Bredbo Public School

Information Booklet

2013
School Times
Commences: 9:00am
Recess: 11:00 – 11:30am
Lunch: 1:00 – 1:45pm
Concludes: 3:00pm
N.B. The school is open from 8:30am.

Staff for 2013
Principal: Mrs Leanne Thistleton
Teachers: Ms Sarah Walsh
School Administration: Mrs Keryn Barnes
Teacher’s Aide: Mrs Tammy Lawler and Mrs Amanda Averay-Jones
General Assistant: Mr Shaun Bannon
Cleaner: Mr Martin Roach

School Staff

Bredbo Public School 2013

From Row: Patrick Doswell, Shaun Bannon, Leanne Thistleto, Amanda Avery-Jones, Sarah Walsh, Trish Williams, Tammy Lawler

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P & C

President: Ms Alanna Gregory
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Marlene Miller
Treasurer: Mrs Jodie Umback

Positions regularly become available on various sub-committees specific fundraising ventures and various grants applications throughout the year. If you are interested in helping out or volunteering please contact any of the above people or come along to a meeting.

Minutes from the P&C meetings are posted after each meeting in the school newsletter.

Any interested parents and community members who would like to attend the meeting are warmly welcome. Meetings are held twice a term.

Scripture

Thursdays: 9:00 - 9.30am
Anglican: Mr Mills

Scripture is offered to all children. Alternate supervision is provided for children where parents indicate that their children are not to attend.
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**Children also utilise the Monaro Mobile Library. This attends the school every second Monday. Generally children's library cards are kept at the school, although they may be taken home.**

- All children should have a cloth Library bag to help protect books on the way to and from school.

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<td>In accordance with Departmental guidelines, children are required to attend school each day the school is open. If your child is absent from school for any length of time, a note should be sent to his or her class teacher. Alternatively a phone call or seeing the class teacher will be sufficient.</td>
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<td>The school should be notified immediately if there is the likelihood of any lengthy absence.</td>
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<td>A Home School Liaison Officer, employed by the Department of Education and Training, regularly visits the school to monitor the children's attendance.</td>
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<td>Money Collection</td>
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<td>Money should be sent to school in a sealed envelope with the child’s name, amount enclosed and purpose written on it. It is helpful if the correct amount is enclosed. Cheques should be made out to Bredbo Public School – unless otherwise advised. Direct deposit, EFTPOS and credit card facilities are not currently offered by the school, but will be when a new finance system is incorporated over the next few years. Money and notes should be given to either Mrs Barnes or Mrs Thistleton</td>
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<td>School Development Days enable parents and the whole school staff to participate in targeted activities aimed at the overall development of the school. Topics are related to implementing the Department’s priorities which could include teaching and learning issues, the school management plan, setting goals and objectives, student welfare programs or leadership training. These days usually fall on the first day of Term 1, 2 and 3.</td>
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<td>Schools adopt sun safety programs and strategies to ensure students are aware of and protected from the damaging effects of the sun. Schools encourage students to wear hats in the playground and use shady areas during the day. Bredbo Public School has adopted the policy of “No hat, No play” for our school playground. The children are to wear a broad brimmed hat whilst in the playground. If they do not have one, they must play in the covered areas.</td>
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School Uniform

Summer Uniform:

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<td>Maroon polo shirt</td>
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<td>Black shorts</td>
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<td>Black socks</td>
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A wide brimmed hat is compulsory as the "No Hat, No Play" policy is now enforced. Wide brimmed maroon hats with the Bredbo Public School logo printed on them are available for purchase. Please see the administrative manager (or other staff) to purchase one.

Winter Uniform:

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<td>Black pants</td>
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<td>Maroon polo shirt or skivvy</td>
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Bredbo Beanies are available for purchase.

The P&C places a bulk uniform order once each term. Order forms are sent home with the newsletter. If you need to buy uniforms at other times we recommend you contact the P&C to check when they are submitting their next order.

