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2 February 2024

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to all of our families. I hope you and your children had a restful break and are excited about the year ahead.

2024 Direction

This year, we will be addressing the following key improvement areas at Brightwater State School:

BSS's 2024 key improvement priorities include:

- 1. Educational achievement
- 2. Wellbeing and engagement
- 3. Culture and inclusion

BIG TICKET TERM 1 MESSAGES FOR OUR KIDS...

Live our school values:

- ✓ We are safe
- ✓ We are thoughtful
- \checkmark We are active learners \checkmark We are responsible

Just be kind:

- ✓ Say no to bullying
- ✓ Be an upstander

Be part of our school team:

- ✓ Wear our uniform proudly
- ✓ Come to school everyday
- ✓ Every minute counts

We are here to learn:

- ✓ Know your learning goals
- ✓ Know your next steps
- ✓ Know what success looks like

Connecting with parents and carers

At Brightwater SS we are committed to continuing to engage with our families and wider school community together with strengthening existing partnerships and forging new community relationships to address the above goals.

We offer our families the following opportunities to connect in Term 1:

1. Meet the Teacher Afternoon

The focus of our initial parent learning this year is our Meet the Teacher afternoon.Date: Tuesday 6 February 2024Times:



• Session 1: 3.00 - 3.25pm

• Session 2: 3.35 - 4.00pm

Face to face: In your child's classroom

2. Parent Learning Week

Our staff are excited to be refining our delivery of Parent Learning opportunities this year with the introduction of a balance of face to face and online offerings. We look forward to connecting with you to allow us to work together to support your children.

3. Coffee with the Principal

Each term, I invite parents to join me for a coffee and informal conversation. This is a great opportunity for me to hear your views about education, what we are doing well and what we could do better. It is also a great forum for me to consult with a range of parents around ideas and concepts for the school. A random selection of parents will receive an invitation to this each term however if you would like to come along please just let our office staff know. I very much look forward to these opportunities to connect with our parents and carers.

4. Parent Teacher Interviews

In Week 10 of this term parents will be offered the opportunity to meet individually with your child's teacher to discuss their progress across the term. You are welcome to make an appointment to chat with your child's teacher at any time throughout the term.

High Standards

It is a pleasure to walk through our school on a daily basis and see how strongly our families value our school uniform. Our uniform is an important strategy to ensure the safety of our students, a sense of team and the delivery of high standards.

I ask for parental / carer support with the following uniform details:

- Shoes black only for workplace health and safety reasons unfortunately 'Mary Jane' style shoes are not permitted
- Socks grey, ankle length.
- Hats BSS hats only no caps please.

- Hair conservative, natural colour, tied up if touching the shoulders and neat.
- Jewellery small sleepers or studs and a watch are permitted; medical bracelets are permitted; religious items are permitted with a parent note.

Make-up and nail polish are not permitted. For more information regarding our uniform policy please visit our website.

Playgroup

Many of you would know that after a number of years facilitating the BSS community playgroup, Rani Saxvick has moved on from this role. I would like to thank Rani for her commitment to building our playgroup into the strong community organisation that it is today. I am committed to continuing this important community service and therefore Brightwater State School has nominated the lovely Mrs Jo Rothwell to take on the role of facilitating playgroup. Further details will be shared with our school community regarding this in the coming weeks.

Playgrounds

A reminder to families that all school playgrounds are out of bounds to all children including toddlers before and after school.

Regards,

Shelley Butcher, Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS





Dear Parents and Carergivers,

Tea and Tissues Thank you

The first day of school is hard for all parents, but extremely hard for our Prep or new parents.

The first day our little ones are taking

that big step and going to school starts a roller coaster of emotions.

Thank you to all the new parents that came to the Performing Arts Room last Monday on the first day back to school, after dropping your little ones off to class.

It's nice to form a support system at the school and be able to meet other parents that are going through the same experience. It was a great turn out and a wonderful opportunity for me to catch up with new and existing families.

My First Year Prep Photos

Next Monday 5 February Sunshine Coast Daily will be coming out to take photos of all our Prep classes in what is their annual 'My First Year', which celebrates the exciting first steps of all those entering school in 2024. The Sunshine Coast Daily has captured these precious moments with special galleries of all the 2024 Prep classes across the Sunshine Coast. The paper will be available to purchase in March. We will let parents know when you can purchase this memorable newspaper on Facebook. Emails will be sent out regarding an opt. out process.

Kind Regards, **Kristin Hill**, P-2 Deputy Principal



A warm welcome to all our families for the 2024 school year.

