

TERM DATES 2025 **TERM 1** 28TH JAN - 4TH APRIL **TERM 2** 22ND APR - 4TH JULY
 TERM 3 21ST JUL - 19TH SEP **TERM 4** 6TH OCT - 19TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

21 FEB **PREP PUPIL FREE DAY- INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS ONLY**
 28 FEB **PREP PIRATE DAY**
 10 MAR **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—PUPIL FREE DAY**

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections 2025

School councils play a key role in Victorian Government schools. Effective councils have a wide range of skills, expertise and knowledge to support good governance and provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. The annual school council election process provides an opportunity to attract members keen to add value and bring their expertise and skills to assist governance of the school.

We are currently seeking nominations for parents wishing to stand for election.

A parent can be nominated and seconded as a candidate on a completed nomination form or self nominate for the position. The nomination form needs to be returned to the principal by **Friday 21 February**.



Please consider standing for election in 2025.

Student Leaders

Joining our school captains in their student leadership positions are our newly elected house captains and specialist captains who were announced at last weeks' assembly.

Congratulations are extended to the following house captains:

CARDINIA Jayden F and Kimaansha A
AKOONAH Edward M and Meghana S
GARDINER Jackson M and Shaelee K
CASEY Affaan S and Lexi O

Congratulations are extended to the following Specialists Captains:

VISUAL ARTS: Rick R and Sama M
PERFORMING ARTS: Kokila P and Christabelle M
CHINESE: Yuxuan C and Alice [Yuxiao] Z
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY: Alfie S and Daniyal F
LIBRARY: Mackenzie F and Rylee P-P

Year Prep Fulltime Attendance

CAMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA)

The CAMHS and School Early Action – CASEA Group is an early intervention mental health program delivered by Monash Health mental health clinicians in partnership with the school. It is a program of the *Early in Life Mental Health Service (ELMHS)* of *Monash Health*. The health clinicians provide support to our community, including staff, students and families.

CASEA is working with the school on Fridays, providing a range of different services and support. If you have any questions about the team, please reach out to *Mel Dennis* or *Jenny Reid*.



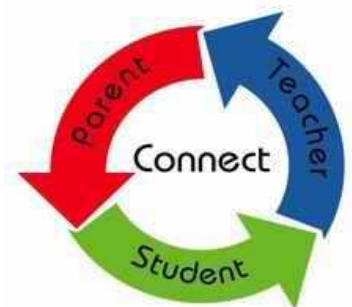
CAMHS and Schools Early



Parent - Teacher Interviews

In the past, Parent//Teacher Interviews were generally conducted in the final week of term, however, this year, staff would like to meet with parents earlier to discuss how students have settled into school and how they are progressing with their learning. As such, *Parent -Teacher Interviews* will be conducted on **3, 4 and 5 March**.

The interviews will not be a time to discuss academic achievement, more so, they will form part of a “*getting to know you*” process to share children's interests, medical needs and learning goals from respective perspectives.



Parents will be notified on *Xuno* when interview time slots are available for booking!

Parents are encouraged to attend!

Schedule 4 - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of **BRENTWOOD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on **Friday 21 February 2025**.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on **7 March 2025**.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	<u>Term of office</u>	<u>Number of positions</u>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	4
DoE employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Jim Bell
Principal

“Electorate of the school” means the Department of Education [DoE] employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.

“Parent electorate of the school” means all persons (except the principal) who are parents of students of the school, other than those who are DoE employees.

Notes:

“DoE employee electorate of the school” means the principal of the school and –

DoE employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are parents of students of the school) and other DET employees who are parents of students of the school.

“DoE employee” –

means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -

- (i) under the *Teaching Service Act 1981*; or
- (ii) under the *Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998*; or
- (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
- (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the *Education Act 1958*; or
- (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and

does not mean a person employed under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.

Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

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.

Privacy Reminder for our School Community

The Department of Education and Training, which includes all Victorian Government Schools, central and Regional Offices collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). The management of "personal information" and "health information" is governed by the Privacy and data protection Act 2014 [Vic] and Health Records Act 2001 Vic] which are collectively known as the Victorian Privacy Law. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website www.brentwoodparkps.vic.gov.au We ask parents to review the [guidance on how we operate safely](#) at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

Additionally, after reviewing the guidance, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using information communication technologies, please contact the school.



