

**Week 10 Term 4, Wednesday 19 December 2018**

DIARY DATES	
Wednesday 19 December	Year 6 Graduation dinner and disco - 5.30-9.30 - Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club
Thursday 20 December	Canteen open, School Banking Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Activity - 9.15 – (Movies, lunch & iPlay at Tuggeranong Murrumbidgee Kindergarten Celebration Picnic 1.45-3.00
Friday 21 December	Canteen open Mystery Reader 1.00pm <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2018</b>
Monday 4 February	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2019</b> <b>KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL POSSUMS STUDENTS ONLY</b>
Tuesday 5 February	<b>ALL RETURNING STUDENTS YEARS 1-6</b>
Thursday 7 February	<b>PRESCHOOL ECHIDNAS FIRST DAY</b>

Dear Families and Friends,

As the 2018 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 2018. Over the Christmas break I will take time to reflect on the year and how we can continue to improve in 2019.

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 an active partner 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:

**Alison Maloney** has been at Bonython Primary school for 18 years. In that time, she has worked in the library, preschool, front office and mainstream classes. Alison is taking long service leave from the beginning of next year and will transition to retirement.

**Gemma Bernasconi** has been with us for the duration of the year. We wish Gemma the best of luck pursuing other opportunities interstate on the north coast of Sydney.

**Sammi Smith** has been at Bonython Primary for five years and has taught in the Brindabella and Tidbinbilla units as well as having a short time on the Science release role. Sammi will be missed by all at our school, however welcomed as a year 4 teacher at Red Hill Primary School.

**Suzanne Pippen** has been at Bonython for the duration of this year. We thank Suzanne for her flexibility and wish her the best of luck with her new role at Teloopa School as a year 2 teacher.

**Victoria Stowers** has been at Bonython for three years. She has taught in the Tidbinbilla and Brindabella units. Victoria has always built great relationships with students and families and will be an outstanding addition to the brand-new Margaret Hendry School in Taylor, Gungahlin.

**Michele Waters** has been our school psychologist for the past two years. She has been amazing in building strong relationships with families and supporting classroom teachers with students with additional needs. The Directorate

have decided to move Michele from the beginning of 2019 school year to Caroline Chisholm School and Gilmore Primary.

And finally, a formal farewell to **David Matthews** who will continue at Fadden Primary School in a permanent capacity.

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

Briana Gracie and Sarah Fletcher from Theodore Primary School

Kate Davis from the Learning and Teaching Section of the Directorate

Sara Meins from Calwell Primary

Kirsty Martin and James Hamilton from Duffy Primary

We are very excited about what all our educators will bring to our learning community.

Please find below a copy of the composition for staff for 2019. At this stage this is the plan and we will let 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 4 February (Preschool and Kindergarten) and Tuesday 5 February (all other year groups)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Take Care

Greg Terrell

### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2019**

To assist with our planning, it is important for us to know if you are **not** returning to Bonython Primary in 2019. If this is the case could you please let us know as soon as possible by filling out the form using the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/FazloO2nOBWiShXw1>

**If your child is in Year 6 this year there is no need to complete the form.**

**Executive Team**

Greg Terrell	Principal
Marc Warwick	Deputy Principal
Robyn Kiddy	School Leader C
Marissa Owens	School Leader C
Amanda Hawkins	School Leader C
Kate Davis	School Leader C
Sharyn O'Connor	Business Manager

**Preschool**

Amanda Hawkins (Team Leader)  
Sharon DeRooy  
Karen Gill  
Lauren Gum (LSA)

**Kindergarten**

Amanda Hawkins (Team Leader)  
Lisa O'Halloran  
Taleaha Dundas  
Kirsty Martin

**Tidbinbilla 3/4**

Robyn Kiddy (Team Leader)  
Ben White  
Briana Gracie  
Margaret Doykas  
Amelia Clay  
Danni Fisher  
Di Combe (LSA)  
Hayden Styman (LSA)  
Deanne Bowman (LSA)  
James Hamilton (LSA)

