



# Blandford Public School

## Newsletter

Term 4 - Week 3

Friday 1 November 2024



## Coming Events

| When   | Event                        | Who  | More Info   |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| Every Monday                                   | Playgroup                    | All welcome  | 10.00am - 12.00pm   |
| Friday - Weeks 3, 6 and 9                      | Slushies                     | All students                                       | \$2 each - Limit of 2   |
| Mondays 4/11, 11/11, 2/12, 9/12 & 16/12        | Kindergarten Transition Days | 2025 Kindergarten students                         | 9.15am - 12.15pm Please contact the school for more information |
| Fridays 1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11, 29/11 & 6/12 | Swimming Term 4              | All students                                       | Please arrive at school by 9.10am                               |
| 7/11/2024                                      | Healthy Harold               | All students                                       | Permission notes sent via School Bytes                          |
| 15/11/2024                                     | Assembly                     | All students, staff, parents, families and friends | 2.45pm - 3.15pm   |
| 20/11/2024 - 22/11/2024                        | Great Aussie Bush Camp       | Years 2 - 6  |   |
| 28/11/2024                                     | Power FM Breakfast           | All students and staff                             | more information to follow                                      |
| 13/11/2024                                     | Presentation Day             | All students, staff, parents, families and friends | 1.30pm - 3.15pm more information following                      |



## School news

Our school over the last 3 weeks have been harvesting honey from our bee hive and we are looking to create a brand name for our honey and a name for our Queen Bee.



The total amount of honey collected was 16kg of honey which is approximately 12 litres of honey!

We asked the students and the community on our facebook page how much honey they thought we would harvest, here are the guesses.

Paige - 8L

George - 90L

Carter - 30L

Austin - 14L

Ava - 12.2L

Callum - 7L

Georgia - 7L

Dustin - 5L

Jack - 14L

Michelle Edmonds - 3.2L

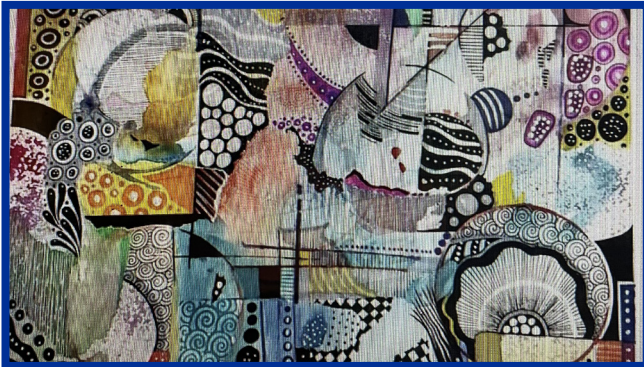
Anthony Field - 4.5L

Thank you all for your guesses.



## School news

In Art with Anita we have been creating items around Neurographic Art which builds new neurons in the brain and Zentangle Art which uses structured patterns to create a beautiful image.



Teachers and leaders in NSW schools must be able to demonstrate that they are able to meet all 7 standards of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. The standards are organised into three categories;

Professional Knowledge, Professional Practice and Professional Engagement and four career stages; Graduate, Proficient, High Accomplished and Lead.

The career stages reflect a continuum of teacher's developing professional expertise.

All teachers participate in professional learning regularly which supports them in meeting the standards and building their capacity to demonstrate movement along the career stages. Much of our professional learning happens at our weekly Professional Learning Community and Monday afternoon staff meetings. At other times teachers are online or out of school at professional learning events.

Several times each term, Mrs Sipple is out of the school attending, Upper Hunter Principal Network Meetings and Primary Principal Council meetings. These meetings and the associated learning content, the 'homework' and interactions from these meetings are one way to demonstrate proficiency against Standards 6 and 7.

We are fortunate at Blandford to be part of the Upper Hunter Principals Network. One of the benefits of this network is that we are supported to collaborate with other colleagues to improve our practice. Recently this included principals and Assistant Principals Curriculum and Instruction (APCIs), attending a network meeting. This meeting provided the opportunity for our network schools to develop a focus for how we will improve as a network. The work we do from this meeting assists Mrs Lanigan and myself to demonstrate how we are meeting Standards 6- Engaging in professional learning and 7- Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community.



## K-2 Classroom

### Science

K-2 will be learning about digital systems or technologies and Earth and Space.

Kindergarten's key inquiry question is: How are digital technologies used in everyday life? To answer this question they need to identify digital systems and explore how instructions are used to control digital devices. They will also demonstrate how they can develop solutions to an identified need.

