

BRINKWORTH PRIMARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES FEBRUARY 2022

15th: Assembly
16th: Parent info night and AGM POSTPONED
17th: Mr Stewart - Partnership Mtg
22nd: Twos-day
25th: Combined playgroup POSTPONED

ATTACHMENTS:

Finance News

M&S invoices for 2022 were given to families earlier this week. Please ensure you see Ruth or Matt if you require payment plans.

School card applications can be done online—please see Ruth if you are unable to access this.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to BPECC for 2022. What an exciting and different start to year we have had. All of our staff have been working hard to prepare challenging and inspiring learning spaces, and be ready for our learners returning for the year. We have Ms Kimberley Hentschke teaching the JP Class and Mr Rod Thorpe with the UP Class. A big difference this year is our learners are swapping spaces and teachers for literacy and numeracy. Ms Hentschke is teaching literacy and Mr Thorpe is teaching numeracy. Our JP class is doing their literacy before recess whilst our UP class is doing numeracy. After recess the classes swap over. It is an exciting change for the learners, and they have adapted to this learning difference beautifully. We are continuing with Sustainable Fridays, and have Paulie Calaby and Emily Gill in for this day. Emily, Sharon Burford and Peggy Mitchell are working with our youngest learners in Occasional Care this year. It has been wonderful to maintain two sessions again this year, and have the services fully utilised already. Ruth Gielis is in the Front Office Monday to Friday 9.00am-3.30pm. Wayne Lee is our trusty groundsman and is continuing to keep our spaces outside immaculate. I have our learners for HPE and fitness through the week, and Sustainable Fridays.



Thank you to everyone for observing our current Covid restrictions at drop off and pickup times. We cannot have parents in the school or kindy buildings currently, but we are hopeful this will be able to change in the near future. We have postponed our Parent Info Night, Combined Playgroup and Governing Council AGM until we are able to have people back on site.



The Governing Council is running the bbq at the lawnmower races on 9th April, held on the school grounds. We will need people to assist with cooking and serving. Please let me know your availability for that weekend. It will be a fun time and great fundraiser.

From a short survey, our numbers for kindy moving forward are looking great! Kindy will be back at BPECC again next year! If you know of anyone who may be looking to utilise our kindy or occasional care services moving forward, please pass on the school details so they can be registered and ready to go.

Kind Regards, Matt Stewart

A snippet of our Sustainable Fridays

Making new plants from existing ones is a great way to either cost-effectively add more plants to your garden or make plants for selling to raise funds for our school. Using the same method taught to us from Mr Roberts at Unique Natives at Medika, we took cuttings from our existing native plants, removed most of the leaves and dipped them in pure honey before using a “dibbler” to make a hole to put the cutting into our soil mixture. We hope to grow lots of cuttings from this method called “propagation”... We also want to make an instructional video and poster to educate others because we are all about sharing our skills.

Paulie



JP ART



UNIFORMS

Dear families,

If anyone is looking to buy uniforms, please see Ruth in the front office. We have all our usual items in stock: polo shirts, hats, beanies, library bags, as well as our Canterbury rugby jumpers!



We are also selling off some old stock. These items are no longer part of our uniform code, but will make great (play) clothes for your children!

We have 1 navy kindy jumper with the old logo available, 2 plain red kindy polo shirts and a handful of plain bottle green hoodies for sale. Please see Ruth in the office for more information.

WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS SITE IMPROVEMENT PLANS



Our learners have been excited to see some new toys, especially the lawn mower. They have carefully manicured the kindy lawn, through pretend play. Pretend play is very important for children's development and learning. As they act out roles, they develop many skills. They play cooperatively; negotiate whose turn it is by using a timer, exchange their



ideas and work together to solve problems.

- Emily



R - 3 Literacy

Hi families! This term I am teaching R-2 and 3-6 Literacy. It has been great to get all the schools literacy resources in one space and is allowing us to target children at their correct level. This term our focus across the school is on Narratives. We are practising our skills in both comprehending and writing narrative texts.

In JP literacy, we are looking at narratives through the lens of Fairy Tales. This week we have been reading *The Frog Prince* and have used the story as a chance to explore nouns and verbs. We have also looked at the story elements that make a fairy tale, such as good and bad characters, problems and solutions, magic and the power of 3.

