

It's the BSWPS newsletter!

## Welcome back!!

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*At Brunswick South-West Primary School, we acknowledge we learn, work and play on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.*

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope you and your child/children have had a good start to the term. Please ensure you have a read of this newsletter as we have some important events coming up.

#### School Council:

In the next newsletter we will introduce you to our counsellors. Graeme Joyce has been re-elected as our school council President; Tara Scorgie is vice-president; and Danielle Vaughn is our new Treasurer. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in their roles.

#### Sub-Committees:

If you would like to join one of our sub-committees, please don't hesitate to email me. You do not have to be on school council to be a member of a sub-committee. The sub-committees include:

- Buildings and Grounds
- Education (policy writing)
- Grants and Fundraising
- Engagement

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to be part of a sub-committee.

#### Principal Conference:

Jacqui and I went to the Principal Conference on Thursday and Friday last week. We spent the two days networking, and participating in professional learning around 'Leadership Courage', 'Leading Learning in Complex Times' Bruce Armstrong, 'The Year Ahead: Realistic Optimism' Angela Singh, 'Academy Leadership Excellence Framework': Simone Eirth and Kirrily George, and 'Good HR Practice' Brian Wheeler. This gives Jacqui and I time to reflect on our current practice, and consider opportunities to refine our leadership skills back at school. All of this work is shared with the staff. One of the positives about these experiences is the networking opportunities. Adam, the Principal from Brunswick North PS, and Erin, Acting Principal at Brunswick East, will be visiting our school throughout the term to share our journeys together.

#### ANZAC Day:

A reminder there is no school on Thursday due to ANZAC Day.

#### Gratitude Stall:

Please refer to the poster page in this newsletter regarding the Gratitude Stall in a few weeks. We are accepting donations, too.

#### Swimming:

We are changing our swimming location and dates. School council is currently working with Shar and I on this. We will be in touch with more information soon.

I hope you all have a wonderful week.



Emma Fuller

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

#### April

- 22nd Earth Day
- 23rd School Cross Country
- 25th ANZAC DAY (No School)
- 29th School Council 7pm

#### May

- 3rd Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)
- 7th School Photo Day
- 10th Gratitude Stall
- 10th Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)
- 16th Education Support Staff Day
- 16th District Cross Country
- 17th IDAHOBIT DAY
- 17th Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)
- 20th Professional Practice Day (no school)
- 21st Prep Chinese Incursion
- 24th Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)
- 27th School Council 7pm
- 27th-3rd Reconciliation Week
- 28th Grade 5/6 Chinese Incursion
- 29th Grade 3/4 Chinese Incursion
- 29th Division Cross Country
- 30th Grade 1/2 Chinese Incursion
- 31st Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)



### Don't forget

- No School 25th April, ANZAC Day.
- We'd love you to share any photos with us for the newsletter [brunswick.sw.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:brunswick.sw.ps@education.vic.gov.au).
- Advanced Psychology have 2 clinicians working 2 days a week and BSWPS. How to [book](#).
- Curriculum Days:**
  - 20th May Monday
  - 19th September Thursday
  - 4th November Monday

### School Tours

For students interested in prep 2025

- April 30th
- May 14th
- May 28th
- June 18th

[Follow the link to sign up here.](#)

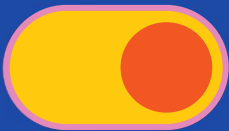




**IT'S  
WHAT'S  
INSIDE  
THAT  
COUNTS**



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# P.E NEWS

## ARLO

Last year I observed Arlo (in Grade 6 at the time) quietly set about to assist other students in the areas of Basketball and A.F.L footy. He gave up his time to train and mentor many students across a number of year levels. He was nominated for the 'Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sport Leadership Award' for 2023 and I am very proud to announce that he was successful. Arlo was the first Primary School student to ever receive this award and we are so proud of him.

The criteria for selection was:

- Increasing participation/opportunities in school and community sport
- Increasing player / umpire / coach skill level in particular sports
- Displaying leadership through team coaching, management or mentoring others
- Promoting / participating in meaningful and inclusive opportunities with community organisations /clubs.
- Involvement in the organisation / preparation and participation of school or community teams in local / regional or state competitions.

