

BRENTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER # 4

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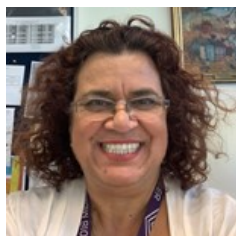
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SCHOOL NEWS

Donna Bridge, Principal



PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

What a fortnight we have had. I can't believe it was only a week ago when panic set in across the nation, and what an impact it had. I want to say from the outset, I understand the challenging choices some parents are making to self-isolate. I recognise it is not an easy decision reached frivolously by families, and want to assure everyone that we are trying to maintain a sense of calm and routine to minimise the anxiety and worry amongst our students by maintaining routines, processes and a sense of fun at school. As our fabulous teachers focus on the continuity in teaching and learning we are building a sense of normal and calm for our students. I want to recognise the outstanding student leadership group we have at Brentwood, and thank all the students who organised the basketball lunch time competition and the cricket try outs. Our student leaders all now have a portfolio in an interest area that they are responsible for coordinating teams to make events happen. In these uncertain times, they are tackling their roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm and rigour. I look forward to continuing the leadership work with them. Lastly, it was so awesome to see all the students in their national dress on Harmony Day or wearing orange, the colour of harmony. I think in these trying times, it is so important to be harmonious and Harmony Day was a beautiful way to celebrate the end of the week.

Cheers

Pre-Primary	Aaliyah, Oliver Scha, Shai
Year 1 Rm 10	Sonshine, Elsa, Leia
Year 1 Rm 12	Jaiden, Oliver
Year 2 Rm 11	Aden, Holly
Year 2 Rm 13	Richard, Veer
Year 3 Rm 9	Charlotte, Timothy
Year 3 Rm 4	Nakai, Jessie
Year 4/5 Rm 8	Casey, Horace
Year 4 Rm 14	Alex, Lerido
Year 6 Rm 3	
Year 5,6 Rm 1	Simran, Eamon
Japanese	Brooke, Piper
Sport	Tristian, Keeva



Upcoming Events

9th April

Last day

COVID - 19 UPDATE MARCH 20

Should my child come to school?

If your child is unwell, please keep them home.

Parents must decide whether their child is able to attend school or not. If you decide to keep your child home, we understand, just let us know.

Students absent due to self-isolation are recorded as a reasonable cause. Absences not explained will be marked as unexplained and followed up for a reason.

If you are advised that your child or member of the family comes into contact with C19 please notify the school immediately.

Parent Communication

Our main form of communication with parents is through Skoolbag and Connect. If we have further concerns, we will contact you via Phone.

Please ensure we have your correct details. If you have changed your phone number in the last 12 months, please update it with us.

Health and Hygiene Practices

Cleaners have intensified their cleaning schedule throughout the school, particularly toilets, desks, chairs and doors.

Handwashing before eating, after toilet and after break either with soap or sanitizer.

Soap dispensers are refilled daily.

Posters for handwashing placed around the school.

Paper towel replenished in toilets as required

Please discuss with your child the need to be respectful to the resources provided in the toilets. Our resources are finite (soap, paper towel and sanitiser). Unfortunately, we have had socially inappropriate actions in some of areas of the school that impact on our resource levels and the work of the cleaner and gardener.

Handshakes and high fives are discouraged.

Food and Drink Practices

Students will still eat on verandas for recess and undercover area for lunch.

Fruit sharing sessions in the early childhood have ceased.

Sharing food is not permitted (this has always been a rule, but strongly reinforced now).

Drinking fountains – students have been prevented from drinking directly from the water fountains and required to use their water bottles

MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL AND ONE BIG VOICE



Brentwood Primary School has nominated and been accepted to attend these AMAZING events.

I have attended the Conductor Workshops for both events and students have been given passwords to access the appropriate websites.

In this changing climate, it is unclear if either event will come to fruition but the benefits of singing for children are enormous.

Singing releases endorphins and oxytocin. These are feel good hormones and decrease stress and anxiety. It also improves your cognition and memory which in turn enhances readiness for reading, writing and mathematics. Singing increases your language and cultural knowledge and understandings along with developing correct vocal techniques, breathing and posture. Finally, singing in a Choir develops a sense of belonging and community.

Although we may not get to perform at events later in the year, we will continue to sing together at rehearsals and in class.

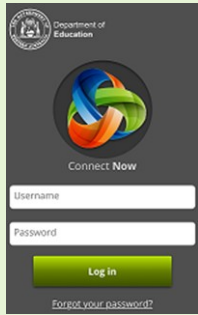
SENIOR CHOIR – Thursday mornings 8.30 (please arrive by 8.25) and ONE BIG VOICE for Years 3 & 4 – Friday lunchtimes in the music room.



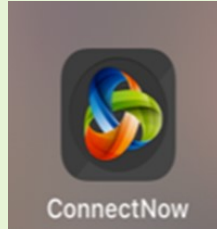
Connect

The Connect Now app can be downloaded from the

[Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



Don't forget to
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onto your phone
or device.



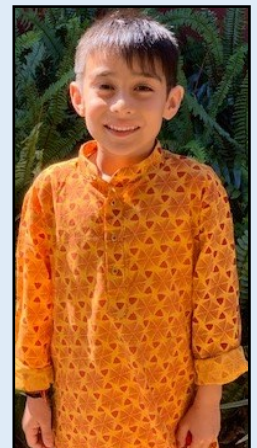
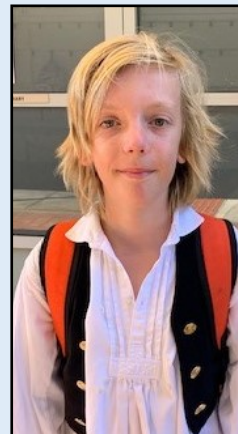
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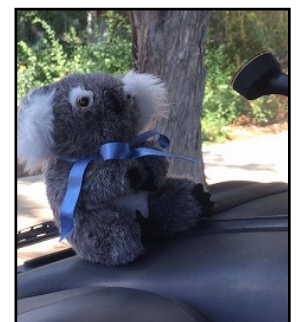
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safe by bringing a water bottle to school
every day. Avoiding drinking directly from the
bubblers is an added measure to help
prevent the spread of COVID 19.

HARMONY DAY

Celebration



Mrs Thomas Walk Across Australia
You can follow her on face book



TOLERANCE

Being tolerant is accepting differences. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. You know that all people have many different feelings, needs, hopes and dreams and accept that. Tolerance is also accepting things you wish were different with patience and flexibility.



“I am tolerant. I appreciate differences. I overlook people’s faults. I accept things I cannot change with good grace.”



CommonwealthBank



School Banking

School Banking temporarily paused.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2. We will do our best to keep you informed as the situation progresses. Please note, our team of School Banking Specialists are still available to support you and your school via mobile and email. Additionally, our School Banking Helpdesk also remains available on 1800 674 496, Monday- Friday 9am-5pm Sydney time.

Paula O'Brien (0414 778 432) and Helen Simi School Banking Coordinators

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Each day, the principal visits classes and poses an interesting question for the students. Last week, the question, ***“If you were to open a store, what would you sell?”***

The most popular answers from students was toilet paper and hand sanitiser, followed closely by a cure for Coronavirus. Our students always thinking of others.



Uniform Shop

Closed until next term

Bev MacIntyre



Brentwood Bites Canteen News

Best wishes, Amanda (0419 851 028) and Aisha
brentwoodbites@outlook.com

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