



B.C.S. BULLETIN

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Be a Learner

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It's amazing to think we are already halfway through Term 1! Students are now well and truly "into the groove" of their classes and there are many great learning experiences taking place in classrooms.

Thank you to those parents/carers and family members who attended our student leaders' induction assembly last week. It was great to be able to recognise and celebrate our students.

Raffle tickets for the P&C Easter raffle will be coming home soon. Any donations of items for the hampers will be gratefully received until March 6.

All parents/carers and community members are welcome to attend our upcoming P&C AGM on Wednesday March 8. This group needs new members to be able to continue to provide financial and practical support to all students. Meetings only happen once a month and new ideas are always welcome. Being on P&C is not an onerous task - being a part of your child's schooling is both informative and rewarding.

We are always looking for second-hand uniforms. If your child has grown out of anything that could still be used by another student, please feel free to drop clothing off at the office.

If you haven't already, please download the free *School Stream* app. This is our main mode of communication with families. You will receive the latest information, updates, reminders, and links to consent and absentee forms and newsletters. If you need support to get the app, please contact the office.

School photos are on Tuesday 14 March. Envelopes went home last week.

Good luck to our swimmers in the zone competition this week.

DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1 2023

MAR		15-27	NAPLAN Tests Window Years 3, 5, 7, 9
1	Zone Primary Swimming @ Alstonville		
1-3	Stage 4 Camp @ Gold Coast	17	Dog Fest @ Bonalbo
7	White Card Training @ Bonalbo	21	Harmony Day
8	P&C AGM 3:30pm in Library		
9	Primary Assembly 10:15am Stage 6 Work Placement CONNECT visit	APR 6	Last day of term Easter hat parade & activities
14	School Photos		
15	Basketball Clinic		

Some important reminders

Secondary students are required to bring all necessary equipment to support their learning – this includes pens, pencils, books etc. Food and water are also required for students to stay focused on learning. Please contact the office if you need another copy of the stationery requirements.

Correct uniform is to be worn by all students. Tops for secondary and tops, pants and hats for primary are available from the office. Please contact the office if you need another copy of the uniform expectations.

Secondary students are expected to put their phones into their allocated YONDR Pouch each morning. Failure to do so may result in suspension as per our mobile phone policy. Primary students are not to have any electronic devices at school. They are to hand in any items to the front office on arrival for collection at the end of the day. Please contact the school if you need another copy of the policy.

For everyone's safety, please support us to keep our school free of the following items, which are banned from NSW public schools:

- Aerosol spray cans – deodorant etc.
- Chewing gum
- Energy drinks, soft drinks
- Alcohol
- Tobacco, cigarettes
- Vapes (e-cigarettes)
- Illegal drugs and restricted substances
- Weapons, including knives

Students found with or using these prohibited items at school may receive a suspension. This includes possession and/or use of such items at bus stops, on the bus or on excursions and camps.

Schools are “hands-off” environments. This includes overt physical contact between students in a relationship along with aggressive, violent touching of any kind: pinching, punching, pushing, slapping, kicking etc. are not permitted and may result in suspension. We allow team games and touch football to be played at break times and it must be just that – touch only, not tackle. All PE and Sport activities are to be undertaken with care and adherence to the rules, and students are expected to demonstrate being safe and respectful at all times.

It is a legal requirement to explain all student absences. This includes late arrivals and early departures. Contact can be made via reply text to the school's SMS, School Stream app, phone call (6665 1205) or in person at the office.



Every day counts when it comes to education and the following page highlights the importance of good attendance. If you are having trouble getting your child to school (or on time) please contact the school to discuss issues and strategies for support.



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day  = **3** days 

30 mins per day  = **18** days 



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

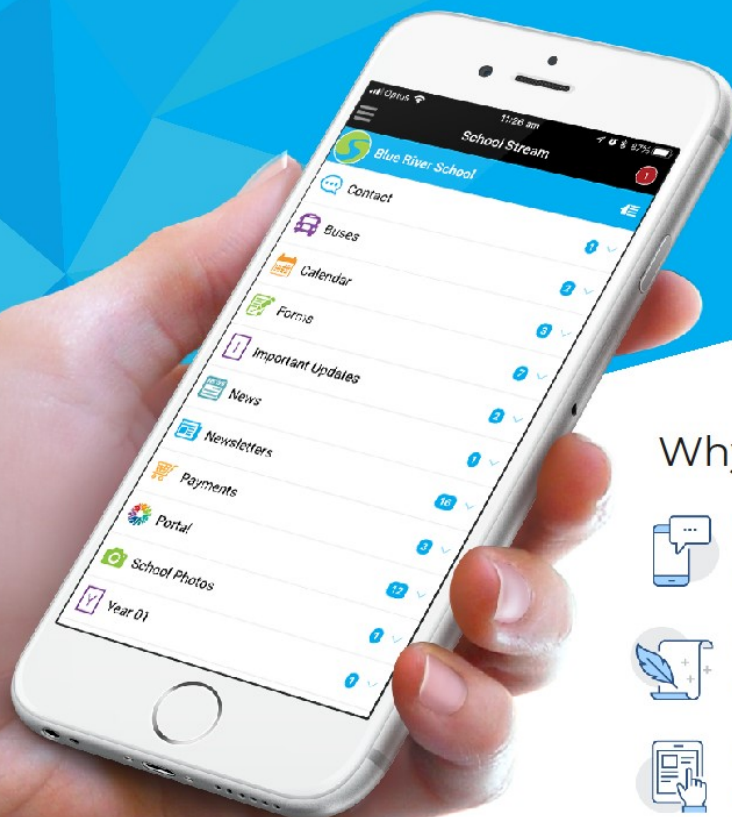
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight  = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week  = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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