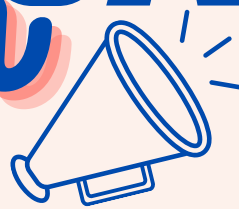


# BRIDGE ROAD

## Bulletin



## Term 2, Week 9 - 10

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 2. We have had a great term, with several students exiting back to their home school, and students within the program experiencing many successes, and being involved in a lot of new experiences. A big thank you from me, to all of our wonderful staff!

There are a number of staff taking leave next term, either just for the term, or indefinitely. The first teacher is Brenda, who plans to teach casually leading into her retirement. Brenda is a passionate educator who has given her heart and soul to special education for her entire career. She ran our art program for many years, and has helped to foster creativity in students and a love for art that they may not have known they had, without her enthusiasm and ability to work with challenging behaviour. We wish her all the best with her retirement from full-time teaching.

Tully is also going on paternity leave next term only, to spend time with his young baby. Alan Skipper will return from overseas next term, and we will also welcome two new teachers, Jase Ireland and Emily Holley.

### **Class Changes**

**Please let your child know during the holidays, that they may not have the same teacher next term. Aside from the new staff, we have had a lot of new enrolments, and so many students will have a change of teacher for the beginning of the term, as the classes have been moved around. If you have a concern about this, please contact the school on the first day back, which is Monday 17th July (for teachers only).**

We hope you have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable school holidays, and we look forward to seeing students back at Bridge Road School on **Tuesday 18th July.**

All the best,  
David Lomas  
Principal

As a result of parent and teacher survey feedback conducted this year, we have decided to trial a new system for rewarding good behaviour, and tracking progress within our program, beginning in Term 3. This is a substantial change, and will take students, teachers, and families some time to adjust.

### Why the Change?

The current system gives students green, orange or red days depending on their behaviour. Survey comments pointed to issues such as it affecting student self-esteem (in that it is somewhat of a pass/fail measure), and an increase in violence and outbursts when students reached 'red'. For example, if a student was 'red' by 11.00 in the morning, they felt their day was over and their behaviour escalated.

In terms of communication books, students were often not taking them home, or bringing them back, and in many cases destroying their books. Home schools have also not been filling them in consistently.

### The New System

In Term 3 students will be given points for each session, and a total for each day. At the end of the week the points will be added up by the teacher, and Gold, Silver and Bronze awards given out accordingly for the total number of points. This means that if a student has a behaviour that in the past would have given them a 'red day', such as lashing out at a peer, they might not earn any points for that session, but will have the chance to earn 'full points' for the rest of the day if they settle (see example below).

Time	Points	Rule Reminders	Comments
Breakfast/ Morning meeting	0 1 2 3 4 5		
Fitness	0 1 2 3 4 5		
1 <sup>st</sup> Session	0 1 2 3 4 5		Pushed Sam and knocked books off shelf after losing
AM Recess	0 1 2 3 4 5		game. Eventually calmed down.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	0 1 2 3 4 5		
1 <sup>st</sup> Half Lunch	0 1 2 3 4 5		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Lunch	0 1 2 3 4 5		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	0 1 2 3 4 5		
PM Recess	0 1 2 3 4 5		
4th Session	0 1 2 3 4 5		
<b>TOTAL</b>	/50		

## **Communication with home schools and families**

Teachers will be asked to email parents and carers each Thursday with an update on how students are going. This will include highlights and positives, and may include if the student had a moment managing themselves.

### **IMPORTANT! – New Award System**

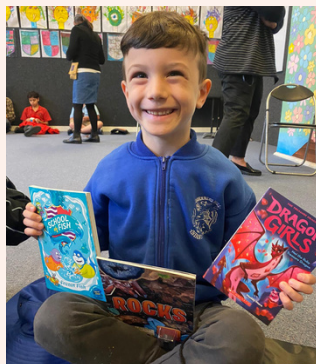
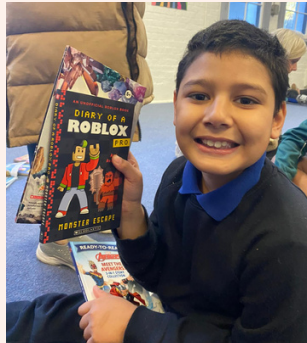
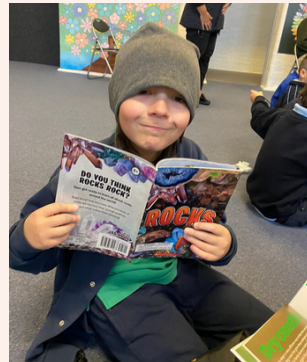
The school would like to continue with Star Awards, however they will be given out at assembly for students to immediately take home (as in mainstream). As mentioned, each week students will receive a Gold for 90%, Silver for 80%, and Bronze for 70% behaviour for the week. **However, we would like to trial giving out vouchers for students to work towards, once they achieve a certain number of points.** The idea would be to use the currency that is common with young students, rather than the former (cheap) plastic items that have been given out historically. For example, vouchers for currency inside common video games such as Fortnite, Roblox, as well as Dymocks vouchers for books. They would most likely be around the \$10 price range.

**Could you please get in touch with the school if you ethically object to monetised rewards for your child for good behaviour in our program as soon as possible, and we are also open to any other suggestions.**



# BOOKS IN HOMES

EMPOWERING KIDS, LITERALLY





# GARDENING





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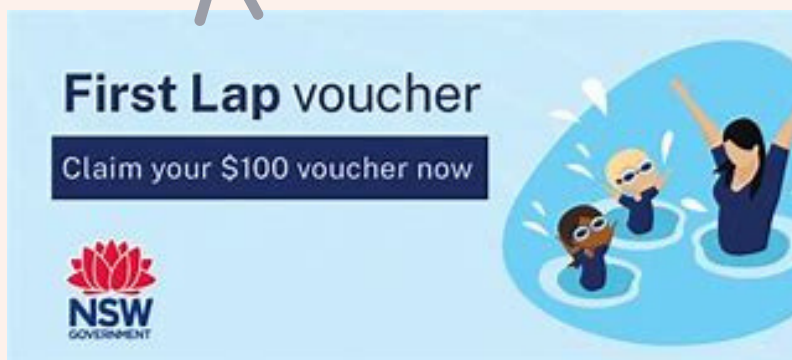


**DONT  
FORGET**



Don't forget you may be eligible for NSW Government vouchers. These can be used to help with the cost of back to school resources and extra curricular activities.

**VOUCHERS EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2023**



# \*\*REMINDER\*\*

It is important to send your child to school with a healthy lunch box. Check out the lunch box builder tool on the Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box website for some recipe ideas.



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Packing a healthy lunch box can set up healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.
- Healthy foods boost the immune system.
- Key nutrients improve concentration.
- Food choices can improve a student's attitude.
- Poor dietary habits can influence sleep patterns, which may have an effect on cognitive behaviour and academic abilities.

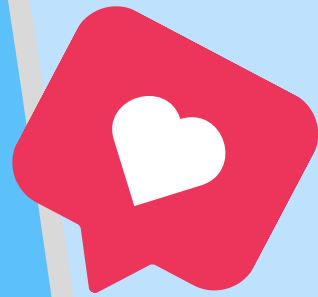


## \*No Metal Drink Bottles





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Bridge Road School like 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/>



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