BATEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

In what is a very busy time of the year for us, we have lots of news to share with you. I have attached a copy of the School Review for you which outlines what we are doing well and what we can still work on in coming years. I will upload the report to the school website as well.

With the 50th Anniversary Assembly next Friday afternoon we have had to make some last minute changes to accommodate the COVID restrictions which we had hoped would be lifted by now. Because of restricted crowd capacity we are having to restrict our audience to our students, staff, past principals and parents from 1970 who we have been able to contact. If you are one of the many parents who have children performing in the assembly, there will be a designated area for you to watch from behind the Undercover Area. While we would love to have everyone attend the assembly, COVID restrictions don't allow this.

HOWEVER we do have the Festival of Bateman that afternoon from 4.30 – 7.30pm and because this is a different type of event we can have almost unlimited friends of Bateman Primary attend and celebrate all the great things about our school and community. There will be rides, stalls, entertainment, food and a fantastic memorabilia display to keep you entertained and the opportunity to have your family leaf added to our 50th Anniversary Tree. Even if we can't all be together at the special assembly, we can all get together like only Bateman does and celebrate our past, present and future.

COVID restrictions will also mean that we need to change the format of our Graduation and Presentation Evening for 2020. Our PP – Year 1/2 classes will perform their dance and receive class awards between 3.00 and 4.00 on Wednesday 16 December and our Year 2/3 to Year 5/6 classes will perform and we will have our Graduation Ceremony and awards between 6.30 and 8.00pm. Hopefully 2021 will see us able to come together again to enjoy this special evening.

As we move towards the end of the school year, some of our attention turns to planning for the new school year. If you know that your family will not be attending Bateman in 2021, can you please let the office know as soon as possible to help us organize classes and staffing for next year. We had anticipated that we might need a demountable added for 2021 and beyond, but our anticipated numbers don't warrant it at the moment.

As the year goes on we seem to be having a growing number of parents either parking in the staff car park and in such a way on the school verges that stop other drivers being able to see clearly. I would remind all parents that there is ample parking on Adams St. We have asked the local parking ranger to give us a hand to improve the parking behaviour of a few parents after numerous requests to cooperate and keep our children safe.

We still have sporting events, a big zoo excursion, our Wellness Festival, some special assemblies and social functions to go before the end of the year so things will remain very busy and there are lots of chances for parents and children to enjoy the Bateman experience.

Please report all student absences via our Skoolbag App or email the teacher direct. Thank you.

TERM 4

Friday 6 November
Assembly Rms 3&4
Lacrosse Carnival
MOB School Camp Night

Monday 9 November
NAIDOC Week

Tuesday 10 November
Whole School Incursion
Cultural Awareness Day
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Friday 13 November
50th Anniversary Celebrations

Wednesday 18 November
Zoo Excursion Yrs 1-4
2pm New Parents Meeting

Friday 20 November
Assembly EC1 & Rm 2

Monday 23 November
2021 Leaders Speeches
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 24 November
2021 Leaders Elections

Monday 30 November
Board Meeting

Tuesday 1 December
Wellness Festival

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.

School Board Members Needed for 2021

One of the important bodies that ensures the school operates well and is responsive to community input is the School Board. The Board is comprised of 7 or 8 parents, the Principal and around 5 staff. The Board meets about 6 times a year for a maximum of 90 minutes a meeting. We have 5 vacant parent positions which we can fill for 2021 – 22. If you are interested in nominating for the position or asking more questions, please contact Chris Speijers on 0430 117 990.

2021 Schedule of Contributions and Charges

In accordance with the Education Act schools are required to communicate to parents a estimated schedule of all contributions and charges within two months of the following school year. These are coming home on Monday. Please note, payment is not required until 2021. A statement will be mailed within the first two weeks of the new year.

For families that have prepaid their 2020 contributions and charges in advance, the balance in your account will automatically roll over into 2021. This will be reflected in your 2021 statement. If you have any queries please see Jenni in the office.

Personal Items Lists for 2020

Personal Items Lists for 2021 will be going home on Monday to all students (except Year 6). Ziggies is our preferred supplier and their prices are competitive and a percentage of their sales comes back to the school. However, you can purchase anywhere you choose. **Visit booklists.ziggies.net.au / School Code for Bateman is BAT—(year) / Password is ZZY261**
Please read and follow the instructions as detailed on the Ziggies order form.

