

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KIDS MATTER DAY

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY – ASSEMBLY 3.10PM
BNPS

YEAR 4 SWIM PROGRAM

MONDAY 6 - TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
Mentone Bayside Aquatics

MEET & GREET

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY & TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 3.40 – 6PM
BNPS Classrooms

CYBER SAFETY WEEK

MONDAY 13 – FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY
BNPS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
BNPS

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 HOUSE SWIM CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY
GESAC

YEAR 5/6 BEACH PROGRAM

MONDAY 20 – FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY
Bayside Beach

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Principal's Report

Welcome to our 2017 School Year

I do hope that everyone has had a relaxing and rejuvenating break over January and that all students are eager to be back at school.

A very warm welcome goes out to the many new families joining our school community and we look forward to a very special partnership that develops during the years at Primary School.

The children eagerly arrived on day one excited to meet their new teachers, their friends and their new classroom and I would like to congratulate all teachers and students for the calm and smooth beginning to our new school year.

I would also like to thank the staff for the many hours given to preparing their teaching space ensuring it is bright and inviting for everyone. Many of the staff have spent days organising their classrooms in readiness for 2017. I would also like to thank our Administrative team who have been at school for several weeks leading up to the commencement of the school year.



Communication in 2017

In the coming days all families will receive information related to our move towards using only electronic communications in 2017. I strongly recommend that you check Compass daily to ensure that you do not miss out on important information and reminders.

We are endeavouring to align our school practices with the needs of each generation. It is extremely interesting viewing our adult school members as they walk around the school with mobile phone in hand accessing the wide array of social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Bayside Community Hub, Instagram just to name a few.

We are constantly reviewing our school protocols and practices to best meet the needs of our community members. Throughout the school year we utilize surveys as a means of gaining feedback from parents and students. We use this information to inform and shape our current procedures and practices.

Working With Children Check

All parents who volunteer at our school must have a current 'Working With Children Check'. Please ensure that you apply for this check online and present the document to the Office for copying and filing.



Payment Policy

Last year School Council endorsed our Parent Payment policy which states that all payments for incursions, excursions and special activities must be paid 5 business days prior to the planned activity or event. If payment is not received 5 business days prior to the activity we will be unable to permit the student to participate. The new Parent Payment Policy is located on our school website.

Update on DET Planned Works

Unfortunately we still have areas of our school ground out of bounds. This is due to work to be undertaken by the Department of Education. In the coming weeks the area near Reserve Road will be landscaped. I will keep the school community informed as information becomes available to me.

School Holiday Projects Funded by our School

During the holidays we had 4 air conditioners replaced, 10 Interactive Whiteboard solutions installed in classrooms and replacement blinds organised for the Year 5 end of the Senior Learning Centre and the Music Rooms.

Cubby House with Pam Collins

This year I would like to introduce the 'Cubby House'. We currently have the Tree House for our Year 1 students and this year we have the Cubby House for our Year 2 students. Mrs Pam Collins is the Learning Support staff member who will be based in our BNPS Cubby House which is the room previously used by Mrs Ratten for her Music lessons.



New Ramp

In 2016 Robyn Morecroft applied through the Accessible Buildings Program for funding to install ramps at our school. We now have ramps to the entrance of the school, replacement steps and doors installed near the Treehouse and Year 3 classrooms. The permanent handrails will be installed in coming days.

Resilience Project

Please keep the evening of Tuesday, 21 February free for the Parent Information session on the Resilience Project.

We are very excited to introduce The Resilience Project into the school curriculum this year. As statistics indicate that up to 1 in 7 primary school kids may have a mental illness, the Resilience Project programs use evidence-based approaches to build resilience, in order to develop and strengthen mental health.

More information about this exciting project can be found at:

<http://theresilienceproject.com.au/about-us/>

As part of this year long school wide project, we will be conducting lessons on a weekly basis.

Information sessions and workshops will be run with students, teachers and parents. Martin Heppel will present our first student sessions for each year level on Tuesday 14 February, while the teacher and parent sessions will run with Martin on Tuesday 21 February.

All parents are invited to attend the parent session on this evening from 7pm - 8.30pm. Please mark this day in your diary as it promises to be a fabulous thought-provoking and engaging presentation. Further information, an invitation and RSVP form will be distributed later this week.



Meet and Greet Evenings - 7 and 14 February, 2017

All families would have received a letter explaining our two Meet and Greet evenings to be held on Tuesday 7 and Tuesday 14 February. Bookings are now open so please check Compass for more information.



Student Accident Insurance, Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Private Property brought to School

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to look into their preferred options in this regard. The Department cannot provide advice to parents or guardians on the purchase of individual student accident policy or ambulance cover.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Sherril Duffy
Principal

Interview with Miss Tilley 1B

By Orson 1A



What is your favourite food?

I absolutely love pineapples.

Who is your favourite student?

Everyone is super special in a different way.

What school did you go to and who was your Music teacher?

I went to Firbank, and Mrs Davies your Music teacher was also my teacher!

What is your favourite TV show?

Oh that's hard! Riverdale and Friends.

What is your favourite Movie?

I really love the movie '10 Things I Hate About You'

Do you have any family at this school?

I actually have a niece Madi in Year 5 and a nephew Harley in Year 3

Where do you live?

I live very close to the school, in Highett.

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service

IS YOUR CHILD DUE FOR A CHECK UP?

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending our school.

Formally the School Dental Service located at Parkdale, is now part of the Community Oral Health Service.

My child has visited the Oral Health Services (formally School Dental Service) before:

If your child/children has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or the school dental program you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment when your child is due for their next check-up. In this case, no action is required.

My child has never visited the School Dental Program:

Please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Service on 8587 0350 for an appointment.

Who is eligible?

Children and young people:

All children aged 0 – 12 years (fees apply for non-concession card holders)

Young people aged 13 – 17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders

Children who are eligible for dental benefits under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Where is the service located?

Central Bayside Community Health Service

Oral Health Service

335-337 Nepean Highway

PARKDALE

Phone: 8587 0350



Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund

Eligibility

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one, or;

on the first day of Term two;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

Term one validation

If the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validates on the first day of term one, the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from March, 2017.

For applications which fail the term one validation, but become valid on the first day of term two, the application will be processed and annual payment will be made to the school during term two.

Payment amounts

The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

\$125 for Primary school students.

Payment timing

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant.

The CSEF will be available for schools to enter application information into the online CSEF web system from term one each year.

CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools with the majority of payments to commence from March, 2017 onwards. The CSEF system will remain open during term one and term two for applications to be added. CSEF payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

How the CSEF is paid

CSEF payments will be made directly to schools from March 2017 onwards.

Applications for parents or legal guardians

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing. Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in term one, as payments are made from March onwards. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

**Application forms are available from school.
Please contact the Office for more information.**