

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the fourth and final term for 2022! Despite being twelve weeks long, the days are flying, with the first week already under our belt.

3/4 Camp & Foundation Swimming

There is great excitement in the 3/4 Learning Area this term with pending arrival of the Mt Evelyn Camp (26-28 October). For some of our 3/4 students, this will be their first time on camp and an opportunity to experience outdoor activities, overcome challenges and spend time away from home with their peers and teachers.

There is a matched enthusiasm for our youngest students in the school, with our Foundation students shortly embarking on their swimming program. The program will run on Wednesdays, starting from next week (12 October) and running for 8 weeks.

Staffing Update

This term, we welcome Aydan de Graaf back to BSPS after a couple of years working in the Northern Territory. Aydan is replacing Kate Page in the 1/2 learning area and is a long standing staff member of BSPS.

Our workforce planning for next year is now well underway. This includes advertising positions, running selection panels and forming our teaching teams for 2023. To help us with this planning if you are yet to confirm sibling enrolments they are now overdue. Please give the office a call to complete the process. Likewise, if there are any families who know they will be leaving BSPS in 2023 we ask you to let us know now.

COVID Update

There will be no change to the COVID settings for school operations for the start of Term 4.

Further information will be provided in the next week regarding changes to mask advice isolation requirements and/or other settings.

Foundation Transition

On Friday 21 October we will welcome our new cohort of Foundation students for their first transition session. We currently have 40 enrolments for our 2023 cohort. After two years of having a modified transition program, we are looking forward to being able to conduct these sessions in person for students and parents. We will also be able to reengage with the guest speakers who present to families and help prepare everyone for a smooth transition to school life.

School Council – Casual Vacancy

We had a casual vacancy on School Council arise last term and put out an expression of interest to the community. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered to fill the role for the remainder of the tenure. Congratulations to Kylie Doust who has been appointed to the position. Kylie will take over the Community and Fundraising Sub Committee convener role.

An Evening on the Green

On Friday 4 November, the BSPS music community will be holding "An Evening on the Green" from 6pm through to sunset. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young musicians to gain some valuable performance experience and enjoy the support of their families and loved ones.

Please make a note of the date and we will send out further information shortly.

Sun Protective Clothing

Term 4 marks the beginning of another Sun Smart term and in line with the school's Sun Smart Policy we recommended that from September onwards, students wear sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts

At recess and lunch times from September to April, all students must wear a hat when playing outside. Students are required to wear a school hat or another hat style that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat will be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun. Even though we've still had some cooler weather this week, the UV index is still higher this time of year. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day. New ones can be purchased from the office for \$20.

Ironically, our new delivery of BSPS beanies have arrived. The last lot we had sold out within a day, so we've ordered extras for those who missed out. Despite moving into the warmer months, we are still needing winter clothes. Pop into the office and grab your beanie before they sell out.

Thanks for a smooth start to the final term,

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Term 4 Calendar:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 WC: 3 October	Professional Practice Day – No students required at school				
Week 2 WC: 10 October	Mission to Mars Excursion (5/6A & C)		Foundation Swimming		
Week 3 WC: 17 October	Assembly 9.00am: Years 5/6 Hosting		Foundation Swimming		2023 Foundation Transition Session 1 Colour Explosion Run
Week 4 WC: 24 October		School Council Meeting 6.00-8.00pm	Foundation Swimming 3/4 Mount Evelyn Camp	3/4 Mount Evelyn Camp	2023 Foundation Transition Session 2 3/4 Mount Evelyn Camp
Week 5 WC: 31 October	Curriculum Day: Report Writing – No School	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School	Foundation Swimming		'An Evening on the Green'
Week 6 WC: 7 November	Assembly 9.00am: Years 3/4 Hosting Mission to Mars Excursion (5/6B)		Foundation Swimming		2023 Foundation Transition Session 3
Week 7 WC: 14 November		Somers Camp (15-23 Nov)	Foundation Swimming		2023 Foundation Transition Session 4
Week 8 WC: 21 November	Assembly 9.00am: Years 1/2 Hosting		Foundation Swimming		
Week 9 WC: 28 December		School Council Meeting 6.00-8.00pm	Foundation Swimming		
Week 10 WC: 5 December	Assembly 9.00am: Foundation Hosting		Year 6 Graduation		
Week 11 WC: 12 December					Year 6 Big Day Out
Week 12 WC: 19 December		Whole School Assembly 1.00pm: Year 6 Hosting Last day of Term: 1.30pm dismissal			