

CALENDAR

Wed 4 Feb	Fete Meeting—Staffroom 7pm
23—25 Feb	3/4A & 3/4B Camp
Fri 27 Feb	Parent EMA applications close
Fri 27 Feb	FETE
1—3 April	4/5/6 Camp

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Parents,

Best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2009!

Each new school year is an exciting prospect; for everyone it is a fresh start with myriad possibilities. Whether a prep, year 6, in any class between or a teacher, one has moved on since December, much less last February, and sees things differently. This is one of the special privileges of school.

This morning, Wednesday, by 9 am, all children were in their classes and lessons were underway. A few anxious parents lingered and others socialised. School starts at BSW are always easy but this is the easiest.

Welcome to the 45 new families, our 43 preps and new students at other year levels who have joined our school community. I look forward to getting to know you and developing our relationship. As well, it's with pleasure that I anticipate catching up with the parents of returning students. (I won't need to do much catching up with the Daniell family. I saw them

in Reading's between Christmas and New Year and then three times in Tasmania: crossing the road near a park in Hobart, walking out of Wineglass Bay in Freycinet N.P and on the foreshore at Bicheno!).

Every year I write the following because I would like you to remember, and act on, it throughout your child's time at BSW.

My first concern is your child's development and well being. All of us here want your child to flourish. If you feel uneasy or anxious about anything related to your child's schooling, please see the class teacher or me. Don't wait! An early word often saves many hours of worry. If the matter is small, it will be resolved all the sooner! The school phone number is 9380 1074.

Each Monday morning after assembly, coffee and tea are available in the staffroom for a casual parent "get together", and an informal forum to meet with me. If you are usually at work during school hours, I encourage you to call in when you come to Sharetime later this term. You'll find me in my office.

Staffing Welcome and best wishes to our new

and returning teachers, **Caroline Wignell, Margaret Kennedy and Don Gross.**

In the holidays Leading Teacher Shelley Laird gained an ongoing mentoring/teaching position at a local school near her home in Werribee. I'd like to thank Shelley for her wonderful contribution to BSW in 2008 and extend our best wishes for the future. I was very pleased to gain Don's services for this unexpected January vacancy. Don is an excellent teacher who was at BSW for many years. In fact, he attended graduation last year; he had been invited by the students.

Anaphylaxis Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction. It is potentially life threatening, and requires an emergency response. The reaction can begin within minutes of exposure and continue for two hours or more.

One Prep and four Year 1 students have these severe allergic reactions to one or more of the following: nuts, eggs and sesame seeds. Consequently, BSW has risk minimization practices. **You, especially Junior School parents and most particularly parents of children in Chris's, Kay's, Caroline's and Cecilia's rooms, can help by not sending these products, and foods such as peanut butter and nutella sandwiches.**

Parent Teacher Sharetime This is time for you to tell us about your child. It is usually held in the third week of school but this year it has been postponed until **2nd & 3rd March**. The gremlins that got in the system were the later start to the school year, professional development booked for after school, Year 3/4 camp and the fete.

RB (Red Brick) Building Some unexpected but necessary work was undertaken in the RB Building during the holidays; render was removed from a number of walls and two ceilings were refixed. (It looks like we're half-hearted 1970s renovators.) I'm awaiting a report before the walls can be re-rendered and painted. Please do not hesitate to ask me about this.

Our Fete Our fete is soon, Friday, 27th February! We need your help. It will be a wonderful community event, as well as the year's major fundraiser. Please, read the special fete notices over the next three weeks.

The Fete Committee needs the support of everyone to make the event a great success.

Yours sincerely
Louise Chochois
Principal

EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

If you hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Card, valid to 28 January 2009, you are eligible to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

You will receive two payments—\$77.35 in 1st term and \$33.15 in 3rd term for each child. The school also receives the same amount and it is applied to your account to pay fees.

In 2009, you will have the choice to receive your EMA payment by direct deposit (EFT) into your nominated bank account, or to receive your payment by cheque. If you choose to have your payment by EFT, when you come to the School to complete an application form, please bring a copy of your bank account details with you.

2009 Application Forms are available at the office. Please also bring your health care card or pension card with you.

Completed forms must be at the office by Friday, 27th February at the latest. **Sorry we cannot accept late applications.**

KIDS & FRUIT

Have you filled in the Kids & Fruit form for 2009? **You will need a new form if you would like your child/ren to continue with or join the Program in 2009.** Please complete the form on page 6 of this newsletter.

Return forms to the office by Wednesday, 11th February at the latest. Sorry we cannot accept late forms.

Thanks
Heather

ART ROOM

Hello from the Art Room.

During the holidays I went to see **The Waterhole** at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA). It is an amazing installation and well worth a visit. Entry to this exhibition is free. ACCA is at 111 Sturt Street, Southbank (behind the Art Gallery).

