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Term 1 2016

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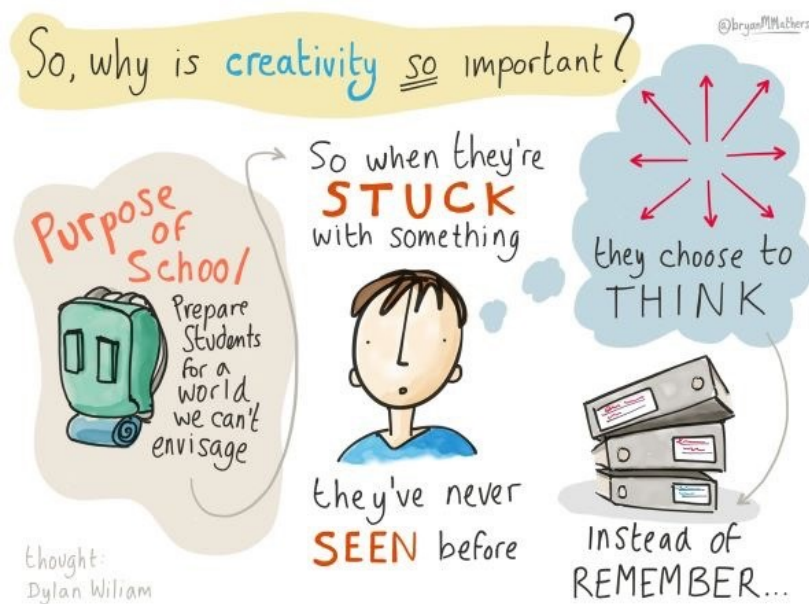
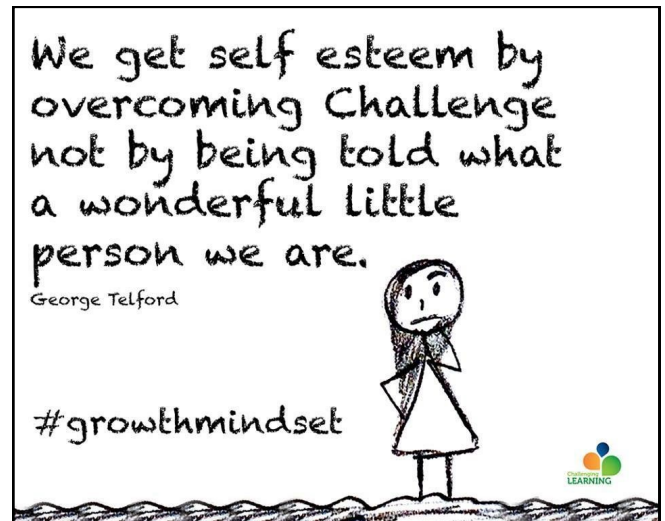
'Busy kids, busy teachers and busy parents' has been the catchcry for Term 1.

With all of the excitement of Mad March in Adelaide, Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp, Sports Day, the Big Bridgey Bush Bash and loads of other fun learning experiences the children have had, I think we are all ready for a bit of a rest!

We hope you enjoy this 'look back' at the start of our year.



Amphitheatre Mural - designed and painted by Jill Halliday (OSHC Director)



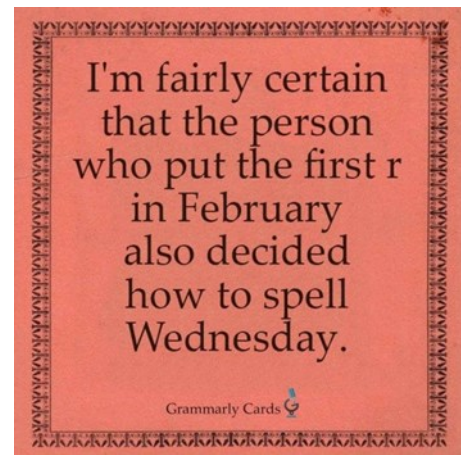
There is a free app called *Learning Potential*, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It's very popular, with over 110,000 downloads since its launch in August 2015. Additional content and functional improvements will continue this year. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit [www.learningpotential.gov.au](http://www.learningpotential.gov.au)



## Teacher Professional Learning

### Independent Spelling for Life

Teachers have been learning about more intellectually engaging ways of teaching Spelling from Reception to Year 7.



