



Bridport Primary School

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IMPORTANT DATES 2021

March

Wed 3 Athletic Carnival (P- Gr 6)

Thur 4 Grip Leadership Conference,
Walking School Bus Starts

Fri 5 Gr 4/5/6 Long Jump, 5/6 High Jump
and Shot Put

Mon 8 Public Holiday

Wed 10 Gr 5/6 1500m, Gr 1/2 Outdoor
Classroom

Thur 25 School Association Meeting

Wed 31 Last Day of Term 1

April

Thur 1 Student Free Day

Wed 21 Term 2 Starts

Fri 30 School Photos

School Term Dates

Term 1 Wed 3rd Feb - Wed 31st
Mar

Easter Break Fri 2nd Apr - Tues 6th Apr

Term 2 Wed 21st Apr- Fri 2nd Jul

Term 3 Tues 20th Jul- Fri 24th Sep

Term 4 Mon 11th Oct - Thu 16th

Dec

Reminders

- There are **no** canteen orders for Prep – Grade 6 students on Athletic Carnival Day. **Kinder Qkr! orders only.**
- 2021 School levies can now be paid on the Qkr! app.
- The Walking School Bus is every Thursday 8:30 a.m. leaving from the Bridport town Library car park.

Dear Community

Athletic Carnival (Prep – Grade 6)

Our Athletic Carnival will be held tomorrow **Wednesday 3rd March**, at the Bridport Village Green starting at 9:15 a.m. and concluding at approximately 2:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the day will be changed to **Friday 5th March**.

Students are asked to bring a packed recess, lunch and plenty to drink on the day. There are **NO** canteen orders on the day for Prep – Grade 6 students.

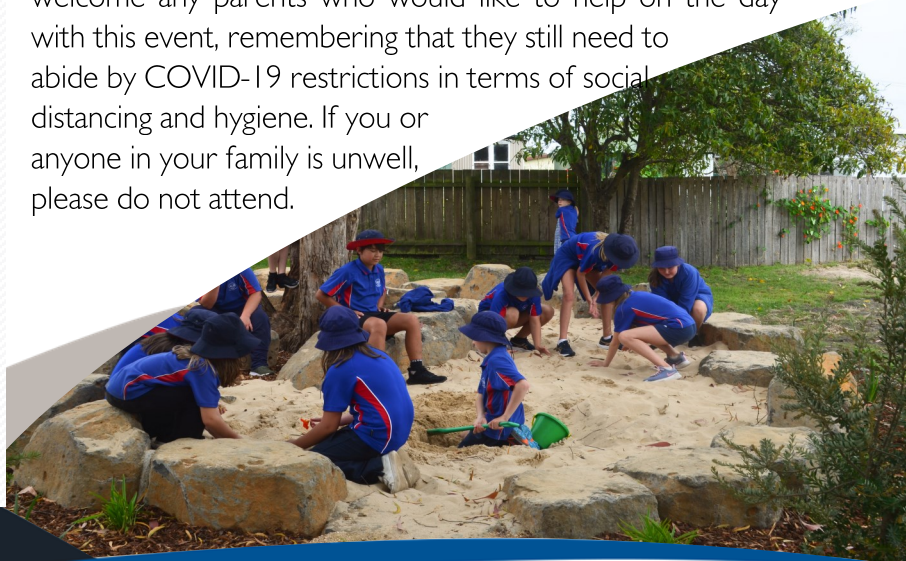
Please note that Kindergarten students do not participate in the Athletic Carnival. Kindergarten students can order from the canteen via the Qkr! app.

Parents are welcome to attend the carnival but we ask that you sit on the hill of the Village Green, and remember to social distance as per COVID-19 guidelines.

A green letter went home last week with further information.

Athletic Events (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

At this stage the Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put events are scheduled for **Friday 5th March** and will be held at school. The 1500 metre event will be held on **Wednesday 10th March** (time and location to be confirmed). We welcome any parents who would like to help on the day with this event, remembering that they still need to abide by COVID-19 restrictions in terms of social distancing and hygiene. If you or anyone in your family is unwell, please do not attend.



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School Association

The School Association Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 25th March**. As we have **four** positions vacant, we are calling for nominations for any people who are interested in becoming members of our School Association, which meets two to three times per term. The School Association is the primary parent group voice through which issues or concerns can be raised, policies are developed and important school decisions are made. Current issues include the development of the playground, fundraising and looking at the ways in which we can improve our school. Nomination forms are available at the school office. You are able to nominate a friend or yourself.

Student Leaders

Our Grade 6 SRC and House Captains will be attending a leadership day on Thursday 4th March.

Positive Behaviour Support

We have worked extremely hard to develop a strong, supportive school environment that focuses on the rewarding of students who are displaying positive behaviours. This is known as 'Positive Behaviour Support' (PBS). A key part of PBS has been the development of our three easily understood school rules/expectations: Be Safe, Be Fair and Show Care. Listed below are some ways in which we encourage and reward children:

PBS Raffle: Children are awarded raffle tickets when they are exhibiting positive behaviours. Children then place the raffle tickets in the PBS raffle box. A number of tickets are then drawn out at the end of each week. The winners then choose a prize from the PBS prize box.

Certificates: These are given for special achievements. Children may be awarded a Merit Certificate based around our values of Growth, Respect, Aspiration and Courage, which incorporates outstanding work or excellent behaviour.

These initiatives are in addition to the positive comments and individual classroom reward systems that are in operation in each class. We urge all parents to encourage their children to strive towards continuous improvement in their school work and to display exemplary behaviour in order to maximise their development.

