Dear Parents

Please read this newsletter with your child. It contains information and important events that are happening around our school.

School Events Calendar

Students return Wednesday 28th January 2015
School Swimming Carnival Tuesday 3rd February 2015

Please visit our website now at www.bossleypk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

You can view:
• School information
• Class blogs
• Photo galleries
• Newsletters
• Print school notes
• Calendar events

Scan the QR code here to access our website on your smartphone
Farewell to Year 6
Principal’s Report

Thank you

I would like to thank our students, staff and community for your support of our school this year. I am proud to be the principal of such an outstanding school with such a wonderful reputation for improved student learning, innovative programs, staff professionalism and community support. This is only possible because of the way we all work together to achieve the absolute best for our students. Well done everyone.

Farewell to Mr Sharpley and Mr Betts

We say farewell to Mr Sharpley and Mr Betts after many years of service at Bossley Park Public School.

Mr Sharpley has been teaching for 38 years and 20 years at Bossley Park. He has been an outstanding teacher and executive and I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with him over the past nine years. Mr Sharpley’s greatest strength is his concern for the well being of our students, staff and community and I am most grateful for the time and efforts he has put into Bossley Park Public School. I wish you all the best in your well deserved retirement.

Mr Betts will be taking up the position of acting assistant principal at Oran Park Public School next year. He has been teaching for nine years at Bossley Park and we will miss his enthusiasm and professionalism, particularly with sport and his “Skippervators.” Thank you Mr Betts for your dedication and commitment and I wish you all the very best in your new school.

Newsletter team

Thank you to Miss Han and the newsletter team for your wonderful work this year in the production of our school newsletter. It is a most professional publication and a credit to you and your students. Well done!

Merry Christmas

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2015.
3/4 B Created a retro look with tie died T-Shirts. They enjoyed creating patterns by folding and pleating their shirts and wrapping them with elastic bands.

3/4N had a relaxing time sewing these bright wall hangings. They even learnt how to sew on the buttons!
3/4L created colourful woven hangings inspired by the works of famous artists.

5/6 R created wonderful back grounds for their zentangle trees.

A big thank you to the community members and families for donating materials. We have made wonderful art pieces with those donations and hope you have enjoyed viewing them!

Nika Norman

Art teacher
As a tribute to Year 6 who are leaving Bossley Park Primary this year, we have collected messages from teachers who have taught them over the years. We have also selected some students to reflect back on their 7 years of schooling so far.

“It has been an absolute pleasure working with the year 6’s this year. To see these young individuals grow every day makes me appreciate what I do. Through all the hard work, craziness and laughter, I have not only learnt about myself as a teacher but I have learnt so much about every individual student. I wish them all the best for their future endeavours and I hope that I have inspired them in some way.” - Miss Chanthapanya

“Year 6 are a very friendly and caring group of students who are always happy to help the staff and community. They have a lot of character and enjoy life and learning. Their helpfulness is appreciated by many members of our school community. Thank you Year 6!” - Mrs Romeiro

“I have seen so many special qualities in many of the Year 6 students and their families. It has been a privilege to watch them grow into thoughtful, kind, and wonderful young adults as well as know their families and share so many amazing, funny and special experiences!” - Ms Byrne
Farewell to Year 6

“OMG! This has been the BEST year ever! Year 6 are an amazing group of young adults! Good luck for the future!” - Ms Meggit

“Year 6 has been interesting to teach. There are so many students with unique personalities. It’ll be very different without them next year! All the best Year 6!” - Miss Thang

“Teaching Year 6 is extremely rewarding. It is awesome to see how far the students have come during their 7 years at primary school. I enjoyed all the extra activities involved with Year 6 such as camps, peer support, mini fete and the farewell. I really hope I get to teach Year 6 in the future!” - Mr Betts

“Year six 2014 have been a fun, loving grade. They have also developed into a very strong sporting group, winning a number of PSSA competitions this year! Have a wonderful graduation and farewell night Year 6! Good luck in high school!” - Mr Sharpley

Joshua D - I have been at this school since 2008 when I was in kindergarten. The first friend that I met was Yash and I have met more from year to year. I had a great experience at this school and met amazing people. I wish there were more years in primary!

