



Principal's Update 2: - Friday 16/7/21

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you would know – Sydney will be continuing in Lockdown and Online Learning for at least another two weeks, until Friday 30/7/21.

1. School is Open – But parents are encouraged to keep their children at home

A very big thanks to the many families that have been able to keep their children at home and engage in online learning from home.

This has meant only a small number of students from essential workers are at school and that has allowed our class teachers to concentrate their efforts with online learning.

Thanks to the whole school community for your support in this area.

2. Online Learning

Thanks to the many families that have supported their children with online learning. We have a huge number of students who have connected to our online learning activities and Class Zooms. I have access to all SeeSaw Classrooms and Google Classrooms and have been so impressed with the work being completed and posted.

3. School Loan Devices

As of today, BSPS has lent out over 80 mobile devices to support families getting students online at home. If you are struggling with limited devices being shared between children at home please contact the school.

4. Zoom Video Conferences

Class Zoom Conferences have been very well attended across all classes.

- Years 3 to 6 classes are holding daily Zooms.
- Year 2 are holding two Zooms per week
- Kindergarten and Year 1 are hold at least one Zoom per week.

Please look out for Zoom links and timetable information in Google Classrooms and SeeSaw.

5. Connection Issues

We appreciate how difficult it can be to connect to Zoom for some students and families.

Please check out the support and help videos that we have posted on Facebook .

Other tips

- For Google Classrooms- Year 3-6 students, it is important that students have logged into the DoE Portal and entered the Google classrooms via the DoE Portal- no short cuts!

- Logging out of other Zoom Accounts- It is also important that all other Zoom accounts on the device been signed-logged out. In many cases students who are finding it difficult to get into a Zoom meeting, it is because their connection is defaulting to another person's Zoom account.

6. Other School Activities on Hold:

- Parents Teacher interviews have been postponed.
- OC Placement tests are postponed.
- Year 2, Zoo Excursion and Kindergarten Farm Excursion both in Week 4 have been postponed.
- Education Week Celebrations at BSPS – Week 3 have been postponed.

For parents who have questions or issues -

Please use our traditional method of communication - Phone calls or emails to the school account.

Again, thank you to the whole Blacktown South PS community for your support.

Please stay safe

Andrew Bowmer

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