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Numerous rogue
70's sports greats @
BSPS Trivia 2018

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Term 2 is done!

As we close the gate on another massive term at Bourkey, we've put together a snapshot of news from the term, and there's plenty to showcase!

We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 30th May and had a wonderful turn out. It was a great chance to reflect on the 2017 year and all that has been contributed to and achieved by children, parents and teachers within our amazing community. All Executive positions were up for election and we warmly welcomed **Emma Doran** to the position of P&C Secretary – congrats Emma! **Graham Cousens** moved into the newly vacant Vice-President role as we fondly farewelled a P&C stalwart – **Sean Murray**. **Neil Barnett** and I were re-elected for an encore!

We had a brilliant social night on the 14th June at our annual Trivia event. It was a record-breaking night, with more parents than ever before joining in the fun. 200+ 70's sporting greats were out in force! The Ma's and Pa's Band put on a brilliant show – read on for photographic evidence! Huge thanks and admiration to **Charlotte Lange** who coordinated a spectacular event. Also to our three compares – **Kate Richardson**, **Adam Bradley** and **James Christopherson** – great outfits, tricky questions, top notch banter! Thanks one, thanks all.

More Term 2 achievements to report on – Year 3 & 6 hosted a wonderful Mother's Day stall, we've had two successful special food days at the canteen, and we secured a really important partnership with The Girls & Boys Brigade. Read all about it in the next few pages! Look forward to seeing you all next term – have a great break!

Amelia Birch P&C President (mum of Oscar, 1M & Felix, KS)



Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25 July 2018, 6 - 7.30pm. We know it's the first week back at school but there's lots to talk about - look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget that Helping Hands kindly provide child minding for a gold coin donation.

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Teachers claim the 'Bourke Ship' at the Trivia Night!

The 2018 Bourke St School Trivia Night was held on June 15th, themed as '1970's Sport'. Over 200 attendees flocked to the Moore Park Golf Club and needless to say, the parents and teachers did not hold back with their retro attire!

This year's event saw the introduction of; three new MC's (Kate Richardson, Adam Bradley and James Christopherson), a 'tech-enabled' delivery approach for increased audience engagement, a hotly-contested fashion parade ... oh, and a few trivia questions here and there. The night also welcomed the return of the brilliant 'Mas & Pas' band (who were great as always!) and a guest appearance from last year's infamous MC's John Castles and Rob Sutherland to judge the 'best dressed' categories in the fashion parade.

The teachers table (AKA 'Those Who Can't Do, Teach'), continued their dominance in 2018 and claimed the inaugural 'Bourke Ship' trophy (masterfully crafted this year by Graham Cousens) and were appointed the overall winners of the trivia challenge. The teachers team broke away at a defining moment when Miss Penning was able to recall all members of the Kardashian/Jenner family that have had children in 2018 ... as well as the names of all the children and their baby daddy's. Clearly, there is a 'call-to-action' for all parents to lift the standard in 2019 and make sure that the teachers do not claim the 'hat trick'!



We would like to thank our sports coach, the awesome Charlotte Lange for her amazing work behind the scenes in supporting us (the MC's) and making sure that the night was a success – we believe it was a great success. Thanks also to our event supporters Moore Park Golf/ Etiquette Catering, InYoga, parents Kasha Tabaka and Senta Hoyne for their generous prize contributions, as well as Becky Love and Jessica Ross for connecting us together. Finally, a BIG thank you to all the parents and teachers who attended the event – the energy of the group was amazing and everyone contributed to the positive spirit of the event.

There is a real sense of evolution to the Bourke St School Trivia Night in terms of creativity and engagement and we look forward to what's in store for us all next year.

