

**BRUNSWICK
NORTH WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **TERM 4**
 **WEEK 11**
 **21.12.17**


the NOR'WESTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

LOOKING BACK AT A GREAT YEAR...

Wow! What a year 2017 has been! I can't believe that we are wrapping up another productive year, filled with exploring, learning, connecting, questioning and having fun! Throughout this year your child has spent a little over 1,000 hours learning, over 300 hours enjoying our yard and had approximately 6,000 conversations! In addition to this, our whole school community has enjoyed some incredible school events, including another highly successful Winter Magic Market, our second-ever Whole School Sports Day, another incredible end-of-year celebration, an outstanding Arts Festival that is still giving me happy feelings and we saw Trevor Bowen graduate from primary school and leave the school like a super-star!

This year has brought in a lot of change and a few new people to our community. We welcome all the children, families and staff who have become part of the BNW family this year and hope you have enjoyed the ride! I hope you have found strong connections within our community, that you feel welcomed and supported and can see avenues where you can give back to our community.

I want to thank the community for your displays of support for other families and individuals throughout the year; together we are stronger. I also want to extend a massive thank you to all that have supported me throughout my first term in the big seat. Children, families, staff, school council, visiting service providers and extended community members - thank you for your trust, your support, your offers of assistance, your kind words and your patience while I'm learning some new ropes! I am just thrilled to be able to work with you all to provide our children with the greatest educational and childhood experience possible. Bring on 2018!

Over the summer break, please keep safe! Make sure you are regularly reading, playing games, being active, asking questions, creating new ideas and products and exploring the world around you. If possible, try to seek out new experiences (they don't have to be grand) and consider ways that you can show kindness to those around you.

I want to say a big farewell to the students and families who are departing BNW; I hope you have found your time here to be enjoyable and educational and please keep in touch! For those of you coming back next year, rest up and prepare yourselves because 2018 is going to be even bigger and better!

Hannah Reid



TERM DATES 2017/18

TERM 4: Mon 9 Oct to Fri 22 Dec	TERM 2: 16 April to 29 June
TERM 1: Tue 30 Jan (for all grades) to Thu 29 March	TERM 3: 16 July to 21 Sept
	TERM 4: 8 Oct to 21 Dec

CALENDAR

FRI 22 DEC	Sprout only open for coffees on the last day of term, no recess or lunch
FRI 22 DEC	Last day of the school year, early finish at 1.30pm
TUES 30 JAN – FRI 2 FEB	Sprout serving only sandwiches for lunch orders during first week of Term 1



REMINDER: THERE ARE SANDWICHES ONLY FOR LUNCH IN THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM 1, 2018.

A thousand thank yous to my incredible volunteers this year. Sprout simply could not run without your generosity.

Thank you also to all the wonderful people who have donated baked goods, it may seem small but it is a big contribution. You are all so appreciated and words cannot describe my gratitude to you all.

A special mention must be made of the fabulous Grade 6s who have come and helped out in the canteen. Eram, Imogen, Amelie, Daria, Severin and Matilda. What a gorgeous bunch you are!! Wishing all the very best for your new adventure next year at High School, I know you will do so well. You are superstars and I will miss you!!

Lastly, thank you to all those who have used our service. Sprout is not for profit so it is you, our community that keeps it up and running.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season, see you next year!

With love,

Kris



Hello Everyone,

I don't know about you, but I have already packed my swimming bag with bathers and fins, ready to go for the summer break!

It has been very busy here at OSHC in the last few weeks and I had a wonderful time, settling in and getting to know most of the families and children.

As the end of the year is fast approaching we are very happy and sad in the same time: happy to take a nice break; sad to say goodbye to one of the kindest people I have ever met, Fiona. The OSHC team would like to say big thank you to Fiona for all her support and great work over the last 7 years. Personally, what can I say? I couldn't have survived without your guidance, Fiona. So, thank you! We all wish you all the best. Bernadetta

IMPORTANT NOTES AND DATES: Last day of school is 22nd Dec 2017. School finishes at 1:30 and OSHC will operate from 1:30pm. Last school day fees will apply. First operational day for OSHC is on Tuesday the 30th of January 2018.

