

Week 2 Term 1, Wednesday 13 February 2019

DIARY DATES	
Thursday 14 February	Canteen open, School banking
Friday 15 February	Canteen open Mystery Reader 1.00pm
Monday 18 February	Bonython Briefing 9.00am PIPS – Kindergarten students
18 – 22 February	Getting to know you interviews PIPS – Kindergarten students
Wednesday 20 February	Canteen open UC Teaching Clinics - Years 1/2 12.30-3.30pm Parliament House excursion Years 5/6 9.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 21 February	Canteen open, School banking
Friday 22 February	Canteen open Mystery Reader 1.00pm Year 5/6 Cooba Camp Permission notes due
Monday 25 February	Bonython Briefing 9.00am PIPS – Kindergarten students Open Classrooms 3.00-3.30pm School Board Meeting 4.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 27 February	Canteen open UC Teaching Clinics – Years 1/2 – 12.30-3.30pm
Thursday 28 February	Canteen open, School banking UC Teaching Clinics – Years 5/6 - 8.30-11.30am
Friday 1 March	Canteen open Assembly – Namadgi 9.15-10.00am

Dear Families and Friends

Welcome to the 2019 school year and to our first Bonython Bulletin for the year! We have had a productive start to our time together and we look forward to strengthening our work across the school as we continue to learn with purpose and passion. We have commenced the year with a student enrolment of 391 from Preschool to Year 6 and are pleased to welcome our new enrolments.

Where is Mr Terrell?

Throughout the school year Principals, Deputy Principals and Executive Teachers can be called upon by the ACT Education Directorate to provide support in other ACT Public Schools and/or be involved in different initiatives. Our Principal Mr Terrell is currently undertaking such a request and is anticipated to return to Bonython PS during Week 3.

The first Bonython Bulletin of the year is a great place to document information about whole school focus areas:

What do we value at Bonython PS?

At Bonython we use the *GIDES* to promote a happy and safe social environment and they are communicated, modelled and rewarded across the school at every opportunity. Our *GIDES* include:

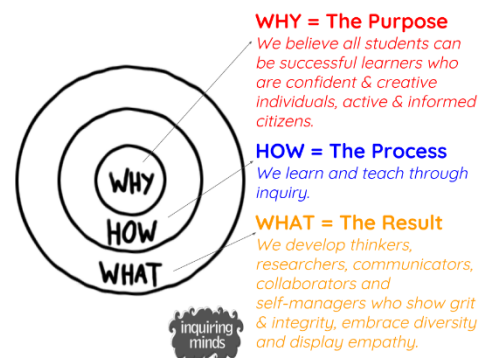
- **Grit** - persevering and showing resilience and determination
- **Integrity** - acting honestly and taking responsibility
- **Embracing Diversity** - accepting, valuing and appreciating difference

- Showing Empathy - understanding others
- Self-Management - demonstrating composure and self-control

WHAT ARE OUR SCHOOL PRIORITIES?

Our 2017-21 School Strategic Plan supports the school vision to:

- focus on student achievement and ensure that students are at the centre of everything that we do
- promote a growth mindset and focus on the ongoing professional learning of all staff
- enhance the agency of all key stakeholder and further develop an engaged community
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WHAT ARE OUR STUDENTS INQUIRYING INTO AS WE COMMENCE 2019?

The curriculum implementation at Bonython Primary School is aligned with the inquiry pedagogical approach.

Inquiry teachers plan learning experiences that draw upon authentic and relevant contexts. Shared inquiries from Preschool to Year 6 aim to develop students' understandings of the way the world works through our curriculum organisers:

- **Our Personal World** - investigating identity, ourselves and how we interact with others
- **Our Social World** - investigating connections with others
- **Our Natural World** - investigating our interactions with the natural environment
- **Our Physical World** - investigating the mechanics of the world

Our first inquiries for 2019 are as follows:

Preschool: *How can I learn to be a self-manager at Little Burra?*

Kindergarten: *Who am I and how do I belong in Murrumbidgee?*

Years 1/2: *How can we have a positive impact on others?*

Years 3/4: *Who am I? Who are we as a community?*

Years 5/6: *What and who inspires change? How & why does change occur?*

Yerrabi: *How can I grow my Learning Assets at school?*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA AFFILIATE SCHOOL?

We are very proud of our connections with the University of Canberra and are proud to be an Affiliate School. Our involvement enables us to strengthen our work with teaching clinics across 2019. This term we will welcome preservice teachers into Years 1/2 and 5/6 with a focus on learning concepts in English, Humanities and Social Sciences. Being an Affiliate School will also enable us to continue to focus on teacher professional learning and research opportunities in the classroom. The University of Canberra is committed to improving the quality of education outcomes for all students in the ACT and beyond. The project includes funding for research and scholarships for teachers to complete postgraduate programs including the University's new Master of Teaching which will be delivered in each of the Affiliated Schools.

HOW WILL WE INQUIRE INTO JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN 2019?

The Japanese curriculum area is organised in two sub-strands - *communicating* and *understanding*. *Communicating* is using language for interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning. *Understanding* is exploring language and culture for intercultural exchange. A key aspect of the curriculum involves understanding the cultural dimension that shapes and is shaped by Japanese language. The curriculum is designed with an intercultural language learning orientation to enable students to participate meaningfully in intercultural experiences, to develop new ways of seeing and being in the world, and to understand more about themselves in the process.