This term the students will be focusing on the Elements of Art. In the Senior School we will also consider the question 'What is Art?' Students will be encouraged to take photos of Street Art. If taken on a digital camera and saved on a memory stick, I am happy to print them out.

Lots of recycled things are useful in the art room, but some products are no longer allowed to be used. Egg cartons and anything that has stored cereal or nut products cannot be recycled at school. Glass containers cannot be used either.

Things that are great to have are: polystyrene trays, margarine, ice-cream and yogurt containers, small sturdy boxes. If in doubt, please ask me.

This year there will be an Art Show so you will be hearing from me often.

Cheers
Sue

VEGIE GARDEN

Thanks also to the following families for helping out over the summer holidays with the watering roster for the new vegie garden and orchard area—Dixon, Averill/Mallet, Payne, Lenffer, Hocking/Sinclair, Harris/Sanderson, Moreland. As you will see, the trees have survived the extreme weather conditions better than most gardens in the area thanks to this help. If you are interested in helping with the vegie garden area through the year, please contact Kylie Moreland 9384 6987.

ACCOUNTS

Accounts will going home shortly. We accept credit card, Eftpos, cash or cheque. Please pay at the office.

CIRCUS & DRAMA

If you are enrolled in after school Circus & Drama, classes start next Wednesday, 11th February.

Please note payment of \$84.00 is due on that date.

LAWNMOWING

Thanks to the following parents who helped with the lawn mowing of the school grounds including the new oval over the holiday period—Eddie Castaner, Xavier Duff, John Sutton, Nick Seal, Adrian Eddie, Tony Payne.

As three of the helpers from last year have now left the school we are looking for more parent volunteers to be part of the mowing crew. The school has two good mowers and generally only one hour is required at any session on a weekend. Number of sessions depends on weather but usually you would only be asked once or twice per year.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Tony Payne 9380 2863 with your contact details.

FETE 2009

Our fete is very close - Friday, 27th February. There is a fete meeting tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Look out for the pink newsletter tomorrow for more details about what's happening.

Call Lola 0409 221116 if you'd like to help.

LUCKY LUNCHBOX

The time has arrived for all students to pull out their plastic and recycle containers in order to help our environment! At BSWPS we believe that we should bring to school "no litter" so that our school grounds and water ways remain clean. To encourage all students to maintain this healthy lifestyle, and to discourage junk food too, we will collect all students' names that have brought a rubbish/wrapper free lunch to school each day. Those names will go into a tub and, at assembly each week, we will draw a winner from the Junior School and one from the Senior School. They will be able to choose a prize for their healthy living!

Nicoletta and Ruby, our Lucky Lunchbox school monitors, from 4/5/6 Margaret, will talk about this very popular activity at next week's Assembly. Looking forward to seeing a rubbish free school!

Signora Bruna,
Co-ordinator

L'ANGOLO ITALIANO

Benvenuti to all new parents and bentornati to all our wonderful comunita`. Italiano this year will be for all studenti from years 3-6. All classi will have 2 one hour sessions of Italiano a week. This year signorina Carolina's P/1 classe will also have one hour of Italiano a week! We will start with revisione and then go onto our unita` on L'Alfabeto. As always my classi would enjoy any help or experience that you can share with us and you don't need to be a parent from 3-6! Feel free to pop in to L'aula dell'italiano, anytime, for a chat or to share anything Italiano!

Studenti will be bringing COMPITO (homework) home next week. Per favore, check their work by listening to them or reading their sheets, and then sign where appropriate. If you have any concerns with the Compito I am happy to discuss it with you. Generally, with Compito, studenti are not given anything we haven't practiced in classe or are not familiar with. Occasionally they may be given some compito just to get them familiar with words we will be learning the following lesson. Of course when this happens we will have a class based follow up attivita`. Compito is given so that you get a chance to see what they are doing in classe and also to quench the thirst of those many studenti that just love to do things at home!

Per favore keep an eye on this weekly column and an ear open to all the Italiano your child will want to speak and practise!!

Looking forward to another great year of Italiano with you child,

Saluti,
signora Bruna



The Dance Room

Classes in Jazz, Tap, Funk, Classical
& Musical Theatre

Fun and friendly environment

Beginners Welcome

No Costume Making

Visit the website: www.thedancerroom.net
or please call Marnie: 9338 2065 or 0418 883 608

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The federal Government introduced a new Education Tax Refund on 1 July 2008. The Bill was passed through Parliament in late December 2008. Claims can be made for the 2008/2009 FY.

