BATEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

We are just over halfway through Term 2 and things are starting to return to normal. Our children have all settled back into class well and all classes are operating as before, apart from the staggered finishing times. **From Monday, parents will be allowed back onsite** and this will impact on the way we do things **with the staggered finish times ending and our Kiss and Drive for the juniors also finishing. Kindy and PP classes will still be dismissed from the back of the classrooms** as we have found that this has reduced congestion on the verandahs. If you wish to chat to the teacher, you are able to still do so once all the students have been released. **Dismissal for Y1 – Y6 students will revert to normal at 2.50 from the classroom door. Arrival time at school will remain at 8.30** so that students can go straight to class while we have workmen around the school especially. We have found that students are far more settled when they are able to move straight into their classroom without playing or hanging around with their friends for 20 minutes before entering class.

The Kiss and Drive in the morning has been a huge success, with our students really growing in confidence with the added independence of coming into the school and getting themselves set up for the day. Whilst it is tempting to say that we will continue this practice, we also are aware that the morning pre-class time in Kindy and to a lesser extent in PP is a great bonding time for parent and child and a time for them to show you all the great things in their classroom**. Our school culture is all about the close relationship we have with our community and the belief that we don't want our students to grow up too quickly.** To honour that culture, unlike many schools, we have decided that we will revert to our previous practice of having **K and PP parents park in the Junior Car Park and invite them into the Kindy and Pre -Primary classrooms**. However, as a parent there are some things that you can do to **help sustain your child's new found independence**.

- Let them carry their bag from the car and unpack it in class.
- Once they are unpacked, sit and do a puzzle with them or read a story and give them your attention for that 10 minutes.
- Drop them at the door a few days a week rather than coming into the room every day and this will help alleviate crowded classrooms as well.
- Understand that before school is the very hardest time for the teacher to talk to you about your child's progress and you can organize a better time for that conversation. Naturally tell us if they are likely to be unsettled that day.
- When it's time to leave, leave. The majority of separation anxiety appears to be from parents not the students, they have been awesome for the last 6 weeks.

The staggered finishing times and Kiss and Drive have alleviated the minor parking issues we have for 15 minutes at the start and the end of each day and, with the return to normal practice this Monday, they will also return. This problem isn't unique to Bateman, it is true of 90% of schools across the state but, unlike most schools, we do have an easy solution. We don't have the capacity to increase our parking along Bartling Crescent or to make our car park two storeys, **but we do have parking for close to 100 cars along Adams Street and in the Mandala Hall car park.**

TERM 2

8 June
P&C Meeting
15 June
School Board Meeting

KINDY ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 ARE NOW OPEN.

Families need to apply to enrol their children in a public school for 2021 if they are:

Starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2021 *(born between 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017).*

Starting Pre-Primary - (first year of compulsory school) 5 years old by 30 June 2021.
Enrolment letters will be sent home to our current Kindy families early next term for Enrolment into our Pre-Primary Program.

Applications for **Kindy Enrolments close 24 July 2020**.

All children from Pre-Primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

See our website for full details and links to our Application for Enrolment Forms.

If you ordered a 2019 Graduation USB; these are available from the school office.

Please contact School Watch Security on 1800 177 777 if you see any suspicious activity at the school after hours.

From the Principal...cont...

Parents who have been picking their children up after cross-country training have been using Adams Street and report that it is a great parking area. Help keep our students safe and use the multiple parking sites around the school, **NOT including the staff car park** which is just self-indulgent and dangerous.

Aren't the Department in a rush with the **Detect Program** that we have been selected to participate in? After weeks of delay in getting approval we are now on a very restricted timeline with **consent having to be given or refused by tomorrow evening**. You should all have received an e-mail on Tuesday and again yesterday which provided a video of the physical testing process and also an explanation of the testing and survey process. Ms. Cleghorn will be with the nominated students on the testing days to ensure they are feeling happy and safe and we will always contact you if there is an issue with your child becoming distressed. At present the testing days are **16 and 17 June**, 29 and 30 July and 26 and 27 August with testing likely to happen in the P&C Room or Library.