The students have settled very well into their new classrooms and our teachers are establishing fantastic relationships with their classes. I have spoken to a few parents already this year and would encourage you

all to feel comfortable to contact me through the office or approach me in the school if you need to discuss anything at any stage.

BYOx Laptops

Students in years 4-6 are able to bring a laptop device to school to enhance their learning through our iLearn program. Details of the program guidelines and minimum spec details can be accessed on the school website.

This site also contains the guides needed to <u>connect to the BYOx platform and download Office apps</u> that all students have access to free of charge. We would prefer that families

undertake the onboarding configuration at home where parents can assist with administrator access requirements on the device. If families are unable to perform the configuration at home, teachers will seek assistance from the school technical staff. This may delay your child's connection to the network.

**We are aware that some students are having challenges with their initial setup. This often relates to a password issue or restrictive settings on the laptop. Please ensure we can access an administrator account on the laptop so we can assist.

Mr Paul Taylor, Year 3-4 Deputy Principal



Yr 6 Camp was a success, students learnt to work as a team, developed resilience and perseverance as well as having fun. Big shout out to our wonderful staff that volunteer their time to be on 24hrs a day. The relationships built are invaluable.

- Student Leader Investiture will be held on Wednesday 7
 February. Our Yr 6 leaders will receive their badges for
 the 2024 school year.
- Religious Instruction begins next Thursday and we are working with the RI instructors as to which grade levels they will be able to cater for in semester 1. Participants are those who accepted RI during enrolment.
- Student Code of Conduct behaviour at Brightwater is first class, however we are always looking at ways that we can improve. Our Student Code of Conduct is up for review and over the course of this semester we will be asking families their thoughts on what improvements can be made to continue to keep Brightwater one of the premier schools on the Sunshine Coast.

- ICT agreement a friendly reminder that students are expected to follow the school's behaviour expectations when using the school owned laptops/lpads or if you are supplying a laptop for your child to use. Point 2 of the ICT agreement states: *Lunderstand that it is a privilege to use such a valuable tool for my learning and I will follow school behaviour expectations when using my Laptop.*
- Attendance Every minute of every day counts and we
 want to see our Brightwater students at school each
 day. We understand that when students are ill or
 extenuating circumstances occur that students are likely
 to be away. Please ensure you contact the school via
 email office@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au to inform when
 your child is away. Thank you.
- Phones away for the day All state school students must keep mobile phones switched off and 'away for the day' during school hours. At Brightwater any mobile phone must be taken to the office and signed in and collected at the end of the day. Currently, wearable devices, such as smartwatches, must have notifications switched off so that phone calls, messages and other notifications cannot be sent or received during school hours. If there are any alterations to this, you will be notified.

Mr Phil Theofanes, Year 5-6 Deputy Principal

Year 6 Camp 2024





Tuesday. For further information on how you can support your family to be safe online, check out the tips below from the esafety Commission. Or visit the Safer Internet Day e-safety website for further

informationhttps://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whatson/safer-internet-day

Safer Internet Day | eSafety CommissionerJoin the global Safer Internet Day initiative that brings together community, families, schools and organisations from more than 160 countries to help create safer online spaces.www.esafety.gov.au

Welcome to 2024

Welcome to all of our new families to Brightwater and welcome back to all of our wonderful existing families. We hope that you have all had a great start back to the school year. Students have been busy in their classrooms setting up routines and expectations in alignment with our Brightwater Star Values Matrix (see image below).

If your child has had difficulty settling in to the new year, make sure you connect with their class teacher to discuss any concerns that you have.

Regards

Erin Saarinen and Jo Rothwell, Head of Student Services





5_tips_to_keep_your_family_safe_online.pdf https://brightwaterss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/385/5_tips_to_keep_y our_family_safe_online.pdf

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND CELEBRATIONS



Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

This Tuesday is Safer Internet

MUSIC AND THE ARTS



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Welcome to both new and returning musicians who are an important part of our vibrant instrumental music family. This week our new musicians started their beginner boost lessons. It was great to see so much enthusiasm and excitement as they started their musical journey. We will look forward to seeing their growth, both as an individual and as a valuable member of the band. We have many exciting events planned for Instrumental music throughout year. These events are not only opportunities to showcase our Brightwater musical talents but also to create lifetime memories.

Stay tuned for more announcements and details for upcoming events. Here's to a year filled with musical milestones, growth and the joy of making music together.

