

BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

'SCOOP'

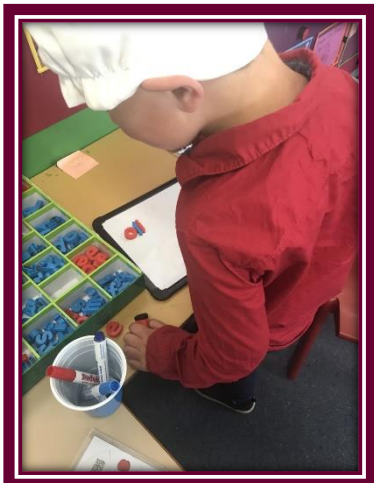
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18 November 2021

Term 4 – Week 7 (A)

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation for 2022



Principal's Message



The term continues to move quickly and we are heading towards the end of the school year at a very fast pace. Students will be busy participating in end-of-year activities, including: sporting activities, special celebration lunch and dinners, presentation day, transition days and the continuation of the Higher School Certificate examinations.

This week, Year 6 and Year 11 students presented their speeches to become captains or leaders. This year due to restrictions, students completed the speeches online, I was very impressed with the way our students presented themselves, voting has been conducted and results will be revealed in the coming weeks.

A reminder to parents that there is no supervision at school until 8.45 am each morning. If possible, please do not send your children to school until that time.

Included in 'Scoop' this week is information on school attendance. Regular attendance ensures children build friendships and learning becomes easier, absences must be recorded and justified.

As principal, it is my responsibility to maintain accurate records and decide if the reason given for an absence is justified. Following an absence from school, parents must ensure they notify the school either with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. Please take the time to read the attached information and if there are any questions, please call the office on 6949 1208.

Take care and continue to enjoy the sunshine as we head towards the end of a comprehensive school year.

Michelle Wainwright
Principal

2022 SCHOOL CAPTAIN VOTING

Students from Years 5 and 11 nominated themselves as candidates for 2022 School Captain. Students' speeches were recorded by Mr Dewar and Mrs Kass. It was an excellent display of confidence and maturity, and the candidates should be proud to have put themselves forward for such an opportunity. Congratulations.

Students and staff watched the pre-recorded videos of the elect speeches and voted during periods 1 and 2 on Wednesday of Week 7.

All classes and stages listened intently and voted conscientiously for their preferred three candidates.



Votes will be counted and tallied, and Batlow Technology School's 2022 School Captains will be announced on Presentation Day, Thursday 2 December 2021 in Week 9.



Completing Absentee Notes and Notices

Information for parents and carers

It is important to tell the school if your child has to be absent from school and to provide a reason for the absence.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

Wherever possible, parents and carers are encouraged to provide an explanation for absences before the absences occur.

The Principal of the school has the right to question parents' requests for their child to be absent from school. The Principal also has the right to question an explanation given for a child's absence from school.

To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

Bilingual Absentee Notes

Three bilingual absentee notes are available to assist you to inform the school of your child's absence.

Absentee Note 1 should be used when a child is absent for 1 whole day.

Absentee Note 2 should be used when a child is absent for more than 1 day.

Absentee Note 3 should be used when a child is absent for part of the day.

Absentee Notices

If the school has not received an explanation for a child's absence they may send you an Absentee Notice.

Principals use the Absentee Notice to contact parents within two days of an unexplained absence. The Absentee Notice must be completed in English and returned to the school within seven school days, giving a reason for the absence.

Completing details of absences

Sections of the Absentee Notes and the Absentee Notice ask you to provide details for your child's absence or partial absence.

For the school to be able to understand the reasons given, these sections should be completed in English. Possible reasons are provided in this leaflet and have been translated into English for you to copy onto the forms, if applicable.