Work commenced on the weekend on the **demolition of the interior of the senior toilets** with the upgrade expected to be finished in around 3 weeks. Following this they will upgrade the junior school toilets and finally convert the male staff toilet into a second female staff toilet. We hope that all projects are finished by the start of Term 3. Like all things at Bateman Primary, we will anticipate any problems with the toilet-sharing arrangements and solve issues quickly.

This morning I received information that **assemblies, incursions, excursions and interschool sport can re-commence** and we will keep you posted with developments as they occur. At present, accommodation at camps is restricted to 25% of normal capacity in dormitories so we are hoping this will change before September. I do know that there is a **P&C meeting this Monday at 7.00pm** and it would be great to see both old and new members there.

Just a reminder that **reporting will look different next month** as your child's report won't have a grade for the learning areas but rather comments for English, Maths, specialist areas and a general comment as well as reporting on attitude, behaviour and effort. Reporting will return to its usual format in Term 4 when we have had the opportunity to properly teach and assess your child to collect valid data. Please make sure your email address is current as reports will be emailed to parents.

Things will change this Monday, but we remain busy and your children are on-task and working well. Thank you for your support through all of these changes and uncertain times as we make Bateman Primary the very best possible learning environment for your child.

Music News

Senior Choir will commence next week, Wednesday 10 June, at the usual time of 8.15am in the Music room.
Please don't be late!

Junior choir remains postponed until further notice.

Thank you
Miss Wood

REMINDER! Please return your Student Update, Media Consent, BYOD and Computer Acceptable Use Agreement and Confidential Declaration forms. This information is important to ensure your child is safe and has proper access to all of the activities across the school.

Extra forms were sent home to students who had not yet returned theirs. If you could please complete and sign these forms and return to the school office it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

P&C News—Grounds Report

Bush Tucker Area

All that rain we had last week has been wonderful for our gardens. The entranceway from Adam's Rd is now sporting a brand new garden thanks to all the hard work of a small crew the other weekend. A mix of kangaroo paws, pinkface, white bottle brushes and even a small banksia tree are settling in nicely. A special thankyou **to Amanda L and her daughters; along with Jocelyn C and her daughter Faith**, who spent a few hours learning how to do the planting. By the end they were all experts and I was made redundant. Mixing in the sheep manure was the girl's favourite part - NOT!

The Paws and Claws garden has been planted with the first 10 red and green kangaroo paws. Yellow, orange, purple, pink and white will be planted with 10 of each colour over the next fortnight. I'm currently talking to Kings Park to see if we can get one of the brand new blue kangaroo paws - fingers crossed! The local birds are really loving the new bird bath at the very top of the hill and can be seen flitting in and out of the water in the early morning. The white Geraldton wax trees planted along Dean Rd are all about to flower and will be a huge change from the wild oats that normally fill the embankment.

Amanda and I began clearing the fourth and final garden room last week. The Outdoor Classroom will be located between Adams Rd and the basketball courts. Thanks to **Lena and Penny at Piney Lakes Environment Education Centre and the City of Melville**, they have supplied us with a beautiful white gum tree that came down in the recent storms. They have cut the tree into many logs that we have used to edge our Herbs and Healing garden and five raised desks for the Outdoor Classroom. Mike is investigating another special surprise that will incorporate the stars and we will be adding some interesting artwork along the way. Keep your eyes peeled over the next few months.

Local Bateman residents, Lena and Peter from Dean Rd have also supplied the school with several small native plants, which we will incorporate into the various bush walks starting to emerge in the Bush Tucker garden. **Thanks Lena and Peter**! **A big thank you to Cate and Trevor from Winthrop** who have donated a new wheelbarrow to the school to help shift all that mulch. Another **thankyou to Marika and Dave** who have donated several mature bush tucker plants and some feature natives.

If you have time, check out the magnificent photos posted on the Bateman P+C Facebook page about our Bush Tucker garden. Thanks - whoever has done those… It looks awesome!

P&C News—Grounds Report

Kitchen Garden

Damien has been busy shifting the water tank near the undercover teaching area in the kitchen garden to catch some of the rain from the storms and weeding in and around the garden beds. We now have two new grapevines - one white and one red trailing up the sides of the fence along with two new passionfruit vines. Hopefully there will be an abundance of fruit come spring.