Katarina - I have been at this school 2 years now. There were so many fun and exciting activities that we experienced here like mini fete, leadership camp and others. I’ve had such a great time here. I wish I could be here longer.

Yash - I’ve been at this school for 7 years and met terrific people such as Joshua D, Peter, Ricardo and more. Being at BPPS was extraordinary and the best thing ever!

Victrtoria - My time at Bossley Primary has been amazing. I have enjoyed every minute and being an SRC member just topped it off. I will miss being here very much and will never forget the memories I have made here.
Farewell to Year 6

By Amani

Dunia - I’ve been at Bossley Park for 4 years and I’ve made heaps of friends. The teachers that I’ve had were amazing! It’s sad that I am leaving this year but I’ll cherish the moments.

Markos - My experience at this school has been happy. I don’t want to go to high school!

Atilla - I am in the best class ever this year! I have made great friends that think I’m cool and I like the teachers here. I hope I can make a lot of friends in high school which will make my life easier and make me cooler.

Marina - I’ve been at this school since kindy. It has been a great journey. I learnt a lot while being at Bossley. I will miss being here but I can’t wait until next year! Bring it on!

Jade - I have been at Bossley since kindergarten and I’ve made so many friends. It’s sad to leave, but it has been a fantastic 7 years!

Good luck class of 2014!

WSW Soccer Clinic

By Amani

On Thursday 13th of November, the soccer teams and I had the chance to participate in a Western Sydney Wanderers clinic. The teams met 3 people from the club to who taught us how to play soccer the “Wanderers way”. One of them was Claire the trainer, Nikita Maracakis and we also had the opportunity to meet one Western Sydney Wanderers player, Iacopo La Rocca, the defensive midfielder!

There were three different workshops. The first one was with Claire where we practised shooting with her. She was really cool and fun to play with. She taught us how to aim, and which side of the shoe to use when kicking.

The second session was with Nikita where he taught us some skills like how to dribble, the “Maradona”, and heaps more! While we were practising our skills, La Rocca challenged Annetta with dribbling. She did an awesome job against him!
Last but not least, the third session was with Mr Betts. We played a game and that was really fun. At the end of the game we sat down and reflected on what we learnt throughout these sessions.

We then sat down and asked Iacopo La Rocca some questions. Some of them were: How he felt to win the Asian tournament and he said it was pretty exciting. Another question was if he’d scored any goals this season he said no because his position is to actually stop other teams from scoring.

After the questions, we received Western Sydney Wanderers stickers and we asked Rocca to sign them which he did! We took some pictures and it was so much fun!

We all thank the Wanderers for running this program and teaching us some skills. We also liked to thank Mr Betts for organising the clinic. It was a fun and exciting experience!
Two Aussies of the Month are awarded during assemblies. There will be one nominee in each class and a winner from K – 2 and a winner from Years 3– 6. Here is the list of the nominees and winners from October and November.

**October Nominees:**
- KB – Thaison V
- KE – Sally K
- KN – Kahuel V
- 1G – Michael P
- 1K – Talan B
- 1M - Celestina M
- 2B – Felicity L
- 2CS - Renel S
- 2R– Stavro M
- 3/4B - Riyanka R
- 3/4H– Liana D
- 3/4L– Yasemin C
- 3/4M– Tiare T
- 3/4N– Vavega E
- 5/6C– Katarina R
- 5/6M– Kayla B
- 5/6R– Michael J
- 5/6S- Lavina S

**November Nominees:**
- KB– Lucas B
- KE– Rachel Y
- KN– Wilsin K
- 1G– Selma K
- 1K– Pedros K
- 1M - Vanessa G
- 2B– Lara L
- 2CS - Arbela M
- 2R– Lana B
- 3/4B - Radad A
- 3/4H– Maryam K
- 3/4L– Brooke B
- 3/4M– Klara S
- 3/4N– Daniella M
- 5/6C– Mya J
- 5/6M– Ian C
- 5/6R– Marya N
- 5/6S- Dunia M

Aussie of the Month K-2

Aussie of the Month 3-6
The grade of the week for this issue is Year 2. We interviewed six students; 2 from each class. We asked them some questions and they gave us some interesting answers.

