

Brentwood Park Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES

2024 TERM 1
TERM 3

30TH JAN - 6TH APR
10TH JUL - 15TH SEP

TERM 2 24TH APR-23RD JUNE
TERM 4 2ND OCT - 20TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

09TH FEB
09TH FEB
13TH FEB
20/21ST FEB
23RD FEB

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:30 P.M.
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
PREP PIRATE DAY

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Start of School
It's pleasing to report to our community, the extremely smooth start to the school year. The unseasonably milder weather we are experiencing in the first week has certainly contributed. Although we can expect a hot weekend, it seems we will have a return to mild conditions for the start of our second week also.



On our first day of school this week, and with a current enrolment of **1003** students, books were quickly unpacked, welcomes and introductions exchanged and lessons readily commenced! Thanks are forwarded to the staff who worked so industriously in the week before the students commenced to ensure such a smooth start to the year. The classrooms were organized, colourful and welcoming!



The efforts of the children themselves, assisted by their parents, must also be acknowledged. The manner in which they commenced the 2024 school year is commendable!

Start of School

Our cohort of 116 Year Preps settled extremely well into their first day at school! With photographs taken by accompanying parents, final hugs were exchanged and the children soon became absorbed in their classroom activities. A number of the Year Prep classes, as part of their orientation to school, had the opportunity to visit the office!



The collage of photographs on the following page has captured the excitement and engagement of our first days of school for our newest cohort of students!!

School Injuries and Insurance

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you would also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.



Please be aware that the Department of Education does not hold accident insurance for school students, however, reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

The Department cannot advise parents on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase as individual families are likely to have differing needs.

Facilities Update - Interim Teaching Space

Although we had hoped that our capital works project would have been completed for the start of the new school year, the updated expected date of completion is now 1 March. We are fortunate that the temporary accommodation used through 2023, as teaching spaces for Year 4, were readily able to be utilized from our first day of 2024 without any inconvenience or disruption to student learning. Year 4LD, Year 4 TC and Year 4VK are, no doubt, monitoring the building's progression and are looking forward to the completion date, and occupying their new classrooms!

The builders were back onsite in early January and the interior of the new building is just about complete. Prior to school commencing, the concrete slabs forming the layout of the external landscaping was undertaken. The planting will be starting soon.



Unlawful Parking

Parents are reminded that it is unlawful to park across the driveways of residents and in the parking bays of local businesses such as the neighbouring milk bar and medical centre. Please be mindful of the rights of others.



Additionally, please be aware that parking within **20 metres before** a designated school crossing or **10 metres after** is also illegal.

In the past, parking compliance officers have been in attendance after school and have taken photographs of unlawfully parked vehicles. Parking infringement notices Have been issued for offenders.



Sometimes it is best to park away from the school, in the adjoining streets, and walk the children to and from school, and if needed, cross Bemersyde Drive at the supervised crossing



Additionally, parents are also reminded to please abide by the lawful requirements of the **Drop Off and Pick Up Zone**.

Chinese Language and Culture

This year, the *Chinese New Year* officially begins on Saturday 10 February and will end on February 25th. It is the biggest festival in China. With the population of China estimated to be more than 1.4 billion and with the population of overseas Chinese having grown to more than 50 million, 19.6% of people in the world will be celebrating Chinese New Year Day.

Chinese New Year is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year with the first new moon on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

This year, it is the **Year of the Dragon**, more specifically, *Wood Dragon*, starting from February 10th, 2024, and lasting until January 28th,



FIRST DAYS IN PREP 2024



Staffing at Brentwood Park 2024

Principal
Assistant Principals

Jim Bell
Jenny Reid and Jo-anne Doran

Accounts Payable / Human Resources

Maree Dale / Barb Scott / Sue Moore

Accounts Receivable / Facilities

Barb Scott / Sue Moore

Office Manager / Administration

Mandy Scarlett [Monday—Thursday] Administration Support Kat Oram [Friday]

First Aid / Office Administration

Ros Cleversley

Year Prep	Tania Lucas	Room 1
Year Prep	Rebecca Crellin	Room 2
Year Prep	Bronwyn Coombs	Room 3
Year Prep	Marissa Shami	Room 4
Year Prep	Lyn Pearse	Room 5
Tutor	Michelle Dodds EFT 0.6	
Year 1	Aranee Udayakumar	Room 17
Year 1	Sarah Martin	Room 18
Year 1	Sibel Durak	Room 19
Year 1	Nicole Garrett	Room 20
Year 1	Chanel Blair / Mel Dennis	Room 22
Tutor	Sally Morris EFT 0.6 [additional assistance] Melissa Evans EFT 0.6 [additional assistance]	
Year 2	Cathi Priest	Room 6
Year 2	Megan Spencer	Room 21
Year 2	Carolyn Hilton / Donna Clayton	Room 33
Year 2	Emily Calabria	Room 34
Year 2	Linh Dang	Room 35
Year 2	Amy Kleinsmit	Room 36
Tutor	Angela Vetsicas EFT 0.7 [tutor]	
Year 3	Alyce Bagnall	Room 29
Year 3	Jasmine Hill	Room 30
Year 3	Shelley-Anne Adams	Room 31
Year 3	Amanda Low	Room 32
Year 3	Amy Macartney	Room new Mod 5
Year 3	Georgia Albertella	Room new Mod 5
Tutor	Trish Shaw EFT 0.7 [tutor]	
Year 4	Diandra Giroletti	Room 27
Year 4	Eden de Robillard	Room 28
Year 4	Natasha Cooper	Performing Arts
Year 4	Laura Dube	Performing Arts
Year 2	Natasha Macallister / Jessica Ferguson	Music Room beside Visual Arts
Year 4	Vicki Kromlidis	Music Room of Gymnasium
Tutor	Lily Scoular-Brown EFT 0.7 [tutor]	
Year 5	Shanitha Maharaj / Linda Moore	Room 11
Year 5	Beth Seaman	Room 12
Year 5	Rylee Hepburn	Room 23
Year 5	Kate Marsden	Room 24
Year 5	Ebony Bashford	Room 25
Year 5	Courtney Warren	Room 26
Tutor	Linda Moore EFT 0.7 [tutor]	
Year 6	Kim Wilkinson	Room 7
Year 6	Leanne Maslen	Room 8
Year 6	Jasmine Dickens	Room 9
Year 6	Mark Swift	Room 10
Year 6	Judy Anderson / Ben Maloney	Rooms 38/39 [mod 4 classroom]
Year 6	Kim Renshaw	