Music News

A reminder that the **Busker's Stage** will be taking place during the Festival of Bateman next Friday 13 November from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Our amazing students will be performing in the undercover area throughout the afternoon, including performances from instrumental groups and our school choirs. We hope to see as many people there as possible to cheer on our students!

Students performing at the Busker's Stage have received a note home with instructions for their performance. If you have lost your note, there are spares available in the Music Room. Students are asked to report to the Music Room 30 minutes prior to their performance time, in case of timetable shifts. Please let Ms Wood or your instrumental teacher know if you cannot make the Festival performance.

Parents are reminded that students are expected to be under the care of a parent or guardian at all times while at the Festival, including at Busker's Stage performances.

The Busker's Stage timetable is listed below. Good luck to all performers and we look forward to seeing the community there!

Ms Wood

Time	Performance
4:30	Setup, Welcome, Community Song Dance Party
5:00	Year 5 + 6 Clarinet
5:15	Years 4-6 Cello
5:30	String Ensemble
6:00	Year 3 Violin
6:15	Year 6 Violin
6:30	Year 5 Viola/Violin
6:45	Year 4 Violin/Viola
7:00	Junior and Senior Choirs (accompanied by the Senior Ukulele Ensemble)

Chinese Day—Friday 30 October

Last Friday our school celebrated the Chinese Day. This fantastic event begins with an assembly which included a cultural dance performed by a group of year 3 and 4 girls, a KungFu routine performance by some year 5 and 6 boys; and a costume parade. Students then participated in some cultural activities through the Confucius Institution.

Thank you to all the parents who helped to cook almost 1000 dumplings on a very warm day. Thank you to Mrs Richer for letting us use the Science room.

Thank you to all the teachers for the wonderful name plates you did in your classrooms.

Ya Rong (Olivia) Xu 许雅蓉

P&C News—Grounds Report

Thanks

- Gemma, Toby and Lea - who helped boost the Year 5 Busy Bee numbers, assisting us to clear nearly ten bags of weeds from the Roots and Fruits area
- Dan - for finishing off the paving with a cement surround
- Mike - has coordinated painting the last of the terracotta paths in and around the school, ably assisted by Glenn, Luke and several new dads last week.
- Mark and Troy - for finishing off our Bush Tucker area with the individual room signs
- Toby - for growing and supplying some succulents for the recent market
- Sunny - for all her positive efforts in initiating the Golden Chook Tour at the recent market
- Scott - the reticulation genius

Year 5 Busy Bee

It was really disappointing to finish this year's highly successful Busy Bee campaigns with such a poor turnout from the Year 5's and their parents. The sole parent and a few Year 5's were thankfully joined by Gemma, Toby, Lea and myself. What we lacked in numbers, we made up for in work ethic, managing to clear nearly ten bags of weeds between us. Imagine what we could have achieved if more people showed up!

Bush Tucker Garden

The Bush Tucker area has been a hive of activity these last few weeks. Thanks to Scott who volunteered his time to reticulate all of the Paws and Claws garden last Saturday. A little bit of water will ensure the kangaroo paws are spectacular in years to come. This added to the 32mm we received in rainfall on Sunday, should mean a wonderful show of wildflowers to come.

As I write this we are about 1 week away from the official opening, and we are still in need of weeders, even though Amanda, Jocelyn and I have been working almost non-stop. Those parents who have spoken with me about assisting moving some mulch to complete the Education Room can turn up on Saturday or Sunday morning from 9.00am to do just that - now's your chance! Mark and Troy added the "bling" last week and each garden room now has a name - great job guys! If you haven't already done so, have a sneak peek at the stunning Christmas trees in all their glory and the beautiful banksias just breaking out in flower.

One final plea to everyone - please do not remove the logs or the branches marking the paths. We have worked incredibly hard to source all of these to define the areas and make them safe for everyone. Those people picking them up and throwing them around, or moving them to other areas of the school, just makes it harder. We want it to look the best it can for the opening next week.

