

# BERALA PUBLIC SCHOOL

===== NEWSLETTER 2018 - TERM 1, WEEK 4 =====

## SERIOUS LEARNING IS WELL ON THE WAY!

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

This week we started our permanent timetable. This means that student support has been allocated to the classes and students who need additional support in classes. Our withdrawal *LLI (Levelled Literacy Intervention)* and *Multilit* programs are also well on the way. Mrs Ly, Mrs Kuznicki and Mrs Nash run these intervention programs. Other support staff providing both in-class support and withdrawal programs for New Arrival Program include Mrs Hayward, Miss Kopkoson, Ms Dunn, Mrs Ball, Mrs Osmond, Ms Gladdish, and Miss Chong.

RFF groups also start this week and all students either attend Arabic, Chinese, Turkish or English RFF. Our Community Language/RFF teachers are Mrs Chen, Mrs Xu, Mr Wan, Mrs Sefian, Mrs Fares, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Thomson and Mrs O'Dwyer.

Our team leaders are:

Kindergarten: Mr Rogers

Stage 1: Mrs Johnson and Ms McIntyre

Stage 2: Ms Sedgers and Ms Garde

Stage 3: Ms Bober and Mrs Furlong

Support staff: Ms Aquilina

Community Language/RFF teachers: Mr Rogers

Ms Aquilina is the Deputy Principal leading Stage 2 and 3 and Mr Rogers is the Deputy Principal leading Early Stage 1 and Stage 1.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance and then the team leader. Please feel free to also share successes and good stories with your child's teacher too.

*Dr A Mandel*



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thursday the 9 February was a fabulous, sunny day. Lucky Stage 2 and Stage 3 along with four 8 years old from Year 2 enjoyed what Birrong Leisure Centre could offer. There were captivating competitive races, noodle and bouncy board races, fantabulous fountains to run through and bucket splashes to be dumped in.

The house cheers were all a deafening delight cheering on the last but not least 'teacher-student fun race' with Mr Nair taking out the crown.

Congratulations to all the green band competitors who all swam magnificently well. 31 students have successfully swum towards the District Swimming Carnival, which will be on the 5 March at Birrong Leisure Centre.

Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work on the day and parents who helped support their children on the day. We can not wait for 2019 to come around so we can do it all over again.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Have you walked past the canteen lately? The smells are wonderful and the canteen staff are working very hard to provide 'home cooked' meals for your children. However, every good canteen needs volunteers to serve the students at recess or lunch.

If you can help out, even just once a week at 11am or 1pm could you please contact the canteen staff and let them know. It would be fantastic if we can put a volunteer roster together. We also know that students love having their mums, dads, aunts, uncles, nans etc. working in the canteen.



## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Last week the Student Leadership Team met for our first official meeting. We brainstormed all the roles and responsibilities we could fulfil and from now on, you will see us doing our jobs in our spiffy leadership vests.

## Student Leaders



ready for their  
responsibilities.

## TERM 1 CLUBS

Many clubs are up and running already. Some clubs like choir, dance and drama have held auditioning processes. Congratulations to all the students who were successful. Below is a list of clubs operating this term and a list of clubs that will start later in the year. The list is not exhaustive .... we will let students know when new clubs start up.

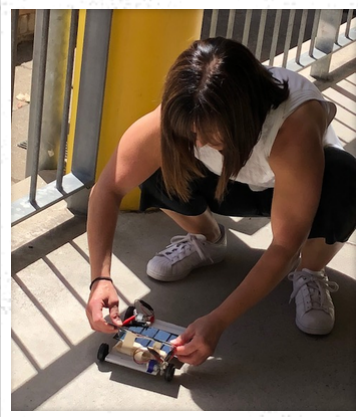
# JOIN THE CLUB

CLUBS					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School			Reading Wizards	Reading Wizards	
First half lunch	Dynamic Dancers	Drama Club – Yr 4 & Stage 3	Senior Choir	PSSA Training	
	Magnificent Movers	Burmese Dance	SRC		
	Chess	Vietnamese Dance 3 - 6	Pond Gardening – Stage 2		
	Junior Choir		Waist Drum		
Second half lunch			Chinese Dance		
			Keeping It Up Club		
After school	Dynamic Dancers	Drama Club – Yr 4 & Stage 3		PSSA Training	Nature Study K-2
	Magnificent Movers	Burmese Dance			
		Vietnamese Dance 3 - 6			
		Dynamic Dancers			
		Magnificent Movers			
Clubs to look out for later in the year: – Gymnastics Club, Science Club, K-2 Debating, Engineering Club, Art Club, Gardening Club, Film Club					

## STAFF LEARNING

How talented are our staff? Last newsletter we shared our teachers learning about cooking and this week our Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers worked with Michael from the UNSW, learning how to build cars that use solar energy to power them. Whilst building the carts was fun and racing them even more enjoyable, our teachers also learnt how to create authentic STEM learning experiences that are embedded in challenge-based teaching and learning programs.





