This week’s value is:

EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER:
6  Swimming School Concludes
9-13 Yr 5/6 Camp
10  Kinder Orientation-Group A
12-13 Yr 3/4 Camp
12  Kinder Orientation-Group B
17  Kinder Orientation-Group A
19  Kinder Orientation-Group B
24  Kinder Orientation-Group A
26  Kinder Orientation-Group B
27  P & C Disco

DECEMBER:
2  Evening Of Excellence–7pm
3  Kinder Zoo Excursion
10  Presentation Day -12pm

SPELLING BEE STATE FINAL

Good luck to Will Peace in the spelling bee next week. Will is one of 44 students competing to be champion. See inside for details on how to follow Will’s progress next Wednesday.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Our primary students are looking forward to their camps at Point Wolstoncroft and Wamberoo. If your child is attending, please ensure that they are on time and ready to go. We will send out alerts via our Skoolbag app regarding return times, so if you haven’t downloaded it yet, go onto your app site and search for Bradfordville Public School.

Well done to all our students who participated in Relay for Life and to Mrs Middleton for coordinating. The total raised this year was a record $62 000!

Please be aware of our office hours. Our Administration staff are employed between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.30 pm. During this time, your calls will be answered. Outside of these times, calls will only be answered if a member of the teaching staff is in the vicinity of a phone and is able to do so.

If you are seeking clarification of something that concerns a teacher, you need to ask for that teacher. The administration staff will pass on the message and you will be contacted by them when they are not on class or in a meeting. We have had a couple of recent instances where callers have become irate towards the administration staff when they couldn’t answer their questions.

For those parents whose child is attending Mulwaree HS next year, I would encourage you to attend tonight’s information session. It is extremely worthwhile and will give you the opportunity to ask lots of questions!

Mr Patatoukos

SPPELLING BEE STATE FINAL

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- An audio stream will be available all day here: [http://www.abc.net.au/radio/player/?station=itinerant_one&src=internetradio](http://www.abc.net.au/radio/player/?station=itinerant_one&src=internetradio)
- The landing page on the ABC website is here: [http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2015/10/20/4335009.htm?site=sydney&section=competitions](http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2015/10/20/4335009.htm?site=sydney&section=competitions)
- The last 25 minutes of the senior final will also be broadcast live on Richard Glover’s DRIVE program on 702 ABC Sydney.
- If you’re on Twitter use #702Spelling to join the conversation.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

- **KM**
  - Kasey Friend
  - Jayden Hetherington
- **KS**
  - Shayla Campbell
  - James Feld
- **K/1P**
  - Hannah Croker
  - Harriet Scott
- **1A**
  - Darcy Croker
  - Indyana Larkam
- **2B**
  - Malachi Tomlinson
  - Lilah Wharton
- **2R**
  - Jehi Cunningham
  - Taylah McElligott
- **3W**
  - Georgie Jubb
  - Jai Korner
- **3/4M**
  - Hayley Freebody
  - Breana Evans-Hall
- **4/5M**
  - Cooper Roberts
  - Zachary Pedersen
- **5S**
  - Shelby Clarke
  - Tiahni Wild
- **6U**
  - Sarah Bogg
  - Kendall Cribb
**THE MUNCBOX and UNIFORM SHOP**

Thur Nov 5  
L Chapman  
Y Warner  
*Helper required*

Fri Nov 6  
L Chapman  
A Upfield  
*Helper required*

Wed Nov 11  
L Chapman  
*Helper required*

Thur Nov 12  
L Chapman  
*Helper required*

Fri Nov 13  
L Chapman  
R Petrini

The canteen is catering for meetings tomorrow and Friday and extra volunteers are required. If you are able to help out, please let me know.

The winner of last’s week voucher in the “Go Green” competition was Tahleah Hill of 5S.

*This week’s recess special*
Apple Crumble Yoghurt - $1.20 or combine with any drink from the 2 for $2 tray. This is a green rated snack, so every purchase gets a ticket in the “Go Green” competition.

*Mrs Chapman*

**VISITING OUR SCHOOL**

For your safety and the safety of others, Work Health & Safety requirements are that all visitors are to read our Safety Brochure and sign into the visitors book, both located in the school foyer. Please take one next time you visit the school.

An extract from this brochure follows:

Mandatory site requirements:

All visitors are required to report to reception on arrival.

Observe all speed, parking and vehicular restrictions.

Smoking is not permitted on DEC premises.

Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted.

Weapons, including knives, are not permitted.

Visitors and contractors intending to bring dangerous goods on site must declare these at the reception prior to entering the site.

All hazards and incidents must be reported to the main office.

Injuries will be recorded in the *Register of Injuries*. First Aid treatment is available on site.

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**ENROLMENTS 2016**

My child will **not** be returning to Bradfordville Public School in 2016.

Child’s name: _______________________________

Class: ___________________________

Parent name: _______________________________

Signature: _______________________________

Date: _______________________________
Swimming
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.