For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Reminder

Parents are reminded to please abide by the lawful requirements of the **Drop Off and Pick Up Zone**.

With due consideration, everyone benefits.



International Mother Language Day

Friday 21 February is **International Mother Language Day**. It is a worldwide annual observance to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism.

With approximately **8,324** languages in the world today, many are at risk of disappearing due to globalization and societal changes. Ensuring that education systems support the right to learn in one's mother tongue is crucial for improving learning outcomes, as students who are taught in a language they fully understand show better comprehension, engagement, and critical thinking skills. Multilingual education, particularly for minority and indigenous languages, not only helps learners but also fosters a deeper connection between education and culture, contributing to more inclusive and equitable societies.

This year marks the **25th International Mother Language Day**. The 25th anniversary of International Mother Language Day celebrates a quarter-century of efforts to preserve linguistic diversity and promote mother tongues. This milestone emphasizes the importance of language preservation in safeguarding cultural heritage, improving education, and fostering more peaceful societies.

First announced by UNESCO on 17 November 1999, it was formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly. **Mother Language Day** is part of a broader initiative *"to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world"*

The idea to celebrate **International Mother Language Day** was the initiative of Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, 21 February is the anniversary of the day when people of Bangladesh [then east Pakistan] fought for recognition for the Bangla language. At Brentwood Park Primary School, we are enriched by our cultural diversity with **43** different languages represented.. Our school has **626 students** who speak a language other than English at home. This equates to **62.23% of our enrolment**. Of these students, **26** speak **Bengali**,

Top 10 countries of birth - parents

	Name	Number	Percent
	India	635	32.53%
	Sri Lanka	314	16.09%
	Australia	306	15.68%
	China	222	11.37%
	Pakistan	57	2.92%
	Bangladesh	42	2.15%
	Malaysia	39	2.00%
	Afghanistan	31	1.59%
	Korea, Republic of	31	1.59%
	United Kingdom	27	1.38%

Introducing our 2025 House Captains



Cardinia

Jayden and Kimaansha

Akoonah

Eddie and Meghana



Gardiner

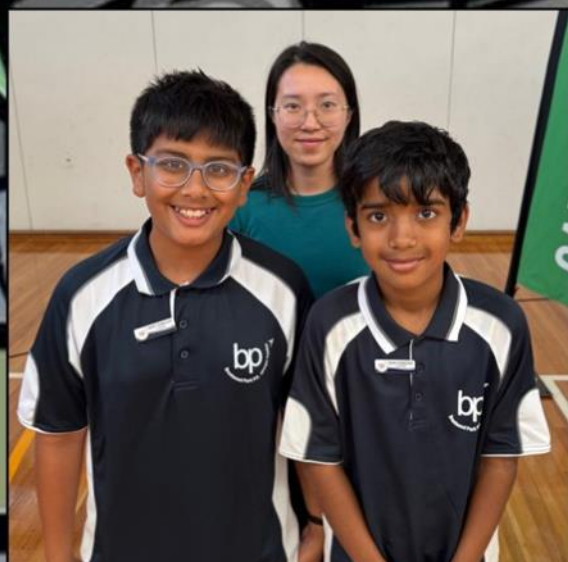
Jackson and Shaelee

Casey

Lexi and Affaan



Introducing our 2025 Specialist Captains



Visual Arts—Rick and Sama
Performing Arts—Christabelle and Kokila
Chinese—Yuxuan and Alice
Digital Technologies—Alfie and Daniyal
Library—Mackenzie and Rylee





Chinese New Year at my house
By Lawrence Sun 6MS
School captain



Hello! My name is Lawrence and this is how my family celebrated Chinese New Year at home. On Chinese New Year's Eve which was the 28th of January, my family made a special dinner consisting of fish, chicken, soup, chopped potatoes, carrots and other vegetables. My parents first took a family photo and then my parents took out the red pockets. My sister was first and then my brother Terrence who is in 5E8. They both received money and they went to put their money under their pillows. Then, it came to my turn.




This year, it is the year of the snake which is my zodiac sign together with all of the people who were born in 2013. I received extra money as it was my year of the zodiac so I was delighted.

The next day, my mum's best friend from China came to our house to have a special Chinese New Year dinner. We had dumplings and in a few of the dumplings, there were coins. If you had a coin, it meant you had good luck on the year. We also had salmon, and a beautiful soup with vegetables. We took a big photo with all of us. Thank you and xīn nián kuài lè (Happy New Year!)