Year 1 and 2's key inquiry question is, What are digital systems and how do people use them? They will demonstrate using materials, tools and equipment to develop solutions for a need or opportunity

They will also need to show they can identify the components of digital systems and explore how data is represented.

Within our Science learning we have also defined and given examples of types of communication. Verbal and non-verbal communication, sign language, body language and gesticulations along with types of digital communications. Students will learn what a digital system is and identify hardware and software. Students will learn the connection between the two and how together they create a digital system.

K-2 loved watching this video of two babies using a digital technology to communicate.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10157278674238132>

Can you answer these questions about the video?

- What types of communication are they using?
- What do you think they are saying?
- How do you think they are feeling?

[CGI Animated Short Film HD "The Controller " by Bob Yong, Kang Yung Ho, Ian le | CGMeetup - video Dailymotion](#)



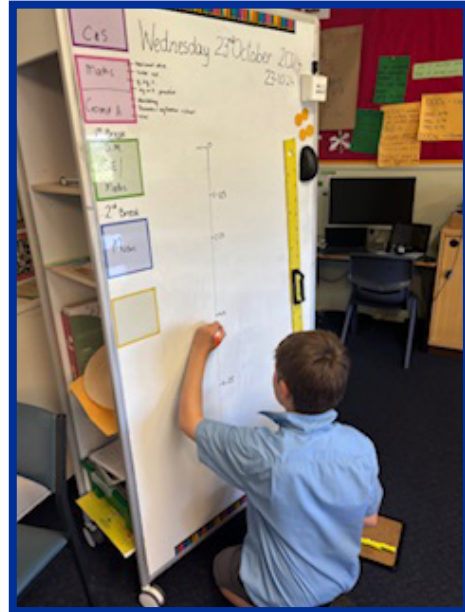
## Mayor for a Day



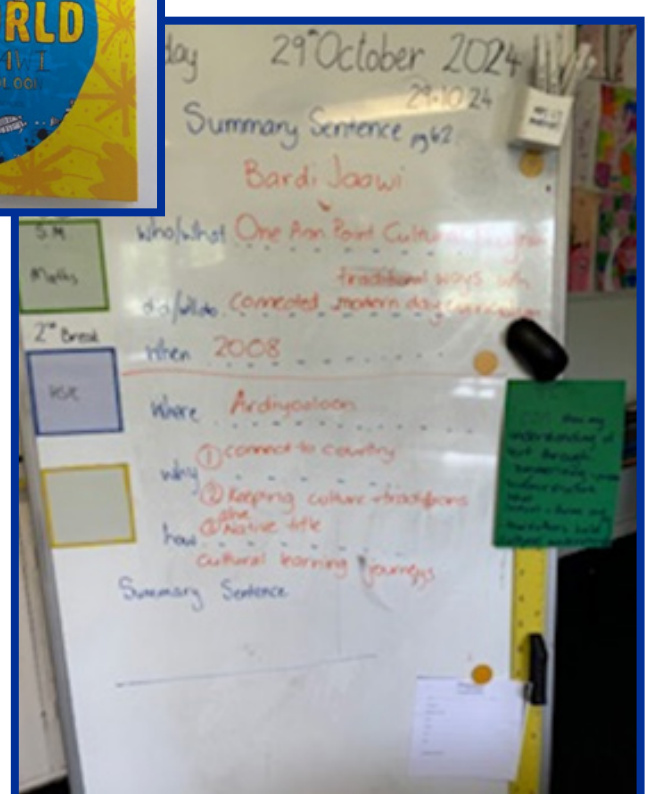
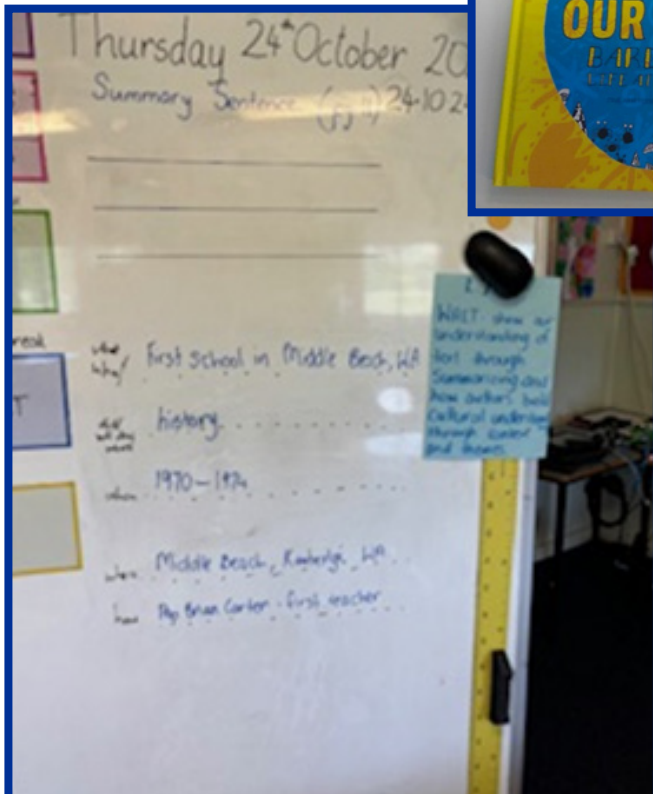
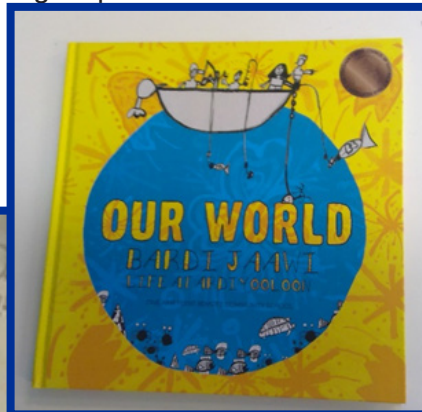


