



**Broadford Primary School**

*Respect Responsibility Resilience Readiness*

*Believe in yourself*

Term 1, Week 3 - Friday 16th February 2024

## **NEWSLETTER - DATES TO REMEMBER**

Week	Date	Events
4	19 - 23 Feb	Tues 20th - Fri 23rd - Grade 3-6 Swimming Wed 21st - Foundation students, no classes Fri 23rd - District Swimming Sports (grade 3-6 selected students), Seymour Fri 23rd - Assembly, 2.45pm in the Hall
5	26 Feb - 1 Mar	Tues 27th - Fri 1st Mar - Grade 3-6 Swimming Wed 28th - Foundation students, no classes Wed 28th - Classroom Helper Training, 9am-9.30am
6	4 - 8 Mar	Tues 5th - Fri 8th - Grade 3-6 Swimming Thurs 7th - Classroom Helper Training, 2.45pm-3.15pm Fri 8th - Assembly, Student Badge presentation, 9am in the Hall
7	11 - 15 Mar	Mon 11th - Labour Day public holiday, no school Wed 13th - Welcome morning tea for new families & Parent Club second hand uniform sale, 9am-10am
8	18 - 22 Mar	
9	25 - 29 Mar	Wed 27th - Parent Club AGM, 9am Thurs 28th - Last day of term, 2.30pm finish
<b>TERM 2</b>		
1	15 - 19 Apr	Mon 15th - First day of term 2, 8.50am start
2	22 - 26 Apr	Thurs 25th - Anzac Day public holiday

Hard copy notes sent home from the office this week - Grade 5/6 Beauty & The Beast

## **MR BARRY WITHERS**

Our school community is saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Barry Withers (former long serving teacher). Hundreds of Broadford kids had Mr Withers as their teacher. He was a grade 6 classroom teacher for many years and then the Art teacher. He also designed our school logo.

His love of community was also an inspiration with an unwavering support of BPS school productions, BSC productions and amazing contributions to the town in general - from sport (junior and senior football clubs) to Lions club to CFA to BATS.

Our deepest sympathies to Sandie and family at this time.

## ***A word from Mrs Cooney...***

Last Friday we held our first school assembly for 2024. Our school captains and deputy captains did a wonderful job of leading this for the first time. Congratulations to all the students who received a Student of the Week award showing how well they have settled back into school. Today our Captains are in Melbourne at a student leadership conference. We also have a group of our house captains and JSCs participating in the Golf BAG program at the Broadford Golf Course.

Thank you to those families who were able to join us last Thursday for our Welcome Evening. It was a great opportunity to meet teachers, visit classrooms, join in some activities on the oval, and enjoy a sausage for dinner. At anytime during the year if you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact them or the school office to make an appointment.



## **School Council Elections**

School Council plays an important role in our school. Our election process begins today. Please find information in today's newsletter about the election process. Nominations close on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

<b>Broadford Primary School School Council Election Process and Timeline 2024</b>	
Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Closing date for nominations	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Close of ballot	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Vote count	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Declaration of poll	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
First council meeting to elect office bearers	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

*Mrs. Jennene Cooney*  
*Principal*

## Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest



- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

### Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

### How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process



## Classroom Helper Training

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am – 9.30am or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm – 3.15pm



If you would like to help in the classrooms, we would love to have you! In order to do this, you need to have completed a training session with Mrs Cooney. Once you have completed the course please see your class teachers to discuss your availability.

Everyone is most welcome.

All classroom helpers must have a current Working with Children Check, available online through the Department of Justice.

Please note: if you have previously done the course you do not to attend.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://broadps.vic.edu.au/policy-documents>

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx> This information is also available in ten community languages.

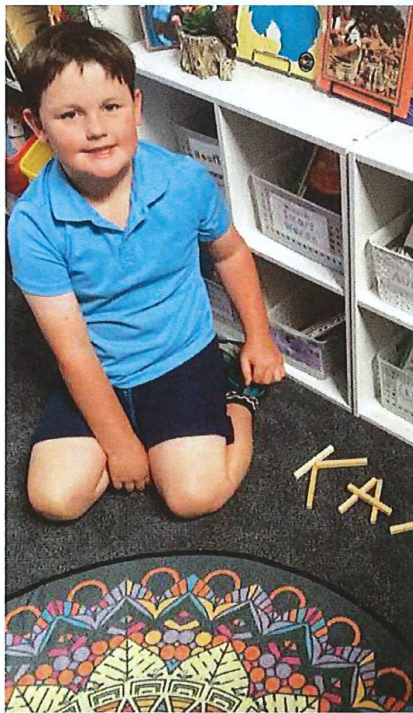


The new sand in the sandpit was popular last week!



# Magnificent Maths

Check out the Grade 3/4 students learning about numbers and place value!







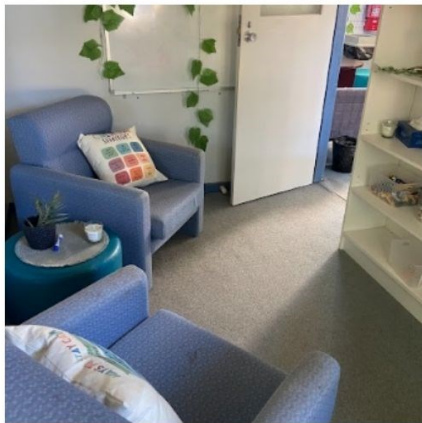
# BPS Wellbeing News!

hello

The new space has been quite popular already, with many students commenting on how calming it feels.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SPACE!

In recognition of the importance of Wellbeing at Broadford Primary School, the expanded Wellbeing Team have moved into a new space!