If you have any questions with regards to the Instrumental Music Program, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: mpayn20@eq.edu.au

Musically yours,

Margot Payne, Instrumental Music Teacher

Music





SPORT NEWS



Sports News 2024 Week 2

The School Sports Committee would like to welcome

our new parents and welcome back to those that are returning. We have an amazing year ahead of us for both school and representative sports. Our first major event this year will be our year 2 and 4 Swimming program, Representative pathways and Cross Country being held later in this term. Details about the Swimming program and Cross Country will be out later in the newsletter.

This year Brightwater State School's HPE teachers are Prep to year 2, Buntie Pettifer and both Matt Guttridge (Monday/Tuesday) and Kacey Howie (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) for years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

This year to make sure that we are considerate of the environment, information about upcoming events will be posted in the school newsletter and notes for Health and Physical Education and School Sport will be emailed out, so please make sure that your contact details are up to date at the school office.

Swimming and Water Safety

This year our Water Safety program will continue to be split between term 1 and 4 with our year 2 and 4 students attending in term 1. Our years 2 and 4 program will run from the 11 to 15 March. During this program students will attend 5 X 40-minute swimming lesson at Mountain Creek Aquatic Complex under the instruction of qualified swimming instructors and supervision of their classroom teacher.

Term 1 H.P.E

During this term in H.P.E students will be exposed to units in both the areas Physical Education and Health specific to their year level. All students from Prep - Year 6 will also be learning and practicing the school Cross County course. Throughout the semester students will also be participating in running, jumping and throwing events in preparation for our school Athletics carnival which will be held in term 2.

Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate uniform including their hat on the days when they have their H.P.E. lessons.

Below are the Health and Physical Education Units that students will be working on this term.

Prep

Health- 'I am Healthy, Safe and Active'. Students will be learning to identify ways to be physically active at school and home. They will be identifying areas that they can play safely at school and home and learning ways to be health. They will also be learning how to respond and ask for help in different scenarios.

Physical Education – Focusing on movements through active play working on locomotor and non-locomotor skills (rolling, balancing, sliding, jogging, running, leaping, jumping, hopping, dodging, galloping, skipping). Students will also focus on object control skills (bouncing, throwing, catching, kicking, striking)

Year 1

Health- 'About me'. Students will be learning to describe how they have grown and changed since birth. They will be writing and drawing about personal achievements and identifying their own strengths. Students will be identifying and describing significant relationships.

Physical Education - Focusing on minor ball games involving running, throwing, striking, kicking, following game rules and looking at being safe.

Year 2

Health- 'Cooperative games'. Students will be using movement skills to participate positively in games. They will be learning how the body reacts to physical activity and exercise and learning cool down strategies. Students will also be exploring areas inside and outside of school that they can be physically active.

Physical Education - Focusing on cooperative games involving running, sprinting, throwing, striking, kicking, following game rules. Students will also work on teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Year 3

Health- Good friends

Students will explore the impact of positive social interaction on self-identity. They will investigate different types of friendships; examine the qualities we look for in a friend; as well as their roles and responsibilities. Physical Education - Cooperative Skills- Mini games where student will focus on locomotor and non-locomotor skills (balancing, jogging, running, leaping, jumping, hopping, dodging and skipping). Students will also play games involving object control skills (bouncing, throwing, catching, kicking, striking).

Year 4

Health- Healthy eating - students will identify strategies to keep healthy and improve fitness. Students will understand the importance of a balanced diet and how health messages influence food choices. They will create meal plans that reflect health messages.

Physical Education - Students will be play stick ball focusing on cooperative games and skills that involving running, jogging, striking, sliding, dodging and fair play.

Year 5

Health- Students will investigate theirs and others contributions to health, physical activity, safety and wellbeing. Exploring identity and the influence of emotions on behaviours and how we interact.

Physical Education - Students will be training and participating Athletics - Track and field events including high jump, long jump, sprints, endurance running and shot put. Focusing on locomotor and object control skills jogging, running, leaping, jumping, hopping and throwing.

Year 6

Health- Impact of physical activity on health and wellbeing

Physical Education - Students will be training and participating in the sport of volleyball focusing on digging, setting, serving, dodging/fainting, running, jumping, striking, throwing, game strategy and fair play.

Coastal District Swimming Trial

Last year in Term 4 the school held it Competitive Swimming Trial for nomination time and selection. The Coastal District trial will be held on Friday 23 February 2024 at Sunshine Coast Grammar School. If your child is a competitive swimmer born in 2012, 2013, or 2014 and was

unable to attend the 2023 school trial parents are invited to submit a Paper nomination with registered times from Swimming Australia in the current swim season. Paper nominations will be compared to the 2024 District qualifying times. If your child is a competitive swimmer with registered times with Swimming Australia and wish to nominate, please email sports@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au with child name, class, D.O.B. and contact number for a nomination package. All nominations are due Wednesday 7 February 2024. Late nominations will not be considered.