James Christopherson (dad of Ariana, 2S)

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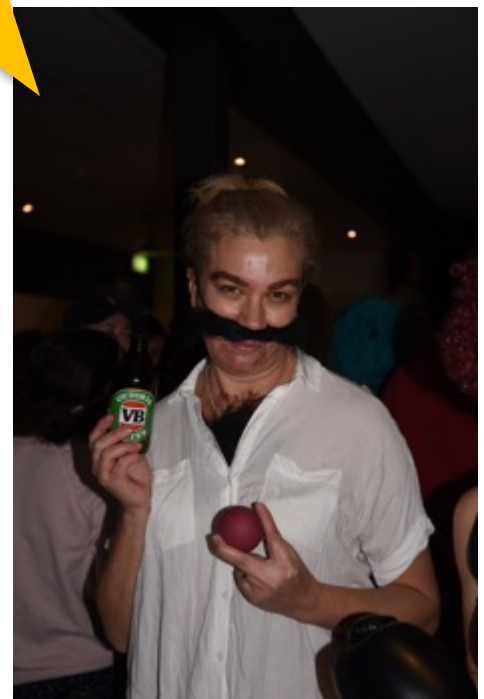
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& **Tanya McGowan** (mum of Finn, 3L + Lola, KS)

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Mother's Day 2018

On 11 May, after a huge effort from all the parents at Bourke Street to donate some amazing gifts, and an even bigger effort from a small group of mums who volunteered to wrap over 500 gifts, Year 3 and Year 6 parents got together to run the Mother's Day Stall.

We had a wide range of gifts for the kids to choose from, including lots of books, movies, cosmetics, homewares and deliciously smelly stuff.

The stall was a huge success! Seeing the joy on the kids' faces as they selected the perfect gift was priceless. I'm guessing the look on the face of the mum who received 'Man Food – The Cookbook' was equally delighted!!

We managed to raise over \$800 for the school, and I am sure we had a lot of happy mums on Mother's Day morning.

Catherine Boisvert (mum of Esme, 4L, Margaux, 3L and Teddy, 1C)



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National Walk Safely to School Day

Bourke celebrated our 6th annual Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18th May. The national event promotes road safety, health and the environment. Bourke is proud to have around 85% of students walking, riding or scooting – the inverse of the state average.

Thank you to the teachers, especially Ms Gannon, and families who brought food and helped with logistics. A special thank you to [Mickey's Fruit and Veg](#) in Redfern for their very generous donation of delicious fruit.

Well done on the continued walking to school and congratulations to everyone for making it a great community event!

Vanessa Trowell (mum of Inez, 4L)



Don't forget to STOP at the Dots!

Since 2012 a group of Bourke parents have worked to generate awareness and implement simple tactics for improved pedestrian safety for our rapidly growing school.

'STOP at the Dots' encourages kids to stop a safe distance back from the kerb until it is safe to cross Cleveland Street. We encourage you to bring your child's awareness to it the next time you're passing!

www.stopatthedots.com.au



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Our Bourkey teachers getting into the swing of National Walk Safely to School Day!



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The Girls and Boys Brigade x Bourke Street Public School P&C

In an exciting first, Bourke Street P&C will partner together with The Girls and Boys Brigade (based on Riley Street in Surry Hills). We decided that with a 'bigger than Ben Hur' fete in the pipeline that we should use our reach to support some synergistic local services

As such, it was negotiated and decided that Bourkey will make an annual donation of **10% of operating profits** from our fundraising efforts to the The Girls and Boys Brigade over the next three years. We hope that our support and involvement will help make a real difference to lives of the children and families who use their invaluable services, many of whom attend Bourkey.

The goal of The Girls and Boys Brigade is to provide care and support to children and youth in need by providing **recreation, education** and **activities** that **build life skills as a foundation for a brighter future**. They believe that all children deserve a positive future. To achieve this GBB provides a safe and trusting place for our local children and youth to socialise and build resilience, practical life skills and healthy relationships through recreation activities, educational help and individual support.

The Girls and Boys Brigade cares for children, youth and their families who often experience significant socio-economic challenges in their lives. They welcome cultural diversity and respect differing family values and circumstances.

Their Centre in Surry Hills caters for over 150 boys and girls aged 5-18 years. Children, youth and their families who often struggle with significant life challenges rely on their holistic approach which provides a range of education and recreation programs along with the vital support to strengthen families and encourage a more positive future.

Bourke Street Public School has a long-standing history with The Girls & Boys Brigade and we are **super proud** to be able to grow and nurture this relationship in the coming years through this financial contribution and involvement.

<http://www.girlsandboysbrigade.org.au>



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BRIGADE

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Gardens Report

The gardens have benefited from recent rain and eased the need from the fabulous watering volunteers.

