

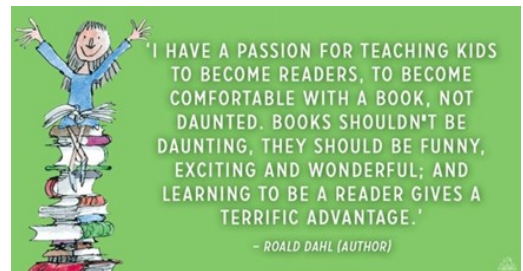
magazine

This term has again been busy and productive, with a generous helping of fun.

We often talk about our school as a learning community, and this is evident in the quality learning **children** engage in. This magazine highlights a few examples of children's learning experiences that have taken place across the school this term.

But it doesn't stop there.

Teachers also continue as learners. Our staff have been learning about their role as reading coaches. We have learnt more about how to teach children the strategy of self-monitoring; that is, being aware of their own thinking as they read and knowing if they have stopped understanding what is happening in the text. We have learnt more about the strategies we can teach children to improve their reading, like word attack strategies, how to adjust their reading speed, 'fix-up' strategies for when meaning breaks down. This is important for all children across the school. As the demands of written texts increase in complexity from junior primary to tertiary studies, or from one subject to the next, meaning can break down, even for those children who can read the words fluently. If you have ever tried to read a technical article in a field in which you are unfamiliar, you will know what I mean.

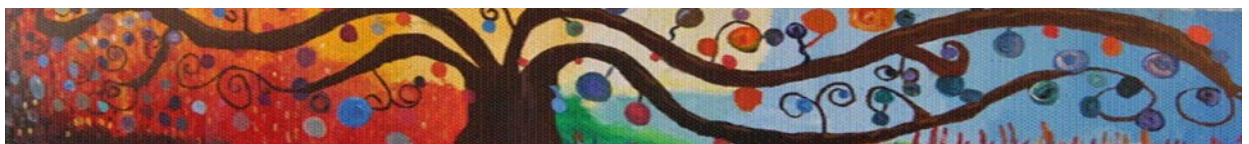


But it doesn't stop there, either.



We have also been teaching our children how to be skilled reading coaches for younger children. So now, as they listen to other children read, they can ask questions like, "What strategy did you use when you got stuck just now?" or "Do you think chunking would help you with that word?"

We have watched children across the school learning together in this way. As one parents explained after watching the Book Week assembly, "The thing I love most about this school is the way the older children take care of the younger ones." Fortunately, when it comes to helping with learning, everybody benefits. As we teach, so we learn.



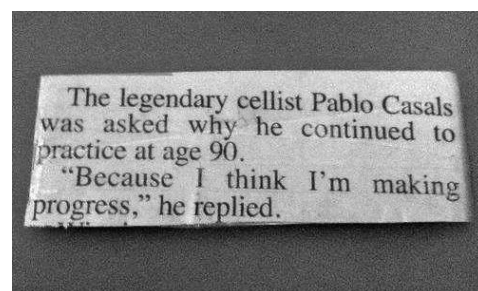
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday, 12th November will be a Pupil Free Day*

Our staff will join with other schools from the Adelaide Hills to work with Professor Guy Claxton. Guy presents a case for educators to stretch children and young peoples' creativity, scepticism, resourcefulness, resilience, reflectiveness and their ability to collaborate - to build their learning power. Professor Guy Claxton is an internationally acclaimed writer, consultant, lecturer and academic, specialising in creativity, education and the mind. He is a cognitive specialist and world renowned authority on expandable intelligence. He has been an influential consultant on learning and creativity for DECD and other departments around the world.

At Bridgewater PS we believe these matters are our key business and we look forward to continuing our learning with such a renowned educational leader.

