

Bakewell Bulletin



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Important Dates

9 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
10 Apr	Public Holiday— Good Friday
13 Apr	Public Holiday— Easter Monday
14-17 Apr	Mid Semester Break
20 Apr	Term 2 Commences
25 Apr	ANZAC Day

Visit the Bakewell Primary School website for the full list of important dates and events



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Dear Parents & Carers,

These are difficult times we are living in. Our school community is faced with many challenges and our thoughts are with families as they navigate the days ahead. On Sunday night the Prime Minister announced that parents would have the option of not sending their children to school. This information was reiterated by the Northern Territory's Chief Minister on Monday morning. Some parents have chosen this option and our school is working with them to ensure that students receive work packs to enable continued learning during their absence. For those students attending school it is business as usual. Our staff are committed to ensuring quality education until the end of term. We are also committed to relaying information to parents as it is given to us by the Department of Education. Currently we live in a constantly changing landscape and are taking our direction on a day-to-day basis. We understand that this can be difficult for our students and parents and we are here to help wherever we can. If your child is experiencing high levels of anxiety and uncertainty please let us know and we will connect them with our School Counsellor.

The health and safety of our staff and students is paramount. On Tuesday you would have received a letter from me outlining some of the safety measures we have in place to

protect our school community. We have engaged in extra cleaning services throughout the day to maintain good hygiene. We have asked that students bring their own water bottle from home and take it home each evening for cleaning. Handwashing procedures within classrooms have increased and we are encouraging students to use safe hygienic practices.

We are also asking that parents wait outside classrooms to collect students (Transition to Year 6) to ensure that we conform to social distancing requirements within our classrooms. We acknowledge that in the normal school day it is difficult to maintain social distancing requirements within the classroom setting but are doing our best to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for your help in this matter and for understanding our need to exclude parents from the classroom. Our Preschool parents are being asked to change routine in the drop-off and collection of the children as well. This will include a maximum of one adult to drop off children into the Preschool room.

Unfortunately, birthday cakes and shared food platters for birthday celebrations are also a casualty of our current situation. Whilst we cannot allow cakes or shared food please rest assured that we will help your child to celebrate their birthday with a rousing rendition of the happy birthday song.

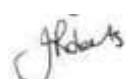
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Due to the increasing number of students and high class numbers a decision has been made to form a new class. This class will be a Year 4/5 class. We have recruited Ms Kate Brady who may be familiar to some long-term Bakewell families as she has taught here previously. The new class will commence in Week 10 and will be situated in F8. We welcome Kate back to the Bakewell family.

Car parking is a constant challenge at Bakewell. I fully understand the frustration that parents and carers face at drop-off and pickup time. Please rest assured that I am working alongside the School Board to alleviate issues faced as soon as we possibly can. We are currently in negotiation with the Department for more parking areas. Until we can achieve this I implore all parents to please park in designated parking spots and not in areas that present safety issues for our students.

I'm Yours in Education



Jackie Roberts
Principal

Back to School Payment

If you have not yet used your child/ren's Back to School Payment, please do so as soon as possible. These must be redeemed by the end of Term 1, Thursday 9 April.

The Back to School Payment is issued to all students from the Northern Territory Government.

Update your details

It is important that the school has your current contact information for your child/ren.

Please contact the Front Office on 8997 7400 or admin1@ntschoools.net if your details have recently changed.



**Your
Contact
Details**

Kiss and Go

Parents must not leave their vehicles while parked in the Kiss and Go Lane. This is for Drop Off and Pick Up only. If you need to come into the school or front office please park your car in a designated parking space. If one is not available drive around the block again and it is almost certain one will become available.

Drivers, please move forward in the Kiss and Go Lane so other vehicles can come in safely from behind. It is important to keep the traffic flowing through the car park so you need to drive as far forward as you can in the Kiss and Go Lane. Your children will still be able to find you.

To assist with car parking issues we are asking parents and carers, where possible, to try and coordinate a staggered Drop off and Pick up times:

Early Childhood (Preschool – Year 2)
Drop-off at 7:50am – 8:00am
Pick-up at 2:30pm – 2.45pm

Primary Years
Drop-off at 7:40am - 7:50am
Pick-up at 2:40pm – 2:50pm

Bakewell School Supported Playgroup

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Bakewell School Supported Playgroup will be closed for the remainder of Term 1.

We will keep you updated when we will recommence Playgroup.



Board Corner

The Bakewell Independent School Board met earlier this month. During this meeting the Board commenced planning for the forward direction for 2020. One of the key items to continue working towards is an additional carpark. This process can take time and we will provide updates as the process continues.

The Board is in massive support of the dedicated work that Bakewell staff is doing to ensure a safe environment for our students to continue their learning. Jackie Roberts provided the Board information of the work they are doing to ensure families are well informed of updates or changes that have occurred with the Coronavirus.

School Counsellor



Hi Bakewell students, families and community,

With a pandemic turning lives upside down around the Territory and across the globe, many parents are suddenly finding themselves overwhelmed more than ever. Sudden expectations of self-isolation, social distancing and limited toilet paper is a tricky landscape to navigate through. Remind yourself that although this pandemic is very serious, strive for a calm attitude and convey to your children your belief that everything will return to normal, at some stage.

