

Brentwood Park Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES2025 TERM 1
TERM 328TH JAN - 4TH APRIL
21ST JUL - 19TH SEPTERM 2
TERM 422ND APR - 4TH JULY
6TH OCT - 19TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 MAR
26 MAR
27 MAR
02 APR
03 APR

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING 6:30 P.M.
WORLD MATHS DAY STUDENTS CAN WEAR A 'MATHEMATICAL' COSTUME
STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM AT BUNJIL PLACE
REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ramadan

We often make reference to the cultural diversity of our school community and acknowledge how we are enriched by it.



For Muslim families, *Ramadan* is a month full of social festivities such as communal dinners, group prayers, and other gatherings.

Ramadan commenced in Australia on *Saturday March 1, 2025* and, lasting for 29 or 30 days, will **end around March 30**, with the celebratory days of *Eid al-Fitr* estimated to start around *30 March*.

During its 29 to 30 days, *Muslims abstain from food and drink, including water, every day from dawn to sunset.*

Eid al-Fitr or the "*festival of breaking the fast*" marks the end of *Ramadan*. It is likely to take place on the evening of *Sunday, 30 March*. It is celebrated as a time for family and friends to come together with communal prayer, gift-giving and dressing in new clothes.

Thanks are extended to parents, *Sadaf Qaiser, Hina Arif* and *Fatima Zaman* who prepared a display in our school administration foyer celebrating *Ramadan*. With the display of personal items, the aim is to provide a little insight into the significant celebratory events in the calendar of our Muslim households.



Cultural Diversity Week

This week, *17—23 March*, is *Cultural Diversity Week* and it provides us all with the 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 42 different languages represented. During Cultural Diversity Week, on Thursday 20 March 2025, Brentwood Park Primary School celebrated *Harmony Day*. The aim of the day is to celebrate our cultural diversity and foster a sense of belonging!

We often make reference to the cultural diversity of our school community and acknowledge how we are enriched by it. This year, the *Cultural Diversity Week* theme is "*Embrace the Journey (and) Shape our Future*".



Harmony Day

On *Harmony Day*, teachers and students were encouraged to wear their cultural costumes

to celebrate their cultural heritage, or they could have chosen a country's costume to wear. If they didn't have a cultural costume, they could 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! Our day commenced with a school assembly where our schools captains resplendently dressed, introduced themselves in their respective cultural language, prior to student and parent performances! It was truly an engaging and welcoming morning!



Harmony Day 2025
Our day's celebrations commenced with the school assembled in the gymnasium in readiness for our cultural performances. A musical trio's performance, '*Music from the Andes*', introduced us to lively and melodic Peruvian music prior to our own parent and student performances!



A **HUGE THANKYOU** is extended to all the performers. For those students who expressed a desire to perform and couldn't be accommodated on the day, opportunities to perform will be at forthcoming assemblies.

Personal Achievement
As a school, we are always delighted to share the personal achievements of our students whether it be within school or out of school achievements.

Hence, we are taking this opportunity to commend **Rishaan A** from **6LM** for his cricketing achievement.



Rishaan is an avid cricket player and is part of the **Narre Warren Cricket Club - U12 - DIVISION 3** team which won the **Priemer's Championship (DDCA)** trophy, on 14 March following a match at **Sweeney Reserve, Berwick**.

Rishaan contributed as a middle order batsman, wicket keeper and median pace bowler for the team. **Rishaan** also plays in our Brentwood Park Primary School Cricket team and acknowledges that his cricket training at school has helped him to hone his cricketing skills.

CONGRATULATIONS, **Rishaan!** You can be justifiably proud of your achievement!

Little Scientists and Little Mathematicians
For twelve years, Brentwood Park Primary School has partnered with **John Monash Science School** in the delivery of the **Little Scientists** and **Little Mathematicians** programs. These programs enable selected students from Year 5 to attend four science or four mathematics sessions at **John Monash Science School** facilitated by Year 10 and 11 students at the school. The **Little Scientists** program culminates in the students presenting their inquiry projects at a mini expo evening to families of participating schools. Feature pages highlighting student participation and learning in these programs is included in this week's newsletter.



Photographing and Videoing School Activities
With **Harmony Day, School Cross Country** and **School Athletics** as major school events approaching, it is totally understandable that parents like to capture a memory through photographing or videoing their children and friends, however, such photographs or videos should **only** be for **private viewing** or shared with close family members.

It is important to remember, that when photographs and videos are placed on social media platforms, they can be viewed by an unintended audience. Student privacy should always be maintained.



