

Brentwood Park Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES

2024 TERM 1
TERM 330TH JAN - 28TH MARCH
15TH JUL - 20TH SEPTERM 2
TERM 415TH APR - 28TH JUNE
7TH OCT - 20TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

 11TH MAR
12TH MAR
13-15TH MAR
12-15TH MAR
28TH MAR
15TH APR

 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—STUDENT FREE DAY
YEARS ONE & TWO SWIMMING PROGRAM BEGINS
NAPLAN
YEAR SIX CAMP—PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT
FINAL DAY OF TERM ONE - FINISH 2:30 PM
TERM TWO BEGINS

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

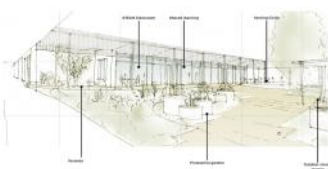
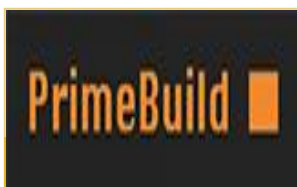
JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Official Opening - Year 4 Facility
As informed previously, the official opening of our newly completed Year 4 facility was conducted on Friday 1 March. Our whole school assembly which commenced at 11:30 a.m. was preceded by a tour of the facility by the official guests who had arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Our official guests were:

- Mr Lee Tarlamis MLC
- Mr Brad Battin MLA
- Mr Gary Maas MLA
- Victoria Golding, senior education improvement leader
- Representatives of *ffstudio*, our principal architect
- Representatives of the *Victorian Schools Building Authority [VSBA]* and
- Representatives of *Prime Build*, our contracted builder.



Official Opening - Year 4 Facility
Our student leaders met our guests upon arrival and conducted the entire assembly admirably.



Following the acknowledgement of country and the singing of the Australian National Anthem, our guests were officially welcomed and Mr Lee Tarlamis MLC was invited to speak to all assembled.

As always, the responsible behaviour and respect shown by our students was noted and positively commented upon by all of our guests

As a school community, we were justifiably proud! A collage of photographs capturing the occasion is in this week's newsletter!

Official Opening Year 4 facility!



Cross Country 2024

Our school's cross country event will be held on Wednesday 27th March for which students will be grouped according to age. The schedule is as follows:

BOYS AND GIRLS WILL RUN TOGETHER IN THE 9/10, 11 and 12 YEAR OLD CATEGORY. THE JUNIOR SCHOOL RACES WILL BE SINGLE SEX RACES.

- 9.15a.m Years 3 to 6 arrive at Kambrya College oval
- 9.20a.m 12 Year old age group
- 9.45a.m 11 Year old age group
- 10.10a.m all Years 3 and 4 (9/10 year age group) except students turning 11

RECESS

- 11.10a.m Years Prep to 2 arrive at Kambrya College oval
- 11.15a.m Prep students
- 11.30a.m Year 1 students
- 11.50a.m Year 2 students

Staff will assist with supervision and management of students when age groups are running

Please note that these times are a guide and we would like to keep the program moving. Events may start marginally earlier or later than the programmed time.

This year the course is similar to 2023 due to construction, however, the course has changed slightly due to Kambrya's construction. The course begins and finishes at Kambrya College (back oval, access via our back gate). We will have Kambrya College students leading all races to ensure our students know where to run.

To increase the atmosphere of the cross country, all classes from Year 3 to 6 will need to be on Kambrya's oval at 9.15. Years Prep to 2 at 11.10 a.m.

The students will running for selection in the school cross-country team (Years 4 to 6). They are also running for their house team. The first 10 runners in each age group receive 20 house points, the next 10 runners receive 15 house points, the next 10 runners receive 10 house points and the remaining runners receive 5 house points.

As the students are running for their house teams, please encourage them to wear appropriate colours, along with suitable footwear.



As always, parents are encouraged to attend to cheer the children on!

Jim Narayan and Erin Walters H. & P. E.






Cultural Diversity Week

This year, **Cultural Diversity Week** is **18—24 March**. It's an opportunity to bring everyone together to celebrate our state's diverse and powerful multicultural communities.



Multiculturalism is a core part of the Victorian identity and the identity of **Brentwood Park Primary School**. Our state is home to people who speak 290 languages and have 314 different ancestries. Our school has 35 different languages represented.

