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Welcome back!

Welcome back to all students and families – I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for a fantastic year at Bennett Road Public School! It was lovely to see so many students with smiling faces, happy to be back at school. I’d also like to extend a very special welcome to all of our new students and their families joining us in 2016.

My name is Lisa Littlejohn and I am very excited to be appointed as the relieving principal of this wonderful school. I would like to thank the staff, students and community for the lovely, warm welcome I have been given. I’ll be out on the playground as often as I can be, to meet and chat to everyone. Please come and say hi. I’m looking forward to working with the school community this year.

Kindergarten 2016

Yesterday 75 new Kindergarten students started ‘big’ school at Bennett Road. It is wonderful watching them become familiar with their classrooms and the school, learning new routines and seeing them confidently and happily making new friends. It is such an exciting time for both students and families and we feel very honoured to be part of this experience.

I’d like to thank one of our Kindergarten parents, Mr Hodges, who kindly donated the pastries and brownies for our “Tea and Tissues” morning tea. Thank you to the P&C who organised this event for our Kinder parents.

Staff Development Days

At Bennett Road Public School we are constantly enhancing the educational provisions through professional learning and development of all staff to improve the learning experiences for all students.

The Department of Education provides all schools with five Staff Development Days. These days are at the beginning Term 1, 2 and 3 and two days at the end of Term 4 and are often referred to as ‘Pupil Free Days”. On these days, staff participate in a number of professional learning events. During the term, staff may also have time off class to attend professional learning activities, often working with consultants to further develop knowledge and skills in a variety of Key Learning Areas.

Student Safety

To keep our students safe and to reduce the risk of students leaving the school grounds during the day, this term we will be trialling the locking of the Rebecca Street and Desborough Road gates each morning at 9:15am. These gates will remain closed during the day and be reopened at 2:45pm. Access to the school during the day will be through the Bennett Road gates.

Parents and friends are still welcome to come onto the school in the morning and stay for the morning assembly. At the end of assembly, parents and friends will need to leave the school grounds so that the gates can be locked.
Any students who arrive after 9:15am will have to enter the school grounds through the Bennett Road gates and come to the office where a late pass will be given.

I understand that this is different to what has happened in previous years; however, every child’s safety is important to us.

Thank you for your understanding and working with us to make Bennett Road Public School a safe and happy place for our students.

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal (rel)

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

When making payments you can choose the following methods: cash, EFTPOS (before midday) or online. Online payments should only be made via the school website which is listed at the top of this newsletter. Once you are on our website you click on $ make payment and follow the instructions.

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY 2016

On Friday 26th February (Week 5), our school will be having its first whole-school assembly for 2016. This assembly will include the induction of the upcoming school leaders for 2016.

The leadership roles for 2016 will be School Captains and Vice Captains, School Councillors, House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors and the Student Representative Council.

All the successful applicants were carefully selected by both their peers and teachers. Throughout the whole of the year, these students will be expected to take on a variety of leadership roles, be role-models to the remaining students and follow the school motto of Safe Respectful Learners.

Parents and caregivers of these students will receive a formal written invitation to the Induction Assembly at the beginning of Week 3, 8th February, 2016

The assembly will begin at 11.40am.

Mr Moss

PBL

Students who are Safe, Respectful, Learners in the playground can get a playground ticket. This is collected throughout the term and drawn at the end of each term. From K-2 and 3-6 one winner is picked and then the tickets are put together for a major prize draw. At the end of last term we draw the attendance and PBL raffle.
SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Bennett Road School Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 11th February 2016 at Ripples St Marys. As we are only taking those students who can confidently swim 50 metres, we are combining with St Marys Public School.

CANCER COUNCIL AND SUN PROTECTION

In line with the School’s Uniform Policy, the Cancer Council’s strongest advice and our goal to Be Safe (in the sun) the school is promoting the wearing of the school hat at all times when outside. This includes coming to and from school, going to the playground, going to sport and on excursions. Hats are available from the school uniform shop. We seek your assistance to remind your child to bring their hat to school.

The school’s practice and policy is “no hat – play in the shade” / under the COLA. Teachers are enforcing this policy every day. Wearing the school’s blue wide-brimmed hat is to be encouraged.

Welcome back to the new school year and a big welcome to our new kindy students and their families!

We are excited for another super big year with lots of fundraising for our air conditioning to continue. Last year we managed to fully air condition the 5 & 6 classrooms and we are very close to being able to air condition the Year 3 & 4 classrooms.

We still have Dan the Dollar Man and you will see him outside the canteen most days. He is very hungry and loves to be fed money with 100% of the funds going directly to the air conditioning fund.

Our first fundraiser for the year will be our Easter Raffle and tickets will be sent home shortly. We will also have a mufti day and the cost will be a donation of Easter chocolates to our Easter raffle.

Over the next few months we will also be looking for donations for the Mother’s Day stall, and donations can be left in the box in the foyer of the office.

The first meeting of the P&C for 2016 will be on Friday 19th February at 9am we will meet under the K-2 COLA. We hope you can come along and bring along some new ideas.

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page Bennett Rd Public School P&C to be kept up to date on all that’s going on with the P&C.

We are looking forward to another exciting year at Bennett Road Public School.
P&C Committee
BREACKFAST CLUB

The school breakfast club has become very popular with the students and we are now running it on four days each week. The Breakfast Club will run every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in room 19 from 8:30am to 8:45am. All students are most welcome to join in.

We have a variety of cereals and toast available. This is a free service which is made possible by the generous donation and continued support from Baker's Delight at Springwood, who have been supplying our bread each week.

Thank you for your continued support.
WHAT’S GOING ON AT BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL?

We have a number of ways of finding out what is happening at our school, you can either check out our new notice board on Bennett Road, we have a Facebook page, our Web site or the Skoolbag app which is free to download.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “Install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.
Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8, 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the “Pin” icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.
Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au  Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!
Junior Indoor Cricket

STARTING WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH 2016

- Wednesday- U8’s, U10’s, U12’s
  Thursday- U14’s and U16’s
- Times from 4:20, 5:20 and 6:20pm
- 6 a side, Individuals and teams welcome!
- U8- U/16- Boys and Girls Mixed Indoor Cricket
- $7 per game per child. (Playing Shirt Included)
- Register any weekday from January from 4-6pm.

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