



# WELCOME

## TO OUR SCHOOL

# Family Information



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# OUR STAFF TEAM 2024

## JAIMIE MCLEOD

School Administration Manager  
Every Monday, Tuesday and  
alternate Wednesday



## LYN SOUTHWELL

Student Learning and Support Officer  
Thursday and Friday



## STEVE HOLL

General Assistant  
Tuesday



## KELLY BURKE

Relieving Principal and Teacher  
Monday -Friday



## EMILY GEELAN

Substantive Principal  
On Maternity Leave for 2024



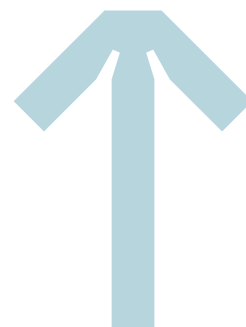
## CLARE WHITTAKER

Assistant Principal Curriculum  
Instruction  
Tuesday



## LIZZIE MURRAY

Teacher  
Monday -Friday







# The story behind BPS

Bredbo Public School has proudly been providing public education since 1882.



## Our School Vision:

***Bredbo Public School will provide an environment where students, staff, parents and community members work together to deliver inclusive, safe and quality learning experiences for every student; to encourage every learner to reach their full potential as independent life-long learners.***



## We are proud to provide:

- ***A safe, family environment***
- ***Academic excellence with individualised learning***
- ***Outstanding, professional teachers and staff***
- ***Social interaction with other schools***
- ***Multiple sport, music and life skills programs***
- ***Strong community links***



## School Times

***Supervision before school:*** From 8:30a.m.  
***Morning class session:*** 9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.  
***Recess:*** 11:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.  
***Middle class session:*** 11:30a.m.- 1:00p.m.  
***Lunch:*** 1:00p.m.- 1:45p.m.  
***Afternoon class session:*** 1:45p.m.-3:00p.m.

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

## School Leaders

Our school leaders have a role in assisting students and teachers. This helps promote co-operation with others, encourages students to contribute to the life of the school and support our values.



**AT BREDBO PUBLIC  
SCHOOL WE ARE:**

**RESPECTFUL**



**RESPONSIBLE**



**LEARNERS**

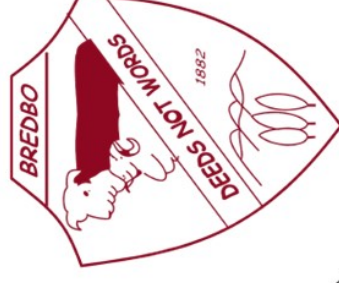


Our school values are explicitly taught and encouraged in day to day school life. Students are frequently acknowledged for positive behaviour through our acknowledgement system as seen on the next page.



# Bredbo Public School

## Acknowledgement System



This is the whole school pinnacle acknowledgment. It can accrue over several years for example it may take one child one year to receive it and others it may take them several years. The receiving of this acknowledgement will happen at the end of each semester. Students receive the Medallion and are invited to a Principal Celebration

### Medallion

#### Acknowledgement

Students need to have all 3 PBL Awards to receive a medallion.

### Merit Certificate

Students need 3 of the value merit to receive the corresponding PBL Certificate

Responsible Certificate

Respectful Certificate

Learner Certificate

### Merit Award

1x Merit For each value

Responsible Merit Award

Respectful Merit Award

Learner Merit Award

Teachers hand out 3 Merit Acknowledgements at each assembly. This number will be adjusted based on need and student numbers.

### 100 Acts

Students collectively work towards gaining 100 acts of a specific focus. Once reached, each student can choose from the prize box at assembly. At this point, students also receive a whole school acknowledgement

# NEED TO KNOW- SCHOOL DAYS

## **Attendance**

NSW Education Department policy states that parents of children must ensure their child/children attend school each day the school is open. Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

If your child is absent from school, an email should be sent to the school email address or a note sent in with an explanation. Alternatively a phone call or seeing the class teacher will be sufficient.

The school should be notified as soon as possible if there is the likelihood of any lengthy absence.

A Home School Liaison Officer, employed by the Department of Education regularly visits the school to monitor student attendance.

## **Late arrivals/Early Departures**

School begins at 9am and finishes at 3pm. We encourage parents to make appointments outside of school hours but sometimes this is unavoidable. If your child is late to school or needs to be collected early, a parent or caregiver needs to visit the office or teacher to sign your in or out on our administration system, with a reason for late arrival or early departure.