Top 10 countries of birth - parents

	Name	Number	Percent
	India	643	32.94%
	Australia	337	17.26%
	Sri Lanka	296	15.16%
	China	221	11.32%
	Pakistan	52	2.66%
	Bangladesh	49	2.51%
	Korea, Republic of	36	1.84%
	Malaysia	35	1.79%
	Afghanistan	32	1.64%
	United Kingdom	30	1.54%

This year, the **Cultural Diversity Week** theme is **"Our Shared Stories—Celebrating Together"**. During Cultural Diversity Week, on Thursday 21st March 2024, Brentwood Park Primary School will celebrate **Harmony Day**. The aim of the day is to celebrate our cultural diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone!

Teachers and students are encouraged to wear their cultural costumes to celebrate their cultural heritage, or they can choose a country's costume to wear. If they don't have a cultural costume, they can dress up in **ORANGE** e.g. orange t-shirt, and/or shorts, hair ribbons etc. **Orange** is the colour chosen to represent **Harmony Day**. Traditionally, **orange** signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something **orange** during **Harmony Day** to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia!



2024

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and/or shorts, hair ribbons etc.

At 9:15 to 10:15am we will be entertained by performances from some of our students
and their family members in the gymnasium.

Parents welcome.

To conclude the day, at 2:30pm on the basketball court 'Melanesian Infusion' will per-
form

Parents welcome.

All performances are free.

Melanesian Infusion



Melanesian Infusion immerses participants in the rich cultural experience of Solomon Islands and the traditional art forms untouched by the outside world. Natty is a prominent figure from the Lau Tribe with over three decades of professional experience playing wooden log drums, bamboo instruments, and traditional seed rattles and shakers. Through storytelling, traditional singing, chants, instruments and dance from the Solomon Islands, Natty aims to preserve the traditional cultures by sharing knowledge and providing a global experience and perspective unique to Melanesia.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Monday the 4th of March, 22 students proudly represented Brentwood Park in the district swimming competition at Doveton Pool. There was some excellent swimming on the day, especially from Noah who placed 3rd in the 9/10 boys freestyle and Lawrence who placed 3rd in the 11yr boys backstroke! We are really proud of all the students who competed today and gave their best efforts. We look forward to seeing all the up and coming swimmers for next years swim trials!



DISTRICT AND HOT SHOTS TENNIS



District tennis results



In a separate tournament held on full size tennis courts, Kotone, Daniya and Aarav competed in the district championships.

All of these players were tremendous and their efforts were outstanding.

Aarav got off to a rocky start where despite excellent skill, lost his first couple of games. He was quick to turn it around however, and managed to secure the win for the last couple of games. We are really pleased with his determination and positive attitude throughout the day! Congratulations, Aarav!

Kotone was outstanding in her performance, winning all of her games throughout the day resulting in her winning the girls' competition for the day! Daniya also displayed exceptional skill winning almost all of her games on the day and as a result she placed second in the girls' competition! Due to their amazing skill, determination and dedication, both girls will now progress through to the division tennis tournament held later this term! We wish the girls the best of luck!



Hot Shots results

On Wednesday, 17 students competed in the 'Hot Shots' tennis tournament. This is a great event that is aimed at introducing students to the game of tennis. The team was selected and training was held during lunchtimes. In a very short period of time, the team improved, learning the modified game. The tournament involved singles and doubles on a court reduced in size and played in an eight minute period.

Our school got off to a terrific start with both boys and girls winning almost all of their games. This trend continued throughout the day. The conditions were hot and the competition was tough, however, our students maintained a high standard of tennis and were extremely smart in their decision making and skill level. The day couldn't have finished better with both the boys' and girls' teams winning the entire day! The sportsmanship, enthusiasm and skills displayed on the day was outstanding!

Congratulations must be given to every single player for their individual contributions to the team and we wish them the best of luck competing at division in term 4:

Boys team: Blake, Rahilnor, Rod, Harshwath, Aashwath, Sidd, Riley, Sean and Sam.

Girls team: Kayla, Kimaansha, Savithmee, Alara, Reina, Sashenya, Saanvi and Maanya.



Last Week In Performing Arts

Foundation

enjoyed playing egg shakers!