If you have difficulty understanding the Absentee Notes or Absentee Notice or with completing the details you may telephone the school to explain the reason for your child's absence. If you telephone the school you do not need to fill in a written note as well.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact your child's school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Possible reasons for absence

Medical reason:

Flu
Stomach-ache
Diarrhoea
Cold
Headache/Migraine
Strong pain
Fever
Broken bone
Vomiting
Infectious illness eg chicken pox
Nose bleed
Asthma
Rash
Injury
Medical appointment
Dental appointment
Optometry appointment
Physiotherapy appointment
Specialist appointment
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

Family reason:

Funeral
Moving residence
Arrival or departure of an immediate relative from overseas
Unavoidable involvement in a serious family incident
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

Other reason:

Misadventure and unforeseen events
eg fire, flood
Participation in special event, eg attendance at a religious ceremony
Family holiday
Transport difficulty
Unavoidable delay

SCOOP STAFF INTERVIEWS

by Annie, Cate and Shari (Primary Leaders)

Meet Miss Delany

- 1 What's your favourite part about being a teacher? **Watching kids grow up**
- 2 For how long have you worked in Batlow? **Three years**
- 3 How many children do you have? **Four**
- 4 Who is your favourite author or what is your favourite book? **Memoirs of a Seisha**
- 5 When you were a child - what was your dream job? **Psychologist**
- 6 What is your favourite season in Batlow? **Winter**
- 7 What's your favourite recipe to cook or eat? **Banana bread**



All about Mr Wilesmith

- 1 What's your favourite part about working at BTS? **The Kids are all different characters**
- 2 For how long have you worked in Batlow? **23 Years**
- 3 How many children do you have? **Three**
- 4 What's the worst part about being a school cleaner? **Lack of respect**
- 5 What time do you start in the morning and how many hours are you at school each day? **5.00 am start, finish at 7.15 pm**
- 6 What is your favourite season in Batlow? **Autumn**
- 7 What's your favourite recipe to cook or eat? **Spaghetti Bolognese**



SCHOOL NEWS

PRIMARY NEWS

YEAR 5/6 COOKING BANANA MUFFINS



Year 5/6 made delicious banana muffins for Friday morning Breakfast Club. What a fantastic way to demonstrate kindness towards others. The warm muffins were greatly appreciated with the weather. Well done, Year 5/6!



YEAR 5/6 READING GROUPS-BOOK REVIEWS

Planes by Eric Waite (2000)

- A bullet-proof windscreen protected the pilots
- You must pull the ejection lever to get out of the plane with a parachute.
- A rudder bar at the pilot's feet allowing him to turn the plane, left or right

Our favourite part was the Planes in Space page

Rating: 3 ½/5 **By Chelsea and Hayley**

Esio Trot by Roald Dahl (1990)

Characters: Mr Hoppy, Mrs Silver, Alfie

Our favourite part was when Alfie was too big for his home, so Mr Hoppy told Mrs Silver to make him smaller and change the words a bit. Another bit we liked was when they got married and lived happily ever after.

Rating: 3/5 **By Ivy and Annie**

Volcanos by Lisa Magloff (2003)

- The temperature of some lava is 7-12 times hotter than boiling water.
- The world Aa and pahoehoe come from the Hawaiian language.
- The animals living near black smoker volcano include muscles and crabs
- Favourite Part: Our favourite part is The Birth of an Island page 20

Rating: 4½/5 **By Leela Hill and Jayla Marie**

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl (1981)

Characters: George, Grandma, Mr Killy Kranky, Mrs Killy

Events: Grandma is always mean to George, Grandma must take medicine at 11:00 am, George's grandma does not like him much

Our favourite parts were when George tried to give the chicken the grate medicine, and when Grandma had the medicine, and she grew huge, and she had to sleep outside.

Rating: 4/5 **By Tristan and Logan**

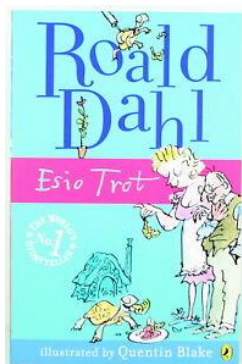
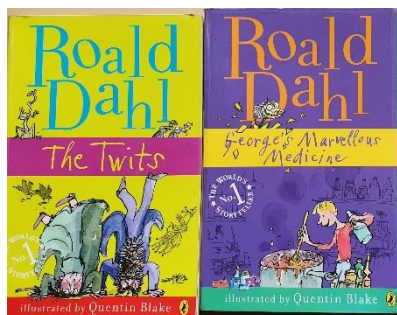
The Twits by Roald Dahl (1980)

Characters: Mr Twit, Mrs Twit, Muggle Wump and his family

Main events: Mr Twit puts glue on the big tree so Mr and Mrs Twit can have bird pie every Wednesday. Mr and Mrs Twit would prank each other. One of the pranks Mr Twit pulled on Mrs Twit was, every night while Mrs Twit was in bed asleep, he would add a tiny little piece of wood on the end of her walking stick, so she thinks that she is shrinking he did the same to her favourite chair.

