

BRENTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER # 6

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SCHOOL NEWS

Donna Bridge, Principal



Welcome back for another term. Whether your child returned or stayed home, we care about their wellbeing and learning, and completely respect your decisions as parents to make the right decision for you and your family.

Last week, we saw on average 70% of our children return to school excited and happy. Monday saw the number rise to 86%. It has been lovely to see smiling faces and hear the laughter again throughout the school. When questioned what children missed most, the common and most consistent response was their friends and their teachers, followed closely by playing and sport. Clearly, it was the social aspect, our children missed most. We can never underestimate the importance of human connection and positive relationships, and in the

words of James Comer *"No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship"*. We know children don't learn from people they don't like, so it was wonderful to hear how much the students missed their teachers and the school. I thank all members of the Brentwood Family for your ongoing support of our school, your consistent communication and application of the new requirements of social distancing at the gate. Without your support, things would not have started as smoothly, please bear with us over the coming weeks as we adjust to new regulations and expectations. We all cross our fingers and hope that we can return to some level of normal in the not too distant future, irrespective, I am proud to be the principal of the best school in WA. It's greatness lives in the positive relationships between community, families, teachers and students.

Cheers

Donna Bridge

Parent Meeting Requests

We understand that with kiss and leave at gate in place, it is more difficult to have the incidental conversations about student learning and progress with teachers. We still believe and value the importance of regular communication with families about student progress and achievement so here are some of the ways to stay in touch with student learning.

- Use Connect to follow teacher updates about class learning. Parents can use connect to ask questions that teachers will respond to as soon as practically able either by phone or email.
- Phone the school and request a meeting with a teacher and school will coordinate the release of teacher for meeting
- Potential use of Webex or Zoom to discuss student concerns from the safety of your home.

Virtue of the Fortnight - CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean, and wearing clean clothes. It is about doing things that keep you healthy. It is staying free from harmful drugs. It is cleaning up mistakes and making a fresh start.

You are practicing cleanliness when you:

- Keep your body fresh and clean.
- Put things away after you use them.
- Help keep your home neat and clean.
- Put only healthy things in your body.
- Use clean language.
- Clean up your mistakes.



"I keep my mind and body healthy and clean. I put my things and my life in order. I am willing to clean up my mistakes."

Student health and attendance at school

The standard practice in schools is that all students should be **fit and well** to attend class. No sneezing, running noses, coughing or any fever whatsoever. In the event a child becomes ill through the day, parents will be contacted to collect them. Staff are being very surveillant in regard to this as we need to protect all students and staff in attendance at Brentwood PS.

General School Attendance

It is crucial students attend school as close to 100% as possible. During 2019 Brentwood's attendance rate was 94.1%. It should be noted that if a student's attendance rate falls below 90%, which equates to one day absent per fortnight, this is flagged as an 'Indicated Risk' to student's learning. The risk levels to learning increase as attendance reduces. It is important to remember that class programs are designed to flow from one day to the next. It is appreciated that children fall ill, there may be a family crisis, or unexpected event (eg. Covid19). With **ALL** absences please provide an explanation via Skoolbag, email or a note to the class teacher.

NAPLAN Online 2020

NAPLAN exams will be cancelled this year due to widespread disruption to schools caused by the coronavirus pandemic. This year's Education Council Chair, Victorian Education Minister James Merlino, said the decision to cancel NAPLAN for 2020 was the right one. "These are unprecedented times and our school communities need to focus on the additional challenge of preparing for remote learning," he said.

School Sporting Events update

As advised late last term this year's Term 2 Interschool Winter Sports program has been cancelled. Brentwood is intending to continue to plan for the Faction Cross Country Championships to be held in Week 10. At this stage training will commence in Week 4. The District Interschool Cross Country Championships are still scheduled for Week 3, Term 3, but again this is subject to change, pending Department of Education policy on excursions.

Mathematics Problems

The problems below are courtesy of Matharoo, a program Brentwood PS subscribes to, to support student learning in Mathematics problem solving. See how you go:

Lower Primary -



7. **Open-ended Question:** In a box of 20 chocolates, there are shapes that are rectangles, squares and circles. There were more round than square, and more square than rectangular. How many of each shape **MAY** there be?

Middle Primary

9. The colouring book "BLUEY BIG BACKYARD" usually sells for \$14. But this week it's on special for \$5. How many copies could a kindergarten buy with \$100, to share with the children there?



Upper Primary -



6. In one Aussie family there are 11 kids and their mum and dad. If during isolation they each have 3 meals a day at home, how many meals is that for the entire month of April?

Extension -

7. A "Collector's" Men's Gold(plated) Watch is currently selling for 5 equal payments of \$59.95, as a charity promotion. Exactly the same watch, but not the collector's version, sells for \$139.99 in shops. How much more expensive is the "collector's" version of the watch. Why are some people willing to pay the extra?



Kindy and Pre-Primary Applications Close Friday 24 July 2020

You need to apply to enrol your children in public school for 2021 if they are:

- Starting Kindergarten – (Born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017)
- Starting Pre-primary, the first year of compulsory school – 5 years old by 30 June 2021
- Starting Year 7, the first year of secondary school
- Changing schools



Applications for enrolment in a public schools for 2020 close on **Friday 24 July 2020**.

Application forms can be printed off the school web site <https://www.brentwoodps.wa.edu.au/> or you can contact the office by Email brentwoodps@education.wa.edu.au or phone 9364 2709 to arrange pick up of an enrolment pack.

Last Day Term 1



School Canteen

Brentwood Bites Canteen will re-open next week, on Wednesday 6 May. We will provide prepacked LUNCHES AND DRINKS ONLY on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our menu may be slightly modified to cater for this change.

We will NOT have counter service or cash sales, in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions. Children need to bring recess from home and ordered lunches and drinks will be packed in to tubs for distribution in their classrooms.

Please be assured we follow hygiene requirements of cleaning and sanitising all surfaces prior to food preparation and very regular hand washing. Many menu items are also pre-packaged.

As we will be cash free and parents are not permitted on site, all orders should be placed online. If you don't already have an account please set one up by following the prompts at www.quickcliq.com.au

We will miss seeing the children's happy faces at the window but thank you for your assistance and ongoing support during this difficult time.

