

14 July 2023

Dear BSPS community,

It's been fantastic to kick off the first week of term three with such positivity. This term is sometimes referred to as the 'premiership quarter' and is the part of the year where we build on the momentum from the last six months and our students amaze us with the gains they make academically, emotionally and socially.

Curriculum Day

Our staff returned bright and early on Monday morning and engaged in Professional Learning for the first part of the day. We had some learning on supporting our learners on the Autism Spectrum and how we can continue to build inclusive learning environments for all students at our school, we looked at developing our BSPS Peer Support program, where our Year 5 & 6 students will take the lead in running some Social & Emotional Learning experiences for our younger students and we revisited some of our gender diversity training with Alana Wearne from Safe Schools Victoria. Already, the learning has prompted discussion and reflection about how we can continue to learn, grow and improve together.

Staffing Update

This term, we officially welcome Meerah Gill to BSPS. Meerah joined us temporarily last term, but will now be teaching in the 1/2 Learning Area for the remainder of 2023.

We still have a few staff on leave; Alice, Maree, Sarah P and Jack and, despite challenges around recruiting staff, have managed to fill all our staff vacancies for the term!

Works and improvements around the school

The different works around our school are very slowly coming to an end and, over the break, some final finishes have been made to the refurbished staff toilets and new 'anti climb' mesh installed along the new fence on Brunswick Road. The roof repairs on the main building have been completed, along with some painting and new doors.

Access to school

Please remember that our school yard is supervised from 8.45am – 9.00am in the morning and the school day ends at 3.30pm. Please contact the school directly if you are unable to pick your child up by 3.30pm and arrangements can be made for them to be supervised by TeamKids. **We are unable to supervise students at the office before or after school.**

Student Led Conferences

Save the date: **Tuesday 1 August** is booked in as our next round of Student Led Conferences. These sessions are a chance for your child to reflect on achievements from the first half of the year and share their learning with you. Each session is 15 minutes and, to accommodate this, we have a modified school day.

9.00am-12.00pm – Classes as normal
12.00pm – Students dismissed. (Staff lunch break)
1.00-7.00pm – Student Led Conferences

TeamKids will operate additional care for students on this day. The booking information will be distributed on Compass next week.

NAPLAN reporting in 2023

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, there are some changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels; (exceeding, strong, developing and needs additional support).

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be, in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to the school and teachers about how we can continue to support all learners.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

Thanks for a great first week back – I'm looking forward to another fun and productive term!

Buon weekend,

Trevor.

Reminders

For the beginning of the term there are a few quick, general safety reminders that we ask be adhered to. These requests are important for the safety and wellbeing of all in our school community.

- Before entering the school grounds all students, staff and parents should dismount from their bikes or scooters. I've witnessed a couple of near misses this week, especially near the entrances or around the corners of buildings.
- Please observe all speed and parking restrictions around the school. The area can become very congested at pick up and drop off times and the safety of everyone is our priority.
- If you are entering the school grounds during the school day, please report to the Office in the main building immediately upon arrival and ensure you sign in using the Compass Kiosk.
- Dogs in the yard should be on a short, fixed leash and controlled by an adult (not children) at all times and in accordance with our 'Dogs in School Policy' we ask that all dogs remain on the asphalt areas.

Term 3 Calendar

Monday 11 July	First day of Term 3 (Curriculum Day)
Tuesday 12 July	First day back for students
Monday 24 July	Assembly – Foundation hosting
Tuesday 1 August	Student Led Conferences (Students dismissed at 12pm)
Monday 14 August	Foundation – Years 1 & 2 hosting
Saturday 19 August – Friday 25 August	Book Week 2023 – <i>'Read, Grow, Inspire'</i>
Monday 21 August	Mitch Tambo – First Nations History & Performance
Monday 4 September	Assembly – Year 3 & 4 hosting
Thursday 7 September	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Workshop
Friday 15 September	End of Term Assembly – 2.00pm – Years 5 & 6 hosting
Friday 15 September	End of Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal