



Wednesday 19 October	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Wednesday 19 October	Preschool Information night 6pm
Thursday 20 October	Year 2 Excursion , AIS and Fyshwick Fresh Food Markets
Thursday 20 October	Secondary disco 6 - 9.30pm
Friday 21 October	5/6 Buronjin Tournament
Monday 24 October	Grandfriends Day Years K-5
Thursday 27 October	BMX Workshop Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Election Day Fundraising

Thanks to the volunteers from the P&C who raised around \$2100 on Saturday. The BBQ and Cake stall was a great success and a good way to show off our school to the wider community.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

The morning tea in the canteen this Wednesday is to thank all the parents and community members who have assisted our school in some way in the past year. The help may have been through the P&C or by helping in the classroom or in one of the programs like Band or the Kitchen Garden. If you can't make it to the morning tea, thank you for supporting students through volunteering.

Teacher Appreciation BBQ

Our wonderful secondary students cleaned and dressed up our staff courtyard last Friday in order to put on a BBQ lunch for teachers. The idea came to the Leadership Class after hearing about World Teacher's Day on 5 October. The staff felt loved and appreciated – thanks to all of the senior students involved.

School Improvement

We recently received the results of two surveys, the School Satisfaction Survey and the Australian School Climate and School Identification Measurement Tool. We are currently summarising the findings of the surveys and will share the successes and areas for improvement with the School Board, students and through the newsletter. The findings will also be a focus for our 2017 school Action Plan for school improvement.

2017 Preschool Places

If you know any families who need to enrol their child for preschool for 2017, please let them know to contact our front office as soon as possible. We opened an extra class recently and it is nearly full.

Charlie Morrice
Principal

Dates to remember:

Family Bush Dance: (to be confirmed) 3 Nov. 6pm - 7pm. Preschool to Year 2

O'Halloran Site:

As the summer weather approaches we are changing our routines and going outside early in the morning. Please apply sunscreen before children come to preschool.

The guidelines from Sun Smart are:

- Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outside and again every two hours (whether or not the label tells you to do this).
- Use a generous amount of sunscreen. The average-sized adult should apply more than half a teaspoon of sunscreen (about 3 ml) to each arm and the face/neck (including ears), and just over one teaspoon (6 ml) to each leg, the front of the body and the back of the body. That is, approximately 35 ml of sunscreen for one full body application. (<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/slop-on-sunscreen>)

Group A: Kangaroos

The end of last term saw many of the children searching for bugs in the playground. We are using this interest as a basis for this term's focus on "What's living in our playground?" We started brainstorming and the children came up with a comprehensive list, including poles, slippery dip, insects and bacteria. This was followed by discussions on what are the indicators of living things. This includes movement, growth, eating, and drinking. When asked if the sun was a living thing one of the children

said yes, because it moves up and down. Can't fault that logic!

Last week we started 2 experiments. What happens to white flowers when their stems are put into coloured water? Why does this happen? The children were able to see the changes on the first day. Our explanation is that the stem 'slurps' up the water, just as the roots do. The second experiment will take longer. We have placed seeds in damp plastic bags in the window. What will happen?

I am setting aside some times on Mondays and Wednesdays for parent teacher interviews. Please add your name to the list on our noticeboard. If these times don't suit we can arrange another time.

Group B: Beautiful Butterflies.



Mel and Lesley.

Welcome back to all our families for the beginning of a busy Term 4. The children came back to class bursting with excitement to tell us what they did in the holidays. The friendships again started to blossom. Our learning in the next few weeks is a focus on celebrations. The children have a keen interest to learn about Halloween, so we will start an investigation into this next week. Squirtle is still on holidays, but will be back soon. The children are wondering where he has gone. Our vegetable garden looks amazing after the rain, and our water tank is full. We will be discussing how to save as much of our water as possible. If you have any concerns/questions please speak to the staff.