Sports Shorts - School Cross Country Carnival
As the school cross country is being held on Thursday 3rd April, now is a perfect opportunity to begin some fitness training in preparation for this event, which is in the last week of this term.



Jim Narayan and Erin Walters will be starting up the **running club** again which will be every Tuesday and Thursday morning commencing at 8:20 a.m. on Brentwood Park's oval. This will begin on Tuesday the 18th of March. Students can participate various running activities to prepare for cross country. All students are welcome!



School Athletics Carnivals - This year the school athletics carnival will be held over three days in the second week of term 2. We are very fortunate to have secured Kambrya College's back oval for our athletics.

Parents are welcome to come and watch the events! Please note that access to this oval is via Brentwood Park at the rear gate. The dates are:

- 29th April for Years 4 to 6
- 30th April for Years Prep and 1
- 1st May for Years 2 and 3

Thanking you for your continued support.

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



Harmony Day 2025



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Cultural Diversity Week
17 - 23 March 2025

Embrace the Journey
Shape our Future



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TASMANIA GRAZELAND

John Monash Science School Mini Mathematicians

Last Wednesday, I had the opportunity to be able to join the Mini Mathematicians at John Monash! Anna, Sarina, Riya and I went into a large conference room filled with year 11s. Zaynab, a year 11 student, was helping us throughout the session and led the lesson. We met some students from other schools by playing 'People Bingo' where we had to find people with matching numbers to us (e.g. same birth month, same shoe size). We played plenty of fun games, such as maths tic tac toe, maths snakes and ladders and we played a game of chance as well! I enjoyed this engaging experience a lot. I'm excited to go again!

-Dinuli



John Monash Science School Little Scientists

This week we were given the opportunity to go to John Monash Science School. We participated in many activities, from making a robot hand to looking at pond scum in microscopes. We were learning Biology. We were taught by year ten student volunteers. We were separated into two groups. One group went to look at onion cells and pond scum under the microscope, while the other group went see the frog and fish. We swapped after 25 minutes. After both groups were finished, we had free time to make the robotic hand using straws and a paper cut-out of your hand. We put string through the holes of the straws to make a moving mechanism. I am very grateful that Mason, Johan, Michael and I had the opportunity to be in this program. I hope next week's subject is as fun as this weeks.

– Binu



Visual Arts NEWS

FOUNDATION

Welcome to the ART ROOM!

It has been fantastic watching the prep students smiling, excited faces enter the junior art room as the materials and equipment change each week. They are eager to see what awaits them on their tables...

Students have become familiar with where some of our basic materials and equipment are kept and have continued to work on keeping their workspace tidy.

Over the past few lessons, we have worked on drawing, painting, cutting and gluing to create these beautiful Jellyfish.

A variety of materials were used to represent the jellyfish tentacles which show both texture and movement in their artwork.

WELL DONE PREPS, these look outstanding!



DISTRICT TENNIS

On Tuesday the 19th of March, 18 students represented Brentwood Park at the District 'Hot Shots' tennis tournament. The tournament involved singles and doubles matches on a court reduced in size and played in seven minute periods. The boys team played very well, with several wins and close matches against the other schools. Their skills and determination improved throughout the day and they maintained a high standard of tennis. Overall, the boys narrowly missed out on the grand final, placing 3rd in the competition!

The girls team consisted of several girls who represented the school last year in the state finals, as well as some new girls to the team. Their talent and knowledge of the game was elite, dominating every match! The girls were unstoppable and were undefeated all day, placing a convincing first overall. Congratulations to the girls team who progress through to the division tournament in term 4. Well done to all students today for displaying great sportsmanship, skill and enthusiasm.



Division Swimming

On Tuesday the 11th of March, 10 students proudly represented Brentwood Park at the Division Swimming competition at Noble Park. After placing first or second at the district race, we knew the competition was going to be extremely tough! The results from the day were:

2nd 9/10yr boys freestyle relay (Noah, Andrew, Sean and Kody)

2nd 12yr girls freestyle relay (Kriti, Penny, Kotone and Amber)

1st 9/10yr boys 50m freestyle (Noah)

1st 9/10yr boys 50m butterfly (Noah)

1st 9/10yr boys 50m breaststroke (Andrew)

2nd 9/10yr boys 50m backstroke (Andrew)

2nd 12yr girls 50m backstroke (Kriti)

5th 12yr girls 50m freestyle (Kriti)

3rd 11yr boys 50m breaststroke (Jay)

3rd 11yr girls 50m butterfly (Rayona)



The skill, speed and determination all our students showed was outstanding and we couldn't be prouder of the results acheived! Congratulations to Noah and nadrew who placed first in their events and will be progressing through to the Regional competition on the 2nd of April!



