



Bargo Bush Buzz

Wednesday, 7 November 2018

Term 4 – Week 4 – 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are moving very quickly through the last term of school. I have made my way through some classrooms this term to see both teachers and students working extremely hard.

One focus that we are working towards at BPS to improve student learning is to set Learning Intentions (or goals) at the beginning of lessons for the content we are about to teach. This provides students with an achievable and realistic expectation about what they are about to learn, enabling them to access their background and prior knowledge at the beginning of the lesson to improve the understanding of what is to be taught.

Staff have just been involved in some professional learning about the next component of this approach, which is to communicate the Success Criteria to students. This element provides students and teachers with the opportunity to determine if their completed work/task/activity or discussion was successful according to the criteria. It also provides a good opportunity for feedback as to how students can improve to meet the success criteria.

This approach is part of our school plan and will become a staple part of our teaching process at BPS. Moving into 2019 our vision is to have all of our students able to articulate a literacy and numeracy learning goal that then relates to learning intentions and success criteria in the classroom.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation has concluded for our 2019 class. It was a very successful event that was well attended. Teaching staff were suitably impressed by how well the children were able to come into the classroom and settle comfortably into activities. Congratulations to all of them (and their parents for the preparation). Thank you also to Mrs Smart, Mrs Adam, Mrs Compton, Mrs Cayzer, Mrs Pohl and Mrs Fullerton for their organisation. Also to our P&C President, Vanessa Symons and fellow members for their support and assistance.

2019 Enrolments

As we move through this term we start to evaluate the year while also beginning to plan for 2019. A key component of this planning process is student enrolment numbers and class structure. Our enrolment numbers dictate how many class teachers we can have, which in turn determines the makeup of classes. To assist with this process we require as much information as possible about our enrolments for 2019. If there are any families that are not returning to Bargo PS due to moving to another area or any other reason could you please contact the school. This will allow us to be precise with our calculations and formulations of classes. We will do our absolute best to ensure that we don't have a restructure like we did at the beginning of this year. However we need your assistance to make this possible. Please contact our administration staff to notify us if this relates to you.

What's on?

Wednesday 14/11/2018

Turrumurra PS Band Visit

Friday 16/11/18

K-6 Assembly

Thursday 22/11/18

Author Visit - Aboriginal Senior Students

Friday 23/11/18

Stage 2 & 2/3G Excursion
Science Centre

Tuesday 27/11/18

Stage 1 Exc Bike Safety

Wednesday 28/11/18

Stage 3 Market Day
Year 6 Fundraising

Friday 30/11/18

Stage 1 Exc Bike Safety

Monday 3/12/18

Chess Tournament
Colo Vale PS visiting Bargo PS

Monday 10/12/18

Presentation Day

Tuesday 11/12/18

P&C Christmas Stall

Wednesday 12/12/18

Year 6 Farewell

Furniture

Our administration building refurbishment is intended to commence in December. We are currently beginning to move our school resources to various storage areas within our school. Over the years, schools accumulate many items of furniture, and these items become out-dated or not able to be used. As we are clearing rooms, these items will begin to be discarded over the next month. Some community members may find some of the furniture useful for office or home or to refurbish. If you would like any of the items that are located at the back of the old building please see Mr Green or Mr Little. (Transport of these items will be the responsibility of the person intending to take them.)

Uniform

Over the past 6 months or more the school has been involved in consultation with P&C about uniform concerns and the opportunity to develop/improve our current uniform. I have valued the support and enthusiasm that the whole school community has brought to this process and would like to inform you of some decisions I have made, taking into account all the discussion, consultation and points of view of this process. My main priority is to consider what is best for our school in the short and long term as this change will be for many years to come. The changes to our uniform will now commence in 2020 and not in 2019 as originally planned. The reasons are outlined below:

Contractual/legal

A uniform shop agreement needs to be signed by the supplier and the Department Directors (not by the Principal). Together with the clauses that will need to be developed in consultation with Legal services, this signing process can take anything from 4-6 weeks, possibly longer. I'm sure you would agree that as there is no contract at the moment, a written contract needs to be in place before any uniform items can

be ordered and purchased – good business practice to cover the school should anything go wrong with the supplier.

Polo shirt order delivery

Since the timeframe is very short for the manufacture and delivery of the polo shirts to come from overseas I am hesitant to guarantee any of our new Kindergarten families that the new school shirt will be available the week before school commences. It wouldn't be a good position for the school to be in, if our new students begin their education without uniform on their first day of school in 2019.

Consultation

While we have conducted some consultation across our community I have looked back and evaluated whether the process was as thorough as it could have been. I also reviewed what debate there was in regards to the new uniform coming in and where we require further information. The area that was evident to me in this process was around the choice of grey and blue colours. At the point in time where we provided the community with the grey bottoms this decision was made correctly with the information we debated, but the fact that there was debate at our meetings which centred around grey or blue, suggests to me, we need to gauge further opinions about the options of colours from a larger portion of the community and our uniform needs also to closely reflect the colours in our school emblem. A greater proportion of our students also need to have an input as to what they feel comfortable wearing. The next 12 months will allow us time to complete a thorough consultation process and be clear about the uniform expectations for the future.

Stock

We have a large amount of current stock that we need to move. The next year will give us this opportunity to sell this stock; improving the financial position that we are currently in and would continue to be in if we were to move ahead with the new uniform

for 2019. Orders next year will be very minimal, if any, and I will work very closely with our current supplier and our uniform shop volunteers so we can decrease the stock we currently have. If items are not available from the uniform shop in 2019, we will put into place contingencies until the new uniform can be purchased.

150 Year anniversary

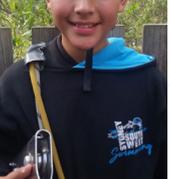
With the upcoming 150 year celebrations and range of events occurring in response to this event, I believe it's also important that the school looks well-presented and having a range of styles of uniform on display won't help. Moving into a new era (or new 150 years if you like!) in 2020 will be a perfect opportunity to embrace the changes in uniform for our school.

I trust that you understand that this decision has not been taken lightly, and is in the best interest of the school for the future. Again, I thank you for your support over the last months and look forward to continuing to work with the P&C, students and staff to achieve a clear and concise direction for our school uniform.

regards
Mr Ben Green
Principal



**Stage 3 Camp
Group 3**



**Stage 3
Camp
Group 2**





Stage 3 Camp Group 1