Representative pathway for school sport

The Sunshine Coastal School Sport Office, together with Coastal District School Sport, continues to offer a representative pathway for our students to attend district, regional, state and national school sport trials/championships. Brightwater State School is a member of 'Coastal District 10-12 Years School Sport'. Coastal District School Sport is the first level in the representative school sport program.

This year students born in 2012, 2013, or 2014 can nominate to attend trials for the Coastal District sporting trials. These highly competitive representative teams that compete against other districts in our area being made up of top students from 13 schools from Mooloolaba to Golden Beach.

To be eligible to participate in this program, students must demonstrate a very high level of ability in their chosen sport. The representative pathway is not a participation or 'come & try' program. Students should be the top players in their club and meet the sports criteria for sports with limited club opportunities. Through this prosses students and parents are responsible for checking dates of trials, submitting nominations, ensuring payments and that they are able to make the time commitments to training and attending all competitions and events. Late nominations will not be considered for nomination or trial

If you are interested in nominating your child for a Coastal District Sports trial, please complete the online form from the link below. successful applicants will receive a Nomination Package detailing a step-by-step process for 2024 trials and all required paperwork. For all events the school is only able to send a limited number of students. For events with multiple nomination a school trial or request for a Sports Resume will be required to identify the best candidates.

Click here for more information https://forms.office.com/r/ynXXYRA42B

District Trial Calendar: District Trial dates and information will be advertised through the Sports Notice board and on the Sunshine Coast School Sport website from the link below. District trials will start in the week commencing 5 February 2024.

Click here for more information https://sunshinesport.eq.edu.au/district-sport

It is a parent/student's responsibility to register online and complete the required steps and paperwork before attending a district or regional trial. If you have any questions in relation to these processes or nomination, please contact our Health and Physical Education Teachers Kacey Howie or Buntie Pettifer by emailing sports@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au.

Club and Community Sport

If you are looking for your child to play a Club sport, sign on are now happening for the upcoming 2024 season. Most sports are starting soon with registration so make sure you check out our local sporting organisations for sign on days. Please see below some of the sports available for your child in our area this year.

Rugby League

If your child has played in our school Rugby League Gala Days, they may be interested in joining one of our local Rugby League clubs; Kawana Dolphins or Maroochydore Swans. These clubs support our school rugby teams, providing coaches and equipment to help our students to attend these competitions. Please visit the link below for more information or visit the clubs for more information.

Click here for more information https://www.playrugbyleague.com/

Falcon Footy Kidz

This program is for Children of Different Abilities for girls and boys between the age of 5-16 years living with challenges such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, emotional, social and neurological and/ or physical disabilities. Contact details are as follows (falconsfootykidz@gmail.com). Please see attached flyer for more details.

AFL and AusKick

Mountain Creek Sharks AFL Club is still looking for players BELLA GRACE KINDY and Auskick. Registration for the 2024 season and Term 1 programs is closing soon. for more information, please see attached flyer with details and QR code for registration.





Hello Brightwater Parents and Carers,

Our Kindy Carpark:

Please refrain from Parking in the Kindy Carpark from 7-5.30pm please.

These parks are for CURRENT KINDY FAMILIES ONLY attending on the day.

The disabled park is for Kindy families ONLY as well.

Thank you for your understanding

Kind Regards

Soccer

Buddina United soccer club is still looking for players. Registration for the 2024 season is closing soon. Their home ground is next to the school at Brightwater Sport fields for more information please visit Buddina United Soccer Club

We look forward to an amazing year of sport so please keep an eye on our school's newsletter for upcoming events and competitions.

Representative Pathways

This year we have had our largest representation in Coastal District sport with 115 students from Brightwater State School attending trials. Students went on to district and state competitions and represented our Coastal District team with pride and determination. Each and every student that trialled or competed should be proud of their efforts and achievements in Sport this year.

If your child is highly competitive in their chosen sport and aged 10 to 12 next year keep an eye out for the 2024 trial calendar that comes out early next year in term 1.

Racquel Potter

Nominated Supervisor | Brightwater Kindy

Bella Grace Early Learning Centre

Regards, Buniti Pettifer, Matt Guttridge & Kacey Howie, HPE **Teachers**





FRONT OFFICE NEWS



Brightwater State School Office Team

Welcome back for the 2024 school year. Bonnie (Mrs Holland), Juliette (Miss Beverley), Amy (Miss Wickham) and Rob (Mr Jackman) have enjoyed seeing the children back at school with smiles on their faces. We are also enjoying seeing and helping our parents. Thank you for your smiles and laughs.