Here is the passage from the SSV website about Arlo:

Arlo has been an inspiration to the community of Brunswick South West Primary School throughout 2023. He trained, coached and captained the school boys basketball team to win the Interschool Sport Basketball District and Division competitions, and place 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regional Championships. He also coached the school Aussie Rules Football team – a mixed team of boys and girls – all the way to Division Championships. Arlo himself has played numerous seasons for the Brunswick Dragons Football Club and is responsible for recruiting and mentoring many new players. His ability to extract the very best performance from his teammates is an extraordinary gift, and one that has brought considerable success to his school and community.







# P.E NEWS

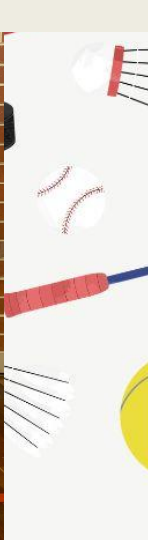
What an AWESOME Carnival. A big THANK YOU to the parents who helped out. The Carnival could not go ahead without your assistance – thank you Luke H, Rachel G, Annabel M, Amy E, Amy O and Dan T. You made the chaos less chaotic.

Congratulations to all the students attending the District event on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Harold Stevens Reserve, Coburg. Parents, please feel free to go to the grounds behind the Coburg Athletics Track and walk up the hill at the back of the track and walk out roughly the 2 or 3 kilometre track. The competitors end up coming down along the creek and back into the Athletic Track.

Training at school will be MON/WED/FRI, always at 2<sup>nd</sup> break. This is NOT compulsory, it is on offer if your child would like to prepare for the hills at the next level.



11 Yr Girls



11 Yr Boys



12/13 Girls



12/13 Boys



# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Providing Value to Families

## Issue 3 Out Now!

The image shows a promotional graphic for Scholastic Book Club Issue 3, 2024. At the top, it says 'ISSUE 3 2024' and 'SCHOLASTIC Book Club'. Below this, it says 'Value Packed' and 'EARN AND SPEND CREDITS! See back page for more'. A yellow circular badge on the right says 'Includes a \$5 credit!'. The central part of the graphic features several book covers and activity kits, including 'SHAKE SHOP', 'BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER', 'DOG MAN', 'THE BAD GUY', 'KAREN'S SLEEPOVER', and 'TEACHER'S PET'. A red banner at the bottom of the graphic says 'SCHOLASTIC Book Club'. On the right side, there is a red box with 'ORDERS DUE BACK BY:' and a blank space for a date.

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Dear Families,

Students will receive a Scholastic Book Club order form this week.

If you wish to order, please visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the LOOP app. Please refer below for further information on how to do this. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order.

### **PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

**PLEASE NOTE** that we are **unable** to process cash orders through the School Office. We kindly request that you place and pay for all orders ONLINE. **All books will be delivered to your child's classroom.**

Place your child's order against their **teacher's name** and pay for your order directly

**ONLINE by the due date: Monday 6 May 2024**



# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>5/6</b>
Miriam	Jo	Chantel & Sin Sin	Kieran
Dom & Bethany	Carly & Jade	Sarah T	Stephanie & Ben
Alison	Dylan	Kim	Bridgit
	Cat	Tom	Sarah B
	Rosa	Bryony	Georgia
	Rosie		

## Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1** Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.  
*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*
- 3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.







# PHOTO DAY

# COMING SOON!

Tuesday, 7th May 2024

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

**X3067EC047B**





★ **NOTHING SAYS  
I LOVE YOU MORE**

**Gifts  
from \$1**



Some call it Mothers' Day,  
in the spirit of inclusivity,  
we call it Gratitude Day.

**THAN A RANDOM GIFT  
FROM THE GRATITUDE STALL** ★

**Friday the 10th of May  
Performing Arts Room**

•  
Send your kids to school with some  
small cash & a carry bag

•  
Parent volunteers wanted for  
the stall, contact Cath (0428080366)

**Donations welcome**

In previous years, our wonderful community has donated things like plants, preserves, jewellery, home made products, just all kinds of things. If, like me, you are not creative, you can help by picking up things you see on sale while out shopping. Don't spend too much as we like to keep things under \$10 if we can.