We worked with Victorian consultant Chris Killey for a day in Week 6 so we can be better at teaching children to unpack some of the mysteries of how the English language works. This means children are better prepared to spell words that are unfamiliar, based on how they sound and what they have learnt about vowels, consonants and syllables. In the past, many spelling programs taught children to memorise a list of words each week, which some children remembered and used, and some didn't. This new way of teaching Spelling makes the most of sight, sound, movement, song, play, friends, rhyme and pattern, and we know this is how children learn most other important things!

### Growth Mindset

Teachers and members of the Governing Council attended a day with James Anderson in the last week of this term. We will report to you about this learning next term, but for now here are a few explanatory images about Growth Mindset.



## 2 Way Chats

Teachers appreciate the opportunity to speak with you about your child's learning and well-being at these 2 way chats. This is one of the ways we report your child's progress to you. In terms 2 and 4 you will receive a written report that is a snapshot of how your child is achieving in line with the Standards described by the federal government. In term 3 your child will share their learning with you during a presentation that they design to show you what they have learnt, what their challenges are and what they are proud of.

## Nude Food



BPS is a Nude Food school. This means we strongly encourage families to choose healthy, rubbish free food for their lunches and snacks. Nude Food is a fantastic way to teach children about how their every day, simple actions can impact on the environment and their health. We also ask families to consider the way unhealthy food affects (... Barb???)

Focussing on the positive message of :

**'Nude Food = a healthy body + a healthy planet'**

We invite you to please think about how you can reduce the packaging and increase the nutrition in your child's lunch box – and at the same time reduce the rubbish going to landfill and the litter in our yard.

## We are a Nut Aware School

We have several children at our school who have a Health Care Plan because of significant allergy to nuts. Some of these children can have a reaction if they are touched by someone who has eaten nuts, or if they are in the same room as someone eating nuts. This can be very frightening for children and their families, and can cause from mild to severe reactions, even anaphylaxis.

We ask that children do not bring nuts, or foods containing nuts, to school. If your child does have nuts, we ask that they let the teacher know. They can then eat with friends, away from allergic children and wash their hands after eating.

Studios with an allergic child have a notice near their door, but we ask parents to be mindful that nuts are not a safe addition in children's lunch boxes,.

Please follow this link to view the Bridgewater Primary School **NUT AWARENESS POLICY**:

<http://bridgeps.sa.edu.au/policies.html>

**NUT AWARE**







## Studio 7's Focus on hand control in art

### Dyslexia - Take a walk in their shoes...

If you want to experience what it might be like for children with dyslexia, try this link.

<http://bit.ly/1WXnlZe>

Thanks Shaun (S34) for sharing this with us.

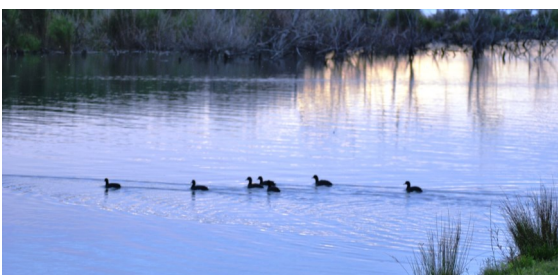
## Studio 8 - Learning about cool and warm colours

### This is our cool city and park





# *Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp*



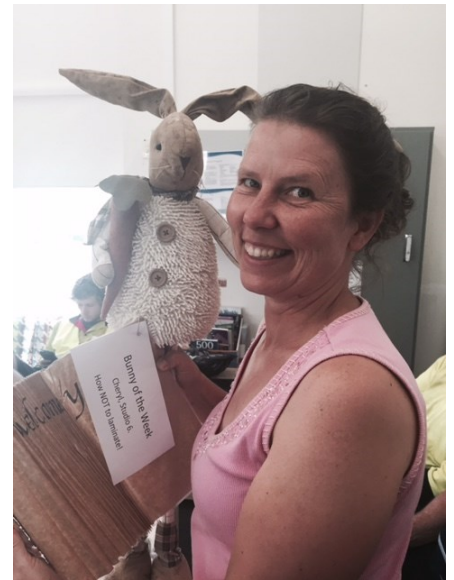




# *Swan Port 2016*







**Bunny of the week**  
Cheryl - How NOT to laminate!



At the Front Office, we often get visits from Penny and all the Studio 7 receptions.