NEW ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR 2018: online now! In order to enroll for 2018 and to make a booking request all current families are required to register through My Family Lounge App as per our previous communication. Please contact the service via email if you need assistance with this process. We will be back on Tuesday the 23rd of January if you have any queries.

All outstanding fees are due by Friday the 22nd of December 2017.

MESSAGE FROM SUZANNE (BUSINESS MANAGER): Payments into the school bank: Just a reminder when you pay your OSHC accounts by direct deposit - please put "OSHC - <child's surname>" in the description/reference part. The account is the BNWPS school's general account, so Suzanne will not know what is being paid and who has paid it, unless this reference is completed correctly. Thank you!

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TO CONTACT OSHC: Speak to the OSHC staff directly or email us on: ohsc.brunswick.nw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. The OSHC mobile is 0478 836 264.

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN AND LAYOUT?

WANT TO BE PART OF THE COOLEST SCHOOL "COMMITTEE" ON CAMPUS?

The Make-It-Pretty Committee* is looking for a couple of extra parents to help with the school's communication needs. This involves:

- occasional layout of the school newsletter
- occasional flyers and information documents that help promote the school
- material for the annual Winter Magic Market
- anything else the office or teachers dream up

Currently this amazing committee is a team of two. But half of this committee is currently RELAXING in Sri Lanka!

Please speak to **Debbie Wood** (Mum of Toby BH and Artie NF) 0412 763 473 debbiewoodcreative@me.com to find out more.

Knowledge in Adobe CS and access to software is kind of important.

Thanks! Deb
(Founder of MSP Committee)

* not an officially sanctioned committee by school council

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays here are until 31st December, January birthdays will appear in the first newsletter for Term 1, 2018.

12 DEC **Fergus** FK/CD

15 DEC **Michael** DR
Shaylarose KM
Louis KM

16 DEC **Berkay** AL

17 DEC **Marco** CM

18 DEC **Eamon** DR

20 DEC **Ned** BC/SM

Lewis AH

21 DEC **Davis** NF/TP

Elsa NF/TP

Ned NF/TP

24 DEC **Tarteal** FK/CD

25 DEC **Charlie** RE
Ivy FK/CD
Indianna MM
Pedro JHW

26 DEC **Antonia** BC/SM

30 DEC **Flowers** CM
Ben BH

31 DEC **Mungo** AL



LAST DAY OF TERM AND SCHOOL YEAR:

The correct, last day of the school year is Friday 22 December. There is an early finish at 1.30pm on this day. Please ensure arrangements are in place for students to be collected at 1.30pm or are attending OSHC.

SCHOOL BANKING

will resume in week 3 of term 1, 2018.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property located near Unit BH, in the hall behind the office. Please check this area for anything belonging to your child/ren.

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

CSEF: CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) administers the CSEF to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

Although administratively the fund is received through the school, the full amount is intended for the benefit of the eligible student.

Schools are required to use the CSEF payment for expenses relating to camps, sport and/or excursions for the benefit of the eligible student.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which the CSEF payment may be used include:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school-organised sporting programs.
- Outdoor education programs.
- Excursions/incursions

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, locker hire, classroom/homework materials, graduations/formals, or other expenses unrelated to camps, sports or excursions.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one or two.

The amount payable for primary and secondary students is:

- \$125 for Primary school students.
- \$225 for Secondary school students.
- CSEF payments are made directly to schools from March onwards each year.

The CSEF program closes on 30 June each year.

SHINING STARS

FROM 8 DECEMBER

UNIT DR **Kenzie** for your effort and hard work in all areas of your learning. Well done!

UNIT BC/SM **Havish, William, Leo** and **Moksha** for all being fabulous superstars!

UNIT FK/CD **Tarteal** for consistently putting all your effort into your work and giving your best-well done!

Zahir for focusing on the writing and spelling of your high frequency words. Good job!

Amalmi for the growing confidence you have shown towards your work.

River for the effort you have put into all classroom work this week!

UNIT LK **Lex** for using great addition strategies when counting collections of coins.

UNIT BH **Eddie** for always trying your best and making wonderful contributions to class discussions.

FROM 15 DECEMBER

UNIT LWV **Lucia** for your depth and detail in poetry.

Leo for meeting deadlines head on with gusto and pizzaz.

Sienna for your hard work and the aplomb you brought to your essay writing.

UNIT AH **Aila** for always trying your best and never giving up.

UNIT KM **Eddie** for your thorough insights when summarizing our bookclub books.

Petryisha for working hard to create a wonderful draft of your fiction story.

Xsodus for being an all round superstar!

UNIT LWV **Nate** for always participating with such enthusiasm in all areas.

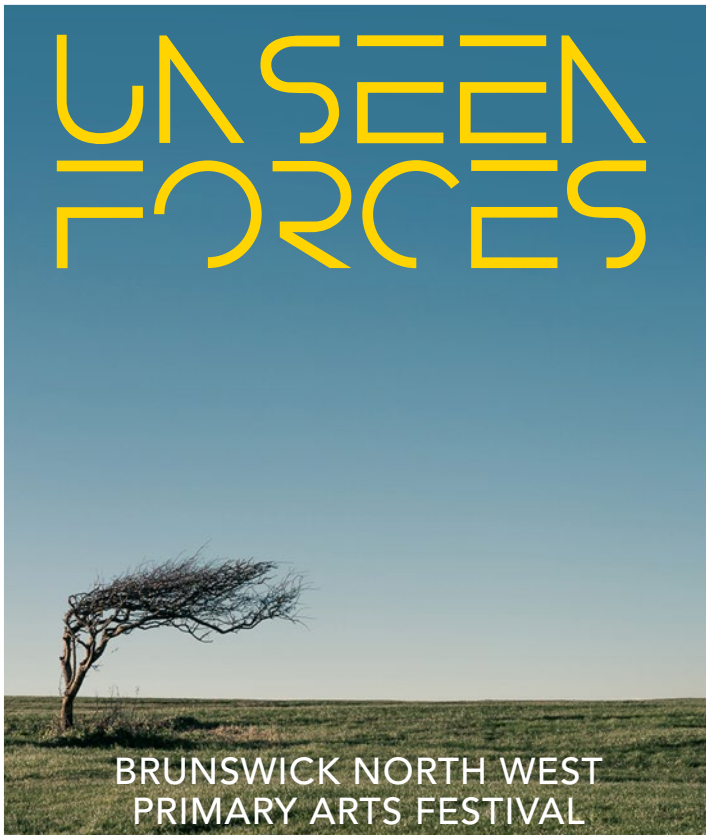
UNIT JHW **Mitchell** for your persevering with your sports complex in Geometrocitiy. Keep going!

Rosie for all the hard work you have put into your poetry book. I can't wait to see the published piece.

Zayne for the positive and humour filled way you approach tasks. Good work!

UNIT JHW **James** for the support and humour you bring to the classroom. The school will miss your laugh.

Stella for lightening our classroom with your offbeat humour. You are a spicy lemon!



The Arts Festival was a brilliant Success. We aimed high and were delighted with such an enjoyable experience where the students could share their work with the community.

I would like to personally thank...

- All the Students
- All the Staff
- All of the parents
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- Susan Bamford from Museums Victoria
- School Council for assisting in the grant application
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- Tanya McKenna – Introducing the Federation Hand Bells
- Marina Thomson – Working with us to get The AF underway
- Basil Mascali – Painting the magnetic tables
- Ian Wells – Making the Magnetic tables
- Steven Fraser – Working with the students
- Camilla Hannan – Taking photos of the night
- Tanya Pittard and the Bar Volunteers
- Suzanne Turner
- Linda Henshall
- Audrey Sexton
- Tim and Hannah

A massive thank you to Andrew Lang for his wonderful work with the students. We are extremely lucky to have such a talented and visionary teacher in our fold.

Thank you to Lauren Simmonds for working with the school to deliver an exciting, engaging and open concept to our students.

Thank you to Emi Savani for showing so much belief and initiative for this Project. You really provided the structure for the Artist in residence program to engage with our students.

Here's the link to photos: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tmYPQBdTMosuTmECmzAfO1I9Bj9xmg8E?usp=sharing>

Luke Kane



this fortnight's newsletter design + layout by debbie wood deb@bigthinkcreative.com.au because kate's busy... editorial by linda henshall. Any submissions by midday wednesday to henshall.linda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au