

# BRAHMA LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Week 2, Term 4

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021



Welcome to term 4! It was great to see our students back last week and hear about their holiday adventures. As a school we value learning and the relationships that we develop along the way. We work hard to support each other to make the most of the opportunities that are in front of us. Doing this allows us to be the best versions of ourselves, as learners and as people.

We started the term with an assembly congratulating ourselves on the 155 days of learning that we have already completed and thinking about what we need to do to get our minds right so that we can finish our last 45 days of learning achieving at our potential. We also acknowledged our year 6 and 7 students who are a part of SA history in 2021. Our year 7's as the last group of year 7's Brahma Lodge will ever have and our year 6's as the first group of year 7's to start High School. We look forward to seeing what they achieve and the legacy they leave behind across the next 35 days.

Successful learners have families who value education and invest time in supporting their children to learn. Please keep encouraging your children to read every day and put their best effort into all that they do. You are the most important people in the lives of your children and you are the major factor that determines their success at school.

This term promises to be exciting with many class, extracurricular and whole school activities planned including class led assemblies, Nunga Club, House Colours, Sports Day, Dance Squad, Blue Dragons fundraiser, End of Year Concert, Year 6 and 7 Graduations, Year 6 and 7 Graduation fundraising activities, Award Assembly, Kindy Transition Visits, High School Transition Visits, Christmas stalls and End of Year reports. We plan to share lots of our learning with you (providing COVID behaves itself!) and will provide more details to you closer to each of the events.

## Staffing Update

We welcome Tyrone Milera and Callum Ebert to our staff this term. Tyrone is our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) and is a proud Narungga and Gunditjmara man from the York Peninsula and Western Victoria. Tyrone is extremely



passionate about working with Aboriginal children and supporting our community. He is looking forward to building and maintaining close and trusting relationships with both students and their families.

Callum is a graduate teacher who has spent the last few years working as an SSO and OSHC worker. Callum has a strong passion for health and physical education, and his interests include sport and music. He enjoys helping children become the best versions of themselves and will be supporting students who are participating in alternative learning programs. When you see Tyrone and Callum in our school please introduce yourself and help us to make them feel welcome.

## NEW START TIME



## DIARY DATES

**House Colours starts**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
@ 2pm

**Assembly**  
9am led by Room 10

**Governing Council Meeting**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October @ 7pm

**PE Week**  
8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Kindy Transition starts**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November @ 8:45am

**Sports Day**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
November



### Marathon

We had our whole school marathon on the last day of term 3 which was organised and led by the Pythons. The Pythons are to be congratulated for planning such an engaging and fun whole school event which 223 of our students participated in and gave their absolute best effort. However, there can only be one winner and this year it was Gen United! Their teamwork, persistence and willingness to work hard allowed them to finish first. They should feel proud of what they achieved. The overall results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: **Gen United** with 151 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **The Pythons** with 144 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Blue Dragons** with 141 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: **Allstars** with 138 points.



We look forward to seeing all our teams compete against each other on Sports Day when they practice their teamwork, willingness to have a go, athleticism, and sportsmanship skills.



### Hats

A reminder that as part of our Sun Smart Policy we require all of our students to wear an appropriate broad brimmed or bucket hat in term 4. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate hat to wear whilst outside and during PE lessons. Hats can be purchased from our cashier office every morning or from the uniform shop at a cost of \$8.00.

### Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop has been relocated to the Reflection Room of the Main Building. It is open on Monday and Thursdays from 8:30am until 9:00am. You can also order uniforms online via the QKR app. If you need any help please speak to Kate in the Front Office.

### Governing Council Meeting

Families are invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:00pm to discuss the 2022 Materials and Services fee prior to approval being sought for the setting of the fee. The proposed fee of \$253.00 is the minimum amount the school can legally claim from families. We are constantly attempting to keep the cost of education at a minimum. We think that we provide outstanding value to the families of our community. We rely on this charge being paid to support us to provide your children with a well-resourced high quality education. We are always looking for families to help us lead our school. If you are interested please speak to a member of Governing Council or a staff representative.



### 2022 Classes

We have started organising ourselves for the 2022 school year. You will find a 2022 Class Placement letter at the end of this newsletter that will enable you to provide us with information that you would like us to consider when placing your child into a class for next year. This is not an opportunity to request specific teachers but an opportunity for you to provide information that you would like us to consider. Please complete the cut off section and return it by **Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November**. Whilst not all accommodations can be met we will certainly attempt to meet the needs of our students.



