



# Busby Public School

Together we are a community of empowered learners

Term 1 Week 4

## Dates to Remember

Tues 22nd Feb  
Mon 14th March  
Mon 4th - Fri 8th April

Kindergarten Eyesight Screening  
School Photos  
Dental Program

Mon - Thurs  
Tuesdays  
Fridays

Breakfast Club  
Soul Drummer  
GOT Game

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### A New School Year

I would like to welcome back all of our families to a new school year. I also formally welcome all of our new families to our wonderful school. This year we have a few new members of staff; Mrs Shaji joins us as a permanent Support Class Teacher, Miss Todorovic has joined us as Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction and Miss Malaxos is our School Psychologist this year. I know you will warmly welcome these new staff members to our school.

Students are all in their 2022 classes with new and exciting learning challenges ahead. We will

continue a positive direction for our entire school community ensuring students are at the centre of our school and all our decision-making.

You may recall that last year we participated in the External Validation and our educational team have been working on our school targets for 2022. We will be working in partnership with our school community to build on our educational journey in three strategic directions: Student Growth and Attainment, High Impact Teaching and Leadership and Resilient learners. We would love your input so please look forward to opportunities to help our kids learn and grow in the newsletter once the restrictions are eased.

Lisa Ritherdon

## FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome back to the school year. Students have settled nicely into their new class for 2022 and teachers have been working hard to ensure your child is known, valued and cared for.

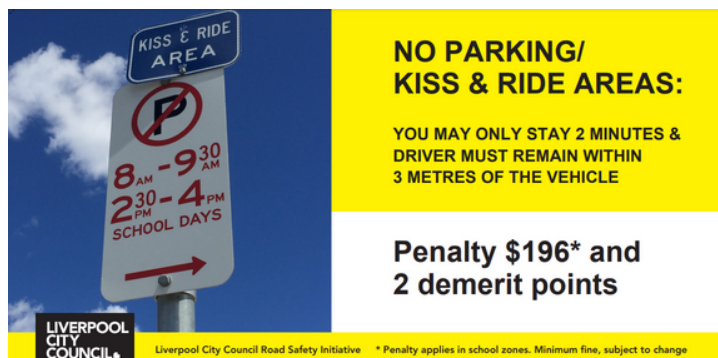
Regular attendance continues to be a focus for 2022. It is pleasing to see that our student attendance rate remains high and 89.5% of our students are attending school daily. The school has started to use a new messaging system which will allow us to send you a notification when your child is away. You will be able to reply with a reason for the absence and we will be able to add the explanation to the roll. Please save this number to your contact list in your phone as this is the number the notifications will come from 61417916224.

Thank you for your patience while we finalised the arrangements for leaving the school at the end of the day. You may have noticed new signage on our gates indicating the gate number. We hope this helps you when you meet your children in the afternoon.

A friendly reminder that the places you can park have changed as a result of the new crossing that was built last year. The area directly outside Gate 1 is now a bus zone and no longer a drop off/pick up area for our families. Please pay attention to the signs as we would hate for our parents to receive a fine for parking illegally.

To keep up to date with all the latest information and highlights, follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/BusbyPublicSchool>

Dannielle Chew



## 2022 Classes

### AU Support Class

Orange Mrs Godley Shaji

### Early Stage 1

Red Miss Cassandra Reeves  
 Ruby Miss Vilashni Reddy

### Stage 1

Sapphire Mrs Nicole Brasier  
 Aqua Mrs Melissa Jessep

### Stage 2

Amethyst Mrs Aylin Rios  
 Lilac Mrs Amel Kaisher  
 Violet Mr Ben Angus

### Stage 3

Olive Mrs Kayne Kumar  
 Emerald Mrs Maria Parker  
 Lime Miss Tamara Peulic

## Stage Leaders

Au Support Class Mrs Belinda Tuddenham  
 Early Stage 1 Mrs Nicole Brasier  
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 Stage 2 Mrs Alice Teuma  
 Stage 3 Mrs Maria Parker

## AU Support Unit – Orange

Students in Orange have welcomed their new teacher, Mrs Shaji to Busby Public School and have settled well into the new school year. Students have been starting their morning routines by discussing the day's weather, date and month. They have also been working hard on their numbers 1-20 and their letters and sounds. The students have also been doing activities to improve their fine motor skills and handwriting and have enjoyed participating in GOT games on a Friday.