Group C: Echidnas

The Echidnas have been investigating how we made a book, and the different types of books following a suggestion from one of the students. We firstly looked at a book that had no words in it, but it still told us a story. "Window" by Jeannie Baker. Next we looked at an information book on reptiles. This had no story but it still told us lots! The third book we looked at was a repetitive one that was a bit like a song. And the last book was a book that told us a story about an artist. We talked about how we will be artists when we make our own book and how there are lots of different artists. After reading these books we voted on which type of book we wanted to make. The result was an information book! We have begun by drawing pictures of ourselves, which is who the information will be about. Once we have finished the book will be available for you to read in our classroom. This term we will begin to look at the lifecycle of tadpoles with some little friends having a visit in the classroom. **GroupD: Dingoes**

Wow here we are into term 4. The year is flying by. Welcome back everyone to a busy and hectic term 4. Last week we



discussed what we will change the dramatic play area into. We had many ideas such as a jungle, haunted house, magical cave, school and pet shop. After a vote the veterinary surgery was the winner. Again this term we will continue to focus on opposites, patterns, counting, colours, and shapes along with concentrating on our fine motor skills for writing and cutting along with children's input from their different interests. This term our routine is changing to our summer timetable. After our group time we will have a quick fruit break as we will be having lunch later than we have had. If possible could an extra piece of fruit/vegetable, cheese or sultanas be added to the lunch box for this quick snack. Please apply sunscreen before children come to preschool. Please let us know if you or your child has any worries or concerns about preschool. If you would like a more comprehensive interview or chat I am available in the mornings at 8:30, or Thursday and Friday afternoons 3:15- 4:30pm.



Debbie and Laura

Group E: Emus

The Emus have been looking at graphs, comparing the different fruit children brought to preschool. Nichole drew the information up onto a graph. We then counted each fruit and wrote the number to see which fruit was the winner. We looked at how graphs can tell us lots of information and how we can read the information. We have now made it a habit to graph our fruit each day at snack to see which different fruits we have and which fruit was the most popular.

Last term saw the Emus were very engaged in the dress ups. Lots of cooperative play was seen, as were sharing and imaginative play. The Emus have been enjoying finger play songs where props are used and will begin to make their own props to use in the songs. Their favourite at the moment is 5 currant buns.

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LSU

Welcome back to term four. The students have settled well into the school routine. Turtles class have started doing geometry this term. We are revising 2D and 3D shapes and have started to measure angles using geometry sets. We are enjoying the ICT skills sessions and are typing information texts, inserting images and borders into documents as well as saving them on USB's. Dolphins class has been enjoying their new Writer's Notebooks, and have been writing some amazing stories in them. We have also taken a new interest in fine motor and outdoor activities during our new Investigations Time. The Dolphins have started skip counting in maths, and are excited to learn more addition strategies this term.

Just a few reminders: Please remember to pack hats and water bottles. Library day is Friday. Please check folders for communication such as excursion notes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher. We look forward to having a busy and exciting term.

Kimi, Wendy, Abby and Faeza



Kindergarten

Welcome to Term 4!

We hope you had a wonderful and safe break with your families. It was very exciting to hear about what all the students did during the holidays. A Term Overview will be sent home in the next few coming weeks regarding all the content that will be taught in Kindergarten during Term 4. As the weather is starting to heat up please make sure that your child has a sun safe hat



(no caps) and a drink bottle filled with water and labelled with their name.

This week Kindergarten had a special visit from the local fire brigade. They showed us how to 'Get down low and go, go, go!' and 'Stop, drop and roll'. We talked about how to call 000 if there is a fire and we even got Miss Lodge to dress up as a fire fighter! Monday 24 October is Grandfriends day, parents and Grandfriends are invited to join us in the Kindergarten Villa from 8.55-10.15. In each Kindergarten classroom you will be able to have a mini Learning Journey. At the end of our shared class experiences, Kindergarten invites all parents back to the canteen where they will entertain you with a performance

followed by a morning tea. We look forward to seeing lots of grandparents and families at this wonderful event.

End of last term a note went home in regards to swimming lessons that will be happening in Weeks 7 and 8. We strongly encourage all students to participate in this program even if they are taking lessons outside of school. If you need another note please see your child's teacher.

Happy learning!

Laura Lodge, Danika Gilmore & Sharon Edwards

Year 1

It has been a busy start to term four with both classes jumping into learning all about money. We have been working with some play money in class to recognise the differences between the coins and understanding that money has different values. In English we are investigating how to write procedures, this means in the coming weeks we will be exploring the different steps to complete tasks. This is a great opportunity read through some recipes and share cooking at home with your child.