Leah Stamato  
Principal



# Wellbeing News

## Relationships and Sexual Health Curriculum

As a part of the Australian Curriculum and our learning program here at Brahma Lodge Primary School we teach an age appropriate Relationships and Sexual Health program.

### Why is the Relationships and Sexual Health Curriculum Important?

- It provides accurate information for children and young people
- It empowers students to have the knowledge to make informed and safe decisions
- It influences behaviours that lead to the decrease in sexual abuse
- It builds an understanding about the social construction of gender and fosters gender equality.

### At Brahma Lodge Primary school we:

Empower young people to make informed, safe, responsible and healthy decisions through the acquisition of knowledge, development of lifelong skills, and the exploration of values. We deliver a developmental and age appropriate curriculum for all year levels that

- Recognises and respects the importance of family as a source of sexual health, information, educations and values
- Are respectful of diversity and inclusive of different cultures, religions, values, sexualities, abilities and identities
- Use an approach that is supportive and non-judgemental.

If you have any questions regarding the Relationships and Sexual Health Curriculum please do not hesitate to get in contact.

## Kindy Transition Visits

There will be four transition visits for students starting School in 2022. The transition dates and times are listed below.



- Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 8:45 to 10:15am
- Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> 8:45 to 10:15am
- Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> 8:45 to 12:00pm
- Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> 8:45 to 12:00pm

If you would like any further information about Kindy Transition Visits please contact us at school.

## Assembly

Room 10 are leading assembly next week. The families of students in Room 10 are welcome to attend providing they are wearing a mask, sign in using the QR code and socially distance where possible. *Please be aware it is part of the DfE requirement that photos and videos of students are not permitted to be taken on personal devices, such as phones, without permission.*

Maddy Deegan

Student Wellbeing Leader

Knowledge  
is power

## Year 6/7 Graduation Fundraiser

As part of Business and Economics in Term 3 and 4, the Year 6/7 students had the opportunity to create and run their own small businesses to raise money for their Graduation. The Year 6/7 students would like to thank all of the families and students at Brahma Lodge for contributing to their small businesses. At the end of Week 2, the Year 6/7 students have raised \$1167.70 which will go towards their Graduation Ceremony and Dinner. There are still a few more business stalls to run in Week 3.

Melissa Valentyn and Belle Cannizzaro



### Material & Services Charges

A reminder that the 2021 Material & Services Charges (school fees) are now due!

If you think you may qualify for School Card, which provides financial relief for educational costs, please come in and collect the required forms. Alternatively, forms can now be completed online via [sa.gov.au](http://sa.gov.au) under the School Card Scheme.

If you would like any help or you have any further questions please contact me via the front office or phone 8258 2929.

Anita Grose  
Finance Officer



## Gawler Show

*It's nearly time for the 2021 Gawler Show and we would love to hear from you!*  
Families & Schools can help children take part in the following competitions:

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| • Junior Handicrafts                 | • Wool           |
| • Poultry & Birds                    | • Produce        |
| • Cookery & Preserves                | • Handicrafts    |
| • Paintings & Photography            | • Cattle         |
| • Goats                              | • Pigeons        |
| • Floriculture                       | • Literacy (new) |
| • Needlework, Knitting & Dressmaking | • School Posters |

*Entry is easy!*

*Decide what you would like to enter and complete the entry form by visiting [www.gawlershow.org.au](http://www.gawlershow.org.au) (Competition closure dates are available online).  
We're looking forward to seeing you on the show weekend!*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**



## Brahma Lodge Primary School 2022 Class Placement



We have started the class placement process for 2022. We believe that we will begin the school year with about 200 children. Under the current staffing formula primary classes are entitled to one teacher for every 30 children, while junior primary classes are entitled to one teacher for every 26 children. Based on our current predictions we will start the 2022 school year with 8 classes.

After gathering information we establish classes based on: learning needs, individual differences, gender balance, friendships, learning styles, social and emotional maturity, the length of time that children have been together, previous class placements as well as fair and even groupings in each class setting.

Parents are invited to contribute to this process by filling out the form below. We cannot guarantee that we will grant your request, however we will do our best to accommodate the needs of your child.

Parents are reminded that they cannot request a specific teacher. Teachers are placed after the classes have been formed.

Please return the information below to your child's class teacher **by Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November**.

If you require additional forms please ask your child to collect one from the front office.

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Name of Student(s) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Current Class (es) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level(s) \_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

My child (ren) will be attending BLPS in 2022 Yes / No (please circle)

Academic, social, emotional, physical factors to consider in the placement of my child in 2022.

1.

2.

3.

Friendship groups – we aim to have at least one friend in the class.

1.

2.

3.

Any other factors we should consider