Our favourite part was when Mr and Mrs Twit got stuck to the floor after they did a handstand because the monkeys and birds stuck all the furniture to the roof so Mr and Mrs Twit put themselves upside down, so they looked like they were the right way up.

Rating 4.7/5 **By Tori and Chloe**



SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAIN RADIO TALK, TERM 4, WEEK 6

Shari-Good afternoon listeners.

On Wednesday 27 October 2021, Year 6 started high school transitions for the seven students at Batlow Technology School. We had our second transition on Wednesday this week where we worked with Mr Bell, Mrs Pearce, Mr Black and Ms Beattie. We will have our final transition day in a fortnight. We are all so excited (and nervous) for Year 7 next year.

Last week Years 3-8 started Rugby League with Courtney and Zak as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. The girls started with Courtney and the boys started with Zak. In Courtney's game, she would call out a colour and we had to run to the box with the matching colour around it. The boys started with a game called 'ten pass' where you would try to pass ten times to your team. Whilst the other team could try and take the ball off, of them. We loved this opportunity and are excited for the 4-week program to continue. Thank you, Mr Kass, for organising this for Batlow Technology School.

On Wednesdays we have been having the new kindergartens in for their orientation days. They have been walking around the school finding their way around, they have also been writing their names and reading stories together. Other activities include making lovely art works and having fun around our school. We cannot wait until they join us for 2022.

Year 2/3 have been focusing on money and have been very engaged in learning more about coins notes and how to write money amounts correctly. In our targeting early numeracy activities students have been focusing on addition and subtraction with friends of 10, 20 and 50. With Ms Field they have been enjoying healthy activities and some spooky Halloween fun.

I will now hand over to Cate

Cate-Thank you Shari

During the past few weeks Year 5/6 have completed information slideshows. We had a free choice of topics to pick and research about. Some students choose singers, some endangered animals, food and other interesting topics. We then presented the finished slideshows to the class by reading each slide out aloud. You could even add in a quiz for the class to answer. Also, at the end the students in the class would ask you questions about your topic. This was a fun activity for the students to do. Thank you, Mr Dewar.

Remembrance Day was held around the world on Thursday 11 November 2021. At school we had a special assembly and held One Minutes Silence to remember the sacrifice made by so many for all of us Australians in World War One and all other conflicts since. Lest We Forget.

Year 6 and Year 12 will soon be graduating. Year 6 will go into Year 7, so why not celebrate? Another really awesome thing is that Year 12 will go into adulthood! Year 6 will have a presentation, movie and fun day and a bit more time in primary before going to Year 7 next year.

Sadly, parents will not be allowed to come to Year 6 graduations. But parents will be able to Zoom in and watch online.

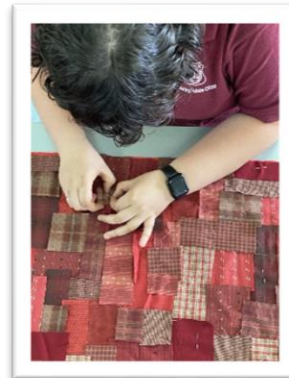
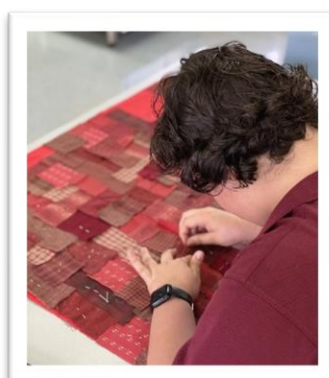
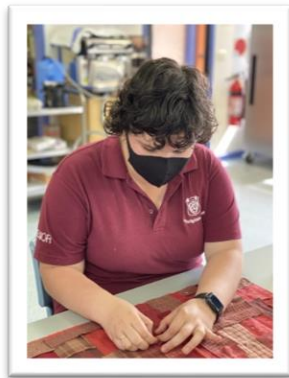
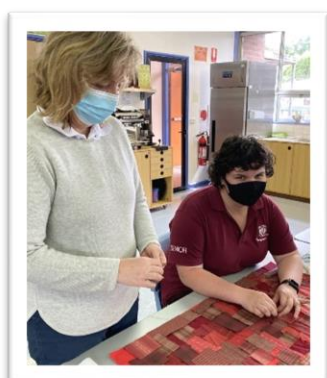
Finally, the HSC exams started on Tuesday 9 November 2021. We wish all the Year 12 students the best of luck.

