



BRIDGE ROAD BULLETIN



In my role I have the privilege of working with a talented, committed group of professionals who work miracles every day – what other word can you use to describe the act of teaching children to read, write, become numerate, and most importantly, developing the interpersonal capacity of our students to help them become Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learners who Build Resilience.

As a Principal I have the pleasure of leading expert staff who provide intensive interventions for complex learners.

I lead a team who assist Home Schools to develop skills to support our students emotionally, socially and academically.

Most importantly I work closely with families to help them restore their faith in the Public Education System.

My passion for Wellbeing has led me to Bridge Road School and I am blessed to say I am a Proud Principal of a school with a positive learning culture that meets the holistic needs of all students.

The Department of Education would like all students to be known, valued and cared for. At Bridge Road School this is evident every day. By 9.30am all students have had an opportunity to speak and interact with all staff.

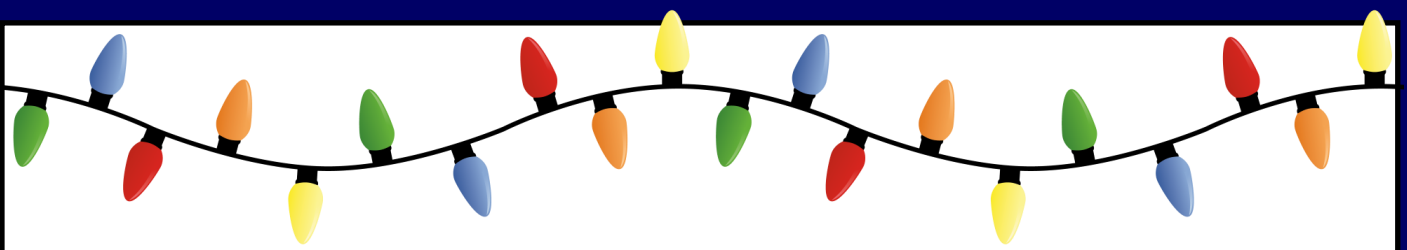
Lorraine and Annalese start the day by greeting all students as they exit their cars. Students are then greeted in the cottage by another 8 staff. In the cottage students can choose to challenge Jordan to Uno, eat breakfast with Renny and Cristina or draw with Karen. This is followed by 30 minutes of fitness. When all staff run 7 different activities, providing students with an opportunity to build relationships with all staff.

These relationships are the core to the Success of Bridge Road School and how I can confidently state that students are known, valued and cared for.

At the end of the day students are encouraged to reflect upon their day and take ownership of their behaviour. This encourages resilience. All students leave BRS each day knowing that tomorrow will be a brand new day and no relationships have been damaged.

2020 was a little different than normal. We started the year as normal. Celebrating 2 graduations. Then we went into 7 weeks of flexible learning. The staff at BRS thought care packages would be the best way to support our students. During this time we sent over 210 packages to our students and families. Once we returned in May, BRS quickly returned to normal.





Some highlights of 2020 include

15 Graduations – 88% success

67 additional home school days

306 Home School support visits

90 review meetings

4 reading levels was the average increase in student PM bench mark improvements, since March 2020. One student improved 10 reading levels.

The average Spelling age increase was 9.2 months since March 2020, one student improved 28 months.

Maths groups were held once a week, across the whole school catering to the individual needs of all students. 25% of students showed massive growth.

3 staff members become permanent, Congratulations Alan, Lydia and Lachlan

The forest opening

The teddy bears picnic

Monkey Mania excursion

To my staff, Aimee, Alan, Anneke, Brenda, Lorraine, Maya, Melissa, Nat, Renny, Skye, Stef, Annalese, Clare, Cristina, Danielle, Jordan, Karen, Lachlan, Lani, Lucy, Lily, Lydia, Marie and Katie your passion for your job and your dedication to our students is truly evident in the academic, social and emotional growth in our students. Thank you for all you do.

I am such a proud Principal. I am blessed to work with such a hard working team. We make successful accommodations and adjustments for our students. We reengage the disengaged. We create a community that welcomes all. We help rebuild the families trust in the education department. We come to work each day with a commitment to support our students, families and each other.

Through the commitment of the BRS staff All students leave Bridge Road School with improved self-worth, and increase self-esteem, and increased confidence and a thirst for knowledge.