Busy Bee

The Year 4 Busy Bee that was scheduled for this Friday 5/6/20 has been postponed. The area has been cordoned off as the builders work on installing the new bathrooms. Here's hoping the Year 1 parents will be a force to be reckoned with in late July for their Busy Bee.

Wanted

Are there any parents out there who are skilled pavers? We would love to hear from you as we want to pave the area behind the P+C shed. Please get in touch with the P+C Committee.

We can be reached on the P&C email batemanpandc@gmail.com or alisonmoore300666@gmail.com or Ali on 0431 488 838.

P&C News

Entertainment "Book" (100% Digital) Fundraiser

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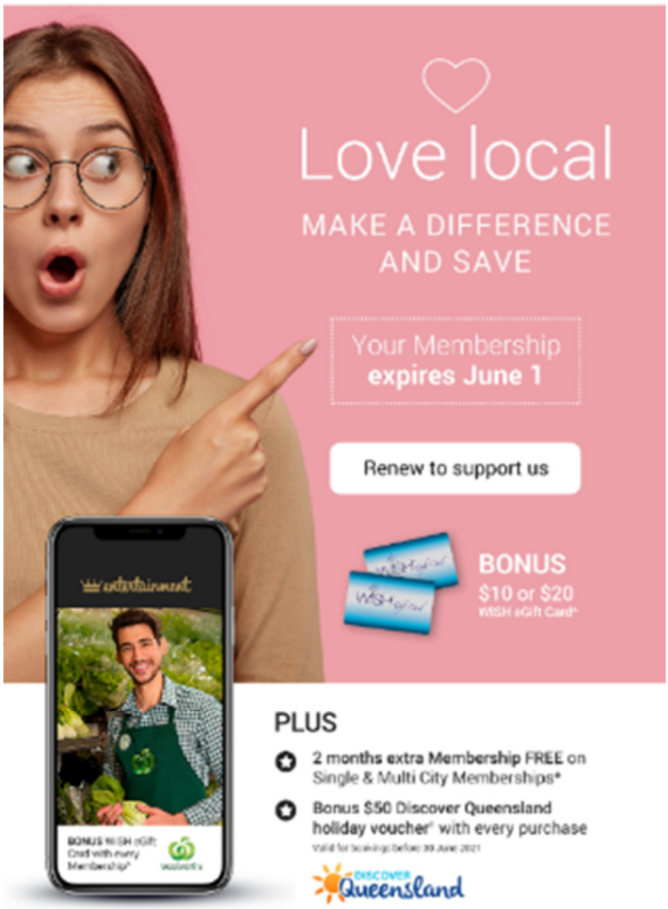

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P&C News

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Issue 4 OUT NOW and catalogues are back

ISSUE 4 Orders are due Thursday 18 June
Great opportunity to get ready for the winter school holidays.

Catalogues are back for Issue 4 and your child should have brought one home by now. You can also see the catalogue online at https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/
Place your order on LOOP and orders need to be in by Thursday 18 June.

Remember, 20% of your order value is received by our school to purchase additional books and resources. **Thank you so much for your support!**

Uniform Shop Update
While the shop remains closed, orders will be processed and items delivered to your child's classroom within a few days. Order forms are available to download on the BPS website or they can be picked up from the front office. Once completed, please place the orders in the orange box in the front office.

Your Feedback and Get in Touch
We welcome any feedback and ideas you may have that would help benefit the children and school. Please email batemanpandc@gmail.com or come along to one of our regular P&C meetings.

What's Happening on Facebook?
Our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/batemanpandc/, is frequently updated with events, pictures, videos and information on what is happening at Bateman PS.
Like us to keep up to date with what is happening and stay in touch

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Next P&C Meeting - Monday 8 June 2020
The next P&C meeting will be Monday, 8 June 2020 at 7.00pm in the P&C Utility Room. Come along, get involved - it is your school too! Drinks and nibbles provided.

Community News

A trailer has been illegally dumped on Bateman Primary School grounds. A Police Report has been made. Please be advised that after 21 days of this notice, if not claimed, the trailer will become the property of DET. Please contact 6258 6900 if you have any information as to who owns this trailer.