The UP class are looking at Quest Novels, which fall under the genre of Fantasy. We have split into 'book clubs', and will spend the next few weeks reading and responding to our novels. Through these we will look at the choices authors make when writing stories, such as word choice, pacing and other literacy devices.

Ms Hentschke

3 - 6 Maths

This term in Maths we will be investigating number and place value across the year levels. The Junior Primary students will also explore data collections and representations while the Upper Primary students will look more closely at chance.



All students have started the year by working to build positive attitudes to support mathematics learning. Students are starting to learn that ideas such as "Mistakes are valuable" and "Anyone can learn Maths" can help them overcome challenges or negative views.

Mr Thorpe

a little more to share...

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Over the summer school holidays, we were saddened to hear the passing of Des Krieg. The CWA Brinkworth branch were approached to cater for Des's wake at the Brinkworth Football Club rooms. Thank you Beryl and her family for their generous financial donation, which was promised to go to the school for our swimming pool repairs. A big thank you to the CWA ladies who provided food and their time on the day.

We would also like to thank Aiden Sczesny for donating his cans and bottles to go towards the community garden project. Justin Wundke kindly collected these from Aiden's place, and in turn made \$108. A great fund-raising exercise and another great example of the town coming together to support one another.

Beck Wundke



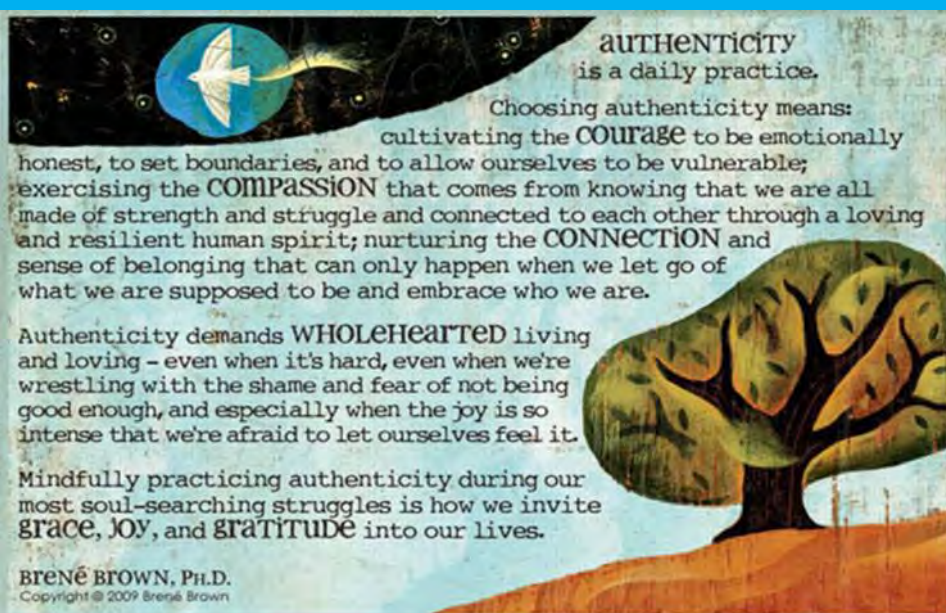
ENCOUNTERING MISSE EMILY - Term 1 Week 2

Welcome back everyone! I feel honoured to be part of this wonderful learning community.

As your Pastoral Care Worker, I help build connections through positive engagement. I work alongside children, teachers and families, focusing on their skills and strengths. I promote good relationships that build on values, giving hope, meaning and purpose.

This year I will be caring for the school on Tuesday from 1pm till 5pm and Fridays 9.30am till 4.30pm. I am also working with our Occasional Care learners on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the Kindy.

During the holidays School Ministry Group offered me an opportunity to take part in a journey of Brené Brown's research. Brené Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston, where she holds the Huffington Foundation Endowed Chair. Brené also is a visiting professor in management at the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business. She has spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy. Brené is an author of six #1 New York Times best sellers, and hosts a weekly podcast "Unlocking Us and Dare to Lead."



Her research shows that you have to walk through vulnerability, to be able to find courage. We were given this postcard. Please read it, twice if you have to. It is written so eloquently and its words resonated with me and I hope it does the same for you. I'm excited about my role and can't wait for the adventures and the relationships that will be built.

Cheerio, Emily