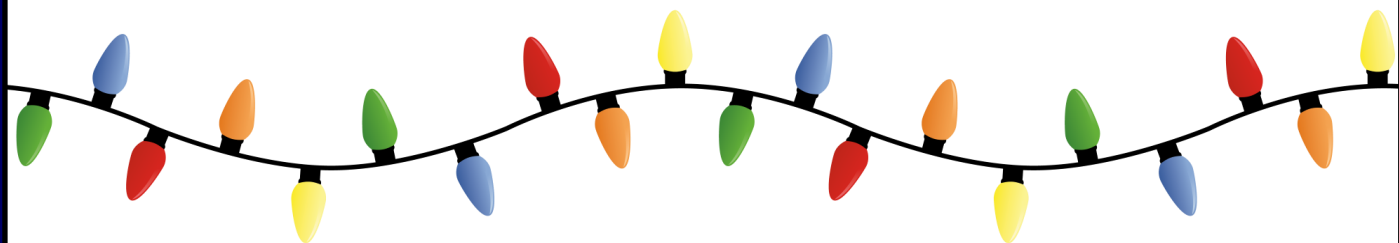
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families of Bridge Road School for supporting the staff at Bridge Road School.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope 2021 is filled with good health, kindness, love and laughter.

School returns Friday 29th January 2021. Stay safe in holidays.

Michelle Gomes Principal





Week 8

Star Award ★



MERIT AWARD



FULL GREEN WEEK



Week 9

Star Award ★



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Bronze Award



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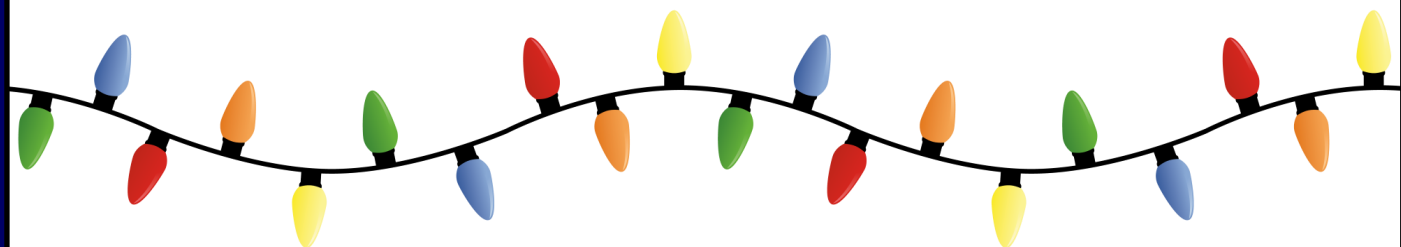
Week 10

Bronze Award



Silver Award





Presentation Day Awards

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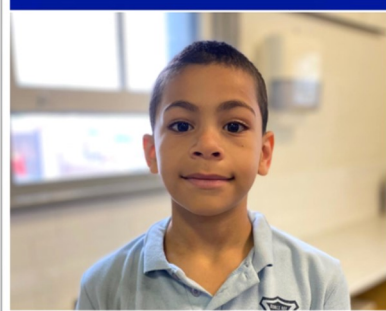
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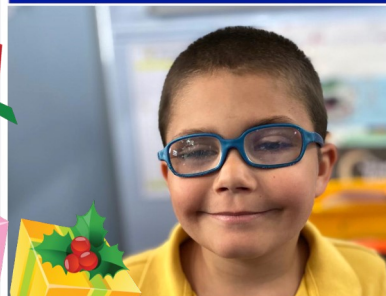
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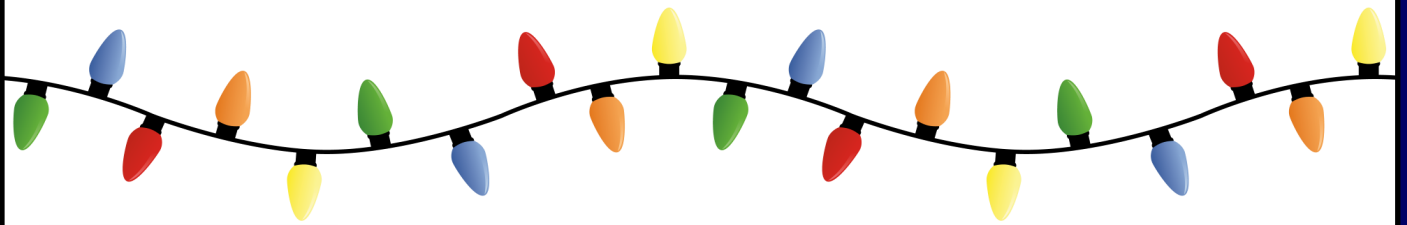