### 3-6 Classroom

For the last 3 weeks in Maths our class has been looking at converting grams, kilograms and tonnes and ordering and comparing decimal numbers. This is important for us to know so we can apply to real world problems.



In English we are studying a book called 'Our World'. It is a book written from the perspective of the Bardi Jaawi people in the Kimberley region of W.A. We are learning about perspective, context and theme as well as the tradition culture of the Bardi Jaawi people. As part of studying the book we are using 'The Writing Revolution' activities to help us create summary sentences to form short paragraphs. Summary sentences and summarizing help us show our understanding of what we are reading.



## Spanish

In Spanish this term we have been learning some animals names and descriptions, including their size eg. small - pequeño or large - grande, how they move eg. run- correr, swim- nadar or jump - saltar, at what speed eg. fast - rápido or slow - lento.

We have been expressing this information in a sentence eg. A sloth can swim fast - el perezoso nadar rápido.

We were lucky to have Itamir visit from Brazil. He taught us about the similarities between Spanish and Portuguese languages

Our semester 2 assessment task will be next Monday focusing on the names of family members.



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|  <p><b>Saltar</b></p> <p>© MEG</p>               |  <p><b>Conejo/a</b></p>                   |  <p><b>Jaguar</b></p>               |
|  <p><b>Correr</b></p> <p>© MEG</p>               |  <p><b>Tortuga</b></p>                   |  <p><b>Ratón/a</b></p>             |
|  <p><b>Nadar</b></p> <p>© My Education Group</p> |  <p><b>Oso perezoso</b></p> <p>© MEG</p> |  <p><b>Mono/a</b></p> <p>© MEG</p> |



# ENROL NOW

## Kindergarten 2025



### 2024 Important Dates

#### Kindergarten Transition Days

Dates: Monday 14/10, 21/10, 28/10,  
4/11, 11/11, 2/12 and 9/12/2024

Time: 9.15am - 12.15pm

Please let the school know if you  
would like to attend our transition  
days.



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Is your child starting Kindergarten next year? We're here to help!

# Get ready for primary school

Starting school is a big milestone for children and their families. Get ready for the first day with our **Getting ready for primary school** resources, packed with information to help your family prepare for Kindergarten and beyond.

## What you'll find:

### Preparation tips

Useful tips and activities to help your child prepare for Kindergarten, making the transition smoother in the weeks leading up to the start of the term.

### Learning at home

Fun and educational activities to help your child with reading, writing and numeracy at home.

### What to expect

Information on assessments, learning, wellbeing support and school routines.

### Get in touch

Who to contact for information about your child and the support available in our schools.

### Additional support

Learn about extra learning support and other opportunities available for your child in our schools.



Explore our guide and online resources and ensure your child is ready for a successful start to primary school!