Contact Camp Australia for OSHC bookings for
Wednesday 12th November 2014
www.campastralia.com.au / Phone 1300 105 343
or <http://bridgeps.sa.edu.au/oshc.html>



* Each year the Minister for Education approves schools three Pupil Free Days for staff to engage in professional learning and one School Closure Day to acknowledge an event of local significance (we took this as a show day this term). This year the Minister has approved an additional day for teachers to work on aspects of the Australian Curriculum, making four Pupil Free Days in total for 2014. BPS has used two Pupil Free Days this year, on the 5th and 6th of May. These two days focussed on literacy and staff have continued to meet at extended staff meetings and during the holidays to build on and continue this learning. We will not use our fourth Pupil Free Day this year in acknowledgement of the extensive Personal Learning teachers have undertaken during school holidays.



Our magazines are a way for us to celebrate at the end of each term. What are your thoughts? Do you like to get the magazine? How can we do this better?

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The Good Ship Bridgey

In 2013 our Kids Parliament began the process of designing and commissioning the building of a boat. They wanted a boat that was the same as the boat at the Bridgewater Kindy so that children felt a connection between Kindy and school.



The building work was sub-contracted out to the Year 10 students in the Doorways to Construction course at Heathfield High School.

The boat is in dry dock near the kitchen garden, awaiting its finishing touches and softfall. A huge thank you to the students and staff from HHS who made this all happen.

Ahoy maties!



Australian Greens Makepeace Prize Winners

This photo shows the prize winners of the competition we entered after Senator Wright's visit.

I want to share with everybody that; **Murray** got a merit award; The **film makers** of the film shown at assembly recently got a special mention; and **Amber** won best short story!!!

A big achievement in a national competition! Congratulations to you all.

Jonah Studio 9



"Dear Jonah,

This is recognition of some important thinking your students are undertaking. On the back of the War Memorial work begun last year with Shaun, I feel proud that our upper primary students are developing their citizenry and taking action to influence and educate others. I think we are seeing more and more of the flow on effect that begins when they are in Reception, where they are learning how to be thinkers and questioners, individually and in community.

It is lovely stuff." Barb



BEST SHORT STORY NATIONALLY
Well done Amber!



Following Senator Penny Wright's visit to BPS, she mentioned our Year 7's in her speech to the Australian Senate on the 23rd September. More details to follow.



Staff News...

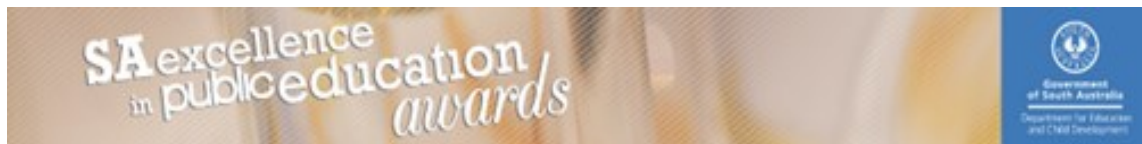
Welcome back **Gina**, who has been unwell but is all better now. We have missed you!

Liz Sanderson (Studio 3) has worked for us as a contract teacher for several years and has become an integral and valued part of the Bridge community. We are thrilled to announce that Liz has now successfully won a permanent position at Bridgewater PS, starting in 2015. Congratulations, Liz!

Teresa (Studio 8) and **Katie** (Studio 7) also threw their hats in the ring when the permanent jobs were advertised this year, successfully winning a job together at Gumeracha Primary School for 2015. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to continue their successful collaboration as outstanding teachers in an exciting new role. Teresa has been a respected teacher and coordinator at BPS for 13 years. Katie has capably and creatively worn a variety of hats, including Kitchen Garden and Studio teacher for 7 years. We wish them all the best and join them in celebrating their 'new vista'.

Pam has taken leave for the rest of 2014 to explore employment opportunities closer to her home at Encounter Bay. We wish her good luck.

Kim Verco is filling Pam's boots and doing a great job in Asian Studies



"Congratulations. We are happy to announce that Shaun Klingbiel has been selected as a First Stage Winner in the SA Excellence in Public Education Awards!"