## **School Development Days**

School Development Days enable the whole school staff to participate in targeted activities aimed at the overall development of the school. Students do not attend these days. Topics are related to implementing the Department's priorities and school goals as outlined in our Strategic Improvement Plan.

These days usually occur at the beginning of term or end of term. A copy of the current year calendar is included in this booklet.

# Calendar 2024

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## Key dates

\* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

### Term start and end dates\*

Term 1 (Eastern): 30 January to 12 April

Term 1 (Western): 6 February to 12 April

Term 2: 29 April to 5 July

Term 3: 22 July to 27 September

Term 4: 14 October to 20 December

### School development days, students do not attend

Term 1 (Eastern): 30 January and 31 January

Term 1 (Western): 6 February and 7 February

Term 2: 29 April

Term 3: 22 July

Term 4: 19 December and 20 December

### School vacation dates

Summer (Eastern): 20 December 2023 to 29 January 2024

Summer (Western): 20 December 2023 to 5 February 2024

Autumn: 15 April to 26 April

Winter: 8 July to 19 July

Spring: 30 September to 11 October

Summer (Eastern): 23 December 2024 to 30 January 2025

Summer (Western): 23 December 2024 to 6 February 2025

### Public holidays



### Scan me for key dates

Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers)



### Scan me for key dates

[education.nsw.gov.au/calendars](https://education.nsw.gov.au/calendars)

### School zone speed limits apply

on all school days, including school development days.





# NEED TO KNOW- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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## **Sentral Parent App- Communication with families**

This year our school will be moving to the Sentral Parent App and Portal for communication. It is our aim that the calendar, notes, payments for excursions and newsletters can be accessed through this. Further details will come regarding this system. We also have a school Facebook page, website and at times will send email communication.



## **Assembly**

Assembly is held every approximately 3 times a term. Parents and families are welcome to attend these. Times and dates will be made available throughout the year.

## **Family involvement**

We value strong school and family relationships because these partnerships have the best results for our students. We extend a warm invitation to families to volunteer spend time and share your skills. Please contact the school to arrange this if this is something you are interested in.

## **Parents & Citizens Association**

The P&C work together with the school to provide and create a caring community minded learning environment for our children and students through providing a voice, engaging in events, running playgroup and fundraising.

New parent and community members are most welcome. Please contact the school or P&C president Ineke if you are interested in finding out more.

## **Community Use of School Facilities**

Members of the community with appropriate insurance may apply to use school facilities when these are not required by the school. This could include community education classes, sporting activities, meeting or social gatherings. Playgroup is held each Wednesday in conjunction with the P & C Committee for families with young children.

Community organisations wishing to use the school facility should contact the school to enquire about availability and suitability of school facilities for the proposed use and applicable hire rates. A Community Use Agreement is developed in consultation with the school principal to document the use of the facilities.

## **Voluntary School Contributions**

Families that wish to provide a voluntary school contribution each year may. This has been capped at our school to \$50. This money is used to help purchase resources to further support high quality education such as technology or books.

# NEED TO KNOW- LEARNING

## **Curriculum**

We teach a range of learning as outlined in the NSW syllabus in the following areas; English, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts as well as Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) - History and Geography.

## **Learning support**

At Bredbo Public School we understand that all students are unique and bring with them different experiences, strengths and interests. We seek to actively support the needs of each student. At particular times, some students may require additional supports for them to access learning. Please speak to our teachers if you wish to discuss this further, or believe that your child will require additional support at school.

## **Homework**

We encourage our parents to enjoy reading a range of books with their child and listening to their child read each night to foster an enjoyment of reading.

K-2 students are sent home with a reading folder with heart words and are asked to bring it in to change their home reading book when they are ready to change it. Occasionally, our 3-6 students may be asked to complete an extra project that involves some work at home.

## **Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews**

The form of reporting can vary between schools. At Bredbo Public School we send home formal written reports at the end of Term 2 and 4.

The reports aim to provide information on your child's academic progress, work habits and attitude. They 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 students. No two children develop in precisely the same manner.

There is also opportunity of parent teacher interviews. Parent teacher interviews can be arranged at any time throughout the year at your request, please contact the office or a teacher to arrange a meeting.

# NEED TO KNOW- LEARNING

## **Special Religious Education (SRE)**

The Baptist Church in Cooma provides SRE lessons each week. Parents/caregivers can choose to enrol or withdraw their child from SRE classes and can do so at any time in writing through the office. Students not attending these classes are supervised and during these times can read, write or engage with private study.

