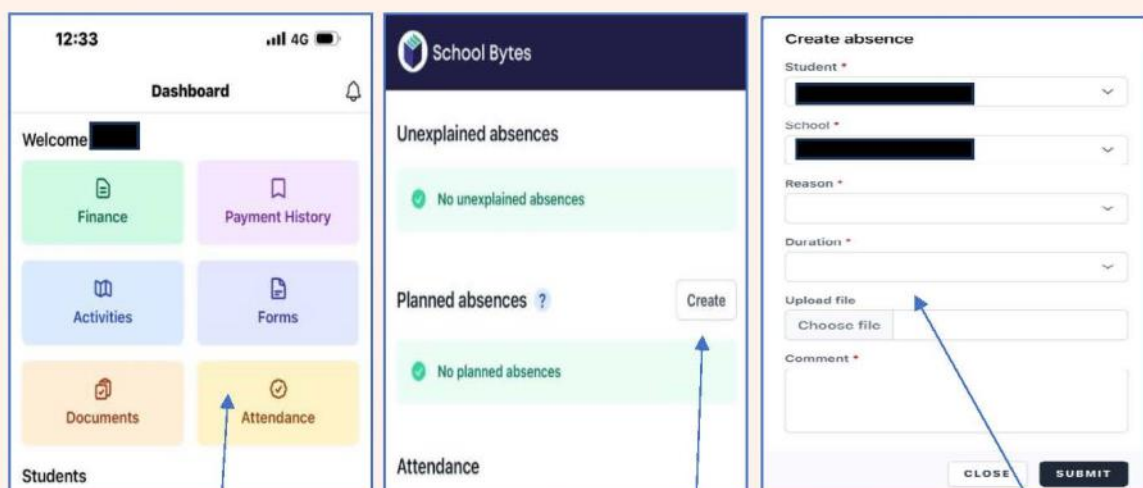


School Bytes Attendance ‘Absences’

Creating a School Bytes Absence

All absences are now to be completed and submitted through the **School Bytes app**. This includes whole day or partial day absences. Please follow the steps below if your child is.

- absent from school,
- late to school *(note: Children are still required to present to the school office if they are late or leaving early)*
- leaving early



The image shows three screenshots from the School Bytes app. The first screenshot is the 'Dashboard' with a grid of buttons: Finance, Payment History, Activities, Forms, Documents, and Attendance. An arrow points from the 'Attendance' button to a text box. The second screenshot shows the 'Unexplained absences' and 'Planned absences' sections, both indicating 'No unexplained absences' and 'No planned absences'. An arrow points from the 'Create' button to a text box. The third screenshot is the 'Create absence' form with fields for Student, School, Reason, Duration, Upload file, and Comment. An arrow points from the 'Submit' button to a text box.

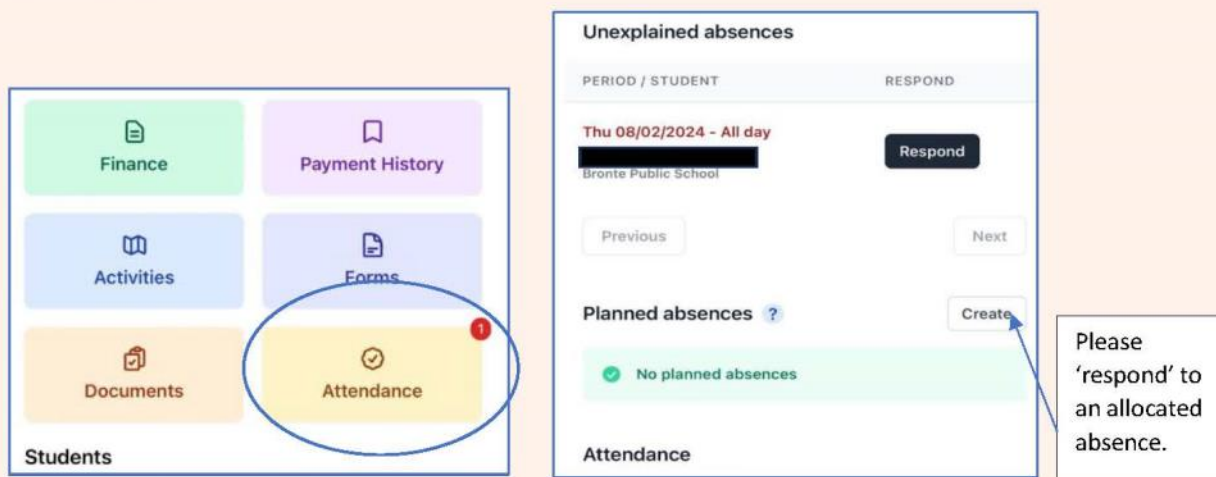
Select attendance on your School Bytes app.