First Aid Officers

Our First Aid Officers for 2024 are **Annemarie** (Mrs Kimbell) and Sue (Mrs Phelan). Annemarie and Sue are available to help with questions about medication from 8am each morning. Their role is to help you with regards to medical conditions

which need monitoring, administering medication at school, sick bay and first aid for injuries which happen during the school day.

Click on the link for the Queensland Health Time Out Poster which can help you decide if your child should stay home and rest due to illness. You can contact our First Aid Officers via phone, 5438 3111 or email office@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au

Office enquiries

Our school office is always a hive of activity with our busiest times being between 8am to approx. 9.30am and then again from around 2pm. Ways to help us assist you quickly are

- notifying student absences via our absence line or email office@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au
- utilising the BPoint system for making payments. This is a very easy system to use from your original invoice, click on the link at the bottom of your original invoice.
- \bullet checking your emails including junk mail for email $P\ \&\ C\ N\ E\ W\ S$ communication sent home. Unfortunately, sometimes our emails go to your junk mail.

Please note

- the email address for requests of our office staff is office@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au this includes student absence notifications. If you are sending emails to an alternative email address. including admin@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au, these may not be received or actioned in a timely manner. For example with student absences you may receive an absence text message if the office has not received notification of your child's absence.
- emails which require the attention of the Principal or Deputy Principals please send admin@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au
- our finance hours are 8am to 10.30am. The Department of Education is encouraging schools to move towards cashless payment therefore our preferred payment methods are online via BPoint (see attached) or in person at the office using EFTPOS.

We do understand some parents prefer to come into the office to see us and we are always happy to see you @ We appreciate your patience when in the office

during our busy times.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your enquiries either via phone, email or in person, we are here to help you. We value your time and aim to assist you as quickly as possible. Thank you.

2024 Student Resource Scheme (SRS)

Invoices will be generated around mid February for this year's SRS. The 2023 cost is \$130 per student. If you have already paid, the invoice you receive will be for your records only. BPoint payment, is just an option available to you on the invioce attached to the email.

BPoint

https://brightwaterss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/376/bpoint_2024_1_.p





We hope all our families had a wonderful festive and summer season holiday. A warm welcome to our new families joining us this year.

As some of you may already know, I will be stepping down as President this year due to family and work commitments. Consequently, all positions

within the P&C Executive Team are now available, including Treasurer, Vice President, and Secretary. Electing a new President is critical for the continuation of the P&C, as it directly impacts essential services like the second-hand uniform shop and Cafe, both run by the P&C Association.

Heroes don't always wear capes, and if you believe you can make a difference and lead effectively, I assure you it is a rewarding experience. Not only does it benefit the school community, but it's also an opportunity for personal growth. My son Jason loved seeing me involved at school, and I'm sure many of you will find it equally fulfilling.

Below, you'll find more information about each role. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at president@bwsspandc.org.au. Additionally, becoming a member of the P&C offers great benefits. Attached is more information about membership, including an application form. If you were a member last year, please remember to complete a new form this year.

Lastly, mark your calendars for March 13th, when we'll be holding our AGM. Details regarding the time and venue will be confirmed soon. It's a crucial event where your participation matters, so please make every effort to attend.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Warm regards,

Association

Best regards,

Catherine Renolds,

**President* - Brightwater

State School** P&C



Contacting the P&C Association

Email: pandc@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au

Facebook: search Brightwater SS P&C Association or visit the link below.

Click here to visit the Brightwater SS P&C Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/BWSS.PandC/

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Existing and new members are encouraged to attend. Our next meeting will take place in Wednesday 14 February 2024.

DATE CLAIMERS



Tuesday 6 February	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 7 February	Assembly
Wednesday 14 February	P&C meeting
Friday 16 February 2024	Newsletter

SCHOOL INFORMATION



Administration Office Hours	8:00am to 3:30pm from Monday 22 January 2024
Finance Hours	8:00am to 10:30am - Payment via EFTPOS preferred
School Hours	8:40am to 2:45pm
School Uniforms	The School Locker Homemaker Centre, 11/55 Maroochy Boulevard, Maroochydore. www.theschoollocker.com.au
Café	Monday to Friday 8:00am to 1:30pm Phone 5438 3159 Email: café@brightwaterss.eq.edu.au Click here for the latest Menu. 2023 Café Menu.jpg