Term 1

Week ending 14 February, 2025

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1AU	Chengcheng	for being a great role model and setting a positive example from the start! You're a star!
1CM	Aadya	your confidence in class has been amazing this week. Keep asking questions and seeking answers! Fantastic effort, Aadya!
1NG	Avnoor	you're a star Avnoor because you have had a fantastic start at BPPS! You quickly made friends and have shown great enthusiasm, courage and a positive attitude.
1MS	Jayden	for showing bravery and resilience everyday.
1SL	Heidi	you always help with tidying up and organising the classroom. Whenever other students need help you always are the first one to offer and show your kindness. Great work!
2SM	Renusha	for always bringing enthusiasm to every lesson, sharing her ideas with confidence and giving her best effort in all tasks.
2KM	Tania	your focus during CAFÉ reading and writing. You have made good progress.
2EC	Mason	for trying your personal best in writing this week. You did an amazing job!
2LM	Tanishka	for having a positive attitude towards all learning areas and tasks. You're a star!
2BC	Pramiti	for your outstanding attitude to your learning. You are a role model for others and show all our school values.
2CH	Joanna	for confidently sharing your connections with our whole grade CAFÉ books this week.
3AB	Tristan	for sharing our school values and completing all your work. Well done!
3AM	Noah	for answering literal questions about 'The Blue Whale' in full sentences.
3DB	Ava	for trying your best, contributing to class discussions and following the school values. You've settled in wonderfully at BPPS. Well done!
3AL	Pratham	for always putting your hand up to help in class, for being diligent and for always doing the right thing. You are an absolute superstar Pratham!
3GA	Lexie	for her great attitude in class. You are amazing Lexie!
3SM	Amelia	for always being respectful and responsible.
4SA	Danuji	for your positive attitude towards learning and always showing the value of excellence!
4DG	Kaden	for your eagerness to participate in your learning and ask clarifying questions to improve your understanding. Well done, Kaden!
4HC	Liam C	for showing the value of respect in the way he treats others.
4TC	Nuriyah	for showing excellence in everything you do!
4VK	Denendre	for giving a superb speech with a confident voice to become the class representative for 2025.
	Ayaan	for giving a wonderful SRC speech and becoming the Vice Representative. Great effort!
4JF	Avneet	for her fabulous work on her CAFÉ review!
5CW	Mahlia	for following instructions and being organised.
5EB	Ethan	for the kindness and acceptance he has shown towards his classmates. You have been very inclusive! Well done!
5RH	Isabella	for showing excellence in completing all of your tasks this week. You consistently went above and beyond in all of your tasks. Keep up the great work!

Term 1

Week ending 14 February, 2025

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- 5MT** Liam for putting in such a good effort into your work and trying your best even when it's hard. I am so proud of you! Well done!
- 5BM** Uday for your effort and determination this week. You took on challenges and gave it your all. Well done!
- 5JD** Sithmi for her amazing display of the school values of excellence and teamwork during her learning this week. Well done!
- 6KW** Arianna for keeping her maths book neat and organised and showing her working out. Keep up the good work!
- 6MB** Onari for writing such a creative and descriptive cold write about your first week of year six. Well done!
- 6ED** Jordan for demonstrating outstanding persistence during mathematics this week. You pushed yourself towards excellence! Keep up the incredible work!
- 6KR** Nicholas for demonstrating our school value of excellence as you settle into year six at a new school, learning so many new ways.
- 6LM** Angel for an amazing start to your final year in Primary School.
- 6MS** Shenal for your enthusiastic approach to learning. You make valuable contributions to our classroom discussions.

SPECIALIST

CHINESE-DAISY

6MS congratulations on your hard work and dedication! Keep up the great effort in learning 6MS!

CHINESE-CHUNYAN/SARAH

4JF for your excellent engagement and great quality in the making of the paper snake. Great start, 4JF!

DIGITAL TECH-LISA

3DB your touch typing skills are really improving using Typing Club program. CONGRATULATIONS.

MEDIA-LIMING

5JD thank you for your enthusiasm, creativity and responsible use of technology. Keep up the great work, 5JD!

PA-KENNETH

4DG for a great lesson composing rhythm patterns and connecting them to say and play 16 bars of music with no breaks.