The Wellbeing Centre allows for wellbeing supports that previously were restricted due to lack of space

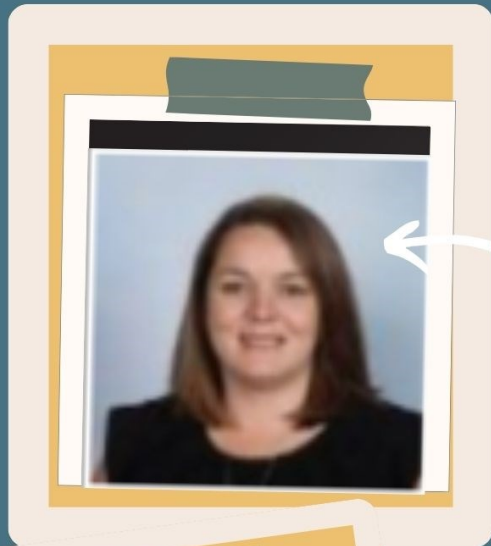


As always, the best place to start if you have concerns about your child's mental health and wellbeing is to contact their classroom teacher.

BPS Wellbeing



News!



Christine Hyde



Rebecca Grant



James Pateras



Kathryn Saunders



Madeline Curavic

Meet the Wellbeing Team



# CONGRATULATIONS

Last weekend Taylor and Poppy represented Seymour Little Athletics at the Northern Country Region regionals competition. They competed over two days in scorching weather conditions. They both have now progressed to state level competition and will travel to Cranbourne on the 9th and 10th of March to compete with everyone else in the state.

We wish you both best of luck!!



**Taylor Currell**  
Grade 5 Room 9  
3rd in 70m Hurdles  
Progressed to state level



**Poppy Robinson**  
Grade 5 Room 9  
1st 200m  
1st 100m  
1st 400m  
Broke Two NCR records  
4th in triple jump and long jump  
Progressed to state level for all her events





Your invited to attend  
Broadford Primary Schools  
Morning tea and coffee

Wednesday 13th March  
Room 17 -(Front of school to the left)  
at 9am - 10am

This will also include a  
secondhand uniform sale  
(gold coin donation per item)





Secondhand  
**Uniform Sale**

**DATE:** Wed 13th March

**TIME:** 9am - 10am

**LOCATION:** Room 17

Each item is a  
Gold Coin Donation

**Parents and Friends Club  
are hosting their  
annual Easter Raffle!**

We are asking for help with Easter Themed donations such as arts and crafts, giftwares, decorations, ornaments or even small gift cards and of course chocolates.

Donations welcome up until 18th March



## Kelly Club OSHC Enrolment

Enrolments are now open for 2024 Kelly Club OSHC.

Please enrol via the QR code or the following link.

[https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment\\_v2/centre/Y9fHQw4und3plnYznz124356Hw](https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/Y9fHQw4und3plnYznz124356Hw)



# GET READY TO JOIN THE FUN

## ENROLMENTS OPEN FROM DECEMBER 1



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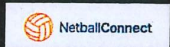
# SCAN ME



**broadford@kellyclub.com.au**



# BROADFORD NETBALL CLUB



AGES: 5-10YRS

## 2024 NETSETGO REGISTRATION

HOW: DOWNLOAD NETBALL CONNECT APP  
SET UP AN ACCOUNT TO REGISTER ASAP 3658, BROADFORD  
NETBALL CLUB (KBNA)

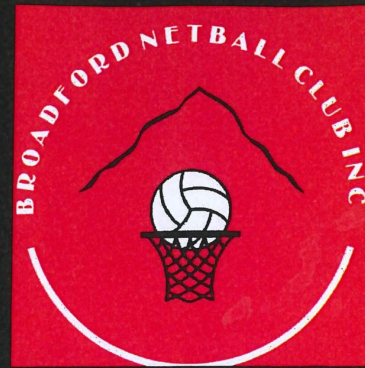
WHEN: STARTING TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY (6 WEEK  
PROGRAM) ENDING 26TH MARCH

WHERE: BROADFORD NETBALL COURTS @4.30-5.30PM

ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK  
MESSENGER  
OR

EMAIL: broadfordnetballclub@gmail.com

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## REGISTER NOW



PLAY SATURDAYS  
APRIL 20TH-  
SEPTEMBER 14TH

AGE GROUPS

Under 9's

Under 11's

Under 13's

NEW ADDITION:

Under 15's

Under 17's



REGISTRATIONS  
CLOSE 15TH  
MARCH OR  
EARLIER DUE TO  
CAPACITY SO BE  
QUICK!



DOWNLOAD TO REGISTER



## 2024 JUNIOR WINTER DOMESTIC EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations are now open for the 2024 junior  
domestic Winter basketball competition.

Junior early bird registrations close March 5th.  
Final junior registrations close Sunday 31st of March.

Singlet collection and training commences  
on 16th of April.

To register, go to:

[https://www.playhq.com/basketball-  
victoria/org/wallan-basketball-inc/ab9b3e8b/register](https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/org/wallan-basketball-inc/ab9b3e8b/register)



Mixed Under 8s  
Competition

## Under 8's 2024 Winter Season EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Early Bird Registration Ends March 5th 2024

**Under 8's**

Born in years 2018/2019

**Season Details:**

Games - Thursday night

**COSTS**

BV Annual Insurance \$29

Early Bird Registration \$100

Player Registration Fee (From 5th of March) \$130

**Register Here:**

[https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/org/wallan-  
basketball-inc/ab9b3e8b/register](https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/org/wallan-basketball-inc/ab9b3e8b/register)