



‘The Bittern Buzz’

~ Newsletter ~

Term 3 2019 - Week 1



DIARY DATES 2019

JULY

25th— Plant a Tree Day
31st—100 Days Of Prep

AUGUST

1st— Whole School Excursion
2nd— Jeans For Genes Day
 (Free Dress in Jeans)
 Cookie Dough Fundraiser
 Ends
19th—Book Week
 Dress as favourite Book
 Character, Parade @ 9am
21st—James Hart Visiting
 Author
22nd—House Athletics
23rd—CURRICULUM DAY
 STUDENT FREE DAY
29TH—District
 Athletics
30th—Dads
 Brekky

On Wednesday the 19th June, two teams from Bittern Primary (Navy and Sky) ventured to BlueScope Steel in Hastings to take part in the Somerville Rotary ISAC STEM Challenge.

The Navy team consisted of; Kohan Lillywhite, Henry Graham, Gillian Harvey and Kaos Trigwell. The Sky team consisted of; Aiden Murray, Georgia Mur, Sam Davis and Maddi Witt.

The challenge was to build a bridge spanning 720mm and at least 55mm wide using a set number of icy pole sticks, a deck of playing cards, some twine and fixers including drawing pins, double sided tape and staples.

The main criteria was to support as much weight as possible using the least materials. Awards were also given for aesthetics.

There was a bit of pressure on our sides as we were the inaugural winners and title holders from 2018.



STEM

Both teams performed sensationally. All teams had an hour for their construction based on previously submitted plans. As the countdown approached there were frenzied directions being issued by all teams. Our teams worked fantastically in terms of communication, collaboration and job allocation. Sky team loaded 3.75 kg in tuna cans on their bridge to be right up there with the leaders.

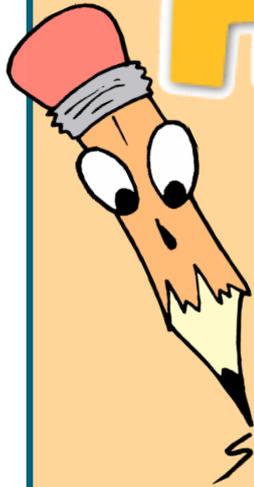
The excitement was building as other teams were tested. Our Navy team took the lead with the bridge supporting 4.5 kg in weight and only a handful of teams to test. Unfortunately they were beaten into second place with the winning team loading 7.5kg in weight but a fantastic result. First and second in two years.

The discussion heading home in relation to the building construction of bridges which we passed over, the material and engineering requirements needed, demonstrated the great opportunity this challenge provided. The \$300 second place winners prize was also appreciated.



We look forward to this challenge in 2020!





Homework Help

Have some fun with spelling! Here are some ideas to get you started. What other fun activities can you think of?

- ⇒ Write each word 5 times, using a different colour each time.
- ⇒ Type your spelling words 10 times, using a different font each time.
- ⇒ Create a comic strip. Add captions that use 5 of your words.
- ⇒ Write the words in ABC order.
- ⇒ Cut each spelling word out of a newspaper or magazine. Glue all the words on a piece of paper.
- ⇒ Write a sentence for each spelling word, but leave out the spelling words. List all the words on the page. Ask a family member to add the correct spelling word to each sentence.



Raising Awareness

There is so much to love about Bittern Primary School— the community feel, our fabulous new gardens and the coolest office ladies you’ve ever met. One thing that stands out about our community though, is the way we “rally” together for a good cause. On Friday 21st June, we came to school in our PJ’s to raise money for MND Australia. We are so proud of our families! We raised \$204.05—go team!



Motor neuron disease (MND) is the name given to a group of diseases in which these neurons fail to work normally. Muscles then gradually weaken and waste, as neurons degenerate and die. Nerve cells (neurons) control the muscles that enable us to move, speak, breathe and swallow.



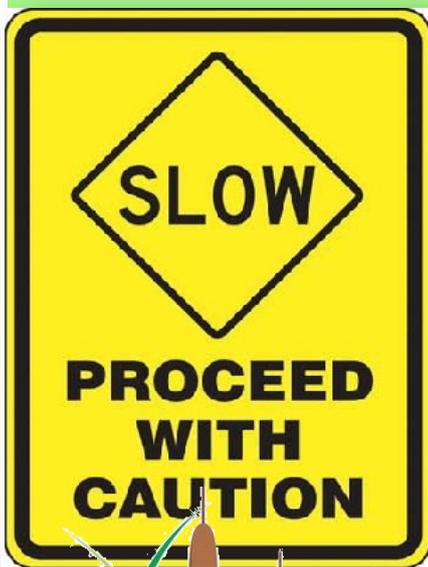
A few notes..



IN 2 WEEKS - Bunnings sausage sizzle will be on Saturday 27th July. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare an hour or two to help raise money for our wonderful school, please see the ladies at the Office ASAP!



All students and parents, please be careful when walking or driving on Myers Road. There have been reports of students and parents having close calls, near misses and accidents. For everyone's safety, please use the designated crossing spots.



Now that we are in winter, please ensure your child brings the appropriate clothing to school with them. Feel free to buy plain navy blue jumpers, as we have iron-on Bittern P.S logos available for purchase in the office for \$2. Have you lost your school uniform? Come to the front office and we'll have a look in our ever-growing lost property tub!