Miss Bober is problem-solving her engine failure.



Why are Mr Sandwell and Miss Bozkus looking for a sunny spot?



Which Stage 3 teacher is most competitive??

## SCHOOL LEARNING PACKS AND SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

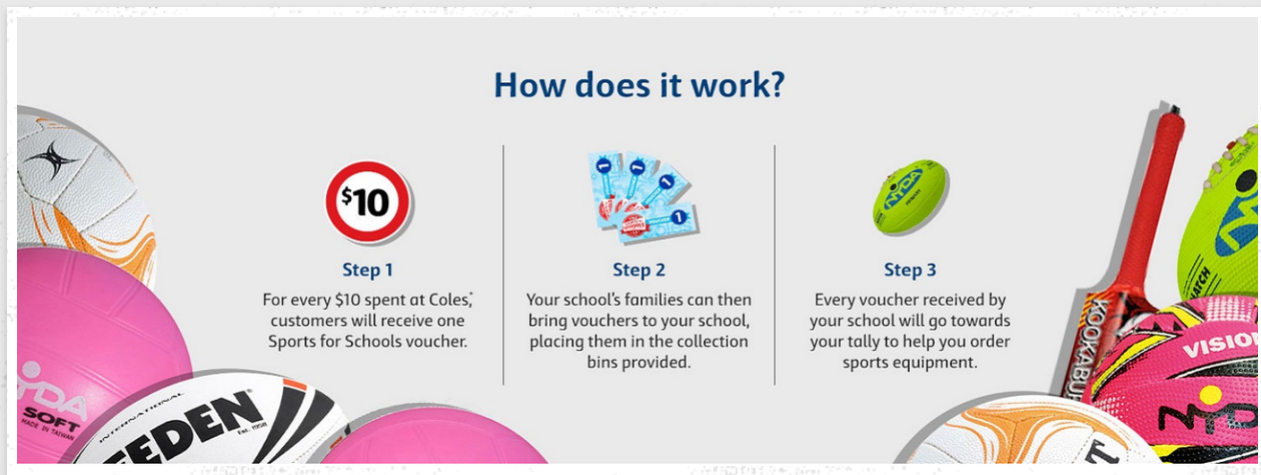
Thank you to all the families that have already paid for their children's SCHOOL LEARNING PACK and for the SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS. Please come and see the office if you have any queries about the SCHOOL LEARNING PACK.

SCHOOL LEARNING PACK payments are due by Friday 23 February.

# HELP US EARN SPORTS EQUIPMENT BY SHOPPING AT COLES

This program is well on the way. Currently we have 245 vouchers.

Please bring your vouchers to the front office or to the Kinder block and place in the Sports for Schools box.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Week 3 - 10**

*Friday 16 February for 8 weeks*

Swim School

### **Week 4**

*Wednesday 21 February*

Welcome BBQ - 5pm

### **Week 4**

*Friday 23 February*

Final day for School Learning Pack payment

### **Week 4**

*Friday 23 February*

School Contributions due

### **Week 7**

*Monday 12 March*

P&C AGM, 7pm in Staffroom

### **Week 9**

*Monday 26 March*

School Photos



## **A MESSAGE FROM MELINDA GINDY MUSIC STUDIO**

*I would like to thank the staff, students and extended community of Berala Public School for their past support of my studio and music lessons at the school. I have been teaching piano, flute and music theory at BPS since 2001 and have many wonderful memories of past school musicals, performances and above all, the tremendous achievement of committed students and their supportive families.*

*Melinda Gindy Music Studio has moved this year to a premises nearby. I can still be contacted on 0419 974 841 or through our website [www.mgms.com.au](http://www.mgms.com.au)*

*I look forward to continuing to hear great things about the students of Berala Public School!*

*Melinda Gindy*

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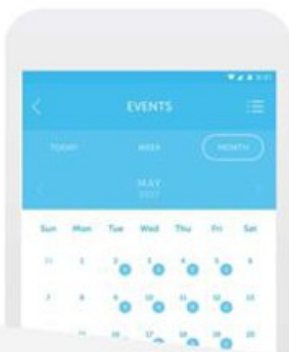
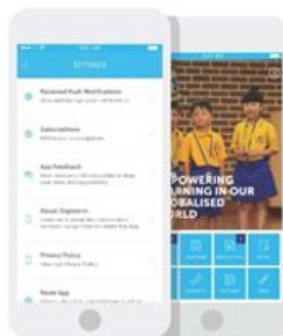
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