Sometimes  
other critters  
visit too.

Not only did  
this magpie  
pop in,  
a koala  
wondered in  
the front  
door too!



These two both became  
big sisters this term!



# From the Garden to the Plate - Studio 34



This term Studio 34 have had a fantastic time and some great learning in the garden and kitchen. The students have been involved in many garden activities including identifying plants, composting, weeding, propagating and harvesting. Kerrie has been teaching them about water conservation and how to create a sustainable and self-sufficient garden.



It has been exciting for the students to then see the fruits (and vegetables) of their labour in the kitchen being used in delicious recipes by Sam. The smell of fresh basil and other herbs as you walk into the kitchen is just divine.



The students are expected to participate in all aspects of the cooking process including cutting, chopping, grating, frying and baking. They have been taught the correct way to handle a knife and slice in a safe and effective way using the 'bear claw' grip.



It has been great to see children trying new foods and flavours and enjoying a shared meal at the end of these sessions. We have had positive feedback about children using their skills at home too!



The kitchen could not run without our parent volunteers and they seem to really enjoy these sessions as well.



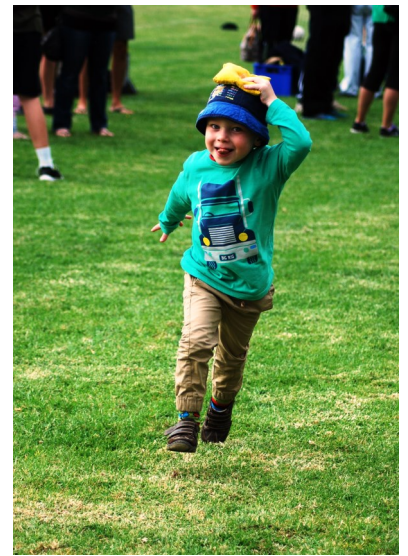
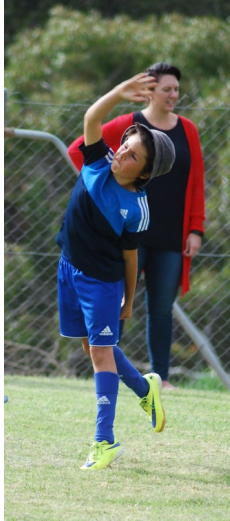




# SPORTS DAY









## SAPSASA

We are pleased to say that SAPSASA was an absolute hit! Our team was very well behaved and there wasn't a single argument. We had quite a few parent helpers on the day, a massive cheer squad and everyone was respectful to one another.

We ended up winning the 'Champion School, Adjusted Award' Shield trophy.

These are some of our students that came first: Benji, Brodie, Wilan, Demelza, Finn.S, Hudson.S, Jaymee, Ella, Romanie, and Tyson. These people, and a whole lot more, will be going to Santos later in the year to represent the Hills.

I think we owe a big thankyou to all that helped make this day happen: Barb (our principal), our SAPSASA coach Meagan, Heather C., Vanessa and all the parents who helped drive people to Oakbank and back, and everyone who came and cheered on Bridgey!



## BPS Equestrian Team

The Bridgewater Equestrian Team competed in its third interschool competition last month.

Aden Armstrong-Lawrance won best Under 7 rider and came second in Smartest on Parade.

Jessica Armstrong was in the top five for the State Qualifier dressage and show jumping tests.

It was a fantastic day with competitions for all ages and riding abilities. There will be at least one more interschool gymkhana this year.

If any other students who ride horses would like to compete in the Bridgewater team please contact Jessica in Jonah's class or email her at

[mattcar2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mattcar2@optusnet.com.au).





## SAPSASA Swimming

Congratulations to Manon (S34)

### Silver medal

Girls Open Medley Relay - Swimming the freestyle leg.

## Lunch and Crunch Volleyball

BPS have a number of dedicated volleyballers who train in their lunchtimes once a week with Yve.



Their commitment was rewarded with a trip to Heathfield High School this week to take part in the annual Lunch & Crunch Volleyball day.