We were very excited to receive this message a few weeks ago. Shaun's work centred on students operating as a corporate entity to develop and undertake research and source funding to ignite community interest and understanding of the impact of World War 1 on the Bridgewater community. These students have been invited to speak at several Return Soldier's League events and have received accolades from politicians, veterans and their families, historical societies and the community in general. This work has been included in a DECD professional learning video to support other educators to consider powerful ways of meeting the requirements of the Australian Curriculum without losing a focus on developing the things that matter most - creativity, scepticism, resourcefulness, resilience, reflectiveness and their ability to collaborate

Shaun feels quite reticent about this award. It is an understatement to say he was a reluctant nominee. Shaun is now in the running for the state award and we wish him good luck as he is a worthy recipient.

Have you had a slide yet? Thank you Justin (Tayah S4 & Hudson S3 Dad) for installing our new double slippery dip! I wonder what he'll do next. Stay tuned...



There is a reason why the question shown below, from a Hong Kong elementary school test, is making the rounds on the internet.

Most adults can't solve it – not for want of math skills, but because most of them have lost the child's ability of unconventional thinking.

If you're still unsure about the answer, see page 16.

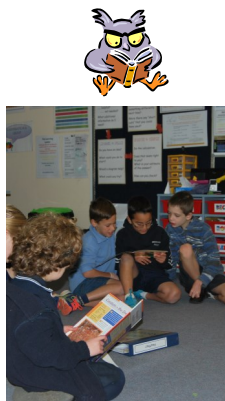




This year the teachers put on a play based on the book 'The Swap'.



We wish to thank Sarah James who continues to co-ordinate the Scholastic Book Club.



BOOK WEEK



The kids loved it when big sister crocodile complained that baby crocodile smelt awful and...dribbled!



Kitchen Capers

Studio 3 and 4 have been so fortunate to work with our Kitchen Specialist, Samantha Butcher, and garden specialist, Nicki Foster, to create healthy, tasty dishes using ingredients sourced from our very own kitchen garden.

Sam's recipes are simple, fresh and delicious and allow the students to experience a wide variety of ingredients and new tastes.

Sam has a website that includes her recipes:

www.nourishfoodlife.com.au



I like cooking because you know what you put in and there are no nasty chemicals.
Cassie

I like the variety of foods we cook.
Brodie

I like going to cook in the kitchen because we learn skills like to cut things without cutting fingers instead of food!
Finn S.L

The classes cook delicious dishes such as: roast fennel, lemon slice, crispy new potatoes and beetroot risotto. Most of the fresh ingredients have been picked straight from our school gardens.
Callum



To grate cheese – take a firm grip so your fingers don't slip and get cut. When you don't have much cheese left STOP to avoid being cut. If you are cut, wash your hand. If bleeding, stop cooking to prevent getting blood on the cheese.
Felix

'Bear Claw' is a knife skill. When you are chopping you curl your fingers so you don't cut them.
Gracie

Frying you have to be careful. For example with oil and onion put the oil on a low heat or it will splatter.
Romanie

When you carry a knife you do it by putting it tip down by your side and don't be silly and jump around.
Ryder

Without the help of volunteers, our Kitchen Garden Program cannot exist. So if you can offer help at any time, it will be greatly appreciated by all! Please contact your child's teacher.



To peel garlic, crush with you hand or fist and you need to cut both ends off then peel the skin.
Jamie

Kitchen Garden

Garden Specialist - Nicki Foster

Contact: nicki.foster333@gmail.com

An enormous thank you to everyone who has helped out with our Kitchen Garden program this term.

This term the garden has been very busy with all studio's contributing to the growing, feeding, tending, weeding, harvesting, watering, bug identifying, and designing.



Studio 7 have created a fantastic Bee Hotel in the garden to attract lost of good insects to our garden and so have been focusing on habitat.

We have a very successful Working Bee in the garden in Week 6. A huge thanks to all those who helped out - it was a great success with all jobs on the list being completed and as a result, the garden is looking fantastic!



Thursday 18th sept
garden with studio 7

volunteers
* August
* Corinna
* Wendy



We had some great donations since we put our call out for materials for our entrance project, so again, thank you. We are in need of some big logs to use as the main structural posts, so if you have something suitable we would love to hear from you. As soon as we have all the material we need, we can go ahead with this exciting project - hopefully in term 4.