Things to focus on:

1. Most children will remember how their home felt during the Coronavirus panic. So, make time for playfulness, curiosity and light-heartedness. Use this as an opportunity to make memories with your family, ones that your children will reflect on for the rest of their lives. Play board games and colour together. Get on the floor with your children and play with them. Take silly photos and make art. As Dr Kennedy says, 'wire our kids for resilience, not panic'.
2. Stay healthy. This means exercising regularly and eating well. When you tell your children to wash their hands, don't just say they need to do it in order keep themselves or the family healthy. Tell them they need to wash their hands in order to keep everyone healthy, and explain why. Germs, like love and care, move between us. Being aware of the former is a way to share the latter.
3. Stay informed. Connect in with the most reliable media sources and avoid the rumour mill on social media. <https://www.health.gov.au/>
4. Manage the big feelings and anxiety. As parents you are used to a baseline of anxiety. What makes coronavirus anxiety so much worse than typical parenting anxiety is that there is a deeper uncertainty about how it will play out. Don't sit with this alone. When there is a crisis, you should talk to people you trust. Technology can be amazing, use to stay connected. Most mental health services are now using online platforms. Check out the 24 hour mental health hotlines that are available. <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/mental-health/24-hour-mental-health-hotlines>

We are in this together. If there is a silver lining in all this, or at least a lesson that we might want to impart to our children, it's this. In our cities, our

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school, our classrooms, our workplace and our homes, we are being forced to realise that life works better when we can depend on one another and do the right thing. Be generous and spread kindness.

Dr Joanne Wicks, PhD

School Counsellor

COVID 19 - School Action



The following precautionary actions have been put in place at Bakewell Primary School:

- All upcoming assemblies will be cancelled until the end of Term 1. This will be reviewed in Term 2.
- With cancelled assemblies, Bakewell will be sharing class performances through the Seesaw App for Parents and Carers.
- Social Distancing is being implemented throughout the School and we request Parents/Carers remain outside the classrooms for Transition to Year 6. Preschool will only be allowing one Parent/Carer to enter to Preschool classrooms.
- Hygiene practices are implemented into all classes.
- All upcoming excursions for Term 1 are cancelled.
- All students who have opted to stay at home can make contact with their classroom teacher to discuss at home learning resources.
- We ask that students have an individual water bottle for school each day. This is to assist with good hygiene and minimise the spread of germs with the use of individual water bottles. Students will be reminded to take water bottles home each day to be cleaned.
- No Birthday cake/cupcakes as well as a no sharing of food for Birthday Celebrations during this time.

We will continue to provide updates via Facebook and through school communications.

Practising Good Hygiene

Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty



If your hands are not visibly dirty, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue



Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick



Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste



Protect others from getting sick



Avoid close contact when you are experiencing cough and fever

Avoid spitting in public



If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider



NAPLAN

On Friday 20 March 2020, state, territory and federal Education Ministers decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020 due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled to be held from 12 to 22 May.

The wellbeing and safety of our staff and students is our highest priority at this time and the decision to not proceed with NAPLAN 2020 has been made to enable schools to focus on the delivery of continued learning for students and preparedness for emergency planning.

The decision not to proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 also means that the scheduled testing of the NAPLAN Online platform on Monday 23 March, known as the Coordinated Practice Test (CPT), did not proceed. We are receiving regular and ongoing advice from the Australian Government and the NT Health Officer in regards to Coronavirus and making the necessary preparations in line with the advice that we are receiving.

New Faces Around Bakewell



Name: Lauren Grant

Position at Bakewell: Year 2 Teacher

What do you love about your job: I love working with kids every day. It doesn't feel like a job.

Why did you choose Bakewell: I felt right at home from the first time I visited Bakewell.

What is your favourite program/initiative, that is run at Bakewell Primary: I'm excited to learn more about BECA.

What was your favourite subject at School: I liked learning French and was lucky enough to go on a school trip to France in high school.

Do you have a favourite Quote: Let it go, let it out, let it all unravel. Let it free and it can be a path on which to travel – Michael Leunig.

Where is your favourite holiday destination or the place you would most like to visit: I loved Switzerland and I can't wait to go back and spend more time there.



Name: Mikah Delamotte

Position at Bakewell: Year 4 Teacher

What do you love about your job: The light bulb moment when students learn something new.

Why did you choose Bakewell: I wanted to work at a school within the community my family and I are from.

