



Brentwood Park Primary School NEWSLETTER

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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

3,4,5 FEB **PREP STUDENTS ATTEND 9-3.20**
6 & 7 FEB **PREP PUPIL FREE DAYS— INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS ONLY**
10, 11, 12 FEB **PREP STUDENTS ATTEND 9-3.20**
13 & 14 FEB **PREP PUPIL FREE DAYS-INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS ONLY**
18 FEB **CLASS PHOTO DAY**
19 FEB **SIBLING PHOTO 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**.

The term of office for elected members is two years. Half of the members of a school council retire each year and this creates four vacancies within the parent membership category and two vacancies within the Department of Education of Education (DoE) employee category.

A notice has been issued and a call made for nominations. If you decide to stand for election, the nomination form is completed and returned to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.



Being part of School Council does not require special skills or specific knowledge. All that is needed is a desire to work in partnership with others in shaping the school's future. If you decide to stand for

election, the nomination form is completed and returned to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. If you have an interest and require further information, please don't hesitate to speak with the principal personally.

Please consider standing for election in 2025.

Choir Years 1—6

This year, our school choir will be formed from grades 1 to 6. Each Thursday lunchtime for the first half of lunch, Felicity will be holding choir rehearsal in the Junior Performing Arts room (near the oval) each Thursday lunchtime for the first half of lunch.



Five performances have been scheduled throughout the school year, with the first performance at the end of term 1. Attendance at rehearsals is essential if children want to perform with the choir.

If you want to join, just come along each Thursday lunchtime, starting Thursday 6th February! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Felicity Charrett
junior school performing arts teacher

Start of School

As mentioned last week, our cohort of 103 Year Preps settled extremely well into their first days of school and this week, commenced full days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This attendance will continue for another week prior to commencing full weeks. As part of their orientation, all Year Prep classes have had the opportunity to visit the office!



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

Courtesy Reminder

Parents are reminded to please abide by the lawful requirements of the **Drop Off and Pick Up Zone**. With due consideration, everyone benefits.



Chinese Language and Culture

The *Chinese New Year* officially began on Wednesday 29 January and celebrations will span **15 days**, concluding with the *Lantern Festival* on Wednesday, February 12.



In acknowledgement and celebration of this festival, we have decorated our library accordingly. The decorations will act as a catalyst for discussions when each grade visits the library for the weekly borrowing of reading resources.



Happy Spring Festival

春口快口

(chūn jiē kuài kǒu)



SunSmart

As a SunSmart School, it is a requirement that students

wear a wide brimmed hat during the months that the UV rays are at their most damaging. Despite the fluctuating temperatures that we have been experiencing during the first and second week of school, hats still need to be worn. The UV rays remain high despite cloud cover! No hat means no play outside!



Smile Squad

The Smile Squad is now onsite and providing dental examinations to the children of those families who

have responded to the service being offered. New students in Years 1–6 and our Year Prep students were provided with an information pack this week!



Personal Achievement—Anthea Barry

In our newsletter, we often feature “personal achievements” of our students, however, on this occasion, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate staff member, *Anthea Barry*.

In 2021, during the pandemic, *Anthea* suffered an episode with Bell’s Palsy. It took *Anthea* about 9 months to recover; to regain her smile and speech! For some people, this could have been traumatic, however, it gave *Anthea* a new outlook on life.

With a positive mindset, *Anthea* thought “*There is no time like ... right now!*” She made a list of things she would like to do, and with great self-satisfaction, has been ticking them off! She has made soaps, learnt to weave, swam in the ocean and last year, she was very focused on submitting a piece of artwork in *The Koorie Heritage Trust Art Exhibition* in *Federation Square*.

Anthea and her husband have been attending this exhibition for years and he had always noted, “*Anthea*, you really should enter something” however, *Anthea* just never knew ... what?

Whilst commuting to school, *Anthea* saw a branch on the side of the highway and every time, she drove past it, she imagined all the different ways she could present this silver, white branch as an artwork. It seemingly ‘sang’ to her and that was how her artwork titled “*Fibre of Our Being*” began!

Initially, *Anthea* was going to use that branch and weave through it, however, she could not predict, the strength of the branch, so she began weaving a tapestry encompassing different fabrics and textures.

Anthea had the vision that she wanted and especially the ‘feeling’.

She wanted the artwork to be layered, visually like the land, and the colours needed to represent country, and to be textured. Once started, and with each loop, *Anthea* could feel it all coming together.

