



THE BREEZE

'Ganandhimila-nj - we learn'

Week 3
Term 1

13 February
2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

I am thrilled to welcome all our families and students back to school for the 2025 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday filled with quality time spent with loved ones. A special greeting goes out to our new families joining us this year - we're excited to have you as part of our community. We've hit the ground running with a large percentage of our students enthusiastically here on day one. I'm delighted with the positive momentum we've established as we embark on another fantastic year together!

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

I would like to inform our families that starting with the next issue, our newsletter will be moved online. This transition aims to make it easier for everyone to access important information and updates and will reduce our printing. We appreciate your understanding and support as we move towards a more digital format, allowing us to keep you informed and engaged with our school community. If you still prefer printed copies of our newsletter and permission notes, please advise the school office.

STAFFING

Congratulations to Mrs Manning and her family on the arrival of baby Sullivan over the holidays. I'm sure Mrs Manning and her family are loving the new addition to their family. Both Mrs Manning and Mrs Magee remain on leave throughout 2025.

Mrs Snell is continuing her role as Numeracy Advisor K-6 working out of Batemans Bay Education Office in 2025. Mrs Early will be filling the role of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction in 2025.

KINDERGARTEN

We had a wonderful time officially welcoming our new Kindergarten students to our school last week. While many parents and children arrived with a bit of nervousness, everyone departed with smiles. Over the next week, Best Start assessments will take place during school hours. Kindergarten families can expect to receive Feedback Summaries in the coming weeks, giving you valuable insights into your child's literacy and numeracy skills. We are eager to see our Kindergarten students flourish this year as they develop a lasting love for learning.

CLASSES STAFF FOR 2025

We will be starting the year with 167 students, which is slightly above anticipated. This year, the bushfire disaster supplementation has ceased, and we are back to 7 classes based on the number of students enrolled. We have structured our classes and school as follows.

KRV	bardju-waraga	Footprints	Mrs Roche & Ms Vercoe
1/2CS	dharrani-waraga	Spotted Gums	Mrs Cathor & Mrs Sauiluma
1/2S	galungara-waraga	Lillipillies	Miss Spencer
3/4LK	bidhu	Mountain	Mrs Loughran & Mrs Kirk
3/4S	barra barra	Sea	Miss Smith
5/6C	maraan-waraga	Seagulls	Miss Carmichael
5/6OE	gunjung	Black Swan	Mrs Osgood & Mrs Early

Learning and support and small group tuition teachers

Ms Vercoe and Mrs Kirk

Library Mrs Sauiluma

Music and STEM Mr McLean

School Administration Manager Roslyn Jubb

School Administration Officer and IT coordinator
Natalie Willoughby

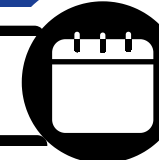
School Administration Officer Lynda Cantrill (Fridays)

Aboriginal Education Officer Stephen Buckley

School Learning Support Officers Peta Shaw, Jodie Nash, Donna Jones, Glennie Dawson, Liz Kildea, Vanessa Ballard, Willow Lala'o, Georgia Holley (SBAT 1 day)

General Assistant- Ken Redman

WHATS ON



TERM 1

21 February	District Swimming
26 February	Stage 2 AFL Gala Day
26 February	Year 5 Leadership Day
26 February	Meet the Teacher Evening
5 March	Year 6 Leadership Day
3 April	Netball Gala Day
11 April	Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

30 April	First Day of Term 2 for Students
7-9 May	Stage Kianniny Excursion
19 May	School Photos
4 July	Last Day of Term 2

 School Bytes

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MEET THE TEACHER - WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

This year, we are introducing a new format for our Meet the Teacher evening to make it more relaxed and engaging. Instead of structured presentations in classrooms, students can guide their parents through their learning spaces. This informal approach allows for a more flexible and interactive experience. Families are invited to enjoy a complimentary sausage sizzle, and children can participate in a supervised disco in the hall. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet school staff, connect with other families, and enjoy a quick and easy dinner. Additionally, teachers will invite you to complete a four-question multiple-choice survey on an iPad. Those who participate will have a chance to win a \$50 gift voucher. There will be a flyer sent out next week with more specific details. We look forward to seeing you there!

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND OPPORTUNITY CLASSES

The application and placement process for selective high schools (SHS) and opportunity classes (OC) has been changed to deliver benefits for schools, students, parents, and carers. The application period for parents and carers is now longer. This means that the application period for both OC and SHS 2026 intake is now the same and has been open from 7 November 2024 and will be open until 21 February 2025. Due to the longer application period, late applications won't be accepted. With the new application period, parents and carers can now apply for OC placement when their child is at the end of Year 3 or at the start of Year 4, and for SHS placement at the end of Year 5 or the start of Year 6. A virtual opportunity class/selective high school at Aurora College is available for students in rural and remote NSW who attend an authorised host school. Students successfully placed at Aurora College attend their local public school (known as their host school) and join the opportunity class for science, technology and mathematics lessons using an online conferencing system. If you would like further information please speak to Mr Constable or Mrs Osgood.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school Swimming Carnival took place yesterday and it was an exciting day filled with competition. Students demonstrated their swimming skills and displayed great sportsmanship as they competed supporting their house teammates with cheering and chants. Ribbons for the participants, as well as age champion medallions, will be handed out during the morning assembly on Friday. This will celebrate the accomplishments of our swimmers and strengthen the sense of community and pride in our school.