Grade 1

practised saying and writing
rhythms using zoo animal
cards and caterpillar bodies.



Becoming Buddies

LOTS OF FUN IN 6JD AND ORC
MEETING OUR BUDDIES AND
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Term 1

Week ending 29th February, 2024

0BC	Rushna	for always giving 100% to every task you do. You are a superstar and we are so lucky to have you in 0BC.
0LP	Kaylee	for being a classroom SUPERSTAR! Your work is ALWAYS beautifully presented and you have FANTASTIC LISTENING SKILLS. Well done, Kaylee!
0MS	Nyla	for writing an amazing sentence independently about Pirate Day. You made some excellent spelling choices! Well done.
0RC	Dhruvi	for being a helpful member of the class and sharing your thoughts and ideas.
0TL	Austin	for being a kind, friendly and helpful member of 0TL.
1AU	Maeve	for making progress with her skip counting.
1CM	Ava	well done for contributing during class discussions and for trying your best with all your work. Keep being amazing!
1NG	Tharu	you included the 5w's and time connectives such as 'first', 'next', 'after that' when writing your recount about our police visit. Super effort!
1SM	Anthony	for making a huge improvement in focus and concentration. Keep up the great work!
1SD	Claire	for being a super speller of the Oxford Words!
2AK	Kaarthikeya	for teaching the class about global warming.
2CP	Talaesia	for always helping others and being a good friend. Thank you!
2EC	Ellie	for trying her personal best in all areas of her learning. Well done!
2LD	Amy	for working independently and effectively all the time. You have set an example for everyone in our class. Keep up your great work.
2MS	Vihaan	for expanding four digit numbers with confidence.
2CD	Kanish	for completing detailed 'work on comprehension' tasks this week.
3AB	Rithika	for correctly writing numbers in the expanded form. Well done!
3AM	Maverick	for his 'you can do it' attitude and determined focus to all his learning tasks this week. You're a star!
3JH	Nikeeta	for always being the first to offer a helping hand. You are a terrific friend to others.
3AL	Nevin	for always showing the school values. Keep up the amazing work.
3GA	Cynthia	for showing responsibility in her actions. Keep up the great attitude!
3SA	Georgia	for consistently showing persistence and resilience when facing challenges these past weeks. Keep it up!
4ED	Jackson	for taking on difficult maths tasks and pushing yourself to challenging your thinking. Keep it up!
4DG	Philo	for an incredible effort during our Big Write. We loved your use of VCOP. Keep up the excellent work, Philo!
4LD	Bennett	for being a mature class member who makes good choices regarding your learning. You are a role model to your peers. Keep up the great work.
4TC	Jade	in recognition for the hard work and dedication you have shown during each maths session. Keep up the amazing work.
4VK	Mahir	for being a FANTASTIC I.T. assistant, solving issues. Wonderful work, Mahir!
4NJ	Methmi	for always contributing to class discussions.
5CW	Sadie	for attempting to challenge your mathematical thinking by turning remainders into decimals.
5EB	Anas	for his effort and enthusiasm when completing multiplication and division tasks in maths. Well done!

Term 1

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5RH	Aidan	for showing resilience and excellence by successfully multiplying decimals.
5KM	Aaryan	for his outstanding maths this week and continuing to challenge yourself. Keep it up!
5BM	Sahana	for consistently demonstrating the school value of teamwork in class.
5SM	Aathish	for using excellent vocabulary in his writing. WOW!
6KW	Kayla	for demonstrating the school values in her excellent approach to her learning.
6JD	Jathu	for challenging yourself in maths this week and showing persistence and excellence.
6KR	Ramsay	for demonstrating our school value of responsibility as you work diligently on your handwriting at home. You've got this!!
6LM	Ashwin	for consistently demonstrating the school value of teamwork in class.
6MS	Harry	always giving 100% effort. Your positive attitude and calm nature make you a great role model.