Thanks to John Castles and Peter Johnston for our new taps surrounding the perimeter of the school playground, this will optimise watering during the hotter months.

Quite a few parents have donated their time over the weekends to help with garden maintenance, new plantings and watering, if anyone wants to help in this way please get in contact with me and I can facilitate this.

The City of Sydney recently provided the school with compost bins and a worm farm and we look forward to utilising this to reduce overall waste.

Finally, we are planning a huge working bee on Sunday 23rd September from 8am – 3pm. Pencil this in your diary and if you are able to help, we'd LOVE to see you. This will ensure the gardens are looking their best for the fete.

Tony Spitzer (dad of Archie, 3L and Lenny, 2S)

Primary Ethics

We're thrilled to introduce a new Ethics Coordinator – **Graham Cousens** – welcome! Graham took over this role from **Emma Doran** who has done a stellar job building the Ethics Program at Bourkey to what it is today. Thank you Emma and congrats Graham!

We're recruiting NOW for 2019!

In order to give Year 1 to Year 6 students the opportunity to participate in ethics classes next year we need SIX committed mums or dads to put their hand up.

If you've been thinking about it, now's your chance. It's the perfect time to start getting organised. Email Graham: gcousens@gco.id.au to express your interest and have a chat!



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Canteen Update



Term 2 has again been a very successful one for the canteen.

As well as keeping the nutritious lunches and delicious treats coming, we're also going with not one but two Special Food days this term!

The first, an Italian food day with pizzas and gelatos, raised \$3,000 for our P&C activities and made for very happy kids. We're looking forward to another very successful Bourke St Bakery Special Food Day this week. Those pies, lamington fingers and yummy drinks are sure to be a hit!

As always a huge thank you to all our great canteen volunteers, and to the irrepressible Elham for her unflagging energy and commitment to our school.

And please be sure to log into SignUp over the school holidays to see the term 3 canteen roster and volunteer for whichever shifts you can.

Evelina Polura (mum of Thandie, 3G & Sierra, 1M)



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Meet a volunteer...Ethical & Enterprising!

Hi! I'm Meredith, mum to Patrick in KC and Sasha, aged 3 and a future BSPS student!

With Patrick's kindy debut, I've been lucky enough to have the flexibility to get involved with some volunteering at the school. I've dabbled in school banking, done reading with the kinders and I'm a Primary Ethics teacher.

As momentum builds ahead of Bourkey's Big Top fete, I've been relishing my role as a 'Prize Sourcing Expert' seeking contributions from local businesses for the fete raffle and silent auction.

As a first time school parent, I've been overwhelmed with the contribution and enthusiasm of the entire BSPS community. I've also felt at times a bit like a deer in the headlights with all the new information to take on-board and new things to learn. It's almost like starting school all over again myself.

Getting involved in the school has given me the opportunity to become familiar with BSPS and get to know the wonderful kids, parents, teachers and broader community. I think it's also helped ensure a smooth transition to school for Patrick. He seems pretty chuffed to see me around the school however, I don't know how long that will last so I'll make the most of it for now!

If your timetable permits, I'd encourage all parents to get involved! A little or a lot.

Meredith Hemsley (mum of Patrick, KC)



Playground Project!

Want to hear about the playground project? Join us at our July P&C Meeting (Wed 25th July) in Term 3, to learn more! There will be many opportunities to be involved in the design of new playground areas, so don't miss out!

Want To Chip In But Don't Know How?

Be part of the success of the Bourkey community by lending a hand as and when you can. It certainly does take a village!

SignUp is the new volunteering platform used to manage the vast range of volunteering opportunities on offer in and around Bourkey. Check it out to see what works for you. Simply go to: bit.ly/bourkeysignup

Do you need volunteers to chip in to your Bourkey pet project and want help setting it up on SignUp? **Sean Murray** (father of Inez, 4L) on 0422 819 975 will show you how!

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Fete News!

On **Sunday 28th October** Bourke Street Public School will host our own very exciting school fete. It's the first fete we have had in 4 years and it's certainly looking to be a brilliant day - full of music, fun, food, rides and circus themed action.

The next fete won't be until 2020, so this day presents the school with a massive & wonderful opportunity to raise important funds for the **masterplan playground concept, learning tools & activities and programs** in school life.

