting OSHC: To contact OSHC, speak to the OSHC staff directly or e-mail us on: ohsc.brunswick.nw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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BIRTHDAYS:

- 25 NOV Vedant JHW
- 26 NOV William SM
- 27 NOV Bening JC
- 28 NOV Zac LW
- 3 DEC Sienna SM
- 4 DEC William CM
- 5 DEC Max CM
- 6 DEC Connor JHW
- 7 DEC Abdi TP
- 8 DEC Curtis JHW

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ANNOUNCING OUR SHINING STARS

**FROM 18TH NOVEMBER**

- UNIT CC Oliver for the cool, calm and collected way you persevered with sewing your finger puppet. Great approach!
- UNIT DR Ada for showing responsibility and focus in all aspects of classroom life.
- UNIT SM Majesty for your fabulous effort in writing. You have used some fun, fantastic and funny poetic devices in your rhyming poem, well done!
- Mila for having a great growth mindset when tackling challenging tasks. You have such a mature attitude towards solving problems. Well done!
- UNIT AL Marco for constant engagement and effort in all learning tasks.
- Sadie for the amazing effort you have put into your book club responses.
- UNIT KM Lewis for your excellent haiku poem.
- UNIT CD Janne for the consistent effort you have put into creating wonderful poetry. Well done!
- Nabil for the enthusiasm and attention you pay to book club. Keep up the fine work!
- UNIT LWV Van for his enthusiasm in maths lessons.

**FROM 25TH NOVEMBER**

- UNIT CM Shaymaa for being a good friend and trying hard to “fill the buckets” of her classmates.
- UNIT AH Neko for the continuous effort you have put into your learning.
- Spencer for being a great role model and encouraging other students to make good choices.
- UNIT RE Leo for always listening to instructions and for making good bucketfilling choices.
- UNIT CC Lachlan for being a very supportive classmate during the sewing of our soft toys.
- UNIT AL Amelia for your consistent confidence and positive energy you bring to our classroom. Thank you!
- Patrick for always showing respect and patience to your teachers and classmates. Thank you!
- UNIT LVW Mack for all his hard work around the classroom.

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OSHC at BNWPS

Lessons on these instruments will be available in 2017 to students in grades 4, 5, & 6. For further information, please collect an enrolment application form from the front office, or contact lauren_mullarvey@hotmail.com

N.B. - Students wishing to continue on from this year are also requested to submit an enrolment form to re-enrol for 2017 lessons.
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3:30pm
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DENZIL DON KINDERGARTEN, WYLIE RESERVE
Craft Stall
Pre-loved books, clothes and toys
Book Fair
Plant stall
Raffle with great prizes
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