A boys team and girls team played other Hills schools in 4-a-side matches. The emphasis was on fun and our kids had plenty of that! The teams loved the chance to put their training into action on the court with some friendly competition. Heathfield's terrific facilities meant the teams could play on indoor, outdoor and a beach court!



The teams have their eyes on the SAPSASA Primary Schools Knock Out tournament later this year and will continue their hard work and persistence with super coach Yve.







## Studio 6



Studio 6 children start the day with signing in, placing their photo on the 'tree' and reading. Then the children immerse themselves in activities themed around a sound.

These photos show some 'f' activities available this day - funny faces, flight and folding, farm animals, flowers, funny hair seed figures and floating.







Artwork by Studio 1



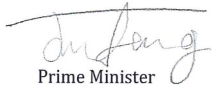
Dear Queen Barb,

I write to inform you that the Student Parliament of B.P.S. has been formed and the positions have been filled. The positions are as following; I, Jessica, as Prime Minister, Janice and Kiran as Treasurers, Emma as the Leader of the Opposition, Aden as Speaker, Manar as Clerk, Kobi as Sergeant-of-Arms, and Tayah as Hansard.

My government will have the following ministries; School & Education, Environment, Aid & Community, Sport and Technology.

I would also like to schedule regular meetings with you to talk about matters of importance. I will be in contact with you soon.

Yours sincerely,

  
Prime Minister  
Jessica

## Student Parliament

*I received the following correspondence from Prime Minister Jessica from our BPS Student Parliament. I have an ex-officio role in this parliament (Queen), but I am often included in the works of various ministries.*

*One of Ms. Jessica's first duties will be to work with the school's leadership team to design and implement a practitioner inquiry into the strategies that best engage our children and teachers as learners.*

*I look forward to working with our Parliament to ensure strong student voice in the workings of our school.*

Barb

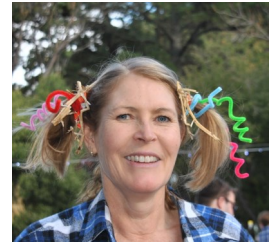


*"Life is very short, and there's no time for fussing and fighting my friends."*









# The Big Bridgely Bush Bash

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## Studio 8 - Brains, brains, brains...

Studio 8 have been learning about brains...

We learnt the different parts of our brains and what they do.

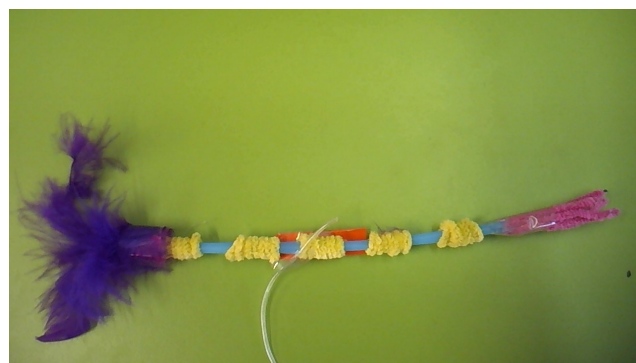
Our cerebellum helps us to move and balance.

We made our brains in lots of different ways and then had a very squishy but scientific afternoon dissecting sheep's brains – yes, real sheep's brains. We even found the amygdala which is really tiny but has the important job of managing our emotions.

Did you know?...

There are 100 billion neurons in our brain.

Brains are like muscles – we can grow what we know by exercising our brain.





# Bridgey Staff Profiles

**Barb Jenkins**



I'm **Barb Jenkins**, and I have had the privilege of working at BPS as the Principal for the last five years. My favourite part of the job is when I get to work in Studios with the children, which isn't as often as I would like. I also love working with this talented and exciting group of educators, as we continue our own professional learning together. I live locally, in the 'House of Perpetual Renovation', so if you see me at the shops I am very likely to be in my old work clothes! I have four adult children, a couple of dogs, including a terrier called Gus who recently graduated as a Therapy Dog. He is very good at listening to reading.

**Amanda Graham**



I'm Amanda. I work in Studio 8 every Wednesday, and in Studio 34 on Mondays with Chantal. I'll also be coming in from time to time as a relief teacher. The year is shaping up to be very exciting and enjoyable. I live in Mylor with Mike, our three teenaged children, Joe, Angus and Jessica, and Scrappy, our dog. When I'm not at BPS I'm usually at home in my own studio, writing and illustrating or dabbling in the garden.

