

P&C Newsletter - Term 2 Week 5**Message from
the President**

This week is National reconciliation week. I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, play & work. The Wallumedegal people of the Darug nation have cared for this land for over 10,000 years. I pay respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people in our community. Last week was National Volunteer week. My volunteer journey at Beecroft started at the Canteen in 2022 preparing delicious meals. In 2023 I helped the election day BBQs and assisted at my first Athletics carnival. After attending my first P&C meeting I was elected Vice President and BOOSH Convenor. Now as President and reflecting on that journey I'm struck by the incredible spirit of everyone I've met. We each bring something unique, skills and lived experiences that we share because we all have a common value, we care. Volunteering comes in many different forms from hands-on tasks such as cooking, cleaning, logistics to behind-the-scenes tasks such as project management, administration, accounting. Sometimes volunteering is as simple as listening and being there. All are important, valued and greatly appreciated. To all the Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, School Staff, P&C Employees, and extended families, Thank you for sharing and above all, thank you for caring.

**Join us for Beecroft's Health & Safety Forum!**

A collaborative effort between the BPS PnC Council & Beecroft Rotary

Learn basic first aid principles, get an overview of CPR and defibrillation, and discover the locations of publicly accessible defibrillators in Beecroft.

Date & Time: Wednesday 4th June starting at 7pm

Location: Beecroft Public School, Boosh Building

See more details & RSVP at

<https://www.beecroftrotary.com.au/safety>

Many people don't realise that anyone can help save a life by calling 000, performing CPR, and using an AED, ideally within the first few minutes.

Our keynote speakers are Dr Andrew Coggins and Dr Sonali Munot from the **Westmead Children's Hospital**

See further
details
and register>>



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Canteen Bites

Hi everyone isn't this term flying by! It's already week 5 and we are halfway through the term.

🍲 Warm Up With Soup & Noodles

As it gets colder, our hot pumpkin soup and noodles are becoming very popular! If you order soup or noodles for your child, please make sure to let them know so they can collect it from the canteen window.

🚌 Excursion Days – No Lunch Orders

Over the next few weeks, many classes will be heading out on full-day excursions. We kindly ask that no lunch orders are placed for students on these days.

🤝 Volunteers Welcome!

We're always happy to welcome volunteers, especially on our busiest days. If you have some time to spare and would like to help out, please email Jenny and Irene at beecroftpscanteen@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!
Jenny and Irene



Date for the Diary Term 2

Wed 18/6: P&C General Meeting
(Zoom)

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Band & Strings Update

Band & Strings Intensive Workshop Recap

Last Saturday was truly a magical whirlwind for our band and string ensembles as we embarked on a music marathon filled with nearly 100 tutorials and rehearsals. Our journey was beautifully guided by the expertise of 23 outstanding Conductors and Tutors. We extend our deepest gratitude and applause to our wonderful parent volunteers, who ensured our Conductors and Tutors were nourished with delicious meals and who tirelessly managed the setup, supervision, and packing away of everything, making the day flow seamlessly. Our heartfelt thanks go to the school executives, who generously gave up their Saturday to spend time with us, and to the amazing school teachers who kindly opened their rooms to us. A special shout-out to Himari D for being an absolute superstar in our working group! Click on [this link](#) to see the stunning photos that captured the essence of our day. The warm, glowing feedback from parents, students, and tutors fills us with joy and pride—it was truly an unforgettable day and a highlight of each year!

BPS Band & Strings
Intensive Workshop
24 May 2025



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*A heartfelt shoutout to our amazing
subcommittee members, parent volunteers
and our school executives for making the day
an unforgettable blend of fun and success!*

Would you like to join the Band & Strings Sub-Committee?

We are fortunate to have a wonderful team of parent volunteers who form the Band & Strings Sub-Committee. As part of our succession planning, we would like to make a call out to anyone who is interested in joining our team.

The following positions will be available next year:

- Training Band 2026 Recruitment Coordinator
- Music Librarian and Festival Coordinator
- Band & Strings Convener
- Band & Strings Vice Convener

We would like to identify suitable candidates now, so that a proper handover can be done and you will get the benefit of working alongside the outgoing team member before they leave BPS or their child is no longer in the program. No musical background or experience is needed to do any of these roles, and most of the work can be done during your own time which means anyone who has a full time job can still do it. Each position will be given a detailed handbook by the outgoing team member so you know exactly what to do and when.

To find out more information about any of these roles, please email: convener.bandandstrings@gmail.com or come and speak to us in person. We need your help to keep the Band and Strings program going from strength to strength.

If your child enjoys being part of the Band & Strings program, and you would like to see this offering continue, please consider volunteering.

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Band & Strings - Events Update

Sydney Eisteddfod - Chatswood Concourse

We want to wish our Stage Band, Concert Band and Senior Concert Band all the best as they will be competing at the Sydney Eisteddfod over the next two weeks. Children will catch a bus to/from school and are required to wear their full Winter uniform including tie.

Should any parents wish to watch the performances, tickets can be purchased via these links:

Stage Band - Tue, 3rd June: Click [HERE](#)

Concert Band - Tue, 10th June: Click [HERE](#)

Senior Concert Band - Wed, 11th June: Click [HERE](#)



Greater Western Sydney Music Festival - Rouse Hill

Soon after the Sydney Eisteddfod, four of our ensembles will be participating in the Greater Western Sydney Music Festival for the first time. Make sure you keep these dates available! The timing is still to be confirmed, however it will be anywhere from 1-5pm.

- Training Band & Concert Band: Saturday, 14th June
- Training Strings and Intermediate Strings: Sunday, 29th June

ASBOF Arrival times have been announced - Please make a note in your diary!

The Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF) is the largest and most prestigious event that our Band & String ensembles participate in each year. All of our ensembles, including our Orchestra will be competing at this event against similar level ensembles from other schools. Every Band & String student is expected to attend. Our Festivals Coordinator will be sending out more information shortly.

Australian School Band & Orchestra Festival		UNSW Kensington
ASBOF (Orchestra)		September
Elena Kats-Chermin Event - Clancy Auditorium	Orchestra	Sun 21st Sept - 3.05pm arrival time
ASBOF (Bands)		August & September
Alex Lithgow Event - Clancy Auditorium	Senior Concert Band	Sun 3rd Aug - 12.51pm arrival time
William Lovelock Event - Clancy Auditorium	Concert Band	Sun 21st Sept - 1:35pm arrival time
Robert McAnnally Event - Clancy Auditorium	Intermediate Band	Sun 21st Sept - 11am arrival time
Wilbur Sampson Event - Clancy Auditorium	Training Band	Sun 21st Sept - 10.10am arrival time
Ed Wilson Event - Clancy Auditorium	Stage Band	Sun 10th Aug - 11.50am arrival time
ASBOF (Strings)		September
Brett Dean Premier Level Event - Leighton Hall	Advanced Strings	Sun 21st Sept - 11.52am arrival time
Dulcie Holland event - Leighton Hall	Intermediate Strings	Sun 21st Sept - 8.48am arrival time
Nigel Butterley Event - Leighton Hall	Training Strings	Sun 21st Sept - 1.10pm arrival time

Orchestra Update

Thank you to all Band members who have expressed an interest in joining the BPS Orchestra this year. Mr Ferrier is in the process of reviewing the list of students and the final ensemble roll will be announced mid June. Please understand that whilst we would love to include everyone in the Orchestra, the balance of band instruments is very important to get the sound right. All Intermediate and Advanced Strings students are automatically in the Orchestra.