She could see the loops as DNA that we all carry within us. Sometimes we are tightly wound, sometimes we are loose and free, and sometimes we can all be joined together. At times, we can also feel ‘undone’. We can be all different shades with many layers, and we are forever evolving in different directions.

These were all the things that make us unique and “to feel some things very deeply”. This is the “*Fibre of Our Being*”. As a First Nations person, *Anthea* feels forever grateful for the space Brentwood Park Primary has given her, to feel safe and appreciated; especially by all the students.

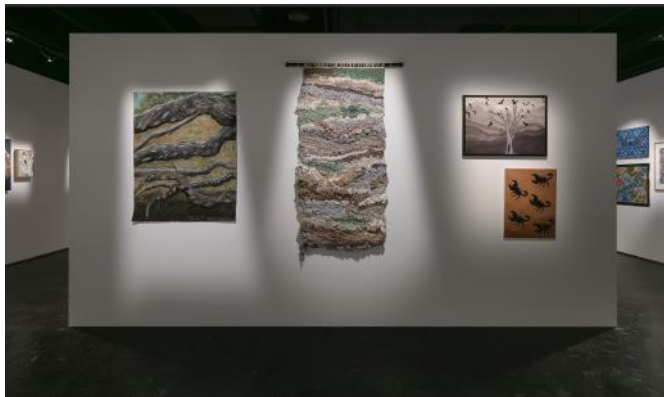
She has been given the opportunity to share herself with the students and she always tells them, “Don’t ever let people put a roof on what you can do ... If you believe in yourself, then anything is possible”.

At *Anthea’s* current stage in life, she continues to apply herself in the things that give her joy and remains open to the seemingly endless possibilities.

Personal Achievement—Anthea Barry

Anthea still can’t believe that she did it! Her artwork is displayed there in the gallery, along with 130 other artists! She did it!

If you’re wondering if she would do it again, the answer is a resounding YES! You had better believe it!



Phonics

The government has mandated schools teach systematic synthetic phonics from foundation to year 2. Brentwood Park has always taught phonics. We have commenced the Department of Education's Phonics Plus program and the prep students had a great start this week. They started by learning how to use their white boards.

It begins with WRITE IT - CHIN IT - BIN IT



Write it



Chin it



Bin it

Phonics



Park it - their eraser and marker



Saying letter sounds



Modelling



Saying letter sounds



Writing



Chin it

In grade six we a learning to
think outside *the box...*



We have had an incredible start to the 2025 year! Receiving our year six uniforms on the first day was an absolute highlight, making this, our final year at primary school feel very real! One of our biggest personal goals this year to become independent learners in readiness for secondary school.



6MB
OKR

In grade six we are learning to
think outside the *box*...



6MB
OKR



Grade six 2025, learning to
think outside *the box...*



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Brentwood Park Primary School, BERWICK

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Tues 18th February - Classes

Wednesday 19th February - Siblings

Order forms will soon be distributed.

Early Bird orders with **FREE DELIVERY**
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS**
after your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.



SIBLING ORDERS

must be placed prior to
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TERM 1 AUSKICK CENTRE**

5 weeks of fun for \$55!

The excitement begins, Tuesday Feb 25th
From 3:30pm at Brentwood Park PS (oval)



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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)

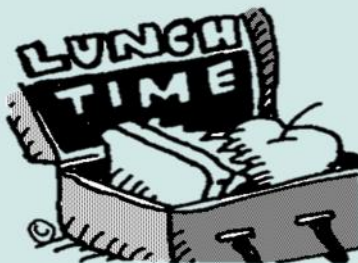


Mondays



Fridays

LEGO CLUB



Movie CLUB

DANCE SCHEDULE



TUESDAY

Pre ballet - 4.30pm
G2-4 and senior Combine Jazz - 5.15pm
G2-4 Ballet - 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Studio 2
Primary & G1 ballet - 4.30pm
Primary & G1 Jazz - 5.15pm
Acrobatics arts Primary - 5.30pm
Acrobatics arts L1- 6.15pm

Studio 1
Contemporary - 6.15pm
Senior ballet - 7pm

SATURDAY

G2-4 ballet - 9am
G2-4 & Primary Jazz - 10am
Primary & G1 Ballet 10.45am
Pre ballet: 11.30am

Senior ballet- 12.15pm
Pre point/point class

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Melanie's School of Dance

OPEN DAY
TERM 1

28th
January
2025

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