Digital Technologies
Health and Physical Education
Visual Arts
Performing Arts
Chinese [Mandarin]
Leadership Responsibilities

Lisa Lilley / Daisy He / Michelle Conroy
Jim Narayan, Erin Walters / Michelle Conroy
Jessica Murphy / Bree Stribbles
Kenneth Mills / Felicity Charrett
Chunyan Zhang and Shuyue [Daisy] He
Judy Anderson, Ben Maloney, Heather Ghazarian, Carolyn Hilton, Sharlene Marsche, Mel Dennis and Natasha Macallister

Integration Aides

Sandra Hess, Jill Strafford, Jo Morris, Anthea Barry, Natalie Bourke, Belinda Smalley, Paula Dumesny, Chelcey Mustapha, Rebecca Watson, Siobhan Hepburn, Larisa Schweitzer, Joelle Stanley, Kayla Bashford and Melinda Clancy.

Maintenance
Multi Media
Technician
School Chaplain

Daryl West and Sapu Weerakkody
Annette Wright, Josephine Tan and Veronica Carvajal
Damien Hawkins
Jess Fitzpatrick

Introducing our 2024 School Captains

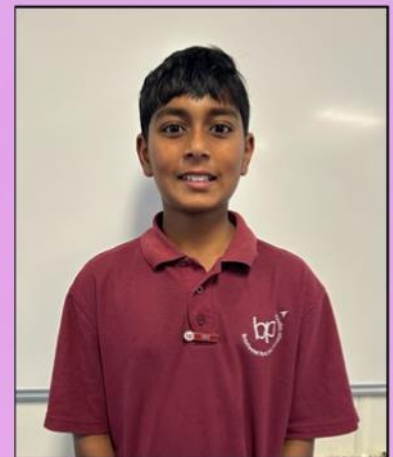


School Captain
Inaaya



Vice Captain
Aarav

Vice Captain
Angel



School Captain
Vishvan

*Congratulations, to our
school captains for 2024.*

*Thank you to our 2023 school
captains who have shown great
leadership skills. We wish you all the
best for your future endeavours.*





Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during and after school hours
- Only \$22.00 per child per small group lesson (max 5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

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Reducing the Risk COVID-19

The maintaining of social distancing and personal hygiene habits which includes washing hands thoroughly and practising good sneeze/cough etiquette are all measures we can all take to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



1 COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.



3 If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.

WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.



Stay germ free and healthy

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Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1 Wet your hands.

Put soap on your hands.



3 Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Rinse your hands under running water.



5 Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

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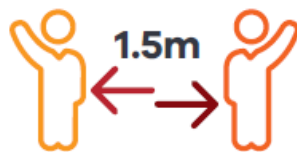


CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school
- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly.



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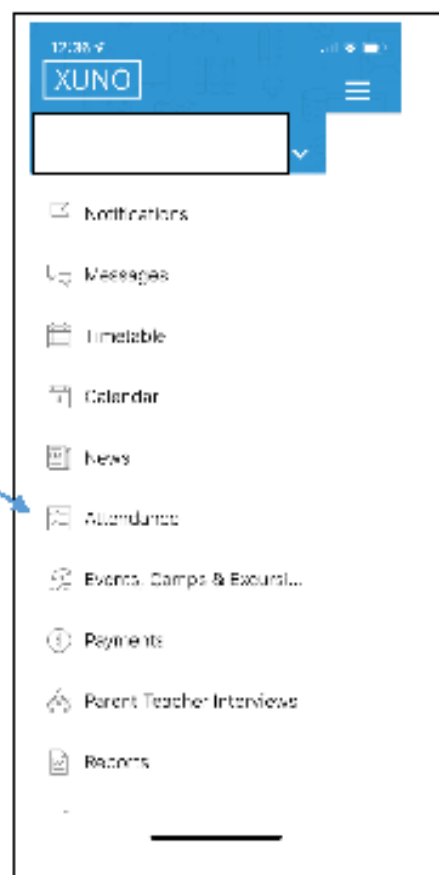
Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

- fever
- shortness of breath
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or runny nose.



HOW TO MARK ABSENCES IN XUNO

1. Click on "Attendance"



2. Click on blue box