Scan the QR code to explore **Getting ready for primary school** resources.  
[edu.nsw.link/starting-primary-school](https://edu.nsw.link/starting-primary-school)

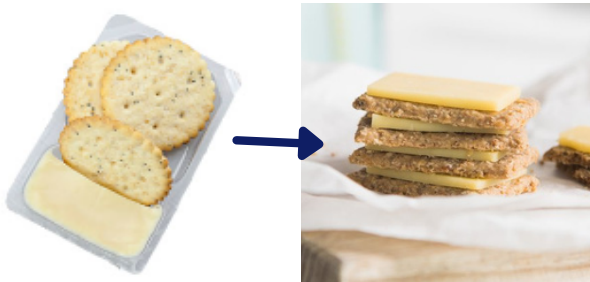


## Nutrition Snippet

### HEALTHY SWAPS

**Swap out** processed cheese spread and crackers

**Pack** sliced cheese and wholegrain crackers



For more ideas see our [interactive healthy swaps page](#).

For this recipe and more visit: [healthylunchbox.com.au](https://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

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### HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our [short video](#).

[healthylunchbox.com.au](https://healthylunchbox.com.au)



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**Good for kids**  
good for life



#### Hydrate with H2O

**Did you know your body is made up of 50-70% water?**

Water is essential in a healthy diet. It helps transport nutrients through our bodies, digest food, remove waste, regulate body temperature, and also keeps our teeth and mouth healthy.

As we come into summer, it's important to keep our bodies hydrated.

Encourage your child to choose water as a drink by:

- Packing a water bottle in their school bag everyday
- Packing a frozen water bottle in their lunchbox during summer
- Encouraging your child to drink water when playing sport
- Serving plain water in a jug. Try adding ice-cubes and fresh fruit pieces such as lemon, orange, blueberries or strawberries for flavour
- Using a re-usable drink bottle that your child has chosen



Source: Hydration tips for children ([www.healthdirect.gov.au](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au))



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good for life



#### Keeping active and cool in summer

Being physically active is not only fun but also great for your body! Running, jumping, playing sports, and even dancing helps keep your muscles and heart strong and healthy.

It's important to stay active every day, whether you're playing outside, riding your bike, or having a game with friends. But when it's hot, don't forget to stay cool!

Try:

- Wearing light, comfortable clothes that protect you from the sun and let your skin breathe
- Drinking lots of water to stay hydrated
- Being active during the cooler parts of the day
- Taking breaks in the shade
- Using cold towels or fans to help you feel cooler when finished

Staying active and cool makes sure you can play longer and feel great!



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# **School Term Dates 2024 Students**

## **Term 1**

Thursday 1 February - Friday 12 April

## **Term 2**

Tuesday 30 April - Friday 5 July

## **Term 3**

Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September

## **Term 4**

Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December

# **School Term Dates 2024 Staff**

## **Term 1**

Tuesday 30 January - Friday 12 April

## **Term 2**

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

## **Term 3**

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

## **Term 4**

Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December



## 2025 Term Dates

| Term 1                               |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Friday 31 January to Friday 11 April |  |
| First day for students               | Thursday 6 February                      |
| School development days              | Friday 31 January - Wednesday 5 February |
| School Holidays                      | Monday 14 April - Thursday 24 April      |

| Term 2                           |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July |                                      |
| First day for students           | Wednesday 30 April                   |
| School development days          | Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April |
| School Holidays                  | Monday 7 July to Friday 18 July      |

| Term 3                                |  |
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| Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September |  |
| First day for students                | Tuesday 22 July                          |
| School development days               | Monday 21 July                           |
| School Holidays                       | Monday 29 September to Friday 10 October |

| Term 4                                     |   |
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| Monday 13 October to to Friday 19 December |   |
| First day for students                     | Tuesday 14 October                                |
| School development days                    | Monday 13 October                                 |
| School Holidays                            | Monday 22 December 2025 to Monday 26 January 2026 |



**A Gorilla Cart full of Goodies .. more than \$1500 value including**

- \* Jessica Schmierer Photography Voucher (\$350)
- \* Zen Wellness Voucher (\$100)
- \* Jewellery Voucher
- \* Wine Gift Pack from Cellarbrations Scone
- \* Mistral Bread maker
- \* MasterChef pans and kitchen utensils
- \* Toys and Puzzles
- \* Household items
- \* 18kg bag of dog food .... AND MUCH MORE

Raffle drawn at Christmas in the Park,  
White Park, Scone 7th December 2024  
Fundraising No CFN/27293

**\$2.00 per  
ticket**

Buy tickets online at

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