**Question 1: What is your favourite thing to do in class and why?**

- Lana 2R - I enjoy art because it is fun.
- Antonio 2R - Mathematics because we get to play math related games.
- Sherwin 2B - I like to play sport because it’s fun.
- Savanah 2B - I liked making and flying a kite during science because it is awesome.
- Sebastian 2CS - Drawing because you can draw whatever you want to draw.
- Alyssa 2CS - Recounts because you can write about what you did on the weekend.

**Question 2: What is your favourite school event and why?**

- Lana 2R - Mini fete because you can learn how to play new games.
- Antonio 2R - Mini fete because you get to play games all day.
- Sherwin 2B - Athletics carnival because you get to play different sports for fun.
- Savana 2B - Excursions because you get to travel and see new things.
- Sebastian 2CS - Swimming carnival because you get to swim for fun.
- Alyssa 2CS - Mufti day because you can wear what you want.

**Question 3: What do you like to do in school holidays?**

- Lana 2R - I like to travel and see new places.
- Antonio 2R - I like to play soccer in the holidays for fun.
- Sherwin 2B - I like to go to Wet and Wild in the holidays.
- Savana 2B - Go to the pools and swim.
- Sebastian 2CS - Go to Wet and Wild!
- Alyssa 2CS - I like to go to the beach.
Teacher Interviews
By Poppi and Tania

During the past few weeks we have interviewed the Year 2 teachers. They were asked to answer some interesting questions for this week’s newsletter.

Q1. What was your favourite moment this year and why?
Mrs Smith: Attending Backyard League. It was great to see 2CS so involved and enjoying the activities.
Mr Rodas: Funky Fruit Fridays, because students brought in veggies or a piece of fruit and learnt about healthy eating.
Miss Saffar: Running assembly with 2CS and seeing them perform their item because they worked really hard and they did an outstanding job.
Miss Birkett: There are so many to pick from. I would probably say my first day here because I felt so welcome. I have really enjoyed my first year at Bossley. It has been amazing.

Q2. If you could have one wish what would it be?
Mrs Smith: For everyone to get along.
Mr Rodas: My one wish is to have a never ending cup of caramel latte.
Miss Saffar: That there be peace in the world, and have everyone live without war.
Miss Birkett: Other than world peace, I would love humans to realise how important animals are and for us as humans to stop cutting down their environments.

Q3. How will you be celebrating Christmas?
Mrs Smith: At home with my children and grandchildren.
Mr Rodas: I will be having Christmas lunch with my family and friends.
Miss Saffar: I’ll be in Queensland with my family.
Miss Birkett: I will be celebrating Christmas at my parent’s house with my wonderful son and his girlfriend.

Q4. Where would you go on a holiday and why?
Mrs Smith: New York, it is a place I have never been to and have always wanted to visit New York.
Mr Rodas: I would like to go to New Zealand because I would like to go Bungee jumping and jet boat riding.
Miss Saffar: Europe because there are so many beautiful countries to visit and many beautiful cultures to experience.
Miss Birkett: Anywhere I can have contact with animals. My favourite thing to do in the holidays is go to the zoo. Animals and nature relax me.
Year 2

2R

2B
Year 2

2CS
What an amazing year of sport 2014 has been. BPPS had children representing the zone in all three carnivals and some at regional. At our school athletic’s carnival, 14 school records were broken. During both the winter and the summer PSSA seasons, our school celebrated 6 grand final wins. Over 200 students in years 3-6 participated in PSSA sport this year! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Senior Girls AFL squad and the Junior Boys Tee-ball squad on their recent grand final victories. I could keep bragging, but no-one likes a show off.