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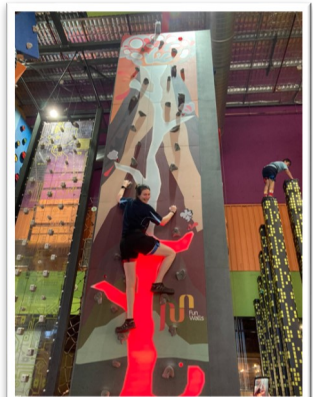
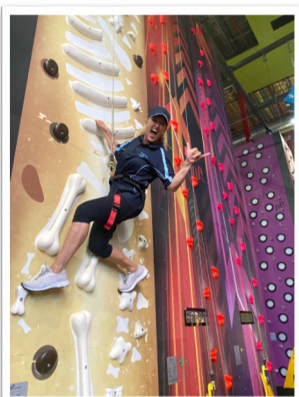
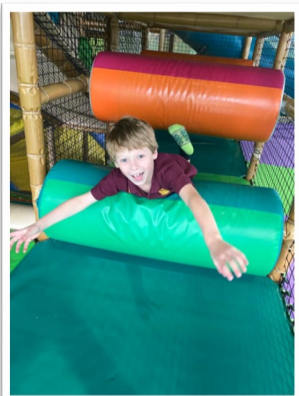
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Monkey Mania

THE PLACE TO PLAY & PARTY !!!



Gingerbread People



You Will Need:

Rolling Pin
Gingerbread man cutter
Sweets of your choice for decoration
350g plain flour
175g light soft brown sugar
100g butter

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100g butter
1 medium egg
4 tbsp golden syrup
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1½ tsp ground ginger
Icing

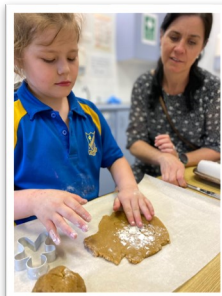
Step 1

Put the flour, butter, ginger and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing bowl. Mix it together with your fingers until it is crumbly. Add the sugar, syrup and egg. Mix until it forms a firm pastry mix.



Step 2

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Dust your work surface with flour. Using the rolling pin, roll out the pastry until it's about 5mm thick. Using the pastry cutter, cut out the shapes.



Step 3

Place the cut-out pastry 2cm apart on a greased non-stick baking tray. Using oven gloves, an adult should place the tray in the oven. Bake your gingerbread people for 15 minutes.



Step 4

Place the baked gingerbread people onto a cooling rack.

Step 5

Once they have cooled, you can decorate the gingerbread people using the icing and other decorations.

Contacting BRS



If you are wanting to discuss a matter with your child's teacher, please email the school at :
bridgerd-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Emails will be forwarded on to the appropriate teacher, who will be in contact with you as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency, please contact the school office on:
9519 8389



Bridge Road School likes to use Facebook as a means to share with our families and community, all of the amazing things our students do. You can find photos of your child participating in Wellbeing Wednesday, engaged in a STEAM activity, or receiving a weekly award. So jump online and give Bridge Road School a follow and a like.

You can also find useful information on our website:

<https://bridgerd-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Homework

As you may be aware BRS does not give out homework. However, you can find additional learning activities on our website if you would like to extend your child or if your child is going to be absent for an extended period.

Absent Days



If your child is sick it is important that you notify the school and the driver of your child's taxi. The days your child is at their home school, if they are not attending it is important that you contact both Bridge Road and the home school as early as possible. Both teachers and support officers visit students each Thursday, some travel a long way to get to the home schools and arriving to find students are absent with no notice can be very frustrating.

Recommendations



To help ensure the wellbeing and safety of our staff and students, Bridge Road School strongly recommends that you send your child to school wearing their school uniform or plain clothes, with a packed healthy lunch and soft plastic drink bottle.

Voluntary Contributions



Thank you to our Bridge Road families for their ongoing support & contributions in helping us improve our school. We are seeking donation of **\$10** per child each term, should you require a receipt for any voluntary donations please contact the office on 9519 8389. All the voluntary contribution will help our school to provide some additional quality resources to support our students. Should you wish to donate please place donation of **\$10** in an envelope and send to school with your child. All donations are greatly appreciated.



FOREST AREA FOR HIRE

The perfect open space for your next family get together, child's birthday party or special gathering. This hidden sanctuary is nestled behind the Camperdown Commons, featuring kids bike track, ninja obstacle course and bbq picnic area. Also available, onsite parking, toilets and undercover deck area.

CALL TO MAKE A BOOKING:

9519 8389



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Reminder: Any change of details contact the school, this is our way of keeping in touch with you. Please let us know if you would like to add someone to our email list so they can receive any important information regarding your child.