2019 Parent Opinion Survey



Tell us what you think...

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July** to **Sunday 11th August**.

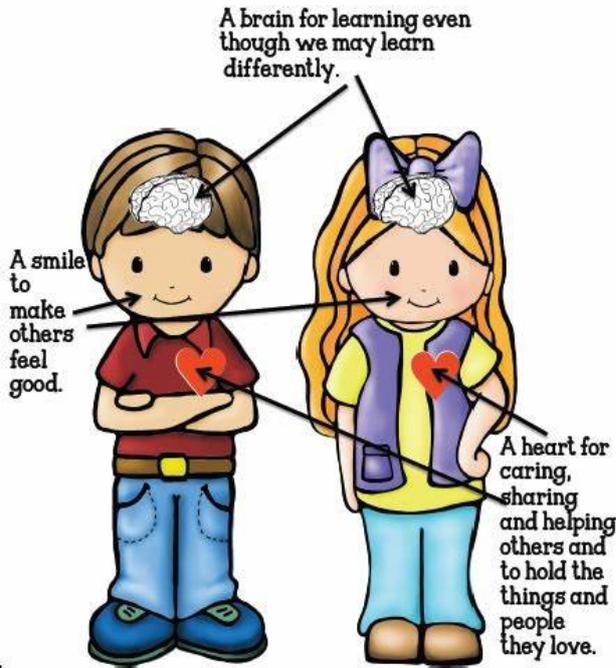
The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



Mindful Matters

Every Student Comes to School With...



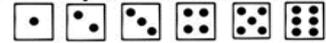
SUDOKU

Name _____ Date _____

Dice Sudoku Puzzle

LEVEL 40

Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the larger four squares contain all of these dice:



Draw the missing dice. Check your work.

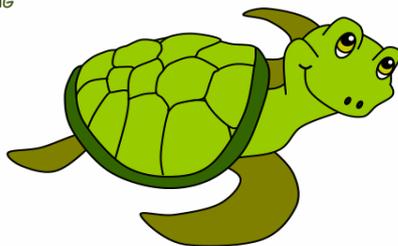
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Turtle Word Search

O Q F F H C T N E L R S E M T
 G H H S K A R E I L H E A J R
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 N O R T S A L P L T A T P I B
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- TURTLE
- SHELL
- CARAPACE
- SCALES
- SCUTES
- NATAL
- MATAMATA
- PLASTRON
- TESTUDINE
- REPTILE
- BASKING
- BITE
- RIVER
- OCEAN
- POND
- HIDE
- ROUGH
- SWIM
- CRAWL
- FLIPPER



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WE ARE HOLDING A BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER—IT IS A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL AND WE WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT—SO LOOK OUT FOR THE ORDER FORMS GOING HOME SOON...

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19TH JULY

Blue Light

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

HASTINGS ONESIE BLUE LIGHT DISCO

19TH JULY
6-8PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$6 ENTRY

HASTINGS COMMUNITY HALL
3 HIGH STREET, HASTINGS

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HASTINGS BLUE LIGHT DISCO
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13

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Mount Martha House Community Centre

TERM 3 WORKSHOPS / CLASSES

20 Jul-24 Aug 10am-12 noon	Watercolour Painting Classes	Suitable for Beginners and Experienced Painters Bookings Essential Dylan Shearsby 0410 512 559 dylansketchbook@gmail.com
Wed 24 July 11.30am-12.30pm	Community Kitchen Garden Meeting	Invite your friends and family! Would you like to help us plant our raised garden vegetable beds? Help to promote healthy sustainable living. Then come along to find out more. Various options will be discussed. Register your attendance - mountmarthahouse@mompn.vic.gov.au
Sat 17 August 6pm-9pm	Women's Craft Night - Paint a simple canvas	Get together with your girlfriends to indulge in some creative time. We'll paint, craft and DIY amid some laughs and banter. \$99pp, all materials and snacks included Bookings Essential Claire Eales 0416 220 567 / contact@compelledtocreate.com.au
Saturday 24 August 10am-12 noon	Aromatherapy/ Essential oils and Bush Flower Workshop	You will learn basic knowledge of how essential oils and bush essences work and how to incorporate them into your health and wellness. Price \$45/Concession \$40 3 free take home products: spray/roller/inhaler that you have created yourself. Resource notes includes tea/coffee/snacks Bookings Essential Wendy Ronalds 0418574524
Sunday 21 September 1pm-3pm	Beeswax Wraps Workshop	This workshop is open to people ages 8+ and will include all supplies needed to make 3 completed wraps per ticket. DIY kits are also available to purchase - providing you with an additional 3 wraps. \$42 per person. Including light afternoon tea Bookings Essential ktsgumtree@icloud.com
TERM 4 Expressions of Interest	Become a Mental Health First Aider	About 1 in 5 Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Mental Health First (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support someone with a mental health problem. Make a real difference to people in your community. Service Provider - Mental Health First Aid Australia Delivered over 2 x Saturdays 10am-4pm \$180 Deborah Mulqueen 0411 821 998
Fri 27 Sept		End of Term 3

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