Three cheers to the staff who gave up their lunch and recess breaks to coach and train the students in the PSSA teams, the skipping squads, choir and stomp groups. Without the dedication and commitment of these teachers, these opportunities would not be available to the children.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

Next year the carnival will be held on Tuesday 3rd of February, 2015. If your child is turning 8 in 2015 and can swim 50m, they are welcome to join the rest of the older children at our annual swimming carnival. This will be held at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Start practising!

Ms L. Moro
Sports Coordinator
Milo Cricket

On Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} November 2014, 32 Stage 2 students participated in the Milo Cricket Gala Day at Endeavour Park. There were 2 girl’s teams (‘Sixers’ and ‘Thunders’) and 2 boy’s teams (‘Sixers’ and ‘Thunders’). It was a great day of batting, bowling and fielding with a total of 3 cricket matches played against 4 other schools. The Girl’s sixers were undefeated and the other teams all won a game or two as well. Students must be congratulated for their sportsmanship and the enthusiasm shown on the day.

Upon returning to school, we emailed our local cricket Hero Jake Doran to tell him about our great day! Don’t forget if we complete activities with our class and email Jake Doran about this, our school could win a visit by Jake or we could receive other great prizes. Good luck!

Mrs Nobilo
Cricket coach.
Ciao Italia!

Enjoying a plate of Pasta

Year 1 Learning about different types of pasta

When they eat it fast you know it's good!

Year 2 getting to know Pinocchio
Our Library has officially closed for 2014. Thank you to all those students who have returned their books. We are stocktaking our collection and preparing the Library for 2015.

However, we would urge all students to continue reading throughout the holidays— the perfect time to sit back, relax and read! Visit your local Library to keep the reading habit. Also, don’t forget that all books read from 1 September **THIS YEAR** count towards the Premier’s Reading Challenge for next year. Just keep a record of the book’s title and author and add it to your class folder in the school Library. These will be available in early March, 2015.

288 students completed this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. A further 59 will receive Gold Awards. This year we are thrilled that one student will receive a PLATINUM Award for participating in the ‘Challenge’ for the last 7 years!

If you are a fan of the author/illustrator Lynley Dodd (Hairy Maclary, Scarface Claw etc.) then you might like to visit The N.S.W. State Library in the holidays where there is an exhibition of 59 of her original drawings from these and other books.

Fairfield City Libraries are offering a Summer Reading Club where children can ‘enjoy a reading adventure and also be eligible for prizes. The Summer Reading Club Kits are available from the local Libraries.

Exciting news for 2015! We have organised for Aaron Blabey (Pig the Pug, Stanley Paste, The Dreadful Fluff etc.) and Sarah Davis (Fearless series) to visit our school for Children’s Book Week. These are very high profile and well loved author/illustrators and we are very fortunate to have them come to our school. More details next year.

Finally, 2014 has been a particularly busy year in our Library. We have made an effort to acquire new and update older fiction and non-fiction resources. Our school has also added significantly to our Reading Room resources. This involves many additional hours of accessioning, covering and packaging. We would have great difficulty dealing with this workload if we did not have the following willing parents who offer their services– Nilay Djemal, Jill Fitzjohn, Monique Wood and Anna Ferraro. Also, a final thank you to Mrs Spadavecchia for all of her time and effort when organising Scholastic Book Club for our students. On behalf of our students we are very grateful for your time!

Robynne Mullard & Moira Turner
Teacher Librarians

Pina Pisano
Library Assistant
From the Newsletter team:

Our students have achieved and excelled in many events this year. They have also experienced many special moments at school and during excursions!

We hope that you have enjoyed reading these moments in each edition brought to you by your Newsletter team. We can’t wait to report what happens at our school in 2015!!

Stay safe and return to school happy and ready to learn on

Wednesday 28th January 2015!