If you feel you can help with this, thank you and please leave in the box near the office!

- Catherine Pfabe, Gratitude Day coordinator

# LUNCH ORDERS MAKING WEDNESDAYS BETTER SINCE 2024

“My favourite thing about making school lunches is not making school lunches.”



Have you tried it yet?

Registering is faster than buttering a sandwich!

Classroom Cuisine  
<https://classroomcuisine.com.au/>

You will need to enter your child's classroom code - here they are for easy access :)

- FA - Alison
- FB - Dom & Bethany
- FC - Miriam
- 12A - Rosie
- 12B - Dylan
- 12C - Jo
- 12D - Cat
- 12E - Carly & Jade
- 12F - Rosa & Phaedra
- 34A - Kim
- 34B - Ashley
- 34C - Chantel & Sarahl
- 34D - Bryony
- 34E - Tom
- 56A - Sarah B
- 56B - Ben
- 56C - Georgia
- 56D - Bridgit
- 56E - Kieran

Be sure to order THE DAY BEFORE

Please check your confirmation email and ensure it is for the correct date

WEDNESDAYS ONLY

ORDER BY THE TUESDAY BEFORE



## CALLING ALL LGBTQIA+ FAMILIES!

Join our informal network of LGBTQIA+ families at our wonderful school

Please get in touch if you'd like to join. We're defining LGBTQIA+ families widely as queer parents or carers with kids at the school, and parents with queer trans or gender diverse kids. Just message Naomi Service on **0426 835 061** and I'll add you to the WhatsApp group (she/her, my partner Lucy and I have a Grade 1 student).

## Neurodivergent kids @ BSWPS



**We'd like to invite any caregivers of neurodivergent\* students (diagnosed or suspected) to join our community on Discord where we can connect, share resources, and work together to make BSWPS the most inclusive neuro affirming space it can be.**

If you'd like to join or get more information please email [roseakircher@gmail.com](mailto:roseakircher@gmail.com)

\*Autistic, ADHD, OCD, tourettes, dyslexia, dyscalculia, bipolar disorder and more - get in contact if you want more info on where everything fits in!

# AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM

**MID TERM NOTICE!**

**JOIN OUR AFTER SCHOOL  
SOCCER PROGRAM EACH WEEK  
STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL**

**MORE INFO & ENROLMENT CAN BE FOUND ON  
OUR WEBSITE - [STRIKESOCCERSCHOOL.COM](http://STRIKESOCCERSCHOOL.COM)**

**PREP TO YEAR SIX CLASSES**



**ENROL NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT  
ENROLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR ONE HOUR, WEEKLY SKILLS  
PROGRAM.**

**VISIT [STRIKESOCCERSCHOOL.COM](http://STRIKESOCCERSCHOOL.COM) TO SIGN UP**



# CIRCUS

UPSIDE DOWN FUN TIMES

2023

## Circus & Performing Arts Classes - Term 2

We have places for students age 7 years and over in our Monday & Tuesday circus classes this term.

We also have places for **5-7 year olds** in our new circus classes running on Wednesdays.

Classes run from 3.30pm - 5pm in the school hall/gym. Our classes are exclusive to Brunswick South West Primary students and have been running for over 20 years!

Our classes include: Acrobalance, juggling, poi, hooping, yoga, drama, static trapeze, silks, handstands, cartwheels & more.

Circus & performing arts classes are a great way to develop coordination, balance, strength, flexibility, collaboration, creative expression, confidence & friendships. All while learning fun new circus skills.

For more information & to enrol for Term 2, please contact Anita Alexander [anitta.alex@gmail.com](mailto:anitta.alex@gmail.com)

2023

UPSIDE DOWN FUN TIMES

# CIRCUS



MINDFUL CHESS

## Brunswick South West Primary

### Chess Club – Term 2

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Chess has been played for thousands of years across diverse regions and cultures. Chess club provides kids the opportunity to master this timeless art while socialising, having fun and sharpening their minds.

Through this interpersonal challenge it has been shown that kids develop analytical capabilities, foresight, planning, decision making skills, discipline and much more. These skills are helpful in both academic and personal life. While chess inherently involves competition, our club maintains an emphasis on emotional awareness and sportsmanship.