Success of any event relies on the support, enthusiasm, generosity (of time, creativity, skills, volunteering on the day, assisting with raffle items/silent auction prizes, donations of goods and class based activities for your kids) - any amount of these elements will go such a long way to ensuring the fete is a huge success both in terms of a fabulous event and the money we can raise.

We appreciate whatever you can do in being a part of the planning and thank you in advance for getting in there and getting involved! It'll be totally worth it 😊

On the next page you'll find a directory of people to get in touch with if you want to help out!



Get Social!

Use the following links and hashtags to spread the word **far and wide** about our fabulous fete.

Instagram:
[#bourkeysfete2018](https://www.instagram.com/bourkeysfete2018)

Website:
<https://www.bourkeys-big-top.org/>

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/BourkeFete2018/>

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Bourke's Big Top Fete 'Directory of Contacts'

To be a part of the fete preparations you don't have to be super creative, know many people or even have a lot of time... find a way that works for you and get in touch:

• **Handmade arts & crafts please contact:**

Liz Fordham - lizsandall@hotmail.com

Monica Alvarado - monylife@hotmail.com

• **Silent Auction/Raffle prizes please contact:**

Charlotte Lange - charlottelange@gmail.com

• **Live Music and Entertainment please contact:**

Sam Wong - mcwong1@bigpond.com / 0423 594 591

• **Fete design / prop construction / decorations / stalls / catering / audio & lighting / suppliers please contact:**

Nina Fordham - ninafordham@bigpond.com / 0407 208 454

Victoria Lucas - tezandvixis@gmail.com / 0415 105 342

• **Sponsor donations please contact:**

Tamara Robinson - tamara.kb@usa.net

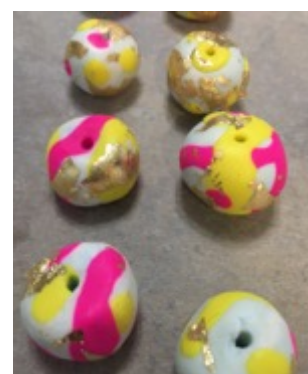
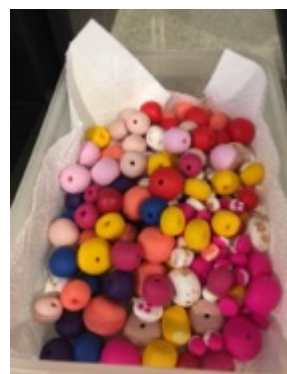
• **2nd hand kids clothing donations please contact:**

Gill Clair - gillclair@gmail.com

• **General enquiries please contact:**

Nina Fordham - ninafordham@bigpond.com / 0407 208 454

Victoria Lucas - tezandvixis@gmail.com / 0415 105 342



A few merry crafters, bead-making! Megan, Kalita + Joy ☺

Donations of craft items, clean glass jars, coloured hairspray, fabric remnants, 2nd hand kids clothing are very much welcome and can be left outside the Year 6 classroom (at the front of the old building) in the labelled plastic tub.

THANKS EVERYONE ☺

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Meropi from **4fun4us** on Bourke St, has reopened her toy store after a period of recovery from a brain operation. She's giving an extra 5% off the existing 20% discount on toys & books if you mention the Bourke St Fete!



4fun4us

Gifts for Children
toys & books

20% Discount

Mention Bourke St Public School Fete for a further 5% discount

OPEN
Wednesdays & Fridays
9.00am - 12.30pm & 2.00pm-5pm
Thursdays 9.am-1pm & 6.30pm -8.30pm,
Saturdays 9am-1.00pm
If closed you may wish to call M: **0412 294 776**

Bourke

Cockatoo Island Camping Adventure 2019

Sat 16 - Sun 17
March 2019

Overnight options:

Glamping – \$ 175

Mini-glamping – \$155

Pre-erected tent + mattresses – \$99

Campsite only (BYO tent) – \$50

+ Book online at www.cockatooisland.gov.au

+ Let Sam Wong (Year 5 mum) know you've booked - mcwong1@bigpond.com

+ Put 'Bourke Street Public School' under 'Special Requests and Group Information'

**If you can't stay the night, just come for the day, or for an evening BBQ...
the ferry back to Circular Quay runs till late.**