Year one continues to have tennis clinics on Thursday's and students are expected to wear appropriate footwear so they can participate fully in the programme. We have almost all students wearing hats at break which is fantastic to see, if your child does not have a school hat there are some unclaimed hats in lost property.

A friendly reminder that this term year 1 will participate in swimming lessons, which will take place in weeks 7 and 8. If your child has lost their note please see the classroom teacher for a replacement.

Jillian Hosking-Wilson, Emma Tracey-Patte and Sue Parker



Year 2

We have a very busy term ahead of us in year 2, with assemblies, excursions, special guests and the fete! We are going on an excursion this week to the Australian Institute of Sport and the Fyshwick Fresh Food Markets. We are looking forward to seeing how professional athletes stay physically fit and to going on a fruit and veg shopping spree! As part of this unit on Health and Personal Development students will need to bring in a photo of themselves as a baby to show how much they have grown and changed. Please ensure that you have returned the excursion note and payment to the front office.

Next week we are hosting the primary school assembly and would love to see as many family members and friends in the audience as possible. Be prepared for an amazing performance from all year two students.

Finally, we are gearing up for the Namadgi School Fete to be held in week 6. There will be a range of stalls including students selling their unique artworks. We would appreciate any donations of unwanted, clean stockings to help create our masterpieces. To see the fabulous finished products you'll have to come along to the fete in November!

Jacinta Crane, Clare Whitaker –Allan and Elissa Sharpe



Year 3/4

Year 3 and Year 4 have started Term 4 with great enthusiasm. Students are very excited about the new iinspire primary rewards program. Students are working hard to display the Namadgi Positive Behaviours and Values to earn tokens and ultimately wristbands. The *iinspire leadership* students have worked extremely hard in starting this program and consulted with staff and students. The Year 3 & 4 team wish to congratulate and thank the iinspire students.

With the end of year fast approaching, Term 4 is a time for all students to consolidate their learning and to show their teachers just how much they have academically grown this year. We are specifically looking forward to finishing off our procedural writing in literacy, our history unit and our maths unit. Please encourage your children to regularly complete their homework and, if time allows, read with them each night.

We are lucky this term to be involved with so many extra-curricular activities. We have started our Fresh Tastes program and are continuing our tennis program.

Sailing recommences for Year 4 this term with students being advised this week if they are going to be sailing this term.

Please remember that as the hot weather approaches students are now required to wear a hat for outside play.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

Michael Richards, Anita McCarthy, Rebecca Fortescue, Brita Monck and Krystal Coker.



Year 5

Year Five have a busy final term ahead of them. Last week the boys participated in the Milo T20 Blast Cricket competition. To start their transition to the High School, Year 5 has been invited to the Halloween Disco on Thursday, 20 October and to participate in the Buroinjin Gala Day on Friday, 21 October. More information about transition will be sent home over the term.

Design and construction of our mini-golf course for the Namadgi School Fete has commenced. Students are working in small teams to complete this project.

Over the coming weeks we have a lot coming up, including:

- GrandFriends Learning Journey;
- Constable Kenny Koala;
- BMX Workshops; and,
- Primary Halloween Disco.



We will also be rehearsing and preparing for the Year 5 Graduation on Thursday, 8 December 2016.

Thank you for returning notes for the BMX Workshop, Graduation Bowling and Graduation RSVP promptly.

Bernie Wyatt, Adrian Lovelock and Patricia Alexandra

Attention year 9 Parents!

The year nine students are beginning the Sexual Assault Prevention Program for Secondary Schools Program (SAPPSS) this week and a note has gone home detailing the purpose and the importance of this program. The SAPPSS program is an opt-out program and if you are a parent of a year nine student and have not received your information note, you may collect one from the front office

\$5 Entry – pay at the door. Includes free glow sticks!

Come dressed up in your Halloween costume!

WHEN: Monday 31 October

WHERE: VPAC

WHO: Kindy, Year 1, Year 2 –

4.30pm -5.30pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 –

5.50 pm – 7.20pm



P and C will be selling food and drinks.

We will need parent helpers on the night. If you are available to help could you please contact:

Mrs Wyatt or Rhodina Ellison

P&C Update Term 4, Week 2

ACT Election BBQ:

- Thank you for those parents who helped on Saturday by either cooking and donating cakes or helping at the BBQ.
- I would like to especially thank Mrs Wyatt and Ms McKenzie for giving up some of their Saturday to help us fill gaps on the roster.