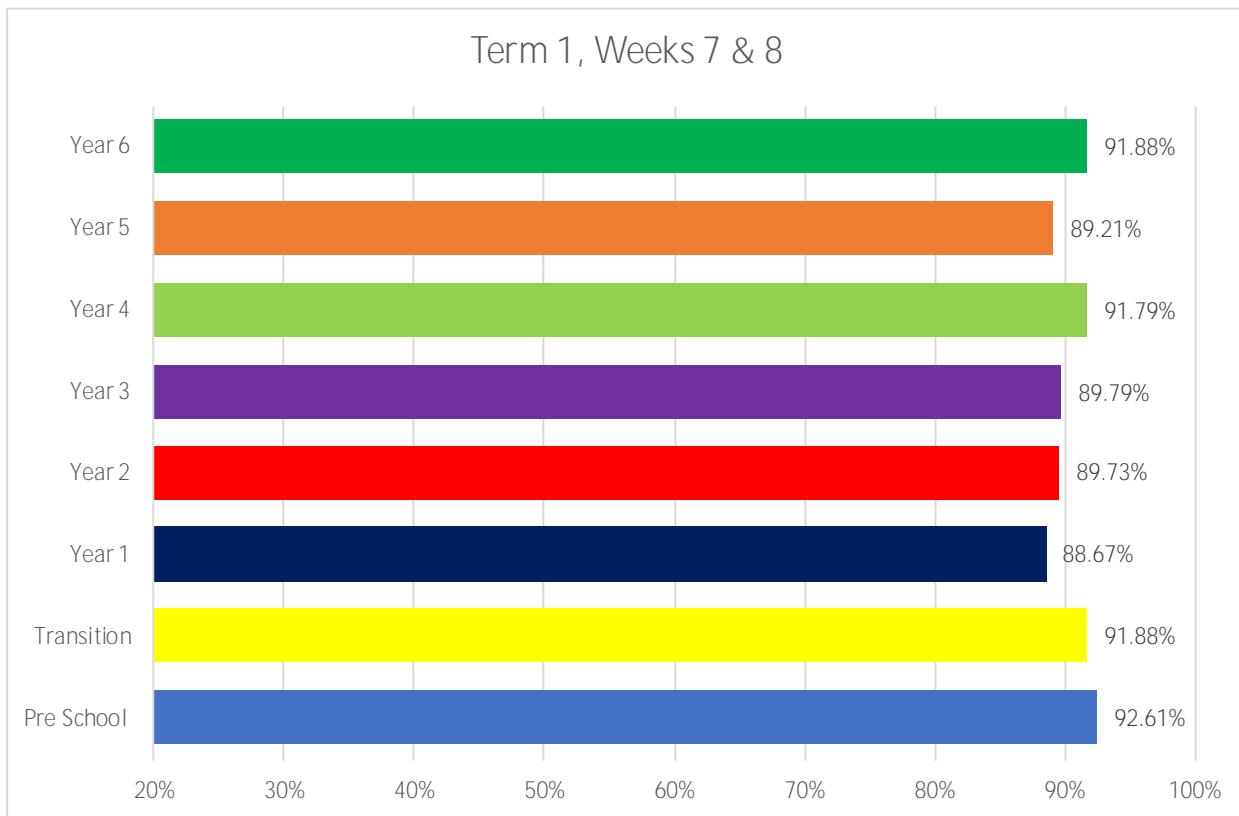
What is your favourite program/initiative, that is run at Bakewell Primary: I love the 1:1 iPad program.

What was your favourite subject at School: PE and English

Do you have a favourite Quote: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Where is your favourite holiday destination or the place you would most like to visit: I love going to Bali with my family.

Attendance - Weeks 7 & 8



Upcoming Events, See our website for more details.

News & Events

Merit Awards—Term 1, Weeks 7 and 8

Week 7

T/B	Eliza Logan	1/B	Tiffany Preston	2/G	Taidan Harrison
T/P	Alice Yash	1/F	Rafeal Amelia	2/P	Sara Lachlan
T/T	Awak Skyla	1/G	Morrison Harry	2/K	Isabella Zahra
T/F	Zurahai Harper	1/C	Caleb Ronald-John	2/L	Joshua Khloe
T/1K	Olivia Caelan	1/L	Tayte Arlo	2/M	Lane Angus

Week 8

T/B	McKinley Charlotte	1/F	Ivy Pasidlhi	2/K	Braiden Milani
T/P	Akilina Ethan	1/G	Ruby-Lee Seth	2/L	Skyler Sagalveer
T/T	Ava Russell	1/C	Kiara Matilda	2/M	Nathan Tilly
T/F	Caitlin Logan	1/L	Makayla Cooper		
T/1K	Logan Jordan	2/G	Nicole James	★ Congratulations! ★	
1/B	Daniel Mia	2/P	Bonnie Rocco		

Bakewell Extra Curricular Activities (BECA) - Term 2 Registrations

BECA Registration Instructions

Online

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and type in the code **2qztu**. Enter your information and first activity preference. If the student limit for the activity is reached, please enter your second preference. Bookings are now open.

Email - Registration is to be done online where possible. Online enrolment option is the best option to use to get your choice because you know immediately if there is a place available.

Send an email to BECA Administration, beca.bakewell@ntschoools.net with the following information:

- Parent name/contact
- Child/children's name/s & class
- The activity you would like them to take part in.

Registration closes Wednesday 1st April at 8pm.

Please contact BECA Administration on 8997 7400 or by email beca.bakewell@ntschoools.net if you have any questions.

A confirmation email will be sent to you to advise if the chosen activity will or will not go ahead on the 2nd April 2020.



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