12yr girls
freestyle relay



9/10yr boys
freestyle relay



Noah



Andrew



Jay



Kriti

GREAT JOB!

AMAZING!

Year 1 Fire Truck Incursion

As part of our Inquiry program 'My Community and Its Services', the Year 1 students had some volunteer firefighters visit on Tuesday to speak about their contribution to our community.

The firefighters demonstrated how they put out fires and showed the students some of the tools they use. They spoke about what to do in a fire emergency such as calling triple 000, asking for the fire brigade and where to go to stay safe.

The Year 1 students learned so many valuable and interesting things about fire safety and how firefighters help our community.





All Mixed Up - Chemical Science with 2CH

During science this week we discussed things around us and discovered that all things have a purpose. We watched several short videos on natural materials, and learnt how plants can be turned into plant fibre. We then saw how our First Nations People use these fibres to make bags and baskets.



To help our understanding of the processes they used we made our own woven baskets out of strips of paper. The results were amazing and all student were proud of their efforts.






Science



Term 1

Week ending 14th March, 2025

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OMB	Duleesha	for her amazing attempts to write words in her weekend recounts.
OEP	Ryan	for showing great confidence in writing and creating new sentences.
OMS	Elsana	for working hard to identify the initial sounds in your weekend writing. Keep up the amazing effort.
ORC	Sully	for being super organised every morning. Thank you for being awesome. Keep it up.
OTL	Masoom	for having a go at sounding out and spelling words.
1AU	Larnie	for her wonderful writing this week. You're a star!
1CM	Seneen	you have shown amazing resilience and persistence with practising your handwriting. Keep shining!
1NG	Sasvi	you did an amazing job remembering how to contact and what to say if you need an emergency service. Well done for being so prepared and keeping everyone safe.
1TN	Sofia	for your hard work and persistence when learning about place value. You're a superstar.
1MS	Jaxon	for showing how focussed you can be to get your work done!
1SL	Dhruvi	for always making good choices and being a superstar student. You've shown your excellence on your spelling, writing and maths.
2SM	Deveshi	for always showing great enthusiasm for learning and writing a fantastic Big Write recount using lots of Vinnie Vocab!
2KM	Krystal	for such an improvement in your CAFÉ responses and excellent listening in class.
2EC	Esme	for always demonstrating the school values and for being a kind friend.
2LM	Kai	for completing your reading journal independently. I am so proud of how hard you worked during this session.
2BC	Samantha	she is inquisitive and an eager learner.
2CH	Rosalyn	for independently weaving a fabulous basket during our science lesson. It was amazing!
3AB	3AB	for your amazing effort and determination in NAPLAN. I am so proud of all of you.
3AM	Ayesha	for demonstrating her growth mindset and positive attitude in all her learning tasks.
3DB	3DB	for their outstanding effort and resilience during NAPLAN. I'm very proud of all of you. Keep up the fantastic work.
3AL	3AL	for showing resilience, being super hard workers during NAPLAN revision week and for successfully completing all of your NAPLAN testing. I am extremely proud of every single one of you. YOU DID IT!
3GA	Navya	for her effort to make our classroom fantastic! Keep trying your best, Navya!
3SM	Rithvick	for accurately making inferences from our class novel. GREAT JOB, Rithvick!
4SA	Kayne	for the fantastic story you wrote for the book 'Stormy'. Well done.
4DG	Liam	for working hard in maths to independently show your understanding of place value. Keep up the amazing work, Liam!
4HC	Juan	for showing kindness by doing things for others without really expecting anything in return! A wonderful quality!
4TC	Maverick	for persisting during our brainstorming session and generating different ideas!
4VK	Nosali	for presenting a well prepared 'Spot Talk' with a great voice! FANTASTIC!
	Rahitha	for a super fantastic 'Spot Talk' with magnificent expression.
4JF	Hridaan	for always displaying a positive attitude towards all learning/classroom tasks. Keep it up!

