

Week 6 Term 2, Wednesday 6 May 2019

DIARY DATES	
Thursday 6 June	Canteen open, School Banking IMP Year 5 combined band rehearsal at Gordon Primary
Friday 7 June	Canteen open Murrumbidgee Learning Walk 8.30-9.00am Murrumbidgee Assembly 9.15-10.00am Mystery Reader 1.00pm
Monday 10 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 June	Kindergarten Excursion to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve 9.15am-1.15pm Think U Know Cyber Safety Presentation 6.00 Parent presentation
Wednesday 12 June	Canteen open Lanyon Cluster Robotics Club 9.00-11.30am
Thursday 13 June	Canteen open, School Banking Kindergarten Health Checks Principals lunch 12.15-1.00pm
Friday 14 June	Canteen open Year 3/4 Hockey clinics Kindergarten Health Checks Year 6 Fundraiser – Changemakers
Monday 17 June	Bonython Briefing Musica Viva "Taiko" Concert Years 3-6 2.00-3.00pm School Board Meeting 4.00-5.00pm P&C Meeting 5.30-7.00pm
Tuesday 18 June	Think U Know Cyber Safety Presentation 9.30-11.00
Wednesday 19 June	Canteen open

Dear Families and Friends,

Yesterday we started our 'No Bells Provocation'. It has been great to see the early self-management strategies that both our student and adult learners have used to ensure they are transitioning to their next responsibility. Self-management is a key success skill valued and promoted at Bonython. The purpose is to support students to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, active and informed citizens. Please find attached a more extended briefing that explains, 'Self-Management Of Time Across The Day to Maximise Learning'.

Over the last few weeks we have had significant illness amongst staff and their families due to the cold and flu season. When staff are away from their normal role, our staffing officer makes every attempt to find a replacement teacher. However, this year schools are finding there is a shortage in the pool of relief staff across the system. When we can't get a replacement teacher, we often change teacher roles for the day, including having our executive staff on class. If these options are not possible due to school operations our next option is to share the class. We do try and share students amongst their own cohort or the age group below to ensure they can join in with the day of learning. We appreciate the understanding that our community has in these situations.

The 2020 enrolment period is now open for all families planning on starting at Bonython Primary for the 2020 school year. Below is the link that explains how to enrol in a public school <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/parent-guide>

Please be aware that there are limited positions for our preschool. If you would like to make a time to talk to myself and a tour of the school, please contact our front office.

All students at Bonython Primary School benefit each year from the voluntary contributions made from our families. This year we are hoping collectively to reach the target of \$14000. Voluntary contributions are set by our School Board and begins at \$110 for one child and a slight increase for more than one child at the school. The contributions that each family make have impact on what resources we are able to provide for all students at the school.

You will notice when you get your child's end of semester report that there are some big changes. The achievement standard, which is a statement of what a student should be able to do at the end of a learning year, has been organised into individual sentences and a five point scale has been attached to each. Like our previous report a small comment box has been assigned for English, Maths and a General Comment. We are interested in feedback on the format and whether it gives you the information that you need about your child's progress. Although still in trial, for the first twelve months, the changes have been system wide and all schools are now expected to report this way. More information on how to read the report will be attached when they are sent out.

Thank you for your ongoing support over the last two weeks. Please come and have a chat if you see me around the school.

Kind regards

Greg Terrell
Principal

ThinkUKnow Presentation

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Tuesday 11 June at 6.00pm in the Namadgi Unit** and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact marissa.owens@ed.act.edu.au

For logistical purposes we are asking that parents/carers RSVP using the following Google Form link <https://bit.ly/2JoGex8> . Please note, the content of the presentation for parents, carers and teachers is not suitable for children due to the nature of the topics discussed.



**BPS AWARDS
TERM 2 WEEK 4**

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Award at Friday's assembly.



MURRUMBIDGEE

Dylan M
Izaan H
Zaara R
Lucas K
Olivia W
Laiba A

BRINDABELLA

Luca W
Thai D
Layla H
Harriett P
Mia W
Omar M
Thomas D
Maggie L



TIDBINBILLA

Joe G
Logan O
Saandhni D
Sarah L
Oli M
Isla E
Thomas A
Bryson K
Lachlan M
Savanna W

NAMADGI

Nikita S
Juanito M
Jorja O
Georgia H
Tyler H
Sienna T

YERRABI

Dylan L
Oscar W
Liam P

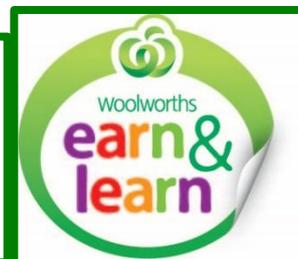


TECHNOLOGY

Emma T 3/4C
Edward S 1/2M

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take “out of area” enrolments. These schools have been identified as “Category A” schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website. You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school’s priority enrolment area (ie, the school’s geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate’s website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

Woolworths Earn and Learn – Start collecting stickers from 1 May to help us earn some great resources for our school! There is a box set up at the front office to pop your sticker sheets in.



YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Next Friday Namadgi will be organising a fundraiser for year 6 graduation.

When: Friday 14 June (Friday Week 7)

What is the theme: Changemakers...I wonder who inspires you?

How can I participate: Dress up as someone who inspires you to make a positive change in the world. This person can be real or fictional.

Why are we having the event: To raise money to celebrate the contribution our Year 6's make to Bonython and their learning growth from K-6.

Bring a gold coin donation.



PARKING RESTRICTIONS PROTECT SAFETY

Parking restrictions are used around schools to increase safety for children. Some of the [common signage](#) used in school zones includes:

- No stopping – vehicles are not permitted to stop or park for any purpose
- No parking – vehicles are permitted to stop, however only to pick up or set down passengers and must drive on within two minutes of stopping
- Bus zone – the area is reserved for use by buses only, unless signposted for other use at certain times
- Children's crossing – a part-time crossing that operates when one or more crossing flags are displayed, giving all pedestrians priority over vehicles.

Parking Operations and police regularly patrol school zones to enforce safe behaviours, so please remember to play your part in helping to build a safe school environment.



From the Music Bus!

The Benefits of Music Lessons for Kids Part 1

Learning to play an instrument is a fun and rewarding activity, but did you know that it also helps develop important life skills and boosts their brain power? Whether your child is the next Mozart or not, studying music in the primary school years can have numerous benefits!

Build Confidence

Before your child has mastered their instrument, they must learn to accept criticism and overcome challenges. This can help to build self-confidence, which can enhance all areas of life.

Boost Brain Power

Numerous studies have suggested that studying music stimulates parts of the brain that are linked to maths and cognitive abilities, which may give your child an advantage in the classroom.



phone **1300 168 742**

Limited space available.

www.themusicbus.com.au

*Offer available until end of term. To new students only. 1 free trial per student.

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Your child's
Free Trial
Lesson
NOW!**

Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.



Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

M *messengers* **PARENTING HELP** **TWO FREE WORKSHOPS**
ART builds RESILIENCE
for challenged parents of adolescents
June 13 & 20, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuggeranong Arts Centre

Is your teenager showing symptoms of depression or anxiety?
Has your teenager used self-harm to regulate the pressures of life?
How can you support your teenager and yourself?

Facilitated by Greel Burgess, MA Social Work and Sarah Little, BA Social Work, High School Counsellor

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair hugging a young girl with glasses from behind. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green field.

THE MESSENGERS PROGRAM IS HOSTING TWO INTERACTIVE PARENTING SEMINARS COVERING:

- Understanding adolescence and gaining coping strategies
- Pointers to positive communication
- How to cope with mental health concerns in teenagers

TO REGISTER: PHONE (02) 6293 2212
OR EMAIL MESSAGERS@TUGGERANONGARTS.COM



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL
tuggeranong ARTS centre

After the award-winning success of *Just like Clockwork* in 2018, Tuggeranong Arts Centre and Tim & Nathalie Beviit are once again joining forces to provide a unique opportunity for children aged 8-14 years to devise, produce and perform their very own musical!

Two extensive holiday workshops and on-going weekly sessions, culminating in a two-performance season in November.

For cost, dates and further information head over to www.tuggeranongarts.com/events/childrens-musical/

A photograph of five children jumping joyfully in the air. They are wearing casual clothing and are surrounded by colorful confetti. The background is white with scattered confetti.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE.
PHONE (02) 6293 1443 OR EMAIL
INFO@TUGGERANONGARTS.COM
PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS.



Upcoming Ideas X Change on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.

Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange



You are invited to the Ideas Xchange..A Different Conversation

We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.

We need you: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 – 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 – 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 – 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 – 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Location: Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611

Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate

Catering: Light refreshments post event

Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>

If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912.

We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.

 <p>Where can I get a MyWay card?</p>	<p>A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list visit: https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents</p>
<p>I'm a student, how much does it cost?</p>	<p>A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you'll need to top it up for travel. Concession: Tertiary: \$1.61 School student – school day: \$1.22 School student – non-school day: \$1.61 Weekday cap: \$4.80 Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17</p>
<p>I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?</p>	<p>All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.</p>
<p>What if I forget to tap on/off?</p>	<p>If you don't tap on, you could be fined up to \$181. If you don't tap off after a trip, you'll be charged a <u>default fare</u>.</p>
<p>My balance is low, how do I recharge?</p>	<p>You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoloan direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.</p>



PARENT COMMUNICATION

Please make sure your family and friends know about our Facebook page. This form of communication provides instant updates and regular information for our families.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bonython-Primary-School/102380009860463>

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