That's the end of this week's school news. Thank you for listening.



SECONDARY NEWS

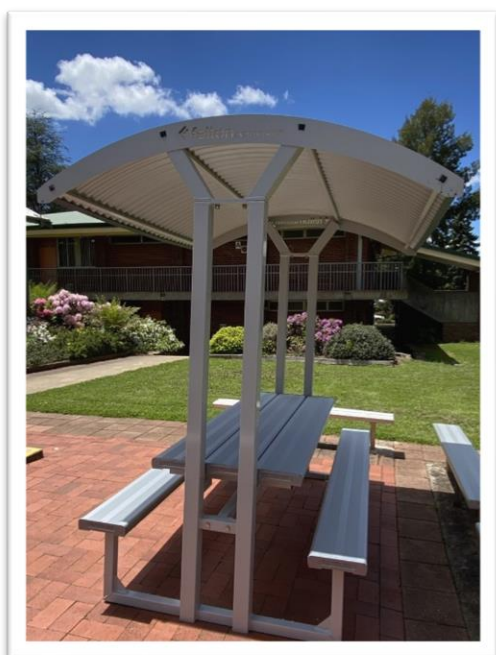
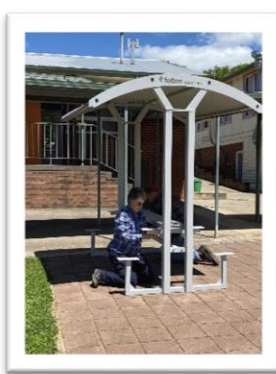
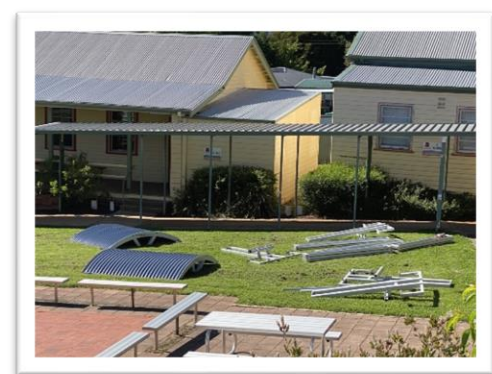
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CLASS



Alana is creating a Japanese boro and sashiko stitched inspired duffle bag as part of her major practical work. In these pictures she is layering scraps and small pieces of material to form the base fabric which she will then stitch together using the sashiko embroidery (running stitch) method. Stay tuned and we will update pictures of her progress in the next year 'Scoop'.

FELTON INDUSTRIES OUTDOOR FURNITURE

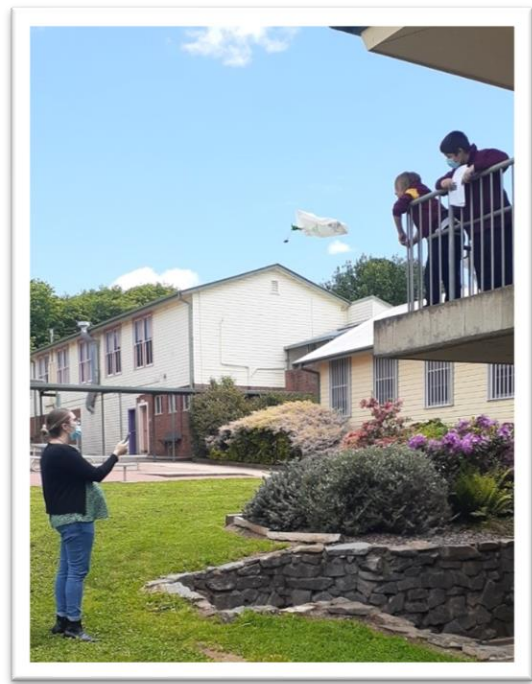
New outdoor furniture for our students to use in the Peter Wood Courtyard. Thank you to Mr Peel and Miss Brown for building the new settings on Wednesday.