Mrs Tuddenham

## Early Stage 1

Kindergarten are slowly getting use to the routines of school. Our students are getting to know their teachers and learning school and class rules. They are becoming independent already, remembering when they hear the music play, to line up in class groups and to collect all of their belongings and put them into their bag. Students are busy making new friends and learning how to work together during group activities. We are just starting to learn letter sounds, starting with S and A and to count with one-to-one correspondence.

Mrs Brasier

## **Stage 1**

Stage 1 have had a very settled start to school, remembering the routines of school life. Students are getting use to their new teachers, working together to come up with class rules and making new friends within class groups. So far, we are revising some basic mathematics skills and reading lots of stories together to assist with building our vocabulary. Students are also putting into practice classroom expectations for working in group activities, remembering to share and work together as a team to complete set tasks.

Mrs Brasier

## **Stage 2**

Stage 2 teachers are excited to be teaching the students in Years 3 and 4 this year. We welcome the Year 2 children into Amethyst. This term will be filled with lots of new learning. We will be continuing with our Guided Reading groups. Students' comprehension skills will be further developed by engaging in quality books each day. In Maths we will be focusing on place value with 3 and 4-digit numbers and using these numbers in addition and subtraction. In History and Science the students will be guided in asking questions and then researching and investigating the answers while learning about when the first Europeans came to Australia and the life cycles of living things.

Mrs Teuma

## **Stage 3**

Stage 3 this year is made up of 3 class - 5/6 Emerald (Mrs Parker), 5/6 Lime (Miss Peulic) and 4/5 Olive (Mrs Kumar). All classes and students have had a fantastic and very settled start to the year. We have jumped straight into our work and have been busy working on creating texts that are imaginative, using our mathematical skills to add, subtract and using place value to multiply and divide.

This term we also have some exciting topics in our other Key Learning Areas. In Science our topic is desert survivors, in PDH students are learning about safe living and in History we are learning about Australia as a nation.

During the term students will be exposed to co-teaching where 2 teachers co-teach in the classroom. Mrs Tuddenhem will be co-teaching history lessons with Stage 3 teachers and these lessons will be inquiry based.

I am looking forward to a productive, enjoyable and successful year with Stage 3 this year!

Mrs Parker

## **Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction**

This term we are proud to introduce the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction roles at Busby Public School. Mrs Cathy McKay and Miss Monika Todorovic will be working with our Assistant Principals and teachers to foster high quality, evidence-based literacy, and numeracy practices across K - 6.

This term for literacy, Mrs McKay will focus on establishing school-wide reading practices with Read To's, which support lifelong reading and comprehension.

In numeracy, Miss Todorovic will be working with teachers to strengthen quality numeracy practices which enhance student's understanding of number through Number Talks and targeted numeracy intervention. We welcome this new role and look forward to supporting our students K -6 in literacy and numeracy.

Mrs Catherine McKay and Miss Monika Todorovic

# Contacting the school- A guide for families

The following has been prepared for families to use when contacting the school. Please remember that with most enquiries your child's class teacher is your **first port of call**.

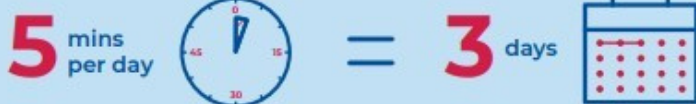
Questions about.....	Action to be taken
My child's welfare, learning or stage activities	1 <sup>st</sup> Please write a note to your child's class teacher OR 2 <sup>nd</sup> Please contact the office to organise an interview with the teacher
A school policy or practice	Please contact the office and the appropriate member of staff will respond
The actions of another child towards my child on school grounds	Please inform the class teacher OR the stage Assistant Principal. Deputy Principal if an urgent matter
The actions of another child towards my child while travelling to or from school	Please inform the stage Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal
The actions of a parent while on school grounds	Please inform an Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal
The actions of a member of staff (for feedback or clarification)	1 <sup>st</sup> Please write a note to the teacher concerned or contact the office to organise an interview 2 <sup>nd</sup> Organise an interview with the Assistant Principal responsible for the stage 3 <sup>rd</sup> Contact the office to organise an interview with the Deputy Principal/Principal
Playground Accidents	Please contact an Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal
Lost Property	1 <sup>st</sup> Ask your child to check the lost property box 2 <sup>nd</sup> Check the lost property box yourself 3 <sup>rd</sup> Please write a note to your child's teacher
High Schools	Please contact the Stage 3 Assistant Principal

## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



**Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.**