



Bargo Bush Buzz

Bargo Public School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy at this time.

Well it certainly has been an indifferent start to Term 3. Before I begin to talk about the current remote learning situation. We have provided in this newsletter a pictorial summary of many events and activities that occur or have occurred at Bargo Public School. We hope you and the students enjoy looking back through these events and photos and it raises spirits. My thanks to the teaching staff who have compiled these images.

REMOTE LEARNING

The transition to remote learning was quick and I thank all families for being able to support the Department of Education guidelines by keeping children at home to minimise movement around **the community**. I'd like to thank all our staff who transitioned into their remote learning roles with ease and immediate action, providing high levels of support to each other, the students and parents/carers. The COVID situation is always evolving and regularly changing with local government areas being closed and updated restrictions communicated daily. This has an impact of staffing availability and we do have some staff who are unable to work on site. We appreciate your efforts to assist with the staffing of the school by keeping children at home which ensures minimal numbers at school.

At this point in time we have structured our school to ensure:

- All class teachers work from home to support online learners and those learners who are taking photos and posting to Seesaw. Seesaw is our preferred platform for learning as our teachers can interact with students by providing feedback.
- A single unit of work is being provided for

Calendar

18 July	Parent Teacher Interviews (Information will be sent out next week)
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students whether they are working online or with paper, at home or at school. Technical support is provided as quickly as possible to families with a designated teacher responsible for assistance.

- Teachers plan each Wednesday for the upcoming week in a designated 2 hour planning time.
- Online planning activities are turned into PDF documents which are then printed for paper packs. A huge task that is completed by staff ready for printing every Monday.
- Home paper packs are printed and ready by approximately 12pm on Mondays.
- Paper packs are dropped off and marked within the week. These packs will be provided to teachers upon return to face to face teaching.
- Students are provided with the opportunity to interact with friends and their teacher remotely via Zoom video conferencing once a week.
- Minimal staff no more than 6 on site (includes teachers, admin and support staff) only to assist with those students of essential workers.



CATCH UP DAY

This coming Friday 13th August will be a designated catch up day for both students and staff. We have been extremely impressed with how students have engaged in their online learning and all that it involves including; posting, approval and giving feedback. Teachers are aware that this is what is required however completing this process online is very time consuming. Our teaching staff are working tremendously hard to attempt to acknowledge and/or mark every piece of online learning. This Friday will give them the chance to catch up on what they may have not been able to mark and it will also give students an opportunity to complete some tasks they may not have completed. Some fun activities may be provided for students to complete at home and school.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

As a school we are aware of the strain that home learning may have on families and the home. We have several staff who are working from home while also home schooling. We are using our experiences juggling both to ensure we can support Bargo families in the remote learning process. We are very grateful that parents, family members and carers are ensuring students are doing some form of learning. Please understand

we aren't expecting homes to replicate school, nor parents to be teachers. If you are able to support the opportunity for your children to engage in some learning each day that is the what is required. As always if you have any **questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher first or the school.** There are numerous organisations that we can utilise to support families who may be finding this situation difficult. Please contact us so we can assist and put you in contact with these organisations. Some of the organisations and websites are listed further in this newsletter. The Black Dog and Headspace websites have great articles and resources for parents who are home schooling. For up to date advice and information about COVID restrictions please access the links on our website or the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?deliveryName=DM17104104>

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your support and assistance so far during this term. We will all need to continue this fantastic collaborative effort over the coming weeks and cross our fingers for a return to face to face teaching in the near future. Keep up the great work and stay safe.

Ben Green
Principal

Free parent and carer mental health sessions

Headspace National is running a number of free parent and carer mental health sessions to support young people impacted by COVID-19. View the sessions and register on the [Headspace website](#).



**Black Dog
Institute**

Black Dog Institute Help Sheet for Parents

https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/news/how-parents-can-cope-with-home-schooling-again/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=HP%20EDM%20July&utm_content=HP%20EDM%20July+CID_e3ae7a5ec4ef495226b01e1a118cc366&utm_source=Email&utm_term=How%20parents%20can%20cope%20with%20home%20schooling%20-%20again



A Helping Hand to everyone in our community.....



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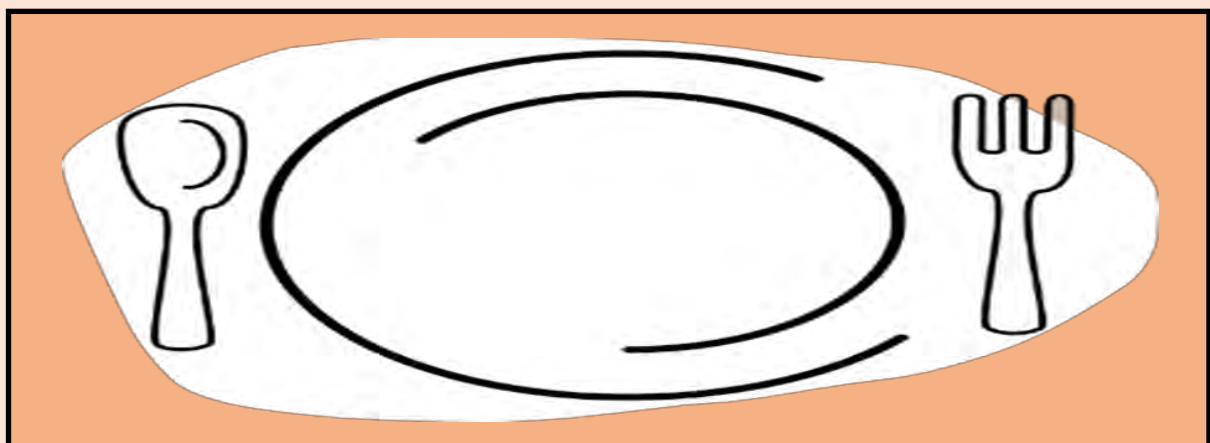
We are Community Community Links, 122 Hawthorn Road Bargo, 1st Sunday of the month, Sunday 4 till 6pm
(Free, takeaway meal service)

