

# BRANDON BUZZ

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Term Dates 2020	Due dates	Incursion/excursion fees on Compass
Term 1 29 Jan – 27 Mar	<b>Overdue</b>	<b>2020 School Contributions (see Compass Course Confirmations) - \$350</b>
Term 2 14 Apr – 26 Jun		
Term 3 13 Jul – 18 Sep		
Term 4 5 Oct – 18 Dec		

Hello Everyone,

I have brilliant news – I've been keeping a close eye on Mrs Chard and her health, and I am very pleased to say that she is well on the mend after a lingering health condition, and will be back with us on Monday 22nd June. She is extremely excited to be able to finally return to school and the staff and students too are really looking forward to having her back with us on site.

### Returning to school

I could not be more proud of the way that our Year 3 to 6 students have returned back to school over the last week and a half. The transition from remote learning back into the classrooms has been incredibly seamless and learning has just been able to continue across all levels in the school. I must again commend our parent community for abiding by the restrictions that are in place in regards to entering the school site and the buildings. If your child is in any year other than Foundation, we ask you **NOT** to come onto the campus.

Our remote learning experience has given us the confidence to trial new ways of conducting regular school events such as the whole school assembly. On Friday morning all classes joined in our first virtual assembly from their classrooms. We were able to all join together as a school community with our school captains, Jasmine and Jackson, leading us all with the 'Acknowledgement of Country', our 'Brandon Park School Oath' and Mr Pearson lead us with his musical talents by singing the National Anthem. Mr Cowan announced the winners of the virtual cross country and we presented the weekly class awards. It was a success and we will hold our next virtual assembly on Friday afternoon.

### School Council Meeting

Our new school council met remotely for the first time on Monday evening.

On behalf of the school community, I thank Claudine Chua and Mohammed Elbeialy for their sterling work over the past two years, their contributions have been really valuable and measured. We welcome Joanna Kobus and Ronny Liew to school

council for the next two years.

Much of the first meeting was taken up with a review of the roles & responsibilities of school councillors and how school operations are managed etc. for the benefit of our new members.

Various annual policies were re-ratified and some of the financial practices were explained to the new Councillors.

Councillors heard about the phenomenal work by Henrika Quinlan, Stefan Frederic and particularly the student leaders in the filming of the virtual tour. We also reviewed the activity of the Sustainability team.

Council also discussed the various arrangements and restrictions in place in various areas of the school in the context of covid19.

Office bearers were also appointed, and we look forward to working with Troy Hymas as President.

## Virtual Tours

As mentioned in the School Council report, Mr Frederic and Mrs Quinlan have been particularly busy over the last week and a half producing, filming and editing the virtual tour for the school. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold regular school tours on site, so they are in the midst of capturing the fantastic highlights of Brandon Park and have cast our fabulous school leaders to narrate it. The way that the school leaders have returned to school and taken on the responsibility of being part of the virtual tour must be mentioned as Mr Frederic and Mrs Quinlan have commented on how effortless it has been to work with them. We are hoping to have a whole school virtual premier on the last day of Term 2.

## Staff Professional Development

The staff have continued to participate in a range of Professional Development via Webex and Zoom. I have continued to participate in our monthly Melbourne Language and Literacy Community of Practice (MeLLCoP) where we are continuing to discuss best literacy practices. Many staff joined the MeLLCoP webinar presentation by Lorraine Hammond, who is the President of Learning Difficulties Australia (LDA). Her focus was on *'how daily reviews of previously learned concepts in the classroom reduce cognitive load and build automaticity.'* I had the privilege of talking to Lorraine further about this earlier this week over the

phone and am excited to work with the staff to implement Daily Reviews in our classrooms.

Over the remote learning period, Mrs Semerjian completed a 6 week online training course in the Singapore Maths Strategies, and Mrs Corbett and I have also enrolled in this course in the weeks to come. We hope to be able to use our training to continue to develop a superlative Numeracy program across the school.

## Sustainability

Our Green Team and Mrs Weir have been working hard to keep our vegetable beds looking healthy with leafy greens such as chard thriving, even in the absence of students during remote learning! Thank you to Tara for minding them while we were 'away'. We were also lucky to have been given a \$50 Bunnings voucher for further planting and resources. Finally, our worm farm is flourishing through careful nurturing by Mrs VH and the green team.