Throughout the term classes will involve learning strategy and tactics, exercises, games and a term-long tournament.

#### **CLASS DETAILS:**

CLASS TIMES:	Friday lunchtimes
DATES:	26 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> June
LOCATION:	School Library
MEMBERSHIP FEE:	\$125 <i>(Pro rata if joining late)</i>

#### **ENQUIRIES**

Contact Felix Chandler: [felixchandler@mindfulchess.com.au](mailto:felixchandler@mindfulchess.com.au)



#### **BSW - Member details and payment**

\* if your child has already enrolled in the past simply send an email confirming payment

To join please return the following details. Payment can be made in cash to the chess teacher or pay via bank transfer and send a scanned email to [felixchandler@mindfulchess.com.au](mailto:felixchandler@mindfulchess.com.au)

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select payment method:      Cash       Direct Debit  \* **include child's name as reference**

#### **Bank Transfer payment details:**

ACC. Name:      Mindful Chess      OR      Pay ID: 0451965385

BSB:              063238

Account No:      11195581

\*Please complete payment before returning enrolment form and **include your child's name in the reference**





# Extra-Curricular Activities

## at Brunswick South West Primary

ENROL ONLINE NOW!



### DANCE

- ✓ Mon, 3:30pm- 3:30pm
- ✓ Starts on 29 Apr
- ✓ \$190 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Years 1-6
- ✓ Room: Performing arts room

Dance is all about self-expression, creativity, and having a good time while you're at it. Students will learn a range of dance moves and work towards creating a piece each term with the option of presenting at assembly. This program will introduce popping and locking, the latest footwork, and give students an opportunity to unleash their inner swag.

### ROBOTICS

- ✓ Tue, 3:30pm- 4:30pm
- ✓ Starts on 30 Apr
- ✓ \$240 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Years 1-6
- ✓ Room: Library

The Lego WeDo program is an engaging introduction into the world of robotics and a great way to develop interest in maths, science and engineering. This hands-on program will see students working together to solve a range of real problems all with the support of experienced robotics coaches. Students will develop the confidence to ask questions and find answers at the same time.

### CODING

- ✓ Wed, 3:30pm- 4:30pm
- ✓ Starts on 1 May
- ✓ \$240 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Years 2-6
- ✓ Room: Room: Library

While many jobs of the future are yet to be even imagined the future of work undoubtedly points in the direction of the technology space. This coding course using the Scratch application will introduce students to the world of coding in a fun and engaging way. Experienced coaches will guide students through a series of hands-on lessons with real world applications.

TRIALS AVAILABLE!  
PLEASE CALL TO BOOK ONE IN



Scan or click the QR code to enrol online!

# SMILE SQUAD

## is coming soon!

### Dear Brunswick South West Primary School families,

The Smile Squad team from Merri Health are coming to our school soon. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the below QR code



Please complete and submit the consent form by Monday 15th of April. Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens. Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

### Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional. If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.







**DOGS CONNECT**  
RESTORING BALANCE



# Coming Soon...

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Dogs Connect Program and will be introducing a wellbeing dog to our school.

In this unique approach the focus is on broad scale connectedness and wellbeing across the entire school community. This is something that will be very carefully introduced and our dog will not be onsite at school for quite some time yet. In this time, we will be preparing the whole community for this introduction.

This is an evidence-based program that is underpinned by best practice, and we welcome you to look over the website to gain more of an idea of what the program is about. <https://dogsconnect.net.au>

Stay tuned as there will be lots of information being shared with you in the next few weeks!



# Message from Ben Carroll

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education



Dear colleagues

I would like to extend my warm wishes to every school community across Victoria, and thank all school leaders, teachers and support staff for your enormous efforts to deliver a high standard of public education.

In support of the work you do, I have pre-recorded a [short video message](#) that speaks to parents and carers about the importance of the second school term for learning, along with a few helpful reminders.

Please share the link above with your school community in your Term 2 communications.

Thank you once again for your outstanding work and commitment to your students and school community.