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Term 1

Week ending 14th March, 2025

5CW	5CW	for trying your best on all NAPLAN tasks. I am so proud of you all!
5EB	Indi	for coming to school every day with a bright smile and a positive attitude. You always try your best and should be so proud of yourself!
5RH	5RH	for successfully completing the NAPLAN assessments. Your dedication, positive mindset and hard work throughout this week have been truly impressive. I am incredibly proud of your efforts and achievements.
5MT	Crystal	for your writing this week. Your arguments were clear and well thought out, and your expressive language really brought your piece to life. You did an amazing job making your ideas both convincing and interesting. Keep up the fantastic work.
5BM	Johan	for showing responsibility and excellence during NAPLAN.
5JD	Emma	for your amazing respect, support and effort during our time with our buddies this week. Well done!
6KW	n/a	
6MB	n/a	
6ED	n/a	
6KR	n/a	
6LM	n/a	
6MS	n/a	

SPECIALIST

CHINESE-DAISY	5MT	fantastic job learning the 12 Chinese zodiac animals! Your pronunciation is getting better and better.
CHINESE-CHUNYAN/SARAH	4HC	for your contribution to 'Chinese New Year' and 'Spring Festival.'
DIGITAL TECH-LISA	2EC	we met the new characters of Hector's World internet safety. You answered questions in detail and reported inappropriate internet usage. Congratulations.
MEDIA-LIMING	n/a	
PA-KENNETH	n/a	
PA-FELICITY	0MS	for respectfully taking turns with instruments, using your listening skills while acting out the Bunny Story, and great signing and movements to "Jellyfish". Well done!!
PE-ERIN	n/a	
PE-JIM/SARAH	n/a	
VISUAL ART-JESS	2KM	congratulations on completing your artwork for display. Your sunflowers look outstanding and something to be truly proud of.
VISUAL ART-BREE	4TC	for demonstrating excellent listening and focus, while using your measurement skills to set up your composition.
LIBRARY	2KM	for trying your best in choosing the right fit books for your CAFÉ. Well done!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES - TERM 1, 2025

Lisa Lilley
Digital Technologies specialist teacher
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FOUNDATION TO YEAR 4 DT WITH LISA & HOSAY (4JF, 4VK, 4KC, 4TC only)

- F: **CREATING DIGITAL SOLUTIONS STRAND** - using BeeBot robots
 - investigate simple problems for known users that can be solved with digital systems
 - follow, describe and represent algorithms involving a sequence of steps, branching (decisions) and iteration (repetition) needed to solve simple problems
- 1: **DIGITAL SYSTEMS & SECURITY STRAND** - using Dance Mat typing site, Hector's World internet safety program
 - identify and explore digital systems including hardware and software components for a purpose
 - identify some data that is personal
- 2: **DIGITAL SYSTEMS & SECURITY STRAND** - using Jungle Junior typing site, Hector's World internet safety program
 - identify and explore digital systems including hardware and software components for a purpose
 - identify some data that is personal and access their school account with a recorded username and password
- 3: **DIGITAL SYSTEMS & SECURITY STRAND** - using Typing Jungle typing site, Band Runner & Google Interland internet safety sites
 - explore and describe a range of digital systems and their peripherals for a variety of purposes
 - explore transmitting different types of data between digital systems
 - access their school account using a memorised password and explain why it should be easy to remember, but hard for others to guess
- 4: **DATA, INFORMATION & PRIVACY STRAND** - using MS 365, Excel, Outlook emailing
 - recognise different types of data and explore how the same data can be represented differently depending on the purpose
 - collect, organise and present different types of data using software tools to create information and solve problems
 - use the core features of common digital tools to create, locate and communicate content, following agreed conventions for a diverse audience



**JOIN US FOR THE
CLYDE NORTH
DAD SQUAD
SPORTS DAY**

**GAMES
FUN
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Sunday 23 March
9.30am - 11.30am
Orana Park & Playground**

FREE EVENT FOR DADS & KIDS



**SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS
SORTED**

**CASEY FIELDS
WED, APRIL 16TH
9AM - 3PM**



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 21 March 2025

WALK, RIDE,
SCOOT OR
SKATE
WITH YOUR
MATE



**RIDE2
SCHOOL**



MOONLIT SANCTUARY

AUTUMN HOLIDAY CLUBS



JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7-14

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

\$104

In Keeper Club kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Junior Keepers help with feeding animals and animal enrichment activities. See our website for dates.

Groups are small, with a maximum of 14 children.



CONSERVATION CLUB

Ages: 12-18

9:30am-3:30pm

Registration Fee

\$119

Perfect for older kids passionate about wildlife and conservation, this program includes animal encounters, enrichment activities, and environmental projects.

Thursday, 10th April



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