

Welcome to 2017!

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. A special welcome to our new school families and to our 2017 Foundation students who had their very first day of their educational journey today! We trust that all of our families had a wonderful and relaxing holiday period.



We have had a very smooth and happy start to 2017. It has been fantastic to visit classrooms this week and observe how quickly the children have settled and how well they have adapted to the classroom routines with their new teachers. Well done everybody! I know we will have a fabulous year of learning together.

A warm welcome also to the following new staff members;

Sam Williams – 2G (Wednesday and Thursday), Sammi Tam – FT, Natalie Richardson – 1N, Laura Parkes – Performing Arts, Michelle May – English as an Additional Language (EAL) Support
Summer Chen – LOTE (Mandarin – Thursday and Friday), Christina Wong – Multicultural Aide and also to Shirley Pettitt who is filling in as Business Manager for Term 1.

Community Involvement

A positive home-school partnership is highly valued here at Balwyn North Primary School and we encourage you to take the opportunity to introduce yourself to your child's teacher. There will be many opportunities for you to engage with the BNPS community and meet with your child's teacher, including:

The Welcome Picnic is being held on Friday 10th February (6:00pm-8:00pm). The Welcome Picnic is an opportunity to meet members of the school community including parents, staff and children. Please come along with a picnic to meet some new friends and reconnect with some old ones. Our Parents and Friends Association are organising a BBQ for you to purchase from on the night. Mr D is also organising a special Hot Shots Tennis Event as well as some indoor bowling in the hall. Please bring along your own racquets to have some fun on the night!

Meet the Teacher evenings on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and share any important information you wish them to know (Further information to follow.)

Compass is our main communication portal between home and school. Please check your Compass login details are updated and correct. If you require any assistance contact our office.

School Diaries are another integral communication tool between the classroom and home. Every student in the school has been issued with a school diary. As well as being an important communication tool, diaries are a very effective way of developing independence, organisation and time management skills.

Parents and Friends Association

We have a strong and committed Parents and Friends Association at Balwyn North Primary School. We welcome all members of the community new and old to our Parents and Friends Welcome Morning Tea at 9:00am on Thursday 9th February in the Seminar Room.

Leaping Forth at Balwyn North

The start of the school year is a very important time in building positive relationships in the classroom and establishing effective learning environments. To support a positive start to the school year for all students, we implement **Leaping Forth at Balwyn North**. As a staff, we have devised this program which focusses on a different learning attribute each day for the first two weeks of school. Over the next two weeks, I hope that your children will discuss some of the activities that they have been doing at school that are centered around developing the attributes and the attitudes of a good learner. The attributes that we have been focussing on as a whole school include: Caring, Inquirers, Risk Takers, Knowledgeable, Communicators, Thinkers and Being Reflective. The children have participated in class discussions about these attributes and attitudes and enjoyed activities to help them understand and develop them.

Sun Smart

The warmer weather brings an important reminder about the need for children to have their school hats and drink bottles at school every day. Please ensure that these items are included with each day's packing of the school bag. The school hat is compulsory in terms one and four of each school year.

Curriculum Days

On Monday 30th January, all staff participated in some highly valuable professional learning. Staff discussions centred on the new Strategic Plan (2017-2020) and the focus of work in the Annual Implementation Plan for the coming year. We also discussed how we can be 'champions' for our students at BNPS after watching the inspirational Ted Talk by Rita Pierson: (http://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en)

We were joined at Balwyn North Primary School in the afternoon by colleagues from Bellevue Primary School and Deepdene Primary School and participated in a professional development workshop facilitated by Lisa McInnes-Smith. This workshop focused on the importance and benefits of working in teaching teams and the "principles of peak performance". It also highlighted the aspect of 'being our best' and 'giving our best'.

We have two further Student Free Days scheduled for Term 1. The first of these is scheduled for ***Monday 20th February***. On this day we are fortunate to be working with Educational Consultant, Julie Shepherd to create a consistent approach to teaching writing across the school. Later this term we will continue our work with David Anderson. This workshop is scheduled for ***Friday 17th March*** and will focus on quality teaching and learning approaches.

2017 School Timetable

Assembly – Monday 2:45pm (Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend)

Daily timetable:

8:50am Morning bell (children to enter their classroom)

9:00am	Session 1
9:50am	Session 2
10:40am	Recess
11:10am	Session 3
12:00pm	Session 4
12:50pm	Eating time
1:00pm	Outside Play
1:50pm	Session 5
2:40pm	Session 6
3:30pm	Home time

Ready for Learning at BNPS!