‘Create’ an absence entry.

Complete all fields and submit entry, this will get sent to the school for acceptance, and the teacher will be able to see the entry on the class roll.

Receiving a School Bytes Absence Alert

You may see a number against the ‘Attendance’ button on your school bytes app. This means that your child/children have been marked absent on the class roll without an explanation. Please ‘respond’ to this absence entry following the below steps. If we receive no response via the app, we will follow up with a reminder to action this absence alert via email.



The image shows two screenshots from the School Bytes app. The first screenshot is the 'Dashboard' with a grid of buttons: Finance, Payment History, Activities, Forms, Documents, and Attendance. The 'Attendance' button has a red circle with the number '1' next to it. An arrow points from this button to a text box. The second screenshot shows the 'Unexplained absences' section with a table. The table has two columns: 'PERIOD / STUDENT' and 'RESPOND'. The first row shows 'Thu 08/02/2024 - All day' and 'Bronte Public School' with a 'Respond' button. Below the table are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons. The 'Planned absences' section shows 'No planned absences'. An arrow points from the 'Create' button to a text box.

Please ‘respond’ to an allocated absence.



Newsletter

Week 2, Term One, 2024

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Diary Dates

Term 1

14 February 2024	Library Lovers Day
16 February 2024	9.00 am PSSA Sumer Sport Begins
19 February 2024	School Photos Day
19 February 2024	Stage 3 — Meet The Teacher 2024
20 February 2024	Swimming Carnival
20 February 2024	Stage 1 — Meet The Teacher 2024
21 February 2024	Stage 2 — Meet The Teacher 2024
22 February 2024	Kindergarten — Meet The Teacher 2024
23 February 2024	Assembly 2pm
13 March 2024	NAPLAN begins
22 March 2024	Stage 1 — NSW Schoolhouse Excursion
28 March 2024	K — 2 Easter Hat Parade 2pm
29 March — 1 April	Easter Long Weekend
10 April 2024	Colour Fun Run
12 April 2024	Last Day Of Term

This year, the Kindergarten - Year 2 classes will be learning Dharawal. Dharawal is the traditional language spoken by a number of Aboriginal family (clans) groups from Sydney Harbour to the Illawarra. Students will be learning the language and developing an understanding of the cultural heritage and traditions of the Dharawal people. Lessons will start in Week 3, and are provided by a trained tutor from the Gujaga Foundation.

You may have heard students start means hello. Nandawanjing means assemblies finish. We will teach you you are interested in the language, download the Gujaga Foundation app. It has lots of information, a dictionary and some common phrases.

Nandawanjing.

the school assembly saying 'nagangbi'. This see you later, and is the way our new words in the newsletter each fortnight. If

Principal's Message

Our Vision is that Bronte Public School is recognised as a high performing, creative, engaged and collaborative learning community, where individuality and diversity is valued, excellence is celebrated, and relationships are built on mutual respect, kindness, responsibility and inclusivity.

Welcome back to those of you who are returning, and a warm welcome to those beginning a new learning journey at Bronte Public School. It was wonderful to meet all the Kinder parents during principal- parent interviews during Week 1, it has supported the transition for kindergarten students.