SCIENCE NEWS

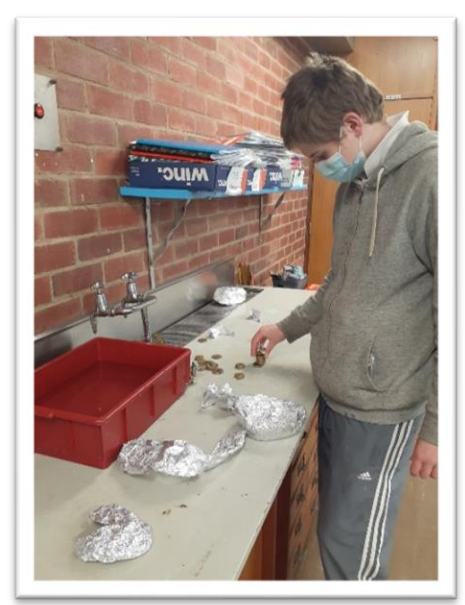
Students are continuing to develop their Working Scientifically Skills this term. Stages 4 and 5 are exploring the Physical World and have had opportunities to design models that are capable of testing hypotheses.

Students in Stage 4 are exploring the forces of friction. Students were challenged to design a parachute that would capture air and create drag (air resistance).



Students were also challenged to design a boat that could oppose the forces of weight and gravity by having a design which created maximum buoyancy.

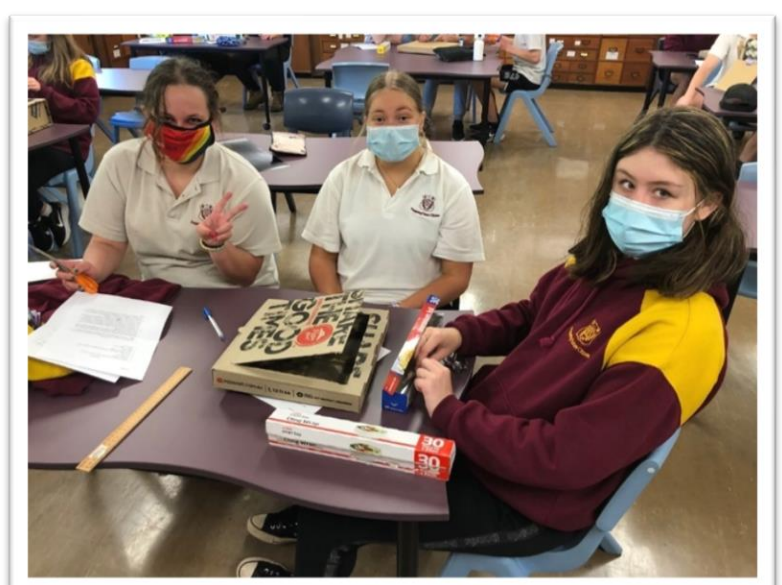
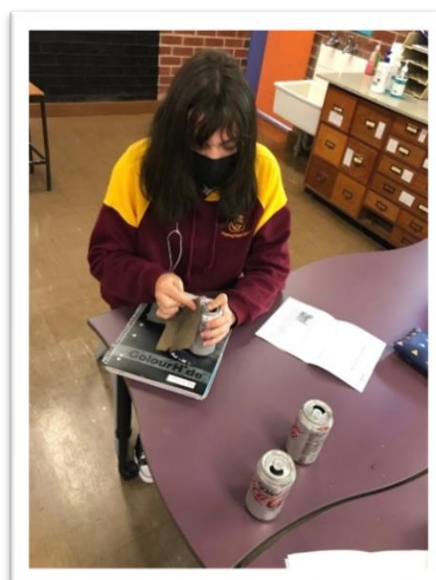
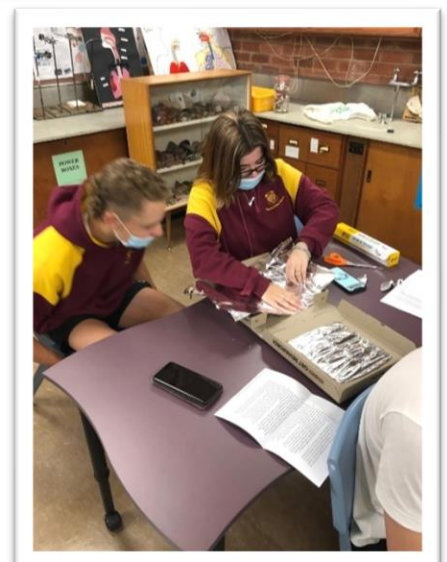
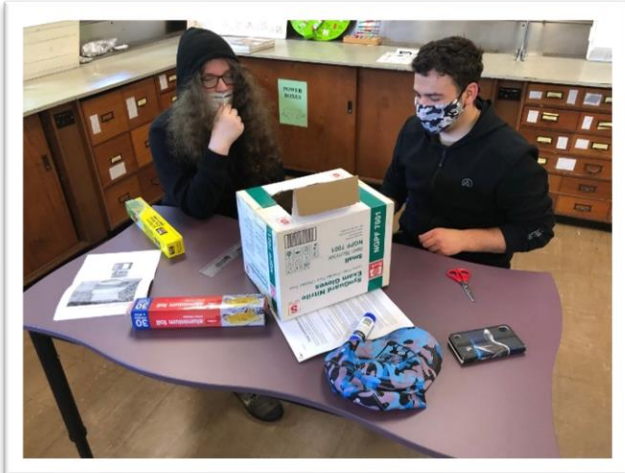
All students were provided with one piece of foil (~1m) to create their design. Zoe Taylor's boat held 950 grams before succumbing to gravity's downward force.