Reconciliation Lantern Walk



At the end of Term 2, Bridgewater Primary School held a lantern walk to show their respect and commitment to reconciliation and the importance of place to us and to the Peramangk people.

Before the event, the whole school made their own lanterns. Some were based on Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and others were about their own stories and journeys.



Emma (Sass's mum) also helped us make special sun, moon and star lanterns that led the way in our walk.



On the night, Ivan Copley (Peramangk Elder) welcomed us to country, told stories of the 'fire people' and unveiled a plaque with welcome to country in the Peramangk language. He also did a smoking ceremony before we did our walk.

The choir sang for us and then we lit our lanterns. Studios headed down the hill to the bottom courts, where we sang peaceful songs.



We got into 2 circles and walked around in opposite directions with our lanterns. As a whole school, we sang 'In a nay' and 'May all the Children', led by Claire.

After the walk we had nice hot soup made by the parents and cupcakes made by Studio 9 students. Andrew and Vesna came with their coffee van and sold hot chocolate and coffee.



It was a beautiful, clear night and a great way to get together as a whole school community.

By Olivia, Jaymee and Charlotte



Studio 2's Cook Out



It was hard to keep the fires going.

Ned, Isaac and Josh's fire was great so they helped start other fires, and they made pizza!

Some people had to share other's food because not every dish worked out.

We made hot chocolate with whipped cream and we roasted marsh mellow.

Other people made damper, cooked eggs, sausages and made billy tea.

Doug's friend brought a chainsaw.

Rowan and Tammy



Children are moving and responding to *Sakura* a traditional song from Japan about a cherry blossom festival.
With Claire

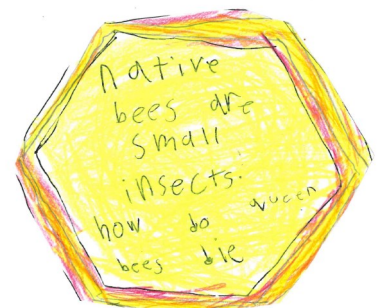


Studio 7's Bee Hotel



The Bee Hotel is a habitat we have created in the Community Garden that we hope will attract native bees to visit and nest in our garden. As we destroy native vegetation we destroy the habitats of many plants and creatures, including native bees.

We are hoping our Bee Hotel will offer the bees a new home in our garden!





S8 were set the challenge of drawing a portrait of another student in their studio.

The portrait was created with lead pencil, charcoal and crayon.

The artist then had to write a description of their subjects character.



Studio 6 and Studio 9 presented Assembly in the form of a news program.

There was everything from news pieces, sports reports, special interest section, surveys and even the weather report.

Here is Studio 6 presenting the weather through colourful posters.



State SAPSASA Championships

Report by Lucy Griffith

The 2014 State SAPSASA Athletics Championships was held on 22nd of September on a beautiful spring day at SANTOS Stadium. We had 8 students from Bridgey compete for the Hills district.

These students were selected based on their placing at Oakbank District day.



The day started with Georgia Wyatt-Read winning gold in the U10 Girls High Jump. Georgia jumped 1.21cm.

Great effort Georgia!!!!

In the U13's Girls 100m final Della Griffith won the silver medal missing out on the gold by only 0.2 seconds in a photo finish! Della then had to sprint over to finish high jump where she jumped to a Silver medal.



Lucy Griffith ran the U13's 800m race getting the silver medal.

Then Ewan De'ath put in a solid effort to claim the bronze medal in the U13's Discus.



Amelie Grant competed in the U10's girls Long Jump where she put in a great effort.

Jessica Armstrong came fifth in the U10 Girls Discus.

The Relay heats started with the Amelie Grant's Hills U10 Girls coming fifth in their heat.

Tyson Ratcliffe ran in the U11 Boys Relay and got a spot in the final.

The U13 Boys, with Harry Anderson, ran in their heat but didn't get a spot in the final.