**Catherine Houlahan**



Hi, I'm Catherine and joined Bridgewater PS as a SSO in 2002. I love working with the students in Heysen. Maths is my passion. Seeing the look on a student's face when it finally clicks, is what it's all about. When I'm not at BPS I am walking my dog Dozer or spending time with my husband and 2 children.

**Chantal Berry**



Hi, my name is Chantal and I teach in Studio 34 as well as covering the classes in the Heron studios. My specialty is in teaching dance and I love using dance to teach other areas of the curriculum. Most of my primary school teaching career has been in the UK where I trained as a teacher and worked in a school in Essex. I took a break to raise my children who are still the centre of my life beyond teaching. We returned to Australia 3 years ago to escape the London 'rat race' and love the Hill's lifestyle and culture. Having been trained in a much more controlled education system I really enjoy the creativity that the Australian Curriculum provides. Outside school I teach dance and am involved in promoting dance in education, encouraging and supporting its use in South Australia.

**Cheryl McLean**



I am Cheryl. I live in beautiful Hahndorf with my husband Andy and lovely boy, Charlie. As a family we like to travel, explore, play games, jump on the trampoline, sing and read together! I love working at Bridgewater Primary School because it has such a welcoming feel. The learning is diverse, rich and connected to our families and community. I work at BPS on Thursdays and Fridays. I am looking forward to another busy and fun filled year working and learning together with our wonderful children and Louise in Studio 6.



### **Claire Obrodavic**



Hello, my name is Claire Obrodavic. This will be my sixth year teaching at Bridgewater. My roles include teaching whole school music and teaching in classrooms, this year with Monica in Studio 9. I love working creatively with children and enjoy the opportunity to revisit my own experiences of music at Marryatville High School and playing in bands at Uni. I am passionate about music, environmental and science education, organic gardening, cooking, and I love the beach and the great outdoors. I love and value this school as a parent and feel privileged to work with such a passionate staff.

### **Daryl Miller**



Hi, my name is Daryl Miller. As Groundsman, the tasks I perform here at BPS are mostly outdoors, looking after the grounds, occasionally I get the children to help with special tasks. I also carry out some maintenance and repairs on the buildings, both inside and out. I work at BPS on Thursday, and sometimes Fridays.

### **Gina McKain**



Hi, I'm Gina and I've worked at BPS for approximately 18 years. I love working in the classroom with the children and assisting teachers. My passion is helping children to develop their literacy skills. I also work in the school's library and enjoy browsing book shops to purchase children's books. In my spare time, I enjoy gardening, walking and the beach.

### **Heather Cranna**



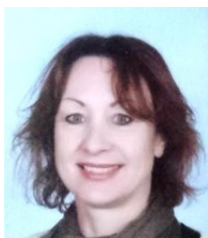
I am one of the 2 Heathers who work at BPS. Working at Bridgewater has always presented interesting, innovative and exciting learning experiences for both adults and students and I have loved the challenges that this presents. This year I am teaching a Year 5/6 class and taking Studio 2 for Maths. Jonah and Steve teach literacy in Studio 1 during this time. I have always been interested and involved in school and SAPSASA sport. When not at school, I can be found in our garden or vineyard. I live at Oakbank with my husband Jon. Our son Sam lives in Mt Barker and our other son is in Melbourne with his partner Mad. and our grandchild Matilda. They have twins due in August so I am taking some leave this year to do the grandmother bit.

### **Heather Van Kaathoven**



Everyone calls me Heather VK, and you will find me in the Tech Room. I coordinate art programs with class teachers across the whole school. I am a self-taught artist with a passion for recycling in my art. I have been at BPS for about 15 years, so when you see my room, you'll see the years of collecting, and I'm still always looking for different things! At home I keep my husband busy with my ideas and visions. I am a grandmother of two and I adore this role!

### **Janice Teunissen**



I work with Tina and Tanja in the administration of BPS. On Wednesday mornings and Fridays I work on the front desk, at other times, I'm tucked away in the 'Uniform Shop'. I live in Bridgewater with my two teenage children, our cat and our dog. I've worked at BPS for 12 years now. It's lovely to see the children grow and develop during their time at BPS, just as my kids did! I love spending time up the river, where we have a family shack, working in my garden and watching my kids play their various sports.