St. Vincents DePaul Society ph 46772493

Food parcels, call to order, available as required

Our Community Pantry, 2975 Remembrance Dr Bargo
ph 46843056, Friday 6 – 7pm,

Food parcels \$50-\$60, order online or via telephone



Lifelong Learning at BPS

We celebrated Education Week in Week 3 – from 26 to 30 July 2021 with the theme Lifelong learners. Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and it's a chance to celebrate the achievements of our school, students and learning community.

This year's theme was 'Lifelong learners' and celebrated education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood; learning a trade, entering tertiary education, or the workforce. Continuous learning is critical for success throughout life and everyone can be a lifelong learner.

As teachers, we are lifelong learners and we wanted to share that with our students!!! Here are some pictures of 15 teachers and school staff we sent to our students who are remote learning. Can you guess which teacher is which?



Guess The Teacher



Whilst we were unable to hold any of the events we had planned – we like to think we promote lifelong learning at BPS in all that we do in our learning through the year. We are always happy to share the amazing things our teachers and staff do throughout the year in and out of the classroom. We have just looked back at a few snapshots from 2021, to show you some of the things we have done just in the first six months of a year that was still modified by covid restrictions.

Maths in Class

We learn about math concepts in lots of different ways.
We use numbers all the time – but we learn about shapes, area and measurement too!



Sporting Events

We have lots of sporting activities that we participate in to foster a love of fitness, competition, and leadership. In 2020 we missed a few events but in 2021 we managed to fit a few in.

Swimming Scheme



Cross Country



Athletics Preparation



School Sport and Representative Teams



Infants Sport



Lunchtime Activities

We offer many extra-curricular activities to allow our students the chance to explore different learning experiences. Giving students the chance to do something outside of the normal curriculum might allow them to find that one thing that inspires them – wanting them to be a lifelong learner in that area.



Working with our buddies

We love when we can have our older students lead by example. Our Kindergarten students loved having their own Stage 3 assistant to help with their Living Things Dioramas. This is another way we foster Lifelong Learner at BPS – being a leader and a teacher.



Special Events

At BPS we think it is important to promote good citizenship and encourage our students to learn about things different to their own life experience. We participate in days and events that allow our students to think, see and talk about the different cultures within our community, and also to reflect on our shared past. We hope this creates a desire to always be learning about the community and world around them.

Harmony Day



NAIDOC Week



Anzac Day



Premier's Reading Challenge Update

At the end of last term we had 6 students in grades 3-6 who had completed the Premier's Reading challenge. Those students got to put themselves up on our PRC display – "Reach for the Stars". Chosen to coincide with the 2021 National Simultaneous Storytime theme of reading in space!!!!



Congratulations to Imogen D 5/6H, Abbie C 5/6H, Mr S.B 4/5L, Alexis B 3/4M, Kieran L 3/4M and Miranda S 3/4M.



We have had two students finish the challenge while at home this term – Well Done Gemma K 5/6H and Ella M 5/6H.



Students had until Friday August 20 to read and log their 20 books. We had many students in the high teens that would just have needed another week or two back at school to borrow, read, or listen to books being read to them to be able to complete the challenge – we even sent home lots of new books for holiday reading – but online learning happened!!! We are happy to report that the closing date of the challenge has been extended AND books read collaboratively with teachers online can be included!!!

Adjusted Rules

- The challenge closing date has been extended to Friday September 3rd.
- Students on all challenge levels can read 10 choice books. This means books you are reading at home that may not be on the challenge will be included. This allows for the fact students may not be able to access challenge books from the library or online.
- Students on all challenge levels will be able to include books read collaboratively as a class, in person, online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carer. (This means all students logging in to listen to their teachers read to them!!!)

So to our students in grades 3-6 your task is to go to your PRC page and log in all the books you have read. At the end of last term you should have logged the books read in your classroom to that point, most classes easily reached ten books!! With that already done it is really simple for **EVERYONE** to complete this challenge. You have read the books – you just need to log them. Mrs Shaw will be looking over your files in the coming weeks to get as many of you over the line as possible.

To our parents/carers of students in K-2 classes – your child will complete the challenge based on the books read in class and in library over the first two terms of school. We use so many quality books as part of our teaching and learning program that our students in K-2 finished the challenge of *thirty* books read to them with weeks to spare!!!



Virtual Reality Kits in STEM

Virtual reality in education is on the horizon, and without a doubt, it'll change learning as we know it. Classrooms are becoming increasingly more technologically advanced places of learning, and virtual reality technology will be another way in which students will engage and learn.

We only got a glimpse of virtual reality learning at BPS when Mrs Neill unpacked our "on loan" kits for some demonstration lessons in STEM late last term. These kits need to be returned at the end of this term, but we are happy to report that we have been able to re-book them. The DET T4L unit that loans out this equipment has acknowledged the fact we have missed out on using due to the lockdown. Instead of having to wait for a few years to have them back – we have gone to the top of the list!!!!