The U13 Girls with Della Griffith running last ran away with first in their heat to secure a spot in the final.

Then Della Griffith ran her U13 Girls 200m final and won silver with a very close finish, another photo finish!

In the Relay finals, Della and the U13 Girls ran a fantastic race to get silver, missing out on gold by a head.

Tyson and the U11 Boys came in fourth place.

Bridgey's medal total for the day was 1 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze.

The rest of the Hills team put in a fantastic effort with many more medals added to the Hills tally.

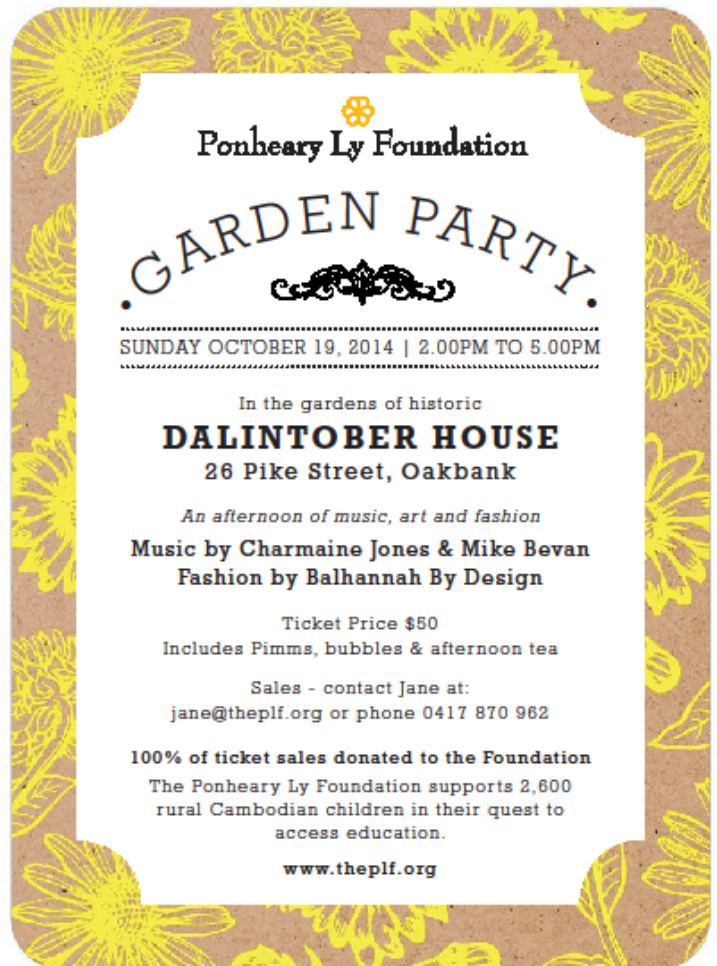
Good job to all who competed!

Sarah Harris (Harry Studio 9) is one of the driving forces behind our Big Bridgely Bush Bash.

Sarah is now applying her considerable talents to a worthwhile and important fundraising project—A Garden Party at Dalintober House.

Come along if you can. Bring a friend. It is sure to be a lovely afternoon.

All proceeds to the Ponheary Ly Foundation in Cambodia.



Many of our BPS families were involved in the Hutt Street Centre's '**Walk a Mile in My Boots**' one frosty Friday morning. All funds raised went to the homeless.



A huge thank you from everyone to Liam and Kane's dad, Sean! We now have two new basketball rings thanks to his slam dunk engineering report for the footings.



Science in Studio 7

Lisa Ebert (Liam's mum) is part of the Scientists in Schools programme. Lisa visited S7 last Friday. She showed a video of her work at the Centre for Cancer Biology and talked about what scientists do. We did an experiment with acids and bases, and looked through a microscope at parts of insects and cells. The children were very engaged and asked lots of interesting questions. We hope she will come back next term!



