

P&C Newsletter - Term 1 Week 5

Message from the Secretary

Hello BPS Community,

I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Secretary of the P&C. I stepped into this role earlier this year and have had two children at BPS—one has now graduated, carrying with him a wealth of cherished BPS memories, while my younger child is currently in Year 5.

Like many of you, my family has benefited from the fantastic work of the P&C, from canteen lunches to after-school activities. Seeing firsthand the impact of these initiatives inspired me to take on a more active role in giving back to our school community.

I've had the chance to help as a class parent and canteen helper, and for me, the most rewarding part of being involved is not just contributing to the P&C's daily operations but also being part of a team that enhances the school experience for all students.

I'm looking forward to working closely with the P&C team and our school community to continue supporting these valuable initiatives, ensuring our children have the best possible school experience.

Sherry Boga
BPS P&C Secretary



P&C Funding Update: Community Building Partnership Grant

Our school community continues to grow and thrive thanks to the P&C's ongoing support through time, expertise, and funding. From providing new computers and air conditioning units to rebuilding our BOOSH facilities, we've consistently worked to enhance our children's learning environment.

We're excited to announce our latest initiative: we've submitted a NSW Community Building Partnership grant application to transform the Copeland Road grass area. Our vision is to create an inclusive, all-weather play space featuring:

- Improved drainage systems to ensure year-round accessibility & minimise impact to the COLA
- New accessible pathways for students of all mobility levels
- Nature-inspired seating areas to encourage outdoor learning and social interaction

The grant applications are currently under review by the NSW Government. We look forward to sharing the outcome with our school community and will keep you updated on our progress.



Calling for Mother's Day Gift Coordinator

Mother's Day is on Sunday 11th May. Each year, the P&C celebrate the mothers, grandmothers and important women in our community. This year we are planning a gift that students take home and we need 1-2 volunteers to coordinate this event.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact [Khuong](#) or [Susan](#).

We'd love to hear from you ASAP!! The work can be done in your own time, there are no set dates or times.

Dates for the Diary Term 1

Fri 28/2: 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Wed 19/3: P&C General Meeting at 7:30pm (Zoom)



Contact us

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Canteen Bites

Jenny & Irene - Canteen Managers



Well, this term is flying by!

Menu Check

Great news! Our canteen menu has just had its three yearly check by the NSW Healthy Food Information Service. This means we have been assessed against the Food and Drink Criteria of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and met all of their requirements. These requirements are that our menu must be composed of at least 75% everyday food items and no more than 25% occasional food items. Our serving sizes can be up to 250g and any foods purchased from suppliers must have a health rating star of 3.5 and above out of 5.

We have 81-84% of our menu that consists of everyday foods, i.e. healthy options, and 13-19% of occasional items. The average daily order in term 4 last year was 289. Our most popular orders were sushi, pizzas and pan fried dumplings. Of these the sushi and canteen made pizzas are everyday healthy items while the dumplings are occasional.

Our canteen promotes healthy food in our menu every day of the week. All our sushi, sandwiches, toasted sandwiches and salad options are healthy everyday food that are available 5 days a week. On other days items such as Pumpkin soup (winter only), Stir fry noodles with Chicken and veg, Meatball subs, Chicken and Cheese burgers, Chicken Pasta salad, Butter Chicken, Penne Napolitana and fried rice are all canteen made healthy everyday options.

Menu Item Changes

We have phased out Blue Moon Moosies, as their Health Star Rating is now 3 not the required 3.5 or higher, and introduced Twisted Frozen Yoghurt. They come in three flavours, chocolate/vanilla, strawberry/vanilla and watermelon/mango, and are \$2.

Volunteers needed

In order to supply our students with healthy meals and snacks we rely on volunteers to help keep the canteen operating smoothly. If you can spare time to join our lovely team, once a month or once a term, we would love your help. Your children will love to see your face at the counter too! Please email Jenny and Irene at beecroftpscanteen@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

BOOSH Bulletin Brad - BOOSH Director

Boosh Build

We are incredibly excited to announce that this week we received all required approvals for the new building and that we have moved in and begun operating out of the new space this week. After all this wait it was a shock to suddenly be using it for normal procedures. Kids have been making good use of the increase in space whilst staff are especially loving the new and improved kitchen.

The new building is the point of contact for drop-off and pick-up as well as home to our new office space, non-boosh families are welcome to pop their head in if they want to check it out

Vacation Care

The Vacation Care program will be available to parents next week with bookings opening the following week. Much of the program is made up of suggestions we've had from kids so far but it's not too late to contribute if you or your kids have any great ideas.

Annual Membership Fee

Boosh has an annual membership fee of \$20, this will be charged to all accounts on March 12th.