### **Jonah Haines**



I am our year 6/7 teacher and the Deputy Principal. I am dedicated to building strong, positive relationships with my students and work hard to support them to lead their own learning and explore their passions and interests. I believe young people have a strong sense of the world they want to live in and I support them to engage and try and shape the school, local, national and international communities through Student Parliament. I live in Bridgewater and am proud to have my daughter Astrid here at BPS and my son at Bridgey Kindy.

### **Kerrie Rivett**



Hi I'm Kerrie, I run garden classes so I get to work with all the students growing organic produce and working in our fantastic kitchen garden. I have a keen interest in Horticulture, Garden Design, Permaculture, Food Growing and nature in general. I am passionate about living in beautiful, healthy, productive environments and love sharing my knowledge! I also work at a High School with deaf and hearing impaired students who use AUSLAN (sign language) to communicate, which is challenging but fun. This, combined with more sign language study this year is keeping me very busy! I grew up in the Hills and now live at Heathfield with my husband and two children aged 13 and 15, a cat, 7 chickens and a carpet Python named Dr Suess.

### **Liz Sanderson**



Hi, my name is Liz. I have worked at BPS for the last 7 years in various roles. This year I am teaching year 3, 4, and 5 in the Studio 34 team. I am very excited to have new opportunities to challenge and engage students to drive their own learning with the support of a fantastic teaching and learning team. I live in Bridgewater with my husband and 2 boys (9 and 12). I have an escapee Labrador who many of you may have met out and about in Bridgewater. Out of school you will often find me freezing on the edge of a footy or soccer pitch or, in summer, supporting my kids at sailing down at Brighton and Seacliff. It is wonderful to see so many new faces at BPS and I look forward to meeting many of you this year.

### **Louise Bryant**



Hi I'm Louise and I'm in my 8th year at Bridgewater. I have loved this placement - my first in a hill's school and a smaller school. I have been working 3 days a week since I arrived here and have been lucky enough to share classrooms with Liz, Claire, Monica and now Cheryl. Working with a partner is my preferred option as it is rewarding and stimulating and gives us opportunities to share skills and ideas and reflect together. I have adult children and a large extended family with pre-schoolers, primary and secondary children, university students, right through to elderly parents. We all love being together on weekends and having fun.

### **Monica Boehme**



Hello!!

My name is Monica. I am a Year 2/3 teacher at BPS, and am the teacher of the wonderful students in Studio 9. Lucky Me!!!

I live with my family in Nairne... and love living in the beautiful Adelaide Hills.

I have been teaching at BPS since 2007. When in the classroom, I work passionately alongside kids to help students realise the possibilities of their learning journeys.

### **Penny Harris**



Hi I'm Penny. I'm the latest recruit to the awesome staff team here at BPS. I'm in my 10<sup>th</sup> year teaching and I have the best time teaching all the Super Star Receptions in Studio 7, who keep me smiling all day! I live in Onkaparinga Hills with my fiancée Shaun and our Puppy Paddington, a 4 month old Springer Spaniel, who is very cute even though he's a little naughty sometimes. We love animals, and also have three Dwarf Lop Eared Rabbits Lola, Tyrion and Milo. The rabbits take turns being adopted by each of the Studio 7 families on weekends and love the regular cuddles they get each day at school. One day we hope to have a farm with lots of pets. On weekends you will usually find me with my nose in a book - I'm a massive bookworm, growing flowers in my garden, having coffee with friends, writing stories, playing piano or lately, planning my wedding



### **Sam Butcher**



Hi, I'm Sam and I'm the Kitchen Specialist. You can find me in the community kitchen each Friday creating delicious meals with the students using produce from the school kitchen garden. I feel very lucky to be doing work that I truly love!

As well as working here, I'm also the Kitchen Specialist at Littlehampton Primary School, and am currently complementing my Health Sciences degree by doing postgraduate studies in Wellness. I live locally with my partner and our two teenage daughters on a small property with fruit trees and veggie patch, chooks and a long bumpy driveway. (Yep, my car's the muddy one!)