Studio 4 Solar System Research

Studio 4 have spent some wonderful lessons researching the movements of the planet that inhabit 'Planet Earth'. They have discovered it is a small part of the extraordinary Universe, Milky Way Galaxy and Solar System that surround us. Where does it start or end? So many questions of inquiry to pursue

'Europa is estimated to be covered in kilometres of ice. Europa may have twice the amount of liquid water than Earth'

Demelza

'I learnt that if you light a match on Neptune it will blow up destroying the Solar System'

Callum

'I learnt that the Milky Way has 200 ball clusters that contain 100,00 stars and that Mars is very cold and has the biggest volcano called Olompus Mons.'

Beccy

'Venus is 0.9 gravity of Earth's and is the hottest planet in the Solar System'

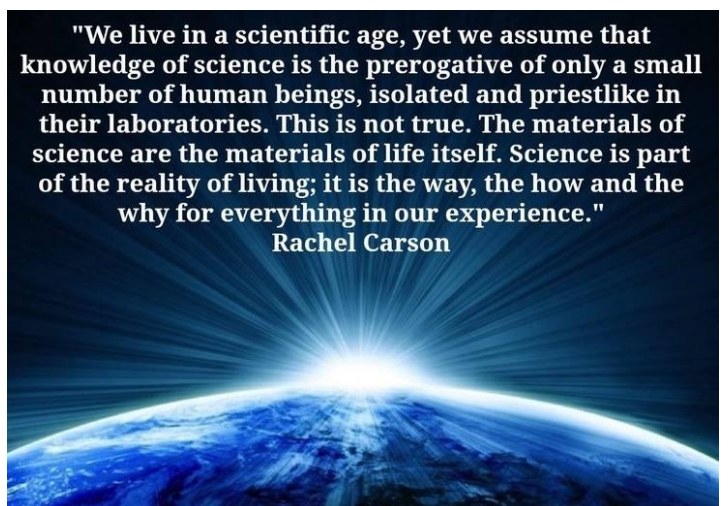
Brodie

'I have learnt about Olompus Mons, to me it sounds really interesting and wish to do more research. I have learnt about the Milky Way and was amazed that it takes a really long time to get from one side to another and it contains so many stars and I have learnt about Mars and was fascinated at the pictures of Mars that the robots have taken.'

Jaz

"We live in a scientific age, yet we assume that knowledge of science is the prerogative of only a small number of human beings, isolated and priestlike in their laboratories. This is not true. The materials of science are the materials of life itself. Science is part of the reality of living; it is the way, the how and the why for everything in our experience."

Rachel Carson





Isaac (S2) brought in a baby emu to admire.
So cute!

S3's 3D Nature Artwork



Sophie-Lee, Harper and Liam (S7) shared their 2D to 3D shapes made with straws.



Gabby (S2) helped Daryl de-construct the old fort.



Congratulations to Tayah Spencer (S4) who has been selected to participate in the recording process for the 2015 festival of Music CD. The South Australian Public Primary School's Choir (SAPPS Choir) has helped record these CD's for 8 years now. During term 3, the choir learnt 8 of 12 songs from the 2015 repertoire. Choir members were auditioned to be a part of the recording choir, depending on their voice quality and blending ability. Two groups of 10 children have been formed to each record 5 songs for the CD.

This is an honour and a privilege for Tayah, as well as a fantastic learning experience. It also requires a lot of hard work, focus and dedication. Well done Tayah!



To the
SCRUMMY LUNCH
ladies, Carissa and Emily
(Xavier and Lily's mum, Archie's mum)

THANK YOU!

They have been tirelessly providing much looked forward to lunch days all year at BPS, raising funds for the Kitchen Garden Program. Thanks S9 kids for helping too.





STOP PRESS!

SAPSASA Grand Final results from Thursday...

Our Netballers came second losing by only 2 goals - bad luck girls

The Soccer boys won by 3 goals - well done guys!



Jonah's boy Jarvis,
wanted to join in and dress up for
Book Week too.



Missing stuff ?

The unnamed, unclaimed lost property
containers from term 2.

Please name your property so it can
find it's way home.



George and Charlie's 5 day old baby
quail is called 'Queenie'.

Stirling Christmas Pageant. Want to help? Let us know...

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Happy Holidays!