Research tells us that children are at their most focussed and ready for learning first thing in the day. For this reason, we value starting learning at 9:00am. A reminder that at BNPS our first bell goes at 8:45am so that children can be lined up and ready to meet their teacher at 8:50am. This allows our staff to complete all administrative tasks such as roll marking and exchanging Take Home Books in order for learning to begin promptly at 9:00am.

Please make sure that your children arrive at school by 8:50am each morning.

Camp Australia Out of School Hours Program:

Staff are on duty from 8:45 – 9:00 in the mornings and 3:30-3:45 in the afternoons. If you require your child to be at school before or after these times please enrol them in the Camp Australia Out of School Hours Program. Bookings can be made online: <http://www.campastralia.com.au/Service/BalwynNorthPrimary/65C3>

Erika Bienert Tony Stokes
Principal Assistant Principal

	IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday 6th February	Uniform Shop 2:30 - 3:15pm Assembly 2:45pm
Tuesday 7th February	BNPS Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 8th February	<u>NO PREPS TODAY</u>
Thursday 9th February	Chess Club Begins School Banking Due PFA morning tea 9:00am in the seminar room
Friday 10th February	WELCOME BBQ 6:00—8:00PM
Monday 20th February	CURRICULM DAY
Tuesday 21st February	Meet the teacher 3:50pm—8:30pm
Wednesday 22nd February	Meet the teacher 3:50pm—6:00pm
Monday 6th March	School Photos
Friday 17th March	CURRICULM DAY

Upcoming Parents and Friends Association (PFA) events

PFA Morning Tea

9th February Thursday 9am

Come along and meet some other parents over a cuppa and try some of the treats we'll be making for the Twilight Fun Festival later in the year. Little ones are also welcome, we'll meet in the seminar room which is behind the main office. Just walk past the main office, left before the stairs, left before the staff room. We're looking forward to meeting you.

Crafting with Jean a Twilight Fun Festival (TFF) community event

19th February Sunday 2-4pm

The TFF is months from now but we wanted to make the time to have a bit of fun along the way. We've organised a few community events for us all (parents, kids, carers and teachers) to do some crafting, cooking and gardening projects for the TFF while having a giggle and maybe learning a new skill. First up is a crafting workshop with one of our parents, Jean Fredericks. During this workshop Jean will guide us through a few crafting projects and you'll probably get to meet some new people and produce something gorgeous by the end of the afternoon. Adults are welcome to come alone or bring their little ones. Children must be accompanied. Location of this workshop will depend on the number attending but will be in Balwyn North close to or at the school.

RSVP [here](#) by 15th February.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crafting-with-jean-a-bnps-tff-community-event-tickets-31635407355>



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Twilight Fun Festival

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- ★ Major fundraiser for 2017

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If you have a business or workplace that would be interested in providing sponsorship in cash, goods or services in exchange for advertising opportunities, please let us know by sharing your contact details below.

Feedback

Help us have the best Twilight Festival ever by letting us know what type of stalls you enjoyed last time and what you want to see next year so we can make it happen.

Let us know

Yes! Keep me informed of the exciting developments as they unfold. My details are below.

I'm interested in sharing my ideas, helping out occasionally, getting a bit more involved

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Primary School Lunch Menu

From the oven

Sweet + sour chicken w vegies + rice	\$6.60
Bacon + vegie pasta bake	\$6.25
Pasta w napoli sauce + cheese (v)	\$5.50
Little more pasta w napoli sauce + cheese (v)	\$6.50
Jumbo sausage roll w sauce	\$5.70
Steamed dim sims (3 per serve) w soy	\$5.00
Oven baked chicken strips (6)	\$6.00
Beef lasagne	\$6.60
Butter chicken w steamed rice	\$6.60

GF From the oven

GF Pasta w Napoli sauce + cheese (gf/v)	\$6.00
GF Sausage roll w sauce	\$8.00
GF Beef pie	\$8.00

Hot Meal Deal A \$10.00

Sausage roll w sauce
Cobs popcorn / orange segments / choc hedgehog
Drink of choice

Hot Meal Deal B \$10.00

Oven baked chicken strips
Cobs popcorn / orange segments / choc hedgehog
Drink of choice

Hot Meal Deal C \$10.00

Pizza – Marg or Hawaiian
Cobs popcorn / orange segments / choc hedgehog
Drink of choice

Super Saver Meal Deal \$11.00

Choose ANY 3 items from our menu to create your own Meal Deal.