**Administration Team**

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

**Brindabella 1/2**

Kate Davis (Team Leader)  
Veronica Wootten  
Stephanie Johnston  
Taleasha Bray  
Sara Meins  
Kyleigh Howell  
Michelle Player (LSA)

**Namadgi 5/6**

Marissa Owens (Team Leader)  
Lindsay Stewart  
Emily Howland  
Miriam Wallace  
Judy Wolfe (LSA)

**Yerrabi**

Robyn Kiddy (Team Leader)  
Elise Cummins  
Jenny Laing  
Amy Brennen (LSA)  
Ros Shaw (LSA)  
Susan Smyth (LSA)

**Specialist Teachers**

Karen Wilson (Visual Arts)  
Sarah Fletcher (Technologies)  
Sarah Foster (EAL/D)  
Cindy Somenek (Yerrabi/Intervention)

**2019 SCHOOL BOARD POSITION**

We will have 2 parent vacancies next year on our School Board so please consider nominating to be a member.

The School Board makes decisions based on the operational needs of our school and meets 5 times a year.

We will be calling for nominations early next year so if you are interested or would like further information please contact the school and our Principal, Greg Terrell, will be happy to discuss.

# Mental Health Help over the Holidays

The Christmas break this year will go for five weeks – meaning that families are out of touch with important sources of support and advice – the Executive teachers and School Psychologist at their child's school.

Christmas and holidays can be a source of stress for parents and children. Some families are negotiating shared care, some are dealing with financial issues, some are worried about having to see people they don't particularly get on with and having to travel significant distances to do so. Others are missing friends and families in faraway places or feel like they don't have the supports they need.

It can be difficult knowing who to seek help from over the break so I have prepared some information for parents to help children and for parents to help themselves.

## To access support for Children and Young People:

If the matter is urgent, and you have serious concerns for a child or young person's mental health you may:

- make an appointment to see a GP
- contact Headspace 6201 5343
- contact Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service 65051469 (business hours)
- contact Crisis Assessment Team 1800 629 354 (outside business hours)
- attend accident and emergency at the hospital with the child/young person

If you have concerns for a child or young person's safety you can call Child and Youth Protection Services 1300 556 729.

For less urgent issues, contact your GP and get a referral to a private Psychologist or a service such as Catholic Care who bulkbill on 6163 7600.

Children and Young people can call **KidsHelpLine**; a confidential phone counselling service available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Calls are often free -1800 55 1800.

## To access support for yourself or other adults:

If the matter is urgent, and you have serious concerns for an adult's mental health you may:

- make an appointment to see a GP
- contact Tuggeranong Mental Health Team (02) 6205 2777
- contact Crisis and Assessment Team (CATT) on 1800 629 354 or 02 6205 1065.
- attend accident and emergency at the hospital or call 000

For less urgent issues, contact your GP and get a referral to a private Psychologist or a service such as Catholic Care who bulkbill on 6163 7600.

Adults can call **Lifeline**; a confidential phone counselling service available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week - 13 11 14.

Regards, *Michele Waters* School Psychologist Bonython Primary School

## THE CONTINENTAL CAKE SHOP SCHOOL DONATION PROGRAM

For every cake purchased from the Continental Cake Shop at 4/38 Reed Street North Greenway, Tuggeranong \$5 will be donated to the school. Messages on cakes will be free for Bonython families. They also cater for any small or large celebration.

All you need to do is mention that you are a family from Bonython Primary School and bring your receipt to the front office of the school, where they will be collected and the money donated to the school.



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### 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>

## SECONDARY SCHOOL BURSARY FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Applications are now open for the ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme which provides \$750 per eligible high school student to assist with schooling expenses. Application forms are available from schools, Centrelink and online. Please pass this information on to your school community.

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