Together we can then celebrate their success.

Mobile Phones

Please remind your children that if they choose to bring a mobile phone to school, then they need to hand it into the office for the day for safekeeping. This is in line with our Department of Education and school Mobile Phone Policy – 'Off and Away All Day'.

Eight Hour Day Public Holiday

Please note there is **no school** on Monday 8th March due to the Eight Hour Day public holiday. See you on Tuesday 9th March!

Kind regards,
Carol Stingel



Merit Awards

Prep: Growth: Jace for sounding out words and contributing to group discussions. **Respect:** Rory for always listening respectfully.

1/2 Hodgetts: Respect: Jayden S for always showing kindness and helping his classmates pack up without being asked. **Aspiration:** Isla for extending herself by doing research at home and bringing it in to share with her classmates.

1/2 Beard/Styles: Growth: James B for making an excellent effort to complete his tasks. **Courage:** Archer for his amazingly positive attitude towards all aspects of school and learning.

5/6 Dowde: Respect: Xavier for always being a polite and helpful member of our class. **Courage:** Amelia for always being willing to "have a go" at any given task.

5/6 Reid/Lynch: Aspiration: Maya for excellent presentation of all work. Your spelling journal is a pleasure to read. James C for being a super Maths enthusiast! Excellent attitude, effort and outcomes!

*The Grade 3/4 Classes were on an excursion when the assembly was held, so no certificates were awarded for these classes last week.

Mathletics

Silver Certificate: Adam, Mia, Xavier

Positive Behaviour Draw

Noah W-J, Oscar B, Olivia, Lexie R, Isla M, Jace, Taylor, Charlotte S, Catherine, Indi B, Chalice O, Xavier

Breakfast Club Co-ordinator Wanted

We are still looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the Breakfast Club. The breakfast club runs one morning a week from 8:10 - 9:10 a.m, and two parent volunteers assist each week on a rotating roster. The co-ordinator ensures we have food supplies for the week and reminds volunteers when they are rostered on each week. If you think you would like to be the co-

ordinator and have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card please advise the school office.

Staff Profiles

Name: Mrs Debbie Reid

Role & qualifications: Grade 5/6 classroom teacher

Interests/hobbies: ALEA (Australian Literacy Educators Association) executive for 15 years, interior design –



trained for two years prior to teaching degree, gardening – part of the open garden scheme, cooking – always cooking up a storm – have cooked for 40 & cooked a 7 course dinner for 20!

Pets: Grand-dog Alfie – Toy Cavoodle - if that counts – he loves me & I love him

Favourite food: Thai & Chinese

Favourite sports team: Richmond – compulsory according to my husband!

Interesting fact: Nanny Deb to Milla, Isla & Hallie-Mae – love them to bits!

Name: Mrs Jess Burke

Role & qualifications: Library and Teacher Assistant

Interests/hobbies: Spending time with good friends and family.

Pets: Bobby the bird (we thought Bobby was a boy, but now she lays eggs!)

Favourite food: I love way too much food.

Favourite sport team: I'm certainly no athlete... I don't follow sport. However I do enjoy watching my children (Jack & Elsie) play their sports.

Anything else of interest: I REALLY dislike country music!



Learning in Families Together (LIFT)

The *Learning in Families Together* (LIFT) in the Primary Years initiative was introduced by the Tasmanian Government in 2015 with an investment of \$17.75 million over four years. The initiative is aimed at targeting 4-8 year olds and their families. It is informed by the understanding that active, engaged parents have a significant impact on increasing learning and development outcomes for children.

The LIFT initiative was designed to help ensure that our children who need it most will have additional support during the important developmental stage between Kindergarten and Year 2.

The guiding principles behind the LIFT initiative are:

- Education of our children is a shared responsibility.
- Family and community engagement is critical for student academic success and well-being.
- Honest, respectful, two-way communication among schools, families and communities is crucial to effective partnerships.
- Effective family, school, community partnerships help improve achievement levels.
- Family-school-community partnerships benefit schools, families and communities by building capacity and providing mutual support.
- Families can learn ways to help their children at all ages if they are provided with the opportunity, variety of choices, and necessary support.
- Children progress well when they, their families and educators hold high expectations for their achievement in learning.
- Reflection and re-evaluation of the program will be ongoing throughout the year.

The LIFT initiative at Bridport has been implemented over the last four years by the LIFT Working Party, which is comprised of school staff, family and community members who meet on a monthly basis. The Bridport Primary School LIFT Working Party are committed to continuing the initiatives which they have been able to implement over the last four years of the program.

Some of these initiatives have included STEAM Family Challenges, parent information sessions on topics such as helping your child to read, healthy lunchbox ideas, the science of sleep and overcoming childhood worries. Other initiatives have included guest speakers such as Steve Biddulph and Mem Fox, the Fine Motor & Gross Motor Skills Expo, as well as the Oral Language Expo. We have also developed a variety of Family Learning Packs for children to use at home, as well as Oral Language Book Packs for borrowing. We have developed the Parent Library, located in the foyer of the school library, where families can relax on the comfy chairs and browse the books and resources they can borrow.

The LIFT Working Party are holding their first meeting for the year on Thursday March 4th and would welcome new members with an interest in furthering the aims of the LIFT initiative within our school community. For further information, please contact the schools LIFT Coordinator, Maree Grace.

GRADE 3/4 CLASSES EXCURSION TO HAGLEY FARM SCHOOL



Walking School Bus

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