## Virtual Cross Country

What a success this was! Mr Cowan announced the winners at our virtual assembly last Friday. Congratulations House **Goolagong!**

Mr Cowan may have plans for a Term 3 competition for this, so get your running shoes ready!

## Foundation Enrolment

Enrolments for 2021 are coming in most days, and we encourage all families to enrol younger children for

next year as soon as possible. There is a blank enrolment form on the website or you can pick one up from the office. Please return the completed form with copies of the supporting documents to the office via email (preferably) or in an envelope to be handed to one of the office ladies. We won't check your documents on the spot due to social distancing guidelines, but we'll get back to you if there are any documents, signatures or details missing.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

As indicated previously in the newsletter and via emails, the parent teacher interviews will be conducted via Webex and these are available to book on the Compass app now. **However, please note that in order to have time to set up the meetings, we are bringing forward the cutoff to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.** If you have not booked yet, we will email you a final reminder later today. On Friday, if you've made a booking, we will send you a link for your meeting and instructions.

School will break up for Term 2 holidays on Friday 26th June with a **2:30pm** finish. I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing holiday and are able to spend some time out and about now that the restrictions are easing. Stay safe and healthy and we will see you back with batteries recharged ready for a fantastic Term 3 which commences on Monday 13th July.

Kate Buck

**Kate Buck | Acting Principal**

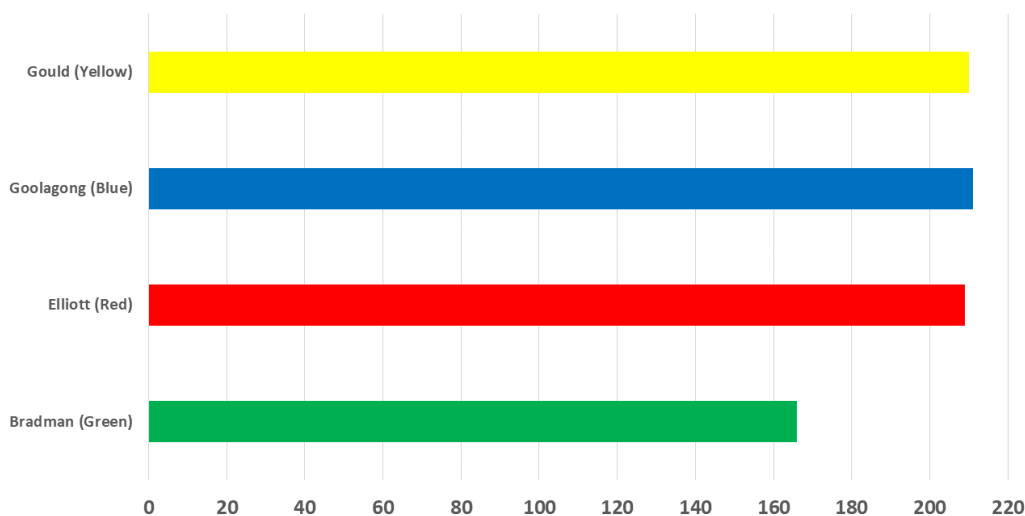
# VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

The Brandon Park Primary School Virtual Cross Country finished last Monday and the results could barely have been any closer.

The final scores were:

Goolagong	211
Gould	210
Elliott	209
Bradman	166

## Virtual Cross Country Points



Well done to everyone who participated, it was great to see so many entries across all year levels!

The students who earned the most individual points across each year level were:

Felix S	Foundation
Pranay G	Foundation
Zhile Y	Year 1
Adrian W	Year 2
Piyush N	Year 3
Victoria S	Year 4
Isabella C	Year 4
Chantelle D	Year 5
Xuanyi H	Year 6

Finally, a big congratulations to Skipper who earned the most points from the Staff, and Jo Kobus who was the parent who earned the most points.



## CUB SCOUT NEWS



We are very proud of these three students; Mithul, Tom and Seth have achieved the Grey Wolf Award from Scouts Victoria. This award is considered the pinnacle of the Cub Scout badge system, and the requirements are extensive. We applaud their hard work, their persistence and their dedication, and we're delighted to acknowledge their achievements.

Did you know that Scouting provides an adventurous, challenging and fun program to girls and boys which teaches life skills and leadership? Scouts work hard to support and provide services to their communities by participating in food drives, fundraising for charities and first aid volunteering, amongst many other activities. Scouting builds resilience, independence and problem solving skills.

There are several local Cub Scout groups and the details for this suburb are found [here](#).