



DIARY DATES	
Wednesday 18 December	Year 6 Dinner and Disco – Tuggeranong Vikings Club 5.30-9.00pm
Thursday 19 December	Canteen open Echidnas last day – Dress up and shared lunch Mystery Reader 1.00 LAST DAY OF TERM 4
Monday 3 February 2020	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2020 FOR KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL POSSUMS
Tuesday 4 February 2020	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2020 FOR YEAR 1-6
Thursday 6 February 2020	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2020 FOR PRESCHOOL ECHIDNAS

Dear Families and Friends,

As the 2019 school year comes to a close it is a time to reflect on the continuous improvement and success of the students at Bonython Primary School. We are proud of our school and what we have achieved over the course of 2019. Over the Christmas break I will take time to reflect on the year it has been and how we can continue to improve in 2020.

A school cannot thrive without the support of its community and again we are truly grateful for the connections we have with our families and partners. Thank you to all families who have volunteered throughout the year and who have been active partners in the education of their child.

At this time of the year we announce some changes to staffing for 2019. We farewell the following people:

Although **Karen Gill** is not leaving us, she is due to have her baby over the holiday period. We wish her the best of good fortune with the birth and look forward to her returning after her maternity leave.

Scott Carpenter has been with us since Term 2 of this year and has been working as a learning support assistant in both the Tidbinbilla and Namadgi units. Scott has built great relationships with the students where he has been an excellent mentor for some of our boys. Scott will continue to work as a learning support assistant at Charles Conder Primary in 2020. We thank Scott for the valuable contribution he has made towards the lives of our students this year.

Alison Chesson has worked in the Murrumbidgee unit backfilling a couple of roles when our classroom teachers have been on extended leave. We thank Alison for doing this role at an extremely busy time of the year. We wish Alison the best of luck for next year and wish her the best with future employment opportunities.

We also have two long serving community members who have announced their retirement. They will both finish their careers tomorrow.

Ros Shaw has worked at Bonython Primary School as a preschool and learning support assistant since 2004. During that time, she has taught approximately 1500 students and has built strong credibility and a deep respect from our school community. Later in her career Ros moved into Yerrabi to work with our students with autism. She also did this with strong skill and dedication. Ros has touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all our community.

Michelle Player has worked at Bonython since 2002 and has worked as a learning support assistant in most areas of the school, including Yerrabi. She is an extremely passionate and caring person who has built strong relationships with our students, knowing what their needs are and how much to challenge them. She is much loved by our teaching staff and our families (who Michelle has worked with their children) have the utmost respect and gratitude

for what she has done for their children. Michelle retires with integrity and credibility and we wish her the best of good fortune for the years to come.

We also have a last-minute staffing change with **Robyn Kiddy** seconded to Narrabundah Early Childhood School for Term 1 next year. In Robyn's absence, Emily Howland will join the leadership team as School Leader C.

We also welcome the following people to our Bonython School Community.

We welcome the following teachers: Benjamin White from Miles Franklin, Melissa Moore from Isabella Plains Early Childhood School, Tammie Edwards and from Narrabundah Early Childhood School, Jessica Connolly from Macquarie Primary School, Simon Wansink from Brindabella Christian College and Rachel Dwyer and Clare Stimpson.

We welcome the following learning support assistants: Lianne Gyles from Margaret Hendry School, Kian Granger from Narrabundah Early Childhood School and Brooke Astle and Asher Hewitt.

Please find below a copy of the composition for staff for 2020. At this stage this is the plan and we will let our community know if there are any changes.

On behalf of the staff at Bonython Primary School we wish all our families a safe and restful holiday period. We truly respect and appreciate the ongoing support that you give us. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3 February (Preschool and Kindergarten) and Tuesday 4 February (all other year groups).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards

Greg Terrell
Principal



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2020 STAFFING

Executive Team

Greg Terrell	Principal
Marc Warwick	Deputy Principal
Robyn Kiddy / Emily Howland	School Leader C
Marissa Owens 60%	School Leader C
Amanda Hawkins	School Leader C
Benjamin White	School Leader C
Sharyn O'Connor	Business Manager

Preschool

Amanda Hawkins (Team Leader)
Sharon DeRooy
Veronica Wootten
Melissa Moore
Rowena Bautista (LSA)
Lianne Gyles (LSA)

Kindergarten

Amanda Hawkins (Team Leader)
Tammie Edwards
Tehlih Dundas
Margaret Doykas
Brooke Astle (LSA)

Tidbinbilla 3/4

Robyn Kiddy/Marc Warwick (Team Leader)
Brianna Gracie
Amelia Clay
Simon Wansink
Melissa Troth
Judy Wolfe (LSA)
Lauren Gum (LSA)
Hayden Styman (LSA)

Administration Team

Sharyn O'Connor (Team Leader)
Sandie Watt (School Secretary)
Vince Wood (Building Services Officer)

Specialist Teachers

Karen Wilson (Visual Arts)
Sarah Fletcher (Technologies)
Rachel Dwyer (Cultural Studies)

Brindabella 1/2

Benjamin White (Team Leader)
Ben White
Katherine Spencer
Taleasha Bray
Kyleigh Howell
Kate Rankine
Sara Meins
Lisa O'Halloran
Jacki Osti (LSA)
Deb Ockerby (LSA)

Namadgi 5/6

Marissa Owens (Team Leader)
Lindsay Stewart
Emily Howland (Team Leader)
Miriam Wallace
Jess Connolly
Di Combes (LSA)
Deanne Bowman (LSA)
James Hamilton (LSA)
Kian Grainger (LSA)
Asher Hewitt (LSA)

Yerrabi

Amanda Hawkins (Team Leader)
Elise Cummins
Jenny Laing
Cindy Somenek
Clare Stimpson (Wednesdays YL)
Amy Brennen (LSA)
Fiona Sutton (LSA)
Susan Smyth (LSA)

Safe parking behaviours

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.



From the Music Bus...

End of Year Concerts!

Term 4 is always our BIGGEST term of the year! In each state, we will be putting on a series of amazing end of year concerts, where your child will get to show off everything they have learnt this year!



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