Brendan Constable - Principal

GULAGA
MOTHER MOUNTAIN



Mia - Female Vice-Captain, Indi G - Female Captain
Emerson - Male Captain, Isaac - Male Vice-Captain

BIAMANCA
MUMBULLA



Ruby Bl - Female Vice-Captain, Ruby Br - Female Captain
Jesse - Male Captain, Kayden G - Male Vice-Captain

BARUNCUBA
MONTAGUE



Isabel - Female Vice-Captain, Hazel - Female Captain
Arlo A - Male Captain, Hudson P - Male Vice-Captain

HOUSE CAPTAINS

SOUND WAVES
LITERACY NEWS

YEARS 1 TO 6

Next week, we kick off our whole school phonics program. Students in Years 1 to 6 will focus on the graphemes for the sound boxes below.

Week 3



Week 4



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students will start phonological and phonemic awareness lessons in preparation for phonics instruction, which will commence in Week 8.

Our students have been reviewing our whole-school expectations of being respectful, responsible and safe. We do this at the beginning of each school year to introduce PBL to our new students and staff and as a reminder for our other children. Class teachers have also been collaborating with their students to create a set of agreed classroom expectations around being respectful, responsible and safe.



Students who exhibit respectful, responsible, and safe behaviour will earn PBL tokens to recognise and reinforce their positive actions. When they collect ten tokens, they will be acknowledged on Fridays and can select a prize from the PBL prize box. Additionally, all students who submit their completed PBL token cards into the PBL box will have a chance for their cards to be drawn during our end-of-term 'Final Prize Draw.' Students have received new token cards this year, but they can also use their cards from last year to continue accumulating tokens.

The PBL cards and the class achievement certificates all count towards our whole school award system.

PBL AWARD WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PBL WINNERS



Week 2
Emma-Ivy, Alexis, Indi G, Ella, Khadeejah, Noa, Cameron



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to 2025. We will be having a casual P&C gathering in the coming weeks and all interested parents and carers are welcome. Follow the P&C Facebook page for details.

Families are reminded to update their child's class on the Spriggy Schools APP.

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P&C NEWS

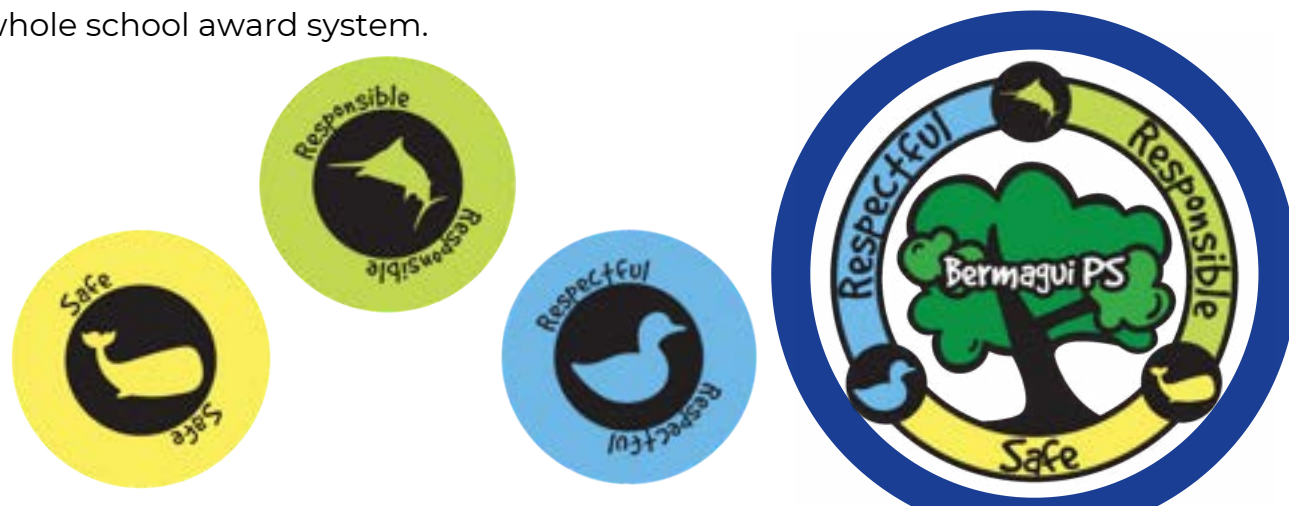
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Our 2025 Community Engagement Program begins this week. Secure your place for the summer class block! FLING's Community Engagement Program is a welcoming space to find creativity in movement, build new physical skills, be brave, develop resilience and learn to work in a team.

Our program is led by FLING's team of professional artists and educators, mentored by young artists from FLING Company. A joyful program for your young person to thrive.

There are classes for all ages and abilities from 3yrs - adult in Parkour, Contemporary and Creative Dance, Ballet and Jazz. Join us at FLING Studio, Bega or Bermagui Community Hall.

Don't miss the fun at FLING - find out more via our website: www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au/community-dance-classes

BERMAGUI BREAKERS

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

register now!

AUSKICK COMMUNITY FOOTY

Registration Now Open for 2025 !
Boys and Girls Welcome

Teams - Mixed
- Under 9's
- Under 11's
- Under 13's

Teams - Not mixed
- Under 15's
- Youth girl's
- Under 17's
- Senior Women
- Senior Men

Junior registration is Free
Junior training starts 17/2/25
Register at playhq.com
Follow our Facebook page for updates

Enquiries:
Kylie Scott 0438 853 164



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