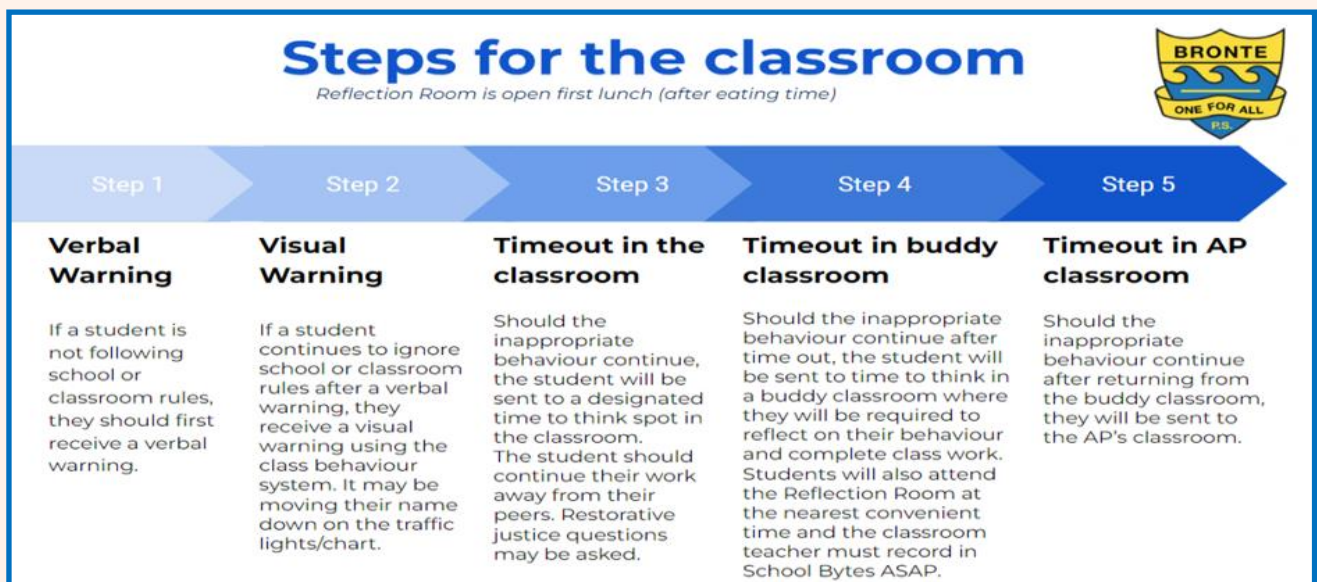
Over the next 6 months Bronte Public School is reflecting on teaching and learning programs through the collection of evidence in preparation for External Validation. This process occurs every 4-5 years for every public school and validates our performance against the Schools Excellence Framework. Student, parent and teacher feedback through surveys, P&C, and interviews will continue to inform school decision making.



I am so excited about new programs at Bronte and the expansion of Aboriginal languages from Kinder to year 2. We start our new extra curricula Spanish language lessons after school next week. If you have missed out on this round, don't worry, we will review enrolments and offer more places each semester. Responding to parent survey feedback we have changed our reporting cycle to include a three-way parent/student/teacher interview in term 1 and moved the teacher /parent interview to early Term 3. This will provide students with learning goals supported by a stronger parent and teacher partnership.

At the beginning of each year, we review our Positive behaviour systems for new staff. See below infographic "Steps for the classroom". It complements our house point and principal award systems and has been updated to include a new reflection room that will operate at lunchtimes if needed. Teachers will share the positive behaviour systems used in their classrooms at "Meet the Teacher". These information sessions will be run during Week 4 and provide parents with an overview of what the year will look like in terms of teaching, learning, homework, and expectations. The first P&C Meeting for 2024 will be held on Monday, February 19th, at 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome! The Bronte P&C work tirelessly for the benefit of the school and its students, organising many fantastic events and activities.

The first assembly will be Friday 23rd of Feb at 2pm in the hall.
See you there.
Have a great week!



Bronte Updates



Bronte School Rules

Respect Yourself

Respect Others

Respect Our Environment

Bronte School Song

At Bronte School we are proud to be

Working right beside the sea

By surf and sea, the sand, the land

We grow each day hand in hand

So Bronte keep your spirits high

Blue and gold we wear with pride

One for all and all for one

Bronte School is so much fun.

School Captains

Ivy H and Toby W

Baliya House Captains

Eve C

Zach E

Wuriwuri House Captains

Anil R

Xavier J

Bunnerong House Captains

Riley S

Mia S

Gamarama House Captains

Beau F

Xara G



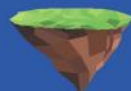
MindQuest 2024—For students Yr 1– Yr 6

MindQuest will be held on Saturday & Sunday 6 & 7 April at St George Girls HS. If you would like to find out more information, please collect a flyer from the school office.