### **Sharon Shepherd**



Hi, I'm Sharon. I am teaching a great group of year 1 and 2 children in Studio 8. I am also the Literacy Coordinator for our school. On Wednesdays I work with teachers to develop literacy and Amanda is in studio 8. I am now settled and loving Meadows. Between my partner Paul and I we have a small 'Brady Bunch' of 4 children from 10 years old up to 22. So life is pretty busy and fun. We enjoy walking, working on our land and spending time with family and friends.

### **Shaun Klingbiel**



Hi, my name is Shaun and this is my seventh year teaching at Bridgewater and I continue to love working here. This year I am team teaching in Studio 34. We have a great class which I am enjoying immensely. I drive up from the burbs four days a week which gives me a chance to listen to the J's. I enjoy camping on the Murray River, outdoor fitness, the beach, surfing and teaching of course.

### **Simone Hera-Singh**



Hi I'm Simone and have worked at BPS for the past 3 years. I work Monday's and Tuesday's, completing all the end of month financial procedures for the school as well as the Bridgewater Kindy. I enjoy working in finance and have done so for the past 15 years in various schools in the state.

### **Steve Gallager**



Hi everyone! I'm teaching in the Upper Primary area on Wednesday and Fridays. I have a drama and music background and enjoy combining the two for student performances. I'm delighted to have joined the Bridgewater team and am already learning lots. When not at Bridgey, I teach drama at Lobethal Primary School. For fun, I play piano, guitar and occasionally the Uke. I also have a very grumpy Golden Retriever called Murph!

### **Tanja Chapman**



Hi my name is Tanja and I have been a member of the Bridgewater PS community since 2010 when my eldest child started school. I have many different faces here at Bridgewater PS, I am a parent, a volunteer and more recently a member of staff. I love the strong community that we have created here at BPS and I enjoy being surrounded by the creative energy of so many amazing little minds and personalities. When I am not here you will find me at a sporting event somewhere cheering on my children, or pursuing further learning in some of my passions, nutritional health, social justice and caring for our environment.



### **Tina Wake**



Hi, I'm Tina and I manage the Front Office. You will find me at the front desk each day (except Wednesday morning and Fridays when Janice or Tanja take over and I work in the Finance office). It's hard to believe I started working here in 2000, but I still enjoy meeting all the new families and helping everyone where I can. When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time with my husband Phil, planning our new house at Back Valley. We have three adult children - that's a scary thought! Sometimes they are at home if they're not travelling around the world or at Uni or work. We have a kelpie that I walk every day. I also enjoy Pilates, yoga, reading, sewing, basket making and baking.

### **Vanessa Hiser**



At Bridgewater, I work as both a relief teacher and counsellor; I have taught at several schools, but enjoy Bridgewater's friendly, supportive environment. I previously worked with Anglicare in child protection and have qualifications in grief and palliative care counselling. Ensuring children feel safe and confident is my primary goal, and I work with individuals and groups to build the social and personal skills children need to be resilient and engaged learners. Outside of school, I have two teenagers and a husband as well as two woolly dogs, whose main role is to keep me sane! I play a lot of netball as a gym avoidance strategy and enjoy learning new things: at the moment it is Braille typing, but I hope to learn sign language too. Say 'hello'; I'm very happy to discuss, exchange ideas and help out with any concerns or general development/childcare questions you may have.

### **Yvette Cole**



Hi, I am Yvette Cole and I teach Indonesian to all the students here at BPS. I have taught for many years now in various roles and in different schools. This is my second year at BPS. This year I am also coaching volleyball to some of the senior students on a Wednesday lunch time. Outside of school, I enjoy being a mum of two and spend much of my free time exploring beautiful trails on my mountain bike. INDOfest will again be running this year, so keep an eye out for further details around September, all families are welcome.



See You Later, Alligator.



**IN A WHILE, CROCODILE.**

out the Door, Dinosaur.

**CHOP CHOP, LOLLIPOP**

See you soon, Baboon.

**TAKE CARE, POLAR BEAR.**

Give a Hug, Ladybug.

**IN AN HOUR, SUNFLOWER.**

Maybe two, kangaroo.

**BETTER SWISH, JELLYFISH**

Chow Chow, Brown Cow

**BETTER SHAKE, RATTLESNAKE**

Bye, Bye, Butterfly

**GOTTA GO, BUFFALO.**

Let's jam, Sam.

**BLOW A KISS, GOLDFISH**

Be Sweet, Parakeet.



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