Warm regards

**The Hon. Ben Carroll MP**

Deputy Premier

Minister for Education





# BSWPS 2024 Calendar of Key Dates

2024 Term 1 (30th January - 28th March)		
January	30th	Students start school (Grade 1-6)
	31st	Preps start school
February	5-7th	Grade 5/6 Camp Rumberg
	7th	No prep students
	10th	Lunar New Year
	12th	Special Assembly - Lion Dance
	13-14th	Parent Teacher/Share Time 3:30 - 7pm
	14th	No prep students
	16th	Year 6 Leaders Conference
	19th	School Council 7pm
March	21st	No prep students
	28th	No prep students
	1st	Friday Community Day (Working Bee) 3:30 - 6:30pm
	8th	International Women's Day
	8th	Curriculum Day
	11th	Labour Day
	12th	Ramadan
	12th	Division Swimming (Grade 3-6)
	15th	BSWPS Fete!
	18-23rd	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
	21st	Regional Swimming (Grade 3-6)
25th	PE Information Night, 5pm (P-2), 6pm (Grade 3-6)	
25th	School Council 7pm	
27th	Open Streets	
28th	End of Term 1 - 2:30pm dismissal	
2024 Term 2 (15th April - 28th June)		
April	2nd	World Autism Awareness Day
	15th	Term 2 starts
	15th	Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)
	22nd	Earth Day
	23rd	School Cross Country
	25th	ANZAC Day
	29th	School Council 7pm
May	3rd	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)
	7th	School photo day
	10th	Gratitude Stall
	10th	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)
	12th	Mothers Day (Sunday)
	16th	Education Support Staff Day
	16th	District Cross Country
	17th	IDAHOBIT DAY
	17th	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)
	20th	Professional Practice Day (all staff) no school
	21st	Prep Chinese Incurion
	24th	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)
	27th	School Council 7pm
	27-3rd	Reconciliation Week
28th	Grade 5/6 Chinese Incurion	
29th	Grade 3/4 Chinese Incurion	
29th	Division Cross Country	
30th	Grade 1/2 Chinese Incurion	

	31st	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)	
June	1st	Saturday Community Day (Working Bee) 9am - 2pm	
	3rd - 14th	Swimming Weeks	
	10th	King's Birthday	
	13th	Region Cross Country	
	14th	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)	
	24th	School Council 7pm	
	26th	Open Streets	
	28th	End of Term 2 - 2:30pm dismissal	
2024 Term 3 (15th July - 20th September)			
July	4-11th	NAIDOC Week	
	15th	Term 3 starts	
	17-19th	Grade 3/4 Camp Anglesea	
	29th	School Council 7pm	
	30-31st	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 7pm	
August	10th	Saturday Community Day (Working Bee) 9am - 2pm	
	10-18th	National Science Week	
	17-23rd	Book Week	
	22nd	District Athletics	
	26th	School Council 7pm	
	30th	Gratitude Stall	
	30th	Wear It Purple Day	
	September	1st	Fathers Day (Sunday)
		9th	Curriculum Day
		11th	Division Athletics
12th		RUOK? Day (Wear yellow)	
18th		Open Streets	
20th		End of Term 3 - 2:30pm dismissal	
21st		International Day of Peace	
2024 Term 4 (7th October - 20th December)			
October	7th	Term 4 starts	
	10th	World Mental Health Day	
	11th	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)	
	16th	Regional Athletics	
	18th	Interschool Sport (Grade 5/6)	
	25th	World Teachers Day	
	25th	Interschool Sport (Grade 3-6)	
	28th	School Council 7pm	
	31-4 Nov	Diwali	
	November	4th	Curriculum Day
5th		Melbourne Cup Day	
8th		Interschool Sport (Grade 3-6)	
11th		Remembrance Day	
15th		Interschool Sport (Grade 3-6)	
15th		Friday Community Day (Working Bee) 3:30 - 6:30pm	
22nd		Interschool Sport (Grade 3-6)	
25th		School Council 7pm	
December	27th	Open Streets	
	11th	Year 6 Graduation	
	16th	School Council 7pm	
	20th	End of Term 4 - 1:30pm dismissal	



Scan Me



Thank you to our wonderful community  
for all that you do to help grow our amazing little humans



**Brunswick South-West**  
Primary School