PA-FELICITY

2BC for displaying great listening skills and rotating smoothly between instruments.

PE-ERIN

5EB for an amazing start to the year in sport! Your efforts and enthusiasm is outstanding. Keep up the great work.

PE-JIM/SARAH

6LM for the class displaying the school values and applying them in our PE lesson of high jump. A very impressive class.

VISUAL ART-JESS

2EC for the focus and effort your displayed during our lesson while drawing amazing sunflowers. Well done!

VISUAL ART-BREE

6MB for trying your best at observing what is in front of you, and reproducing the pinecone or seedpod using your drawing skills. Well done!

LIBRARY

6MS for your fantastic engagement during the book tasting session! Well done and keep it up!

Brentwood Park Primary School



Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

24/2/2025 - 28/2/2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Persistence 2.3</p> <p>Red Light, Green Light You sprint and freeze on signals. If you budge on red, you retreat. First to the Leader wins.</p>	<p>Adaptability 4.1</p> <p>DIY Friendship Bracelets Friendship bracelets are a timeless symbol of friendship and unity. What a better way to show your friend that you care.</p>	<p>Communication 3.1</p> <p>Wooden Spoon Dolls Make your very own wooden spoon dolls</p>	<p>Communication 1.3</p> <p>LEGO Bridge Build Can you build a LEGO bridge to span a river?</p>	<p>Creative Thinki... 1.4</p> <p>Big Art- Aboriginal Craft These fun paper Reconciliation Wk craft will help children learn and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.</p>
<p>Creative Thinki... 3.1</p> <p>Be the 'I' in Kind! To engage children in reflecting on and sharing acts of kindness, promoting empathy and positive behaviour, with the goal of building a interactive and inspiring kindness display.</p>	<p>Confidence 3.2</p> <p>BBall Around the World Around the World is a basketball game that tests your accuracy and precision when shooting.</p>	<p>Physical 2.3</p> <p>Octopus tag This game is like stuck in the mud only children remain where they are tagged and use their 'octopus arms' to try and tag</p>	<p>Communication 2.1</p> <p>Memory Tag! Children will play a group game of memory tag.</p>	<p>Physical 2.2</p> <p>Cricket Game Group Game</p>



Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

Stop by and say hi!

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- Parenting
- Children's development
- Healthy relationships
- Managing a work/life balance
- Cyber safety
- Supports and activities available to you and your children

Cost: Free

2025 Dates :

Term 1:	12/02/25 - 19/03/25	10:30AM - 12:30PM
Term 2:	30/04/25 - 04/06/25	5:30PM - 7:30PM
Term 3:	30/07/25 - 03/09/25	10:30AM - 12:30PM
Term 4:	15/10/25 - 19/11/25	5:30PM - 7:30PM

Venue: Uniting, 55 Webb Street, Narre Warren VIC 3805

Light refreshment will be served

Get in touch: Father's Engagement Focus Team on 03 5990 8400 BeingDadSM@vt.uniting.org

Bookings essential



For fathers/carers in Southern Melbourne and Bayside Peninsula

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KSK KARATE CROYDON OPEN DAY



Scan here to book

Sat 22 February
10am-11am

KSK Dojos Croydon
1/23 Lacey St Croydon

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Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places still available this term!



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 school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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AFTER SCHOOL CODING CLUB



Offered to Year 4 students only - permission required and sent out via **Xuno** at the start of each term. Places are limited so permission forms must be handed to DT specialist asap.

Term 1 - Tuesdays/Thursdays (12:55-1:35pm) lunch time
Terms 2, 3 & 4 - Mondays/Thursdays (3.30-4:30pm) after school

Robotics & Coding clubs offered this year:

- Term 1** - Minecraft Education MakeCode
- Term 2** - Lego Spike robotics (started in 2023)
- Term 3** - Advanced Sphero Bolt coding
- Term 4** - Drone coding (started in 2024)



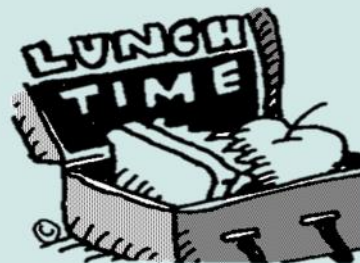
Digital Technologies

Mondays



Fridays

LEGO CLUB



Movie CLUB

Brentwood Park Primary School

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