



BROMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



No. 8

Term 2 Week 4

2022

Dear families

I often get asked about the pros and cons of screen time or the digital world that our children are part of.... We know that the 'child of today' is less engaged in outside play than ever before and this type of play is really important to the growing child.

There are other really good types of play that are beneficial to a child's development and don't involve kids on a screen.



When I think about **construction play** - kids making structures with Lego bricks, wood blocks or recycled materials I imagine children being inventive, experimenting and designing their own creations.

The good news is not only do most kids enjoy doing this, but block play may foster creative problem solving and enhance child's spatial skills. Some research even suggests that the more time kids spend playing with blocks and puzzles, **the better they perform on IQ tests!**

It's often thought that boys outperform girls in spatial tasks activities , but this is not actually the case.

Research speculates that it's only boy children from higher socio-economic homes that may have the advantage. This may be because they have better access to expensive construction toys and more encouragement to play with such toys . At BPS we aim to ensure every child has access to these toys and many opportunities to explore how they work by putting things together and pulling them apart.

There is also testimonial evidence from adult scientists and engineers indicating that '**construction toys**' inspired their careers.

Our loose part play space was inspired by this information! So if you are thinking about upgrading the toy box—maybe try a construction toy before another screen game or APP or go outside a set up a building challenge using just nature ! I'd love to see the creations. Happy Constructing—*Tina Treffers*

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Reminders ...

SAVE THE DATE!

Week 7

Queen's Birthday

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MONDAY 13TH JUNE

NOTICE :

KEEP UP TO DATE

WITH CLASS AND SCHOOL

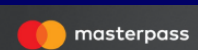
 **EVENTS**

Skoolbag is no longer in use.

Class Dojo WILL NOW BE main form of communication used At BPS.

We encourage all our parents to install the Class Dojo App on your phone or tablet device.

PLEASE REPORT ALL STUDENT ABSENCE/ ATTENDANCE VIA YOUR CLASS DOJO.



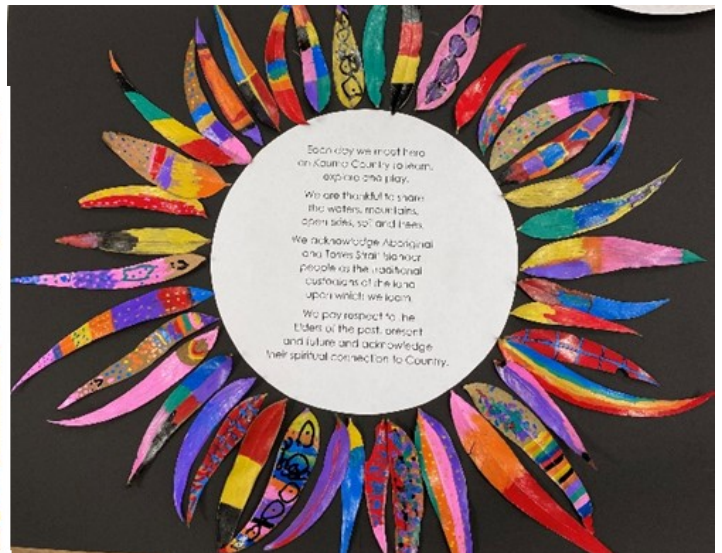
BPS uses **QKR** an online payment service.

RECONCILIATION WEEK IN ROOM 8!

Rec/Year 1 Ms Elisha

During week 5 the Reception / One's have been exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and stories as part of Reconciliation Week. We read the dreamtime story "The Rainbow Serpent", created our own rainbow serpents and discussed how the story describes the creation of landmarks and animals in Australia.

Students also collected gum leaves from around the school, painted them and we created an Acknowledgment of Country display that will be used in our classroom on a regular basis.



We also were lucky enough to have a visit from Tijmari who kindly showed us a range of different Aboriginal artefacts and how they were used.

Finally we used dot painting to decorate our hands for the schools "Sea of Hands" display. The sea of hands is a way for our school community to say that "we show respect, we share the land and we walk together hand in hand".



Sport & Health

with Kate, PE teacher

Thursday lunch time fitness/dance sessions, offered to JP's for 3 weeks and upper primary for 3 weeks, with Casey from Miss Fit Movement, a fitness/hip hop company.



TERM 2 2022 PLANNER

6	6/6 Swimming 3-4	7/6 Swimming 3-4 SEDA Basketball Clinic	8/6 Swimming 3-4	9/6 Swimming 3-4	10/6 Swimming 3-4 SEDA Clinics R-6
7	13/6 Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14/6	15/6	16/6 Cultural Experience Yrs 2-4	17/6 SEDA Clinics R-6
8	20/6 Cultural Excursion Yrs 5/6	21/6	22/6	23/6 Governing Council Mtg @ 6.30 pm	24/6 SEDA Clinics R-6
9	27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7 SEDA Clinics R-6
10	4/7 NAIDOC Week	5/7 NAIDOC Week	6/7 NAIDOC Week Reports go home	7/7 NAIDOC Week	8/7 NAIDOC Week LAST DAY OF TERM 2 Early DISMISSAL @ 2:00 PM

Get involved in your child's education -
volunteer