## **Library**

We are fortunate to have a well-resourced library where students can choose and borrow new books to read each week on Thursdays. We promote the importance of reading and enjoying a range of books.

Children also utilise the Snowy Monaro Mobile Library. This attends the school every second Monday. A library card application can be arranged from the library if your child does not already have a library card. Please note that the school can take no responsibility for lost books- these will need to be replaced or paid for through direct consultation with the library. If you do not wish for your child to borrow from the Mobile Library, please let us know. Generally children's library cards are kept at the school, although they may be taken home upon request.

## **Excursions/Events**

We encourage opportunities for our students to engage with community and find learning activities outside our school grounds to support student learning.



# Your Back-to-School NEED TO KNOW- STARTING SCHOOL

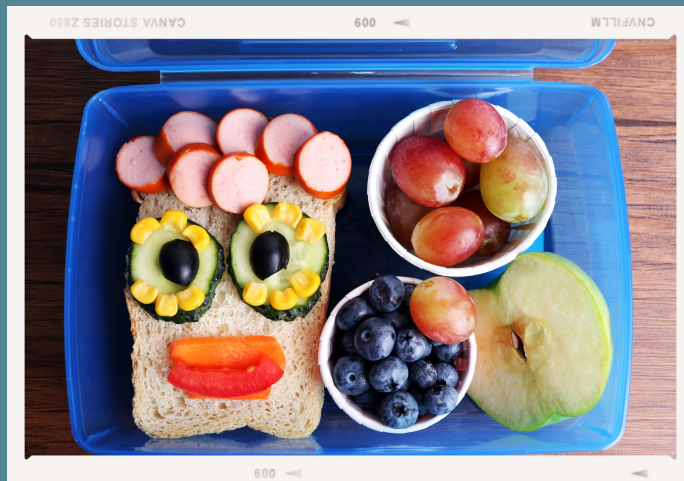
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## **Stationery for Learning**

We are in the fortunate position to be able to provide students with all of the equipment that is needed for their daily lessons including books, pencils, glue etc.

## **What Do I Pack In My School Bag?**

- fruit/vegetables for a mid morning snack
- recess
- lunch
- water bottle
- warm clothes
- spare clothes (with socks)



Particularly in cooler months, school sandwich presses and microwaves are made available for student lunches if you wish. Please keep in mind that these facilities are not possible during days with off-site excursions. Students may wish to leave their hats at school each day.

## **Enrolment/Transition:**

Student enrolments K-6 are welcome at any time throughout the year.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten orientation visits help children and families transition to school. This can support students to meet and start to build important connections with students, staff and other families.

Our Kindergarten orientation program usually takes place in late Term 3 and Term 4 on a day to be determined by the Principal.

## **Year 6 Transition to High School**

Year 6 transition to high school is an important part of transitions in school life. We support students with this through transition days at local high schools.

Your Back-to-School

# NEED TO KNOW- STARTING SCHOOL

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## **School Uniform**

- Maroon shirts or long sleeved polo shirt (with school logo embroidered onto it)
- Black Shorts, skorts or pants
- Sensible closed in shoes/sneakers
- Maroon Jumper/jacket (with school logo embroidered onto it)
- A wide brimmed or appropriate bucket style hat (with school logo).



There is no set school bag and as such please choose a sensible, supportive bag that students can transport their lunch and warm clothes in each day.

The P & C kindly provide a hat upon enrolment along with 2 x short sleeve and 2 x long sleeve uniform shirts.

Additional uniform items such as hats, shirts and jumpers can be purchased from South East Embroidery & Your Workwear in Cooma. They have our logo on file that they can use to embroider onto the item.

## Your Back-to-School

# NEED TO KNOW- OTHER

### **Sun Smart**

Our school encourages children to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide:

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on the 30+ sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Seek shade or shelter
- Slide on some sunnies.

At Bredbo Public School, students are to wear broad brimmed hats whilst in the playground. If they do not have one, they must play in the shaded areas.

You can protect your child from the damaging effects of UV radiation by:

- applying sunscreen each morning before they leave for school
- encourage your child to reapply sunscreen throughout the day
- ensuring they are wearing a sun-safe hat
- packing sunglasses for your child to wear at school to protect their eyes from sun damage.

### **Before and After School Care- TheirCare**

TheirCare provides before school care from 7am-8:45am and after school care from 3pm-6pm.

To enrol visit [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