As researchers and communicators, students at Bonython will have the opportunity to engage with a range of experiences and resources to continue to develop our skills, knowledge and understandings of Japanese language and culture. These include:

- **Musica Viva - Taikoz Concert** (June 2019): Sydney-based performance group that specialises in the art of taiko – the Japanese drums.
- **DuoLingo for Schools**: online classroom tool for students and educators to practise language learning skills.
- **ELLA (Early Learning Languages Australia)** - Preschool/Kindergarten Trial: digital language learning program for early years learners.

- **Japanese resource library:** Sensei Howell has created a user-friendly resource library containing language and culture resources.

HOW CAN WE LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS?

The Performance Indicators in Primary School (PIPS) is an assessment program which collects data on students' early literacy and numeracy skills in their Kindergarten year. This assessment is done twice a year, once in week 3 of Term 1 and again in term 4. It provides a snapshot of a child's growth through the year and is used to inform planning. PIPS is an interview style assessment which is done individually with each child and their classroom teacher. A brochure containing more information accompanies today's newsletter. We welcome Helen Harrowell who will be covering teachers as they complete PIPS assessments with students. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or contact Amanda Hawkins.

HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER TO SET STUDENTS UP FOR LEARNING SUCCESS?

The students of Bonython Primary School (Preschool – Year 6), benefit directly from the financial contributions made by parents during the year. Every dollar received is used to provide additional resources for our student learning programs. Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds. We are encouraging parents to support the learning programs for 2019 by making a family contribution. Please note the information that has been sent home to families or you can download from our website

http://www.bonythonps.act.edu.au/parents_information/notes Financial contributions of any size are welcomed and gratefully accepted. If a payment plan is preferable, this can be arranged through the front office.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO NOMINATE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON OUR SCHOOL BOARD?

We have 2 parent positions to fill on our School Board. Nominations are currently open and forms have been emailed to families. They are also available at the Front Office. Please complete the form and return it to the nomination box located in our front office foyer by Monday, 18 February 2019. If you would like further information about the roles and responsibilities of the school board please contact our office to make an appointment with either Mr Terrell or Mr Warwick.

Don't forget you can connect with our school and keep up-to-date with happenings via our website:

www.bonythonps.act.edu.au/ and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BonythonPS/

All the best for the fortnight ahead!

"You are not born with a fixed amount of resilience. It's like a muscle; you can build it up."

Sheryl Sandberg

Kind regards

Marc Warwick

A/g Principal

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

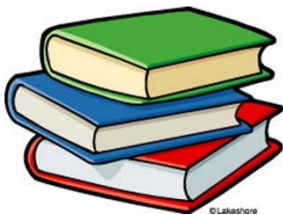
The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

WOULD EXTRA MONEY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR HELP YOUR FAMILY WITH BACK-TO-SCHOOL EXPENSES?



Do you hold a Health Care Card or a Pension Concession Card?

If so, you may be eligible for a *Learning for Life* Scholarship.



For more information contact
Marc Warwick, Deputy Principal
Or

Jo at The Smith Family on 0418 666 317 or by
email on Jo.thompson@thesmithfamily.com.au



**Opportunity available for Bonython Primary School*

students only

What is *Learning for Life*?

Learning for Life provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school.

The *Learning for Life* program helps each child to reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.



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Learning for Life provides:



Am I eligible for *Learning for Life*?

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Have a child/ children in Kindergarten/ Prep/ Reception to Year 6, who attend a school that we work with
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pension Concession Card
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through regular school attendance



What else do I need to know?

Learning for Life is a partnership between your family and The Smith Family.

As a parent/guardian or caregiver, you will be committing to:

- Your children attending school regularly
- Providing a school report yearly for each child
- Returning a yearly progress report for each child
- Maintaining contact with The Smith Family



How do I apply for *Learning for Life*?

If you meet all of the above criteria and would like to apply for the *Learning for Life* program, please complete the referral form provided and return to your school.

For further information, please contact the Family Partnership Coordinator:

Jo Thompson

Family Partnership Coordinator – The Smith Family

ph: (02) 6283 7603 mob: 0418 666 317



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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.ds.gov.au for more information.

Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone or SMS


your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

Email

CanberraSP@
thesmithfamily.com.au

Online

saverplus.org.au

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Please notify the school if your child is absent from school, by phone (anytime leave a message), by email to bonythonps@ed.act.edu.au. Up and coming absences can be communicated to teachers via note, face to face conversations or email. It is a requirement that absences are explained. If your child arrives between 9.00am- 9.30am they must come to the front office to be checked in. If they arrive after 9.30am they must be signed in by a parent/carer at the front office.

"NO HAT, SEEK SHADE"

Please remind your child to bring their broad brimmed or bucket hat to school. Caps are not a sunsmart accessory. Please write your child's name inside the hat and check the hat cord for a 'breakaway' clip, if not please remove the cord.



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wendy.gkr@gmail.com

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When: Sunday 24 February 2019

Time: 11am to 12 noon

Where: Gordon 201, behind Lanyon Vikings

For more information email:

girlsfooty@tuggeranongbulldogs.com



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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School Website: <http://www.bonythonps.act.edu.au/>