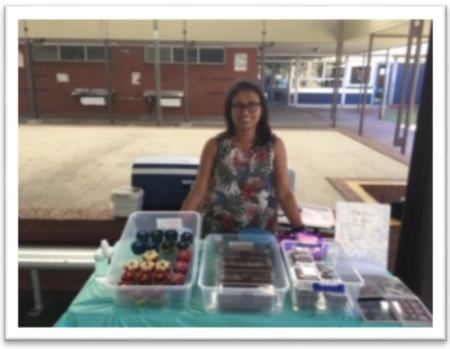
Paving Bricks and Painting

Dan has now completed the cementing to seal the newly paved area behind the P&C shed. If someone is feeling strong this weekend, the orange pots need to be moved into their final place and planted with native plants.
Well done to all those dads who came down to assist Mike with the final paving painting and Glenn's fine artistry cutting in. We welcomed Luke, new to the school and new to the Bateman area who high pressure cleaned most of the final areas. It looks amazing!

P&C News—Grounds Report

Monthly Market

Our second market day on Sunday 25 October was super hot. I think most people ended up in the pool or at the beach instead. It was a stinker! Thanks again to all those people who presented goods for sale and thank you to those people who did come down and support us. We still made a little profit, but it was a lot slower than our first one. Funds will be directed back into the P&C special projects, mainly reticulating the last sections of the Bush Tucker project.



A special thank you firstly to **Klaire and Sunny who ran the new Golden Chook Tour** and shared their love of our "feathered girls" with many of the younger children. Everyone got a chance to cuddle a chicken, see where they lay their eggs and even check out their henhouse. Great to see you sharing that enthusiasm Sunny!

Secondly - a **special congratulations to Toby** who, after the last market went home and potted a whole heap of succulents for sale at the next market. I love the students of Bateman PS getting involved in this way. **Awesome initiative Toby and such a green thumb**! We can be reached on the P&C email batemanpandc@gmail.com or alisonmoore300666@gmail.com or 0431 488 838.

P&C News

Festival of Bateman - Friday 13 November 2020 4.30pm to 7.30pm

The highly anticipated Festival of Bateman is shaping up to be an event not to be missed! The Festival will be an opportunity to celebrate the school's 50 year anniversary and our Bateman community. Some of the attractions you will find at the Festival of Bateman include the 6150 exhibition, class and community stalls, busker's stage, food trucks, rides and more!

6150 Exhibition - Fifty years of old school photographs and memorabilia have been dusted off from the archives and will be displayed in the library as part of our 6150 (Bateman suburb postcode) exhibition. Come and learn about the school's history and also the suburb of Bateman.

Alumni (past students, staff and their families) are encouraged to attend the Festival of Bateman. We know that the 6150 exhibition will be of particular interest to them. On arrival alumni are encouraged to sign in at the library 6150 exhibition where they will be provided with an exclusive alumni badge. These will be colour coded to the decade they were involved with the school so they can easily locate other school colleagues, friends and families and reminisce about their time at Bateman.

Current Bateman families - Please spread the word with your neighbours and friends about the Festival. We know that many families who attended Bateman still live in the area.

Class Stalls - Teachers and their classrooms have been busy preparing their class stalls with a range of free and purchased activities to be available at the Festival. From photo booths, second hand book stalls to guessing games and lucky dips there will be something for everyone. Tokens for purchasing at these class stalls will be $2 each of 3 for $5.

Pre-sale of Tokens - To avoid the queues during the Festival, the P&C will be preselling class stall tokens to Bateman PS families in the undercover area on Wednesday 11 November 8.30am - 9.30am. Cash or card will be available for pre-purchase. Tokens will also be available to purchase during the Festival.

Volunteers - Teachers will require assistance during the Festival with these stalls. If you are available to volunteer please list your name on the volunteer link; https://volunteersignup.org/9LH7W

All volunteers will be provided with a limited edition Festival Shirt!!

Busker's Stage - Our talented Bateman PS students will be performing on the Busker's stage throughout the Festival. Everything from choir to instrumental and the community songs.

Community Stalls - We have 20 local community stalls selling their wares at the Festival. Come and do some Christmas shopping and support our local craftspeople. We will also have a merchandise stall selling limited edition 'I love Bateman' drinking glasses!

Food - Bring your picnic or enjoy the many food options that will be available for purchase from the food trucks. There will be pizza, hamburgers and chips, curry, ice-cream, fairy floss and the list goes on!

Rides - The prepaid sale for the wristbands for the Festival ends this Friday 6 November but wristbands will still be available for purchase at the Festival for $20. This is for unlimited rides. Individual rides will be available for $5 each.