Students in Stage 4 are investigating the efficiency of energy transfers and transformations. Students have been tasked with creating a solar oven capable of cooking a food item, a set of solar cans capable of heating liquid, or a sound proofing box capable of absorbing sound waves from within.

Students will test their designs in Week 8.

By Mrs Taylor Kass, Relieving Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning



BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

FUTURE KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 12 ENROLMENTS

We are in particular need of information for any students enrolling in 2022.

Could you please assist us by filling out this form and return it to Batlow Technology School office via email at batlow-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The children in your family who have not yet started school:

Child's Name	Name and Address of parents	Child's date of birth	Year of intended enrolment at BTS

FUTURE ENROLMENTS FOR OTHER STUDENTS

Children in families known to you who may not have access to this form:

Child's Name	Name and Address of parents	Child's date of birth	Year of intended enrolment at BTS

Thank you for your assistance

Michelle Wainwright
Principal

Requirements for schools to notify NSW Health of a vaccine preventable disease

Principals must contact the local [public health unit](#) [External link](#) to notify any of the following vaccine preventable diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Haemophilus influenza Type b (Hib)
- Measles
- Meningococcal disease
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Rubella (German measles)
- Tetanus

Notifying cases of these vaccine preventable diseases to the Public Health Unit by the school principal is a requirement of the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. 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 seven days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the seven-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.



REMINDERS FOR TERM 4 2021

Every Day Counts



REMINDER:

Parents are required to provide an explanation for their child in regards to any absence from school. This includes full day absences and partial absences (ie: late to school).

An explanation is required for student absences within seven (7) calendar days from the first day of absence. If no explanation is received within this time, an unexplained absence is recorded by the school.

School will be sending SMS text messages or emails to parents on a daily basis to assist with student absence information.

These SMS or emails will be sent at 10.00 am and 3.00 pm each school day.

We would appreciate your assistance with up-to-date contact mobile numbers and email addresses.

Parents can still use the Skoolbag app to send information regarding their child's absence

Nutrition Snippet

NEED SOME LUNCH BOX IDEAS?



Check out our range of [healthy lunch box](https://www.healthylunchbox.com.au) examples to give you inspiration!

For ideas and recipes visit:
[healthylunchbox.com.au](https://www.healthylunchbox.com.au)



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

What's on at BTS

Year 6 into Year 7

Wednesday 24 November 2021

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 24 November 2021

Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 25 November 2021

Presentation Day

Thursday 2 December 2021

Year 12 Formal

Thursday 9 December 2021

Reports Issued

Thursday 16 December 2021

Last Day of Term 4

Thursday 16 December 2021

Year 1 to Year 12 starting Day for 2022

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Kindergarten 2022

Thursday 3 February 2022