Fresh Meal Deal \$10.00

Greek Lamb Wrap
(greek lamb, lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato + tzatziki)
Cobs popcorn / orange segments / choc hedgehog
Drink of choice

Good Food Meal Deal \$10.00

Big Salad Wrap
(lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato, cheese, celery + capsicum w mayo)
Cherry tomato, cucumber chunks + carrot rounds w
hommus/tzatziki/avocado dip
Drink of choice

Salad Meal Deal \$10.00

Pasta salad (v/gf avail)
Cherry tomato, cucumber chunks + carrot rounds w
hommus/tzatziki/avocado dip
Drink of choice



Sandwiches, Wraps + Rolls – make your own!

GF bread only available +\$1.00 | Fillings +.60each
Sandwiches – 1 filling from \$4.50

Rolls – 1 filling from \$5.00

Wraps – 2 fillings from \$6.10

Fillings: lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, avocado, egg, grated carrot, honey, vegemite, turkey, capsicum, char grilled chicken, ham, bacon, tuna, roast beef
Condiments: mayonnaise, mustard, tzatziki, Miss Peppercorn Tomato Relish, Miss Peppercorn Mango Chutney, sweet chilli sauce, bbq sauce

Grilled chicken burger	\$7.00
Beef burger	\$7.00
Savoury cheese + vegemite scrolls (v)	\$5.50
Greek lamb wrap	\$8.50
Chicken schnitzel burger	\$7.50

Salads

Caesar Salad	\$7.50
Greek salad w feta + olives	\$7.50
Funky fresh box (corn chips, cheese cubes, baby tomatoes, grapes, vegie sticks, boiled egg)	\$8.00
Pasta salad (v/gf avail)	\$7.50
Make your own salad	\$7.50 sm / \$9.50 lge

Ingredients: lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, avocado, egg, grated carrot, capsicum, char grilled chicken, ham, bacon, tuna, beetroot, chickpeas, feta, roast pumpkin, pitted olives



Primary School Lunch Menu

Snacks

Strawberries + grapes in a cup	\$4.00
Chunky fresh fruit w a dollop of yoghurt	\$5.60
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Yoghurt cup w mango coulis (or not!)	\$4.00
Hard boiled egg - add mayo dinner roll	\$2.50
Cobs sweet + salty popcorn	\$3.95
Chocolate amazeballs (2 per serve)	\$4.00
Apple slices w cream cheese	\$4.50
Sweetcorn wheels w green beans	\$4.50
Cherry tomato, cucumber chunks + carrot rounds w hommus/tzatziki/avocado dip	\$4.50
Crunch + dip snack pack (cherry tomatoes, carrot rounds, cheese, crackers + hommus or tzatziki)	\$5.00
Cheese + crackers	\$4.50
Choc Chic Cookie	\$4.00
Chocolate Hedgehog	\$3.95
Miss Peppercorn's Iced Cinnamon Scroll	\$4.50
Thankyou Choco Berry mini muesli bar	\$3.25
Thankyou Blueberry Blast mini muesli bar	\$3.25

Sushi twin packs – chicken, tuna + avocado	\$7.00
Rice paper rolls twin packs – chicken or vegie	\$7.80

Orders for sushi + rice paper rolls must be placed by 11am the day prior!

Drinks

Plain bottled water	\$3.00
Nudie orange, apple, tropical	\$3.50
Nudie mango + passionfruit	\$4.50
Nudie strawberry + banana	\$4.50
Flavoured chocolate milk	\$3.50
Flavoured strawberry milk	\$3.50



Is your child sick – cancelling your order...

Cancellations are only possible until 9.30am on the day, after this time your child's order will be delivered to school. Please call us on 9877 5183 to cancel an order before 9.30am – please do not email us.

Feedback from you...

We make calls to our parents to get their feedback and make our menu from that feedback. We love to hear your feedback so don't be shy send us an email with your menu suggestions or any other comments!
lunchorders@misspeppercorn.com.au

Our Café...

Did you know that we have a café in Blackburn South – mention that we provide lunch orders at your school for your chance to win a hamper to the value of \$100.

Stay up to date with us - our competitions, school news + recipes...