Cooking and Gardening Program

Bredbo Public School offers a weekly cooking and gardening program for all students. The students are divided into two groups and they alternate between the cooking and gardening program on a weekly roster. Each week a group is involved in cooking a meal for all the students to share at lunch-time. This provides the children with the opportunity to try new and different foods, experience the science and mathematics of cooking and become versed in the procedural text type. Gardening students plan and plant seasonal crops based the area and the planting requirements. Often the resulting produce is used in our cooking and has even won prestigious prizes at the Cooma Rural Show.
**Reporting**

School are expected to report students’ achievements and progress to parents at least twice a year. The form of reporting varies between schools.

The report aims to provide information on your child’s academic progress, work habits and attitudes. It covers the Key Learning Areas in Primary Education, as well as comments on personal and social development. We hope you will look at the report in terms of individual growth rather than in comparison with other pupils. No two children develop in precisely the same manner.

Bredbo Public School chooses to use a reporting system that provides a scaled outcomes based report. Reports are collated twice a year, at the end of term 2 and term 4. There is also opportunity of parent/teacher interviews at this time, as well as at any time during the year after negotiation with the classroom teacher.

In Term 1 and 3 a Learning Journey is held where parents and community members are invited to attend a formal assembly showcasing student’s work and achievements.

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**Complaints**

Parents have the right to register any concerns they might have about any aspects of school life. Issues can usually be resolved easily at school by approaching the staff member concerned or the principal at an appropriate time. The Department of Education & Training also has a district office that can assist with any issues that may arise. All matters should first be discussed with the Principal wherever possible, as the district office will redirect you to the school if there has been no prior discussion at that level.
| Kindergarten Orientation | Students coming to Kindergarten need every possible help in starting school. They need to feel safe and secure in their environment and relationship with staff and students.  

Bredbo Public School encourages pre-schoolers to be involved in the transition to school. We offer an extensive Kinder Start program that commences in Term 2 of each year. Participants attend school one day a week until recess throughout Term 2, increasing to half a day in Term 3 and a full day in Term 4. This provides a solid basis for their transition and allows them to understand the routines and requirements of school. |
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| Homework Policy | Homework is important in that it reinforces work done in class and helps the children develop attitudes and habits, especially the ability to complete tasks quietly and confidently at home.  

All children are asked to complete homework which, including reading, is about 15 minutes per night, four nights a week.  

Where no specific homework is set children will be expected to allocate time to reading, writing, tables, spelling, completion of class work or pursuit of suitable activities appropriate to their year level.  

Homework should be tailored to individual student abilities and should not be used as a punishment. Homework is distributed on Mondays and is to be returned every Friday. |
| Community use of School Facilities | The community can access the facilities of its local school out of school hours for appropriate purposes, as community education classes, sporting activities, meetings or social gatherings.  

Community organisations wishing to use a school facility should approach the school principal. Decisions regarding requests to use school facilities are made by the principal in consultation with the school council and parent organizations. The principal also determines an appropriate fee for use of facilities. |
### Captains and Leaders

The captains and leaders have a role in assisting students and teachers. It helps promote co-operation with others and encourages students to contribute to the life of the school.

Year 5 students are nominated at the end of the year to take up their position at the beginning of year 6. The students in year K-5 vote for the school captain and vice-captain. Other Year 6 students form the total leadership team.

### Assemblies

School assemblies are held every second Wednesday at 2.40pm and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Assemblies include singing the National Anthem, Acknowledging Country, presentation of merit and accomplishment rewards and an assembly item by the class, alternating between the infant and primary classes. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to showcase their work and their achievements.

### School requirements

Children need to bring a few school supplies with them when they come to school. These include:
- Pencil case
- Coloured pencils (no textas)
- Lead pencils
- Red and blue pens for older students
- Glue sticks

The school provides workbooks and text books and a variety of other stationary for student use throughout the year. We ask that parents pay a textbook levy at the beginning of the year to cover some of the costs associated with purchasing these items.