



Dear BSPS families,

It was a fantastic start to Term 3, with everyone enthusiastic, excited and energised for a productive term of teaching and learning, but it feels strange that after a few short days we are back to familiar territory and once again navigating through our fifth lockdown and the constraints presented by Remote Learning.

Again, our staff have done a wonderful job getting organised and prepared with very minimal notice; families are once again sharing the dining table with devices, books and learning tasks; and our kids are facing yet another period of being away from their friends and teachers and learning behind a screen.

Undeniably, this move places a great challenge on families as many of you juggle the demands of your own work with supporting your child. Remember, each family needs to prioritise and establish what remote learning looks like in your household and negotiate the ground rules for success. Ultimately our wellbeing comes first and a learning task that negatively impacts on wellbeing won't be a worthwhile learning experience for anyone. Some days you might blitz all tasks, there will be others where your child might get one thing completed and there are going to be those days where, despite the best of efforts, nothing seems to go right!

We are still seeking feedback from families to help improve our Remote Learning program in the event that the lockdown is extended or we have further periods of lockdown over 2021. If you can spare some time to give feedback it will help us improve our program and meet your needs as best we can. The survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/1B2jiXVsiLoFQrsT6>

We will communicate updates about any extension of lockdown through Compass as the information comes through.

Student Led Conferences

These have been **tentatively** booked to occur on **Thursday 5 August** from 1.00-7.00pm. Students will attend school in the morning and the afternoon times will be scheduled in for these meetings. The date will be confirmed with families once it has been approved at our next School Council meeting as a modified school day. The purpose of these sessions is for our students themselves to share with you their learning successes and challenges and to strengthen the home-school partnership. Feedback from prior sessions has been that our usual 10-minute sessions are not long enough so we have again opted for 15 minute sessions which will allow sufficient time for teachers, families and students to meet. At this stage the sessions may be virtual instead of in person.

Updated Details

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be auditing our family personal details on the system. We will be sending out pre-populated forms with your details as they currently are. We ask you to carefully check all this information and update anything that is incorrect. We are doing this to ensure that information about family occupation, parent/carer education level and English language status is up to date to accurately reflect our DET Equity funding. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Glendza at the office.

Sibling Enrolments

While we've had to put school tours on hold, our enrolments are still looking pretty healthy for 2022. Current families are reminded to get any sibling enrolments in ASAP to ensure we can hold a spot for your child for next year.

Tree Planting Day

National Tree Day is coming up on Friday 30 July. With a return to school still in limbo we are planning around celebrating this day on **Friday 6 August** from 2pm onwards. Students will be involved in tree planting in the afternoon and (restrictions permitting) parents and carers will be invited to participate from 3.30pm. Stay tuned for some updates from the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee.

As always, continue to reach out with questions or wonderings – or even if you just need someone to lend an ear.

Take care,

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BSPS Term 3 Calendar

Tuesday 3 August	School Council 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 5 August	Student Led Conferences – 1-7pm (Students finish at 12pm)
Friday 6 August	Tree Planting Day
Friday 13 August	“Spectacular Spettacolo” Incursion
Monday 16 – Friday 20 August	National Science Week
Thursday 19 August	Science Day
Monday 23 – Friday 27 August	Book Week ‘Old worlds, new worlds, other worlds’
Saturday 11 September	Saturnalia Festival – 5 – 8pm
Friday 17 September	End of Term 3 – 2.30pm finish