P&C News

Anniversary Tree - For those that missed out on ordering a leaf for the 50th anniversary tree, an order form will be available in the 6150 exhibition at the Festival. This will be your last and only opportunity to purchase one so get in quick! The tree looks amazing and will be your chance to leave a lasting legacy at the school.

Pop the Festival of Bateman in your diary and come celebrate being part of an amazing community.

We do ask that if you are unwell to please not attend this event.

We hope to see you there!

MoB - Dads and Kids Camp Out, Friday 6 to Saturday 7 November

To all the Bateman Primary dads and father figures, the 2020 Dads and Kids camp is tomorrow night!!
Registration forms have now closed in the office.
However, you are still welcome to attend if you contact Tim Norris direct on 0408 939 824 or norrist@bigpond.net.au by close of business today!

This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your kids, and if you are new to school, to meet other dads and father figures. Get on board, your kids will love you for it!

- 5.00pm Friday 6 November to 9.00am 7 November
- BYO dinner for Friday
- Breakfast, coffee and hot chocolate provided on Saturday morning
- Older siblings who have left Bateman PS are still welcome
- If a father figure is unavailable but kids want to go, contact Tim for options (there are many)

Men of Batemen Update

Hello fellow MOBsters,

On Saturday November 21 is the Dads and Father Figure event (put this in your diaries). We are just finalising details for this event as it was originally planned for the Beer and Beef Festival, but unfortunately the dates for that event did not align due to effects of COVID-19 and subsequent changes in dates. However, we shall have a suitable alternative event for this date and notifications will be forthcoming. We are looking forward to another great term for the MOB and to keep seeing new dads/father figures coming along to the events and learning about the Fathering Project.

If you are not on the MOB WhatsApp group, please contact Lance on 0432 870 798 and I shall add you to the group to keep up to date with events and other MOB discussions that occur all the time. There is also the MOB link on the Fathering Project website which has lots of information for dads/father figures to have a look at which is very informative and this was looked at in the last MOB event.

Planning of events for 2021 will commence this term, so any suggestions for events are welcome and encouraged from the group so please keep them coming.

P&C News

Scholastic Book Club—Issue 8 Orders Open

Issue 7 orders are on their way so they should arrive soon. For those that ordered a special secret Gift Order, look out for a message when they arrive to arrange pickup as these won't be sent home with your child.

Orders for Issue 8 are open - remember, catalogues can also be viewed online https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/. Due to delivery delays, we will be putting in a **super early order so if you want to jump on board, place orders by Thursday 19 November**. **If you miss this, please order by Thursday 26 November** (still within the Scholastic guidelines to have delivery by the end of term but these have not always been accurate this year so please order early to ensure early delivery).

Ice Creams

Ice-creams will be on sale during Term 4 each **Friday at lunchtime in the P& C Utility Room** for children in Years 1-6. Please note we have limited stock of the very popular frozen yoghurt and our supplier cannot get any more in for the time being. Therefore, we will be trialling two new additions to our ice cream sales for the next couple of weeks. Please note the changes and prices below.

- Dixie Vanilla Ice Cream Cup $2.50
- Lifesaver Icy Poles $2
- Billabong (Chocolate or Rainbow) $1.50
- Milo Scoop Ice Cream $2.50
- Frozen Yoghurt (while stocks last) $2
- Quelch Icy Poles 50c

Uniform Shop Update

January 2021 Uniform Shop opening times will be as follows:

Wednesday 27 January	9.00am - 11.00am
Thursday 28 January	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Friday 29 January	9.00am - 11.00am

For all parents keen to avoid the January rush to purchase uniforms, why not come into the **shop between 8.30am and 9.00am on Thursday mornings for the rest of term 4**. Alternatively, fill in an order form and put it in the orange box in the admin office and the uniforms will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Note: Jackets are now $32 (due to higher costs from the supplier).

Uniform Shop Volunteers needed

If anyone can spare half an hour once a fortnight during school term to help in the uniform shop, please get in touch with Siobhan at siobhan_uniform@icloud.com.

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

Like us on Facebook

Next P&C Meeting - Week 7, Monday 23 November 2020

The next P&C meeting will be Monday, 23 November 2020 at 7.00pm in the P&C Utility Room. Come along, get involved - it is your school too! Stay safe and bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Community News

The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities