



# Bremer Bay Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 3, 2020

### FITZGERALD SWIMMING CARNIVAL YR 3-6

The Year 3-6 students will be attending the Fitzgerald Swimming Carnival on Friday 13 March. The permission information and lunch order have been sent home today and are due back at school by Thursday 5 March.

Parents are responsible for transporting their children and need to have them at Jerramungup by 9.30am.

Students are to wear the school dress code and bring bathers for competing, a towel and change of clothes. A hat and sunscreen is to be worn throughout the day. They will also need to take lunch, if they do not place an order, a water bottle and snacks.



### SENIOR ASSEMBLY

The senior class will host the first assembly for 2020 on Friday 6 March at 9.00am in the Library. The year six student councillors will present the assembly.

All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

### STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

The student update forms were due back on 14 February. Please return the forms as soon as possible to ensure that the school holds the most up to date information for your child.



### THANK YOU

Aaron Olszewski, Darryl Pantall and Graeme Drew for moving all the large furniture back into the school administration building. We could not have done it without you!



### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Voluntary Contribution is now due.

The amount payable is \$60.00 per first and second child in a family, \$40.00 for each additional child.

Payments can be sent into the school office or paid by direct deposit to;

BSB 066 500

Account Number 00904281

Use your surname, V. Cont. as the reference.



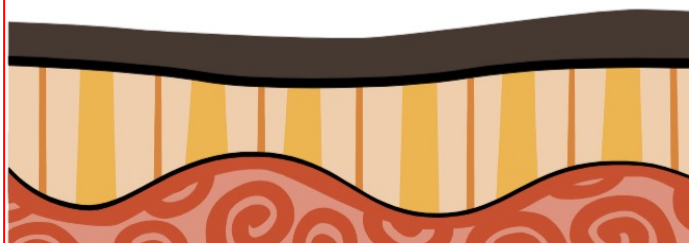
### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Want to get involved with your child's school?? Want to help Fundraise for much needed school supplies and experiences for your kids such as camps and swimming lessons??

WE WOULD LOVE ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES TO PLEASE JOIN THE P+C FOR THE YEAR 2020 - we cant have a P+C without YOU!!

Please come along next Monday night (24<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm in the school library and join the Bremer Bay Primary School P+C.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
ALICE REDDINGTON 0439328961



### Dates for your diary....

Parent Information Sessions.....	Thursday 20 February
P & C Meeting.....	Monday 24 February
Labour Day Public Holiday.....	Monday 2 March
School Photos.....	Thursday 5 March
Senior Class Assembly.....	Friday 6 March
GRIP Leadership (Yr 6).....	Tuesday 10 March
Fitzgerald Swimming Carnival (Yr 3-6).....	Friday 13 March
Senior Class Camp.....	Week 10



# PRINCIPAL REPORT TERM 1 WEEK 3

Hello Parents and Carers



## Attendance

Did you know that if your child is absent 5 days per term this equates to an attendance rate of **90%**, which from **PP-Year 10 is a whole year of school that has been missed!** This is a phenomenal statistic. When your child misses days of school it impacts their learning and gaps may be created. Regular attendance allows students to build on skills and knowledge and provides opportunities to consolidate by embedding into long term memory.

Some tips to ensure your child attends and gets the most from their education:

- Plan ahead and take family holidays during school holiday times
- Make sure your child attends every day possible—even if they are late
- Arrange appointments outside school hours
- Contact your child's teacher if you notice a reluctance to attend
- Communicate with the school about any concerns
- Take an active interest in your child's education and learn with them
- Don't take days off for birthdays or other similar reasons

### **To put it in perspective**

In 2019 BBPS had 10 students who had attendance between 80-90%. This equates to these students missing 4-8 weeks in the year.

Almost a term of learning to catch up on!

