MUSIC NEWS

In Music, students from Years 4-6 are offered the opportunity to join a performance ensemble and rehearse with that group each week. Inclusion in these ensembles is guaranteed for any student who shows dedication and consistency in attendance and effort (except the Uke Group, which is dependent on numbers as well). A description of each ensemble is below. If your child is interested in joining one or more of these groups, rehearsals will be starting in Week 2 or 3 and your child will be given notice as to when the rehearsals will occur via PA announcements. Students must attend rehearsals consistently to be eligible to continue in any of these performance ensembles, as inconsistent effort and attendance affects the other students ability to create an amazing performance. Please discuss the commitment with your child before they make their decision to join, as leaving a group also affects the other groups ability to rehearse and perform effectively (there is a “two strikes and you’re out” policy in place for each term, however sickness and holidays do not apply as a strike).

The Performance Troupe are a choral based ensemble that combines singing and choreography. They rehearse after lunch every Wednesday (during class time). They have traditionally included Year 3 students. Due to the increased size of the school and the very large (and amazing) group of Performance Troupers I had last year, I have decided to offer the opportunity to Year 4-6 students first. If there is enough room in the Music room, I will offer the opportunity to the Year 3’s in a few weeks. The Baynton Beat Busters are a drumming ensemble that rehearse every Monday during the second half of lunch break. The Baynton Uke Group is a newly formed ensemble that learn to play the ukulele every Tuesday morning from 8am – 8:50am. Inclusion in this group is dependent on numbers as well as dedication and consistency. Students can join more than one ensemble, however they must prove themselves to be a dedicated and consistent musician. If you have any queries, please leave a message and contact email or phone number at the front office for Mrs. Kym Shepherdson. I look forward to starting rehearsals and making some fantastic music!

Honour Certificates

Samuel Scott
Kaylee Ferguson
Myles Comish
Amelia Quinn
Nate Meadows
Riley Middleton
Joshua Dunbar
DJ Gorkali
Lawson Willett
Brodie Smith
Raani Bhardwaj
Ruby Marks

Remember to download our new ‘App’ in the Google play or the ‘App’ (Apple) store
It is free!

Dates to remember:

Weeks 3 & 4
15 February - 26 February
Parent/caregiver information sessions commence (see information enclosed)
19 February
Nature Play
Busy Bee
22 February
Student Council and Faction Captain elections
23 February
Earbus
P&C AGM 7pm
26 February
Parent/Caregiver nominations for School Board due (paragraph only)

Year 6 Police Visit

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Baynton West WA 6714
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Principal
Lisa Legder
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www.bwps.wa.edu.au

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had the most wonderful and positive start to the year in my history as a principal, our staff are keen and passionate, children are engaged and totally loveable and our parents/caregivers are very supportive. Thank you to you all. 2016 will turn lemons into lemonade.

Intervention classes

Our literacy intervention classes begin next week. These are in addition to the English block and will be rotated each term to ensure students don’t miss out on the same subjects. It is critical students attend regularly to achieve maximum benefit from these lessons.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

GATE will commence week 4. We have re-vamped our approach in Maths and Science and will now be conducting GATE: ‘OptiMINDS, so watch this space as more information will follow soon.

Out of School Bullying issues

Due to several incidences of out of school anti social behaviour directed towards some of our students, we are hosting a police visit for our year 6 classes. This will take place on 26 February in the classrooms. The Community Police Officer has initiated this visit. She will also discuss cyber safety. Safety is the overall theme of the visit.

Our term dates for this year are:

Term 1 Monday 1 February 2016
10 Week Term Thursday 7 April 2016
School Holidays Friday 8 April 2016
Monday 25 April 2016

Term 2 Tuesday 26 April
10 Week Term Friday 1 July 2016
School Holidays Saturday 2 July 2016
Monday 18 July 2016

Term 3 Tuesday 19 July 2016
10 Week Term Friday 23 September 2016
School Holidays Saturday 24 September 2016
Monday 10 October 2016

Term 4 Tuesday 11 October 2016
10 Week Term Thursday 15 December 2016
Baynton West Primary School
An Independent Public School
Baynton West Primary School is a proud Positive Behaviour Support School

PLEASE NOTE: We are a sunsmart no hat no play school. Keeping students safe from the sun is important to us at Baynton West PS. Please support your child's social development by ensuring they bring a sunsmart hat everyday.

Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions
Teachers are currently planning their information sessions to cover a range of topics relevant to their year levels. These events are in the library and commence at 8pm. Refreshments will be served.
Each teacher will send a note home outlining the session but for your quick reference the meetings are:
- Week 3 (next week)
  - Tuesday: Pre-Primary
  - Wednesday: Year 3
  - Thursday: Year 1
- Week 4 (commencing 22 February)
  - Monday: Year 4/5
  - Tuesday: Year 2
  - Wednesday: Year 6
  - Thursday: Kindy

New faces (and some familiar ones)
We welcome our fantastic new staff members: Mr Andersen, Mrs Neville, Mrs Mautama, Mrs Blackwood, Mrs Powell, Mrs Bushe-Jones, Miss Wolfe, Mr Challinor, Mr Powers, Mrs Dunbar, Mrs Cumming, Mrs Ballard, Mrs Sathe, Mrs Nolan, Miss Greenhow, Mrs Cameron (part-time).
A special welcome back to Mrs Wright and Mrs Cox. Congratulations to Mrs Copson who is now a part-time Deputy Principal due to high numbers of students enrolled.
Welcome to all of our new students and their families, you are all proving to be valuable members of our team.

Student Council and Faction Captains
Year 6 students are invited to nominate for the above positions and will present their nomination speeches to peers on Tuesday 16 February. It is an exciting time and time and expectations are often at high levels and disappointment can occur if children are not elected. Please take note, it is a teachable moment for parents and teachers to educate their children about the skill of resilience, being graceful in defeat and victory, and voting for the "right" nominees, not just friends. It is also important to note that student elections take place again at the beginning of second semester for students who may not be ready to take these roles on in terms 1 & 2.

Term Planner
Our term one planner is now live as of 12 February.

Integrated ‘app’ and website
We are very excited about our new look website which will be fully integrated with our ‘app’, this means if you miss an alert you can see it when you go to our website. We will let you know when this is launched.

School Board nominations
Our School Board is calling for nominations. If you can commit to one evening meeting per term plus some extra duties when required, you may enjoy this challenge. Please note that a strong support of the school ethos and a willingness to work with others are essential qualities in a School Board member. Please submit your nominations (of one paragraph only) to Lisa Ledger in a sealed envelope by 2:30pm 4 March. Your nomination will be published along with voting slips to all parents/caregivers in our school community for voting in the next few weeks. A ‘returning officer’, independent of our school board will be appointed to count the votes.

Baynton West School Song
We’re Baynton West and we strive for our best
Keeping hard, aiming high, ‘til we reach the sky
We’re Baynton West and we strive for our best
Look at us we’re learning all the time

With collaboration and harmony
We’re building our future strong
With fearless determination we try
Never give up, we can do no wrong

We’re Baynton West and we strive for our best
Working hard, aiming high, ‘til we reach the sky
We’re Baynton West and we strive for our best
Look at us we’re learning all the time

Like the Ashburton Pea we adapt
Like the Mulla Mulla petals we’re resistant and strong
Like the Ashburton Pea we adapt
We’re a sea of purple in a big red land
Baynton West we’re on the Pilbara map!

A printed copy of our first Newsletter for the year will be sent home with the Family Representative.

To keep costs to a minimum subsequent newsletters will be available to download from the ‘App’ or our website.

If you require a printed copy please notify the office.

ALL students will be required to begin a homework routine within the next week, this varies according to their year level and teacher. The homework procedure is explained in our information booklets available on our website and through our office. I have included a copy here for your convenience.

At Baynton West Primary School, all homework has a purpose and reinforces concepts and processes covered during class time. Homework only revises material taught in class time and is issued between Monday and Friday nights. Pre Primary to Year 3 homework may include:
- reading
- maths skills
- spelling/phonological awareness/sight words
- work negotiated with individual parents and/or students
- work not completed in class time (providing the student understands the work).

Year 4 – 6 homework may include:
- reading
- maths skills
- spelling/phonological awareness/sight words
- work negotiated with individual parents and/or students
- re-writing, completing research work etc.
- work not completed in class time (providing the student understands the work).

Homework should not include original drafts of:
- Story writing
- difficult maths problems
- research work projects

Also on our website we provide ‘quick links’ to Mathletics and ‘Reading Eggs’. Students log in details will be provided by our teachers to you in the near future. Some teachers use an online homework system called Connect, however, if this system is used parents are welcome to negotiate ‘hard’ copies if access to a computer is unavailable.