SPECIALIST

CHINESE-DAISY 5RH	well done on learning the new song 'Happy New Year' in Chinese.
CHINESE-CHUNYAN 2CP	for excellent cleaning up of your classroom after the paper cutting activity. Well done, 2CP.
DIGITAL TECH-LISA 2AK	for showing excellent keyboard skills, keeping your fingers on the home keys using Jungle Junior.
MEDIA-DAISY 5KM	well done on learning what are binary numbers and starting your binary coding activity.
PA-KENNETH 4DG	for a great lesson consolidating our knowledge of woodwind and brass instruments.
PA-FELICITY 2CD	for consistently working hard in performing arts classes, showing enthusiasm, collaborating well and showing respect to me and each other.
PE-ERIN 4TC	well done to everyone for being able to correctly overarm throw a tennis ball and vortex.
PE-JIM/MICHELLE 6LM	for demonstrating excellent throwing techniques with tennis balls and the vortex.
VISUAL ART-JESS 1NG	for the fantastic care and effort you put in when using soft pastels this week.
VISUAL ART-BREE 5BM	for demonstrating an excellent understanding of overlapping and cropping to create a composition for your painting.
LIBRARY 5KM	for being responsible in returning your books promptly. You were amazing and respectful in the library too. Well done!
CHINESE-CHUNYAN 3JH	for excellent engagement in learning Chinese characters and beautiful papercutting afterwards. Great start, 3JH.

Newsletter

A message from your Coordinator

At the midpoint of Term 1, reflecting on our progress is truly uplifting. We're thrilled about the exciting programming ahead for the upcoming week, offering fresh challenges and collaborative learning experiences. Meanwhile, don't forget that bookings are now open for the Rocketeers holiday program, with the nearest site being Berwick Lodge. Here's to another week of shared accomplishments and the opportunity to explore more in the upcoming holiday program!



Important reminder—please ensure you are making your bookings as early as possible. We may not be able to accept walks in due to ratios and department regulations. please also remember to cancel any bookings you do not require. So that educators are aware that your child will not be attending the session.



Activities coming up

- Sensory Rainbows
- Dancing Colours Experiment
- Nature Collages



What's on the menu

- Pasta Marinara
- Banana Cake
- Vegetable Noodles

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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BARRYPLANT EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

PRIZES:

OVER ALL OFFICE PRIZE - 10KG CADRIJRY BLOCK

1ST IN EACH AGE CATEGORY - EASTER EGG HAMPER

Terms and Conditions

Entry is open to children aged 17 years and under, and must be returned to Barry Plant Berwick, Pakenham or Uroum by 5pm Friday, 22nd March. Prizes will be awarded for three different groups 0-4 years, 5-8 years & 9-12 years. Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered. Winners will be notified by telephone or email, please ensure details are correct. Please refer to the Barry Plant privacy policy at barryplant.com.au/privacy-statement.

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____



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Felicity is starting a Year 1-3 Choir



Are you in grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 and love to sing? —then join the new school choir!

Each Thursday lunchtime for the first half of lunch, Felicity will be holding choir rehearsal in the Junior Performing Arts room (near the oval).

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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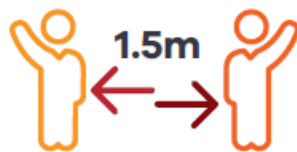


CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

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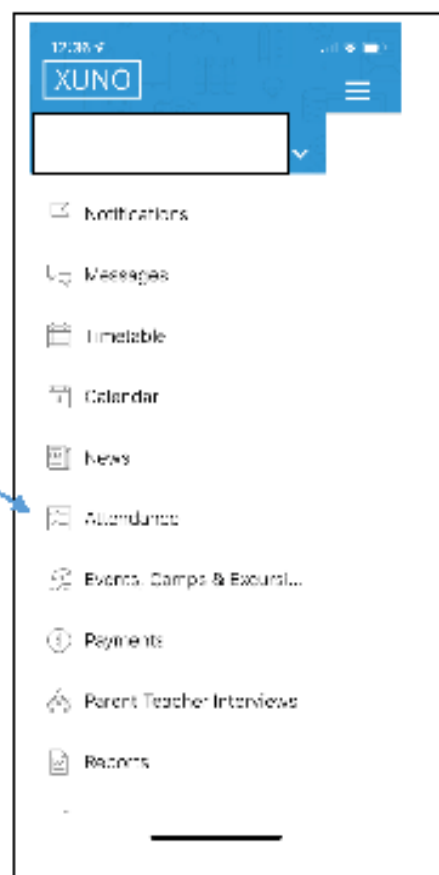
Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

- 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