Thursday, 11 February, 2016

Principal’s Message

Welcome back to school. All staff and students have settled well into classes. We look forward to a successful year where parents and the school work in partnership to ensure the best possible education for all of the children within our care.

Next Wednesday from 4.00pm until 5.30pm Kindergarten will hold a Meet the Teacher session in their classrooms. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the organisation and routines of the classroom and to answer general questions. This is a group session.

Years 1-6 will hold Parent Teacher Interviews, which is a one on one interview with your child’s new teacher. The purpose of this meeting is to allow parents the opportunity to inform the current classroom teacher of their aspirations for their child and to assist the teacher to better understand their child. It is requested that parents whose child requires accommodations to assist them either academically, socially or emotionally take this opportunity to book an interview.

Interviews will occur between 3.10pm and 6.00pm. Other times can be negotiated directly with the classroom teacher or a phone interview may be arranged.

Miss Starr will be working on SO for two weeks while Mr O’Kane is on leave. As a result Mr O’Kane’s interviews will be held when he returns.

Remember that this is the FINAL paper copy of our newsletter.

Mrs M. Webb
Principal
Bradbury Public School is now using the Skoolbag Smartphone App to send you important information. Please download and install it by searching for our school name in either the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or for Windows 8.1 or 10 users, search for "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store. Install the app then search for our school name.

Email Subscription:

In an effort to reduce our paper usage, newsletters and notes will now be emailed rather than sent home with students. In order for you to receive newsletters and notes we will require a current email address. Please follow the instructions below to provide the school with your email address:

- Go to our school website www.bradbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
- Click on the “Skoolbag” tab
- Click on the “Sign up” tab on the Skoolbag picture
- Fill in the fields and select the “categories” relevant to your family.
- Press “Submit”

How to install Skoolbag on your smartphone

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.
For Windows 8:1 Phone and Windows 8:1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone homescreen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 4 Wednesday 17th February 2016 between 3.10pm–6.00pm.

This booking system will provide you with an immediate confirmation of your timeslot. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions. The link will also be available from our school website. BOOKINGS CLOSE Tuesday 16th February at 8pm.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, you may send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or you can phone the school on 4625 2271. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 4625 2271.