

# Brighton Brief T1W6

7 March 2025

Brighton-Le-Sands Public School Newsletter



Save the Date

## Week 7

Monday 10 March

- Sydney East swimming

Wednesday 12 March

- NAPLAN 3/5 Writing
- Stage 3 camp Parent info session 5.00pm-5.30pm

Thursday 13 March

- NAPLAN 3/5 Reading

Friday 14 March

- NAPLAN 3/5 catch up

## Week 8

Monday 17 March

- NAPLAN 3/5 Language

Tuesday 18 March

- NAPLAN 3/5 Numeracy

Wednesday 19 March

- NAPLAN 3/5 Catch up

## Week 9

Tuesday 25 March

- Evacuation drill scheduled

## Week 10

Tuesday 1 April

- Author incursion
- 2026 School Tour 9.30am

## The Importance of School Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital for your child's educational success. The NSW Department of Education emphasises that students who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve academic success, build strong social skills, and develop a positive attitude towards learning. Attendance plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our students, and as a school community, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

At a recent meeting with the Department on our attendance data, it was identified that our school has too many unexplained absences.

## Reporting Absences Efficiently

Parents are obligated to inform the school of any absences as soon as possible. The most efficient method to notify us is through School Bytes. Using School Bytes, you can quickly and easily mark your child absent, ensuring that our records are up-to-date and accurate. This tool helps us manage attendance effectively and ensures that your child's absence is recorded correctly.

School Bytes also sends both parents and carers an email at 10.00am each day if their child is away. This also gives families an opportunity to send an absence reason.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in fostering a culture of consistent attendance. Together, we can ensure that every child has the best opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Matthew Ackerman  
Principal (rel)

## NAPLAN 2025

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March. NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The public demonstration site <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan> and the NAP website <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, including questions about disability adjustments for your child or about Ramadan and provisions for students, please contact the school.



## Stage 3 Canberra Camp

All parents and carers of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to an information session on Wednesday 12 March at 5.00pm to hear our plans for the Stage 3 camp to Canberra this year. As this camp is part of our curriculum and democracy learning, we want all students to be able to attend this camp in June this year. Please come along and hear from our experienced teachers and ask your questions.



## Dance group initiative

In 2025 our school is trialling a new dance group initiative run by a third party provider. An expression of interest has been sent out over the past few weeks. The Year 1 and 2 group is now full, however there are spaces in the Year 3 and 4 group. This expression of interest will be opened up to Stage 2 families. These dance groups will be performing at assemblies, SPAF concert and other school events throughout the year.

If you have any questions about the group, please contact Ms Kapp through the school email.



## Swimming Success

Congratulations to all of our swimmers that represented Brighton Le Sands at last weeks Zone Swimming Carnival. Thanks to Mr Trompp and Mrs Petrevski for their support of the event. At this weeks assembly we acknowledged and celebrated the success of all students, and in particular the Junior and Senior girls relay teams who won their events and will represent our school at Sydney East on Monday.



*Sharyn Wood (presented trophy in her honour), Amali, Hamaisa, Marvelyn, Blayke*



*Tracey McKinnery (presented trophy in her honour), Rosie, Scarlett, Claire, Elisabetta*



*Tracey McKinnery, Scarlett - 12 years girls champion  
Special mention - Scarlett for qualifying for every event enrolled,  
Marvelyn and Amali qualifying for 9 years girls 50 metres freestyle.*

### Storm Boy



**Storm Boy** is a story about a young boy who lives on the coast of Australia with his father. It is a heartwarming story set in the Coorong region.

**Storm Boy** has a deep connection with Mr. Percival, a pelican who follows him everywhere. Their bond is a central theme in the story, showcasing the importance of friendship and compassion. As Storm Boy navigates the challenges of growing up, Mr. Percival remains a constant source of comfort and companionship.

**Storm Boy** is a story about friendship, loss, and the importance of nature.

The narrative, **Storm Boy** is the English focus for 6D in Term One.



# FIND US ONLINE!

The P&C are now operational and all uniform orders and information can be found on our website. This is a wonderful way for us to connect the community with our services and provide a platform for what's happening and how you can be involved.



## WHAT CAN WE FIND ON THE WEBSITE?

- Get to know the P&C
- Events and what's happening
- Important links
- Uniform shop online ordering
- Canteen updates and menu
- Enquires and contact

**ORDER  
ONLINE**



## HOW TO ORDER UNIFORMS ONLINE?

- Go to [www.brighton-le-sands-public-school-p-c-uniform.square.site](http://www.brighton-le-sands-public-school-p-c-uniform.square.site)
- Scroll down to the uniform shop link
- Choose to browse all or find the category you are looking for to access sport, summer, winter or accessories
- Select item, size, pick up and then add to cart
- Check out and provide your child's name and class in the notes to ensure we can deliver the items to your child's class
- Pay via credit card

Please be patient with us as this is run by volunteers and we may experience some teething issues in these initial stages. If you have any problems or issues please email them to [enquiryblsps@outlook.com](mailto:enquiryblsps@outlook.com) and we will address them as soon as possible.



# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

## Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

## My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

## Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

# Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



# CANTEEN MENU 2025

ALL ITEMS AVAILABE EVERYDAY UNLESS STATED



FRESH SANDWICHES <span>CM</span>	
Vegemite	<span>V</span> \$3.00
Jam	<span>V</span> \$3.00
Cheese	<span>V</span> \$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50
Egg	<span>V</span> \$5.00
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	<span>V</span> \$6.00
Chicken Strip Sandwich (6 Strips)	\$7.50
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, carrot & Cucumber)	<span>V</span> \$4.50
Tuna	\$4.50

HOT JAFFLES <span>CM</span>	
Cheese	<span>V</span> \$4.50
Pizza (Ham, cheese, pizza sauce)	\$6.00
Cheese & Tomato	<span>V</span> \$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$5.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00

SNACKS	
Anzac Biscuits	<span>V</span> \$1.00
Fresh Piece of Fruit - Seasonal	<span>V</span> <span>CM</span> \$1.50
Muffin of the Day	<span>V</span> <span>CM</span> \$2.00
Popcorn - Sea Salt	<span>V</span> \$2.00
Red Rock Deli Chips - Sea Salt, Sweet Chilli	<span>V</span> \$2.00
Rice Cakes	<span>V</span> \$1.50
Veggie Stick and Dip Cup Cucumber, Celery & Carrot with Hommus or Tzatziki	<span>CM</span> \$3.00
Yoghurt Pouch	<span>V</span> \$2.00
Cheese & Cracker Pack	<span>V</span> <span>CM</span> \$3.00

OPTIONAL EXTRAS <small>FULL LIST OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON MUNCH MONITOR</small>	
# Wraps	\$1.00
# Cheese	\$1.00
# Ham	\$2.00
# Egg	\$2.00
# Avocado	\$1.50
# Tomato or BBQ sauce	\$0.50

HOT FOOD	
Garlic Bread	<span>CM</span> \$2.50
Chicken Strips x3	<span>H</span> \$2.50
2 min Noodles <small>N/A FRIDAY</small>	<span>V</span> \$3.50
Meat Pie	\$5.50
Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Spinach and Cheese Roll	<span>V</span> \$5.00

NOTE: PRICES & ITEMS CAN CHANGE AT ANYTIME

- CM CANTEEN MADE
- GF GLUTEN FREE
- V VEGETARIAN
- H HALAL



**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE BY 9AM**

**ONLINE ORDERS**

[www.munchmonitor.com.au](http://www.munchmonitor.com.au)

**No phone orders or over the counter orders accepted**

# CANTEEN MENU 2025

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DAILY DEALS DAILY SPECIALS	
<b>MONDAY</b> GF available +\$1	
Penne Napolitana	<span>CM</span> \$5.50
Penne Bolognese	<span>CM</span> \$6.00
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Nachos - topped with grated cheese and salsa	<span>GF</span> <span>CM</span> \$4.50
Bean Nachos - topped with grated cheese, beans and salsa	<span>CM</span> \$5.50
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Pizza Cheese	<span>V</span> \$4.50
Pizza Zaatar	<span>V</span> \$3.50
Pizza Lebanese Meat	<span>H</span> \$6.00
Pizza Ham & Cheese	\$5.00
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Veggie Burger - veggie patty, tomato sauce, lettuce, bun	<span>CM</span> \$6.00
Beef Burger - beef patty, tomato sauce, lettuce, bun	<span>CM</span> \$6.50

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or  
**Money & Order to be placed in class basket**

**No phone orders accepted**

Want to organise a birthday surprise for your child and their classmates but don't have the time. Why not order an ice-block bucket for them to share with their friends! Organised and delivered by the canteen.



BIRTHDAY BUCKETS	
25 Berri Quelch Ice Blocks Per Bucket Years K-2	\$20.00
30 Berri Quelch Ice Blocks Per Bucket Years 3-6	\$24.00

DRINKS	
Water - 600ml	\$2.00
OAK Chocolate Milk - 300ml	\$3.00
OAK Chocolate Strawberry - 300ml	\$3.00
Juice - Apple, Orange, Berry	\$2.50
Chill J's	\$2.50

FROZEN OPTIONS	
Berri Quelch Ice Blocks Orange, mango, Pineapple & Tropical	\$1.00
Juicies Flavours Subject to availability Lemonade, Wild berry & Tropical	\$2.00
Moosies	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt Cup	\$2.50
Icy Twist	\$2.00

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