If your child is absent from school please contact us as soon as possible and provide a reason for the absence. **Every single day is important for your child to attend.**

## Parent Teacher Communication

This afternoon you'll have an opportunity to attend the Parent Information Sessions. This session is important for you to understand your child's teacher/s and get a sense of how the classroom operates. The link between school and home impacts a student's learning. When that link is strong the students, teachers and parents benefit. The foundation of that link is communication. Effective communication between teacher and parent can see a child's needs be met with ease. Please communicate with your child's teacher/s. Let them know when your child has come home bursting with information about a new topic or when they enjoyed a particular activity. Similarly, if they've had a disruptive morning /night, or are showing concerns about an upcoming event. This information helps the teacher make informed decisions. You can communicate simple information before and after school or through a Class Dojo message. If you feel more time may be needed, a parent meeting is the ideal time to discuss more detailed information with your child's teacher.



Hayley Stinson  
Principal

Bremer Bay Primary staff and students would like to welcome Shannon Farthing and Scott Bickford to our school. Shannon, who is a special needs education assistant will no doubt be a valuable asset to our students and school. Scott, our new Gardener will be working Mondays and Thursdays and we look forward to seeing the expertise in horticulture he brings to our school.



## One of these things is not like the others



## Stressed about back to school costs? Make next year different.



### Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

- laptops & tablets
- specialist subjects
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

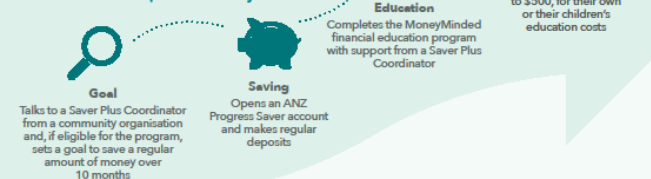
**Contact:**  
Your local Saver Plus Coordinator  
**Phone:**  
Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355  
**Email:**  
saverplus@bsl.org.au  
**Web:**  
www.saverplus.org.au



## What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.
- Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

### A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



### Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

### How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 246 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 32,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

### Since 2004<sup>1</sup>:

- 32,000+** participants
- \$17.3m** - total amount saved by participants
- \$14m** - matched funds paid by ANZ
- \$753** average amount saved per participant

### Benefits for participants<sup>1</sup>

- 87%** continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program
- 81%** were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 93%** reported increased self-esteem
- 85%** had more control over their finances

### Find out more

- 1300 610 355
- saverplus@bsl.org.au
- www.saverplus.org.au



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

<sup>1</sup> RMIT University, 2014. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see [www.anz.com/saverplus](http://www.anz.com/saverplus)

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# Your School Photo Day Is

**Thursday 5 March 2020**



Remember to look your **best** in correct school uniform.



Bring your completed personalised **Photo Order Envelope**.



Please pick up your **Sibling Photo Order Envelopes** at the Office.

**fotoworks**  
School Photography Specialists

**The Fotoworks Difference - We Care**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You should receive your school Photo Order Envelopes approximately two weeks prior to photo day.

- Please review the photo packages available and complete order form on reverse of envelope.
- If paying by cash, please ensure that exact amount is enclosed as **no change can be given**.
- **Online Ordering – Go to [https://online.fotoworks.com.au/login\\_shoot](https://online.fotoworks.com.au/login_shoot). Enter the shoot key provided on the order envelope and follow the prompts to place your order. The shoot key is unique to each student and cannot be used for any other student orders. The last day for ordering photos online is 12 March 2020**
- Each student will need to bring their completed personalised Photo Order Envelope on photo day, even if no photos are being purchased.
- If you are interested in Sibling Photos, please collect Sibling Order Envelopes from the school office.
- Sibling Photo Order Envelopes **MUST BE RETURNED** to the school office prior to photo day.

Please contact Fotoworks directly with any queries: [schoolcare@fotoworks.com.au](mailto:schoolcare@fotoworks.com.au) or 9244 8211

ALL students will be included in the class photo and will be photographed individually for school archives and administration records. If for custodial or religious reasons your child cannot appear in class photos, please complete this slip and return to the school office.

I \_\_\_\_\_ do not want my child \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian name) (Student Name)

to appear in any school photos.

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(School Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)