Families and approved care organisations can claim 50% of their eligible expenses if:

- They received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for their child, **or**
- A payment was made for the child that stopped them from receiving FTB Part A for that child.
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The maximum you can claim is 50% of eligible expenses up to:

- \$750 for each eligible child in primary school - that is, a refund up to \$ 375
- \$1,500 for each eligible child in secondary school - that is, a refund of up to \$750.

Items which qualify as eligible education expenses

Eligible education expenses are items that support a child's or independent student's primary or secondary school education. They include the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- Laptops, home computers and associated costs
- Computer related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, as well as disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- Home internet connections, including the costs of establishing and maintaining them
- Computer software for educational use, including word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software, internet filters and antivirus software
- School textbooks and other paper based school learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- Prescribed trade tools - for example, tools required to complete a school-based apprenticeship.

Expenses that are not eligible

- School fees
- School uniform expenses
- Student attendance at school-based extra curricular activities such as excursions and camps
- Tutoring costs
- Sporting equipment
- Musical instruments
- School subject levies - for example, payment for consumables for particular subjects such as woodwork, art or home science
- Building levies
- School photos
- Tuck shop expenses
- Waiting list fees
- Transport
- Library book fees
- Donations
- Membership fees
- Computer games and consoles



KIDS & FRUIT

The Kids & Fruit Program will be operating again during 2009.

Children receive 3 pieces of fruit at a cost of 90c per week. Families will be charged on a term basis.

If you would like your child included in the program for 2009, please let the office know as soon as possible by either returning the slip at the bottom of this note, or phoning us on 9380 1074 by Wednesday, 12th February at the latest.

Please note it is not possible to drop out of the program mid term due to orders being placed with the supplier.



KIDS & FRUIT

Please put my child/ren on the Kids & Fruit List for 2009

Name:..... Teacher.....

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Name:..... Teacher.....

Parent signature:.....

Date:.....



AMUSE-TOI BIEN AFTER SCHOOL FRENCH CLUB

The popular after school French club, AMUSE-TOI BIEN ("Enjoy yourself") starts this term. This fun and friendly French language program is held on Monday afternoons after school (3.45—4.45pm) commencing Monday, 9th February 2009. The program offers an introduction to the language and culture of France using games, songs, role-plays and craft activities all designed to be stimulating and fun.

AMUSE-TOI BIEN clubs give children the opportunity:

- To learn French at an age when they are most receptive and uninhibited
- To learn in small classes with children of their own age-group
- To achieve a high standard through activities that are interesting, rewarding and fun.
- To have some experience of learning French prior to secondary education which may be advantageous in the selection process for some popular secondary schools

The cost of the program is \$120 per child for the term and sessions run for 8 weeks. No previous experience of French is required. Please contact Claire or John at LINGO LEARNERS directly to enrol your child today on 9375 4777 or info@lingolearners.com.au Merci beaucoup et a bientot! www.lingolearners.com.au

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Open 6 Days a Week
Mon - Fri 9am - 10 Late
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*subject to change
Sunday - Training room

**FITNESS
ADDIX**

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WORTH BEING ADDICTED TO!

KID'S FITNESS CLASSES AT FITNESS ADDIX

Two classes for different age groups. NO Contract Fee. NO Joining Fee.

4.30pm – 5:00pm
5 - 7 year olds
"LITTLE ADDICTS"

5:00pm – 5.45pm
8 - 12 year olds
"THE CONTENDERS"

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

More classes available for specific sports Tuesday and Thursdays...please call to find out more.

These classes are dedicated to educating children on how fun it is to be fit and healthy and find out what they love and what they are good at in one action packed class. Motivating, fun, rewarding and challenging programs look at fitness, sport specific skills, nutrition, discipline, dedication, co-ordination and much more.

The classes cover sports such as football, soccer, boxing, kick boxing, martial arts, body weight training, gymnastics, ball skills, dance, and much more.

A team of dedicated trainers are here to encourage and educate children allowing parents to train in the fully equipped gym while they wait.

Cost - \$150.00 per 9 weeks (based on school terms)
Maximum 3 classes per week per child

All trainers have level 2 first aid certifications and are qualified to instruct over a broad range of areas including strength and conditioning coaching (elite level), gymnastics, martial arts, boxing and much more. All trainers are certified in children's fitness, personal training and group fitness.

Please call for more information.

Each child receives a T-Shirt and Drink Bottle

So You Think You Can DANCE?

Join a class at Illadvanced: Urban Arts Collective, and you will KNOW YOU CAN DANCE!

PRESENT THIS AD AND GET YOUR FIRST CLASS FREE!!!

We have a range of kids classes, including Circus - Cheerleading, Hip-Hop, Jazz and more.

Casual Classes - \$12
Term Pass (10 classes) - \$100

For more information, visit our website www.iuac.info or call our Manager of Operations Nick on 0412 435 398.

Classes start on February the 16th, so book asap and don't miss out!