



Bridport Primary School

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IMPORTANT DATES 2022

FEBRUARY

Wed 16 Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Wed 23 Launceston Cup Holiday – No School

MARCH

Wed 9 Athletic Carnival
Mon 14 8 Hours Day Holiday-No School

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 9th February – 14th April
Term 2 2nd May – 8th July
Term 3 26th July - 30th September
Term 4 17th October - 22nd December

REMINDERS

- Students require a bucket style hat for Term 1. Hats are available for purchase for \$10 cash from the school office.
- Please update your child/ren's profile on the Qkr! app

Dear Community,

Welcome back to the 2022 school year at Bridport Primary. I hope everyone had a most relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

With the continuing COVID guidelines, it is strongly recommended that all visitors to the school are vaccinated. All parents **must** wear a mask as they enter through the gate as per Department of Education guidelines. Parents and carers can go into the classroom but they need to follow all COVID-safe practices. They will need to wear a face mask (already on from entering the school site), use hand sanitiser, maintain a physical distance between other adults and check in using the Check in Tas app. They must only visit when necessary, for a short period of time – for example, school drop off and pick up, collecting uniforms, settling into the first day of Kindergarten, and collecting rapid antigen tests (RATs). Parents and carers do not need to do a RAT before entering school if they have no symptoms. **Stop, Drop and Go** is preferred, where appropriate.

Volunteers can support schools as they normally would, but must be vaccinated and should adhere to all COVID-safe practices at school

Children who are unwell

If children are unwell they are not to attend school. If they have a negative COVID result from the test, but are still showing symptoms of being unwell, then they are not to attend school until they are well. Any children showing symptoms of being unwell will be sent home.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be holding our 'Welcome back BBQ' or classroom meetings. Instead, please try to make contact with your children's classroom teachers



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through the online apps – Class Dojo or Storypark (Kinder). Teachers will also try to make contact with you to provide you with information about classroom routines and expectations.

A reminder that Public Health directives can change overnight and we need to be prepared for these changes.

Thankyou to all parents and carers for having students so beautifully attired and prepared for their first day of school. The day ran very smoothly with students enjoying their day, getting to know their teachers and catching up with friends. Thank you also to those parents who cheerfully followed COVID guidelines and wore masks whilst in the school grounds.

This year we welcome back Mrs Brittany Wheldon (formerly Miss Woods) who will be teaching part time on the Gr 1/2 class. We also welcome two new staff members– Miss Narelle Genge who will be teaching PE and sharing the Grade 5/6 Reid class on a Friday and Miss Ella Stewart who will be sharing the Grade 1/2 class with Mrs Wheldon.

A reminder to parents that our class structures for this year and their respective teachers are as follows:

Grade 5/6	Mrs Reid (Miss Genge every second Friday)
Grade 5/6	Mr Dowde
Grade 3/4	Mrs Brown
Grade 3/4	Mrs Purdon (Monday – Thursday) & Mrs Somerville-Hall (Friday)
Grade 1/2	Mrs Wheldon (Monday – Wednesday) & Miss Stewart (Thursday – Friday)
Grade 1/2	Miss Hodgetts (Monday – Thursday) & Mrs Baxter (Friday)
Prep	Miss Catlin
Kindergarten	Mrs Grace
Support teachers:	Mrs Cox, Mrs Somerville-Hall, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Waddingham & Mrs Hall
Music	Miss Salisbury

PE	Miss Genge
LiL	Mrs Waddingham

Our **teacher assistants** will be providing support to the classrooms as follows:

Kindergarten	Mrs Frost
Prep/1/2	Mrs Burke, Miss Gillespie, Mrs Gillespie
Grade 3/4	Mrs Gillespie, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Davis
Grade 5/6	Mrs Mundy, Miss Gillespie, Mrs Barclay
Library	Mrs Burke
Multi Lit	Miss Hayes
Oral Language	Ms Howard
School Nurse	Mrs Erb

School Times:

A reminder to parents of the school times which are set out below. Students should not arrive at school **before 8.30 a.m.** as there is no supervision until this time.

Start of class	9:00 a.m.
Recess	10:50 – 11:10 a.m.
Lunch	12:40 – 1:40 p.m.
End of school	3:00 p.m.

Our priorities this year continue to be Literacy – reading, spelling and writing and Numeracy along with Inquiry - to help further engage our students' interest in learning and deepen their understanding of various concepts. We will continue to embed our four core values of [Growth](#), [Respect](#), [Aspiration](#) and [Courage](#) with the intention to encourage all students to achieve to their full development.

A copy of the Bridport Behaviour Plan will be sent out next week as a reminder to everyone regarding our school expectations that help to maximise the learning of every student.

Thankyou to all of the staff who have helped prepare our school for the new school year – to Mr Brewy,

Mrs Burns & Mrs Whitmore for the preparation of the grounds and the classrooms, to Missy, Mrs Nunn and Mrs Chorley for the office administration, to our teacher assistants who have helped with various preparations throughout the school and to all of the teachers in the preparation of their classrooms and units of work ready for an exciting term.

Swimming Carnival – Grades 3-6 Only

Our swimming carnival has been scheduled for Wednesday, 16th February – in the second week back. Students will need to take their recess and lunch and plenty to drink as the canteen will be closed. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, parents are unable to attend the carnival. We apologise for any inconvenience regarding this. A letter has gone home today with further information.

Sun Protection Policy

A reminder to everyone, our Sun Protection Policy states that during Term, one hats (not caps), must be worn during the recess and lunch breaks. Children who do not have a sun-safe hat will be directed to play in the shade areas. Sun-safe hats are available for \$10.00 from the school office.

School Bus Capacity

The school bus that travels Waterhouse Rd/Bridport Rd has a maximum capacity that only allows for those students living on these bus routes to travel on the bus. Unfortunately at this point in time no other children are able to travel on the bus as we are unable to guarantee there would be space for them. Also, if your child will not be on the bus, please advise the school office **no later than 2:50 p.m.** so that the bus can leave on time.

In closing, I am sure that 2022 will be a year full of exciting learning experiences and challenges and I strongly encourage parents to work actively with teachers to maximise the learning outcomes for all of our students. With your support, your child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Kind Regards,

Carol Stingel

Canteen & the Qkr App

The canteen will begin operating next Wednesday 16th March for those Kinder, Prep and Grade 2 students at school. Grade 3-6 students will be at the swimming carnival and are unable to order. Before ordering online using the Qkr! App, please update your child's profile, including their 2022 class before ordering. A canteen menu will be sent home early next week.

Outdoor Learning Areas Re-Development

Have you seen the beautiful new outdoor learning space at the front of our school at the South Street entrance? Over the school holidays this space received a well overdue makeover. We are very happy with the results.