Thanks,
Brad and the Boosh Team
boosh.com.au

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Beecroft Out Of School Hours
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Arts & Crafts Insights

Sruthi - Arts & Crafts Convenor:
bps.artncraft@gmail.com

Absences: Please SMS 0493 711 788 to notify Beryl (Arts & Crafts Coordinator) of your child's absence.

Cancellations & Refunds: Please note there will be no refunds now that classes have started.

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Band & Strings Sound Bites *Jen & Charmaine - Band & String Convenors*

As the students dusted off their music cases, tuned their instruments, and completed their scales and warm-ups, the air was filled with the joyful sound of music! What a fantastic first week we've had with our full band and strings rehearsals, and sectionals! The energy and enthusiasm have truly set the tone for an exciting year ahead. Check out [this video](#), where our Stage Band played "The Preacherman" at their very first rehearsal last week! What a vibe!

We extend a warm welcome to all our new students who have joined the various band and string ensembles this year! We hope you enjoyed your first rehearsal and sectionals, playing alongside your peers and making new friends. It's the beginning of a beautiful journey where melodies and harmonies will weave lifelong memories.

To our 61 new spirited Training Band students embarking on the adventure of learning a new instrument, your dedication and passion are the heartbeats of our musical community. We are so proud of you and we wish you all the best as you explore the wonderful world of music. We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Shruti Thiruchelvam, our 2025 Training Band Recruitment Coordinator, and Rebecca Wang, our Instrument Officer, for their exceptional efforts in organizing student enrolments and ensuring that every student has the instruments they need to succeed. Your hard work and commitment are invaluable to our program's success.

Here's to a year filled with laughter, learning, and the sweet sound of music that brings us all together. Let the music play on!

2025 Band & Strings Handbook

We have updated our [2025 Band & Strings Handbook](#) - please refer to this comprehensive document for all program-related information, including fees, private tutor details, expectations from parents, the Code of Conduct and relevant forms.

Behaviour Code of Conduct Forms

This important document will be distributed to students during rehearsals/sectionals this week and outlines the expected conduct from students in order to participate in the Band & Strings program. We kindly ask that you review these guidelines with your child, sign the form, and return it to Sabrina or your Conductors at the next rehearsal.

Important Dates

Please mark the dates in your calendars for these important Band & Strings events.

- **Intensive Band & Strings Workshop** (All Ensembles) - Saturday, 24th May from 12pm - 5.30pm
- **Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF)**- (Senior Concert Band ONLY) - Sunday, 3rd August time TBC
(Stage Band ONLY) - Sunday, 10th August time TBC
(All Other Ensembles) - Sunday, 21st September time TBC
- **BPS Multicultural Fair** (All Ensembles) - Saturday, 13th September from 10am - 3pm



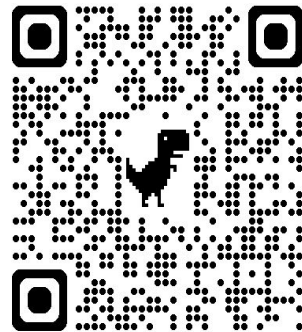
PARENT COMMUNICATION and CLASS PARENT REQUEST

Thank you to all the parents that have completed the digital form regarding your contact information at the Meet the Teacher sessions. If you have not yet completed the form, please do so using the QR code below.

By providing your contact details this will enable the Class Parents to communicate class information with you. Your details will only be shared with your child's teacher and the allocated class parents.

Class Parents play a key role in communicating information on behalf of the teacher, and in creating opportunities for students and their parents to get to know each other through various social activities. Two (2) parent volunteers are selected for each class to be Class Parents.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Class Parent for your child's class, please register your interest in the same form.



Uniform Shop Ratna – Uniform Shop Manager

Meet our newest 'recruits' - Liberty and Hayley (Year 5) have kindly volunteered to help out in the Uniform Shop. Day 1 on the job, both girls teaming up with Ella (Year 6) delivered numerous online uniform orders to K-Year 6 classes with big smiles on their faces. Say hello to them whenever you stop by!

Our Opening Hours

Tuesday: 3:00-4:00PM

Thursday: 9:00-10:00AM and 3:00-4:00PM

Our shop is cashless and accepts all major credit cards. Be **Green** – please bring your own bag.

Can't find the time to come in person? Order online via QKR!

The uniform shop delivers orders placed online to classrooms twice a week.

- Orders submitted by Tuesday 12pm, will be delivered by Wednesday.
- Orders submitted by Thursday 12pm, will be delivered by Friday.

Refunds and Exchanges (For new items only)

Refunds can only be processed if:

- Products are in new condition & unworn *and*
- Tag/s attached *and*
- With proof of purchase/receipt

Contact

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ratna at uniformshopbeecroft@gmail.com



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