Fete Update:

- **Meetings are every Monday at 7pm Monday in the community room**
- If you have some time to help on a Wednesday morning 9-12 please pop into the community room and say hello.
- Please donate second hand books and DVD's.
- Please donate new crafty items to be sold on the craft stall.
- Please donate sturdy shopping bags we can use at the stalls for shoppers
- There is going to be a uniform free day Monday 31 October, Halloween theme, this is a whole school event. Gold coin donations required.
- Keep an eye out for notes regarding prepaid vouchers and details of our raffle

Discos

- This Thursday year 10 are hosting a disco for students from Year 5 to Year 10. The P&C will be providing canteen services, if you are able to help please email or call.
- On Monday 31 October, there will be a Kinder to Year 5 disco with a Halloween theme. The P&C will be providing canteen services, if you are able to help please email or call.

Thanks

Rhodina Ellison

Fundraising Coordinator/P&C Vice President

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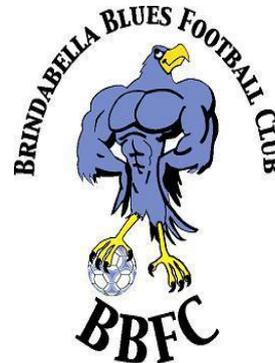
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Free Junior Girls Bring a Friend and Come and Try Football Evening – Brindabella Blues Football Club: 31/10/2016 5.30 to 7pm @ Calwell Playing Fields.

Nearly every school in the Tuggeranong Valley incorporates soccer/football in their PE programs. They also include teams in the local school district tournaments and many girl players are joining in and having a kick around. Interest in girl's football is booming with the Australian women's team, the Matildas, regularly out performing their male counterparts on the world stage.

The Brindabella Blues Football Club is regularly asked –

- My daughter has a great time playing football at school, how do I get her playing for a team?
- Where can she learn more about football?
- I'd like to get her interested in some form of regular physical activity, what is available?
- My daughter has no older siblings currently playing sport so I don't know where to start?
- How will I know if she'll like it before I commit?



With these questions in mind, BBFC is proposing to run a Junior Girls Football Development Academy for u8s to u14s over the summer months with a view to teaching the girls basic football skills and rules with an emphasis on participation and fun.

But first we will be conducting a Free Bring a Friend and Come and Try Evening on Monday 31/10/2016, 5.30pm to 7pm at Calwell Playing Fields where the girls will be placed in small groups, taught basic football skills, and take part in football based games and short matches.

All school girls are welcome, maybe get a group of school friends together, come along and try out football. Boots and shin guards for this session are optional, but we suggest long socks, if possible, a hat and drink.

We will have a stall for signing up girls for the Junior Girls Football Development Academy with club officials on hand to answer any questions. There will also be a stall selling sausages and drinks and we encourage parents to hang around, watch the sessions and generally socialise.

This year we are pleased to extend our Junior Girls Football Development Academy to 12 weeks of contact, allowing three full cycles of the four core skills program recognised by the FFA curriculum – Passing and striking; First touch; Running with the ball; and 1 v 1. Beginning November 7th, there will be 6 sessions before Christmas with a break in January before the Academy resumes in February. Registration fee of \$75 includes insurance and an Academy training shirt.

The Academy sessions will also be run Monday evenings 5.30 to 7pm at Calwell Playing Fields.

For more information call Michael on 0423 824 192 or Matt 0423 228 185 or please register your interest by emailing bbfcgirlscoord@gmail.com

ANZ TENNIS HOTSHOTS/CARDIO TENNIS FREE TRIAL

Come and try tennis at the Tuggeranong Valley's only community based tennis club

Where: The Pines Tennis Club - Corner of Norriss St & Goldstein Crescent, Chisholm

When: Call or email to find out a suitable day and time (all participants will receive a special offer for Term 4 2016 lessons.

All participants from 4+ will trial ANZ Hotshots Coaching and Adults can trial Cardio Tennis.

Contact - Head Coach Robert Jamieson on 0432 118 204 or robert@csot.com.au

Tennis Australia Club Professional and Tennis ACT ANZ Hotshots Coach of the year.