Bronte's House Point System



Bunnerong



Gamarama



Wuriwuri



Baliya



- House points can be awarded to students for each of the school rules: Respect for Self, Respect for Others & Respect for the Environment
- House points won during carnivals will be added to each house's running total
- K-2 track house points through Dojo points, 3-6 track house points through a tally chart
- Teachers keep track of student's totals online so they can be combined with the whole school
- Every time students reach 50, 100, 150, 200 etc. house points, they will be acknowledged in assembly
- The year group/stage with the most house points at the end of each term will win a prize
- The house with the most points at the end of the year will win the house cup

Bronte — 2024



Bronte Public School "Meet The team!" 2023



Catherine Ryan (Principal) Jemma Dudley Smith (AP/Literacy & Numeracy) Katrina Black (Stage 3 AP- 5/6B Black) Kylie Maunsell (Early Stage 1 AP/ KM)



Wendy Goldman (Stage 1 AP/ 1G Goldman) Breanna Goddard (School Admin) Tracey Kypros (School Admin Manager) Richard Targett (General Assistant)



Kylie Landrigan (KL Landrigan) Elana Pratt-Hedger (KP Pratt-Hedger) Karina Malqui-Rodriguez (KM Malqui-Rodriguez /Maunsell) Olivia Key (1K Key)



Emily Boden (2B Boden) Amy Fizzell (2FL Fizzell/Levin) Courtney Levin (2FL Fizzell/Levin) Juliet Ovnerud (3O Ovnerud)



Eleanor Eagle (Stage 2 AP—3/4E Eagle) Denise Tyras (4T Tyras) Michelle Bishop (5/6M Bishop/Braden) Kurt Braden (5/6M Bishop/Braden)



Lee Peery (CAPA) Ken Brandon (Maths Olympiad) Mary Verdun (Library) Julie Pak (SLSO)



Gabby Cecchetti (SLSO) Christina McLeod (SLSO) Kim O'Grady (Teacher Admin) Marguerite Feeney (Teacher Admin)



Bob (Cleaner) Chika (Canteen) Casual Admin

Class Allocations 2024

KL	Kylie Landrigan
KP	Elana Pratt-Hedger
KM	Karina Malqui Rodriguez M-Th Kylie Maunsell Fri
1K	Olivia Key
1G	Wendy Goldman
2B	Emily Boden
2FL	Courtney Levin M-T Amy Fizzell W-F
3O	Juliet Ovnerud
3/4E	Ellie Eagle
4T	Denise Tyras
5/6M	Kurt Braden M-T Michelle Bishop W-F
5/6B	Katrina Black



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news





BRONTE PS MEET THE TEACHER 2024

Welcome to a new school year!

Join us for a special evening to meet your child's teacher and learn more about the curriculum and classroom procedures



Kindergarten – Thursday 22nd Feb at 6pm in the school hall



Stage 1 – Tuesday 20th Feb at 6pm in the Year 1 classrooms



Stage 2 – Wednesday 21st Feb at 6pm in 4T classroom



Stage 3 – Monday 19th Feb at 6pm in the 5/6 classrooms



Hewlett Street, Bronte, NSW, 2024
P: (02) 9389 4527 | Bronte-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.bronte-p.schoos.nsw.gov.au

Bronte Public School

BAC – Term 1



To participate in our Term 1 activities, just book your child/ren at BAC as your normally would either permanent or casual. AT NO EXTRA COST!

BAC TERM 1 ACTIVITIES 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sydney Football Club!  Every Monday from 3:45pm to 4:45pm Sydney FC will come to BAC to teach children soccer skills!	Concrete Riders!  Every Tuesday from 3:45pm to 4:45pm Concrete Riders will come to BAC to teach children skate skills!	Inflatables!  Every Wednesday from 3:45pm to 4:45pm an inflatable will come to BAC for the children to have fun!	Ranger Jamie Science!  Every Thursday from 3:45pm to 4:45pm Ranger Jamie will come to BAC to teach children cool science skills!

ALL BRONTE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, JUST MAKE SURE YOU ARE FULLY ENROLLED.

If you have any questions, please email us at team@bronteactivitycentreoosh.com

Scripture changes 2024

If you would like to make any change to scripture for your child, this can only be completed in either the first or last week of school term (eg by Friday 9th February). Please email the office to make any changes, bronte-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

School Photos & Swimming Carnival



School Photo Time!




BRONTE PUBLIC SCHOOL
 TERM 1 – Week 4
 Monday 19th February

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

Bronte Public School
 VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE
X1137EL50B
www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024

TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2024 IS BRONTE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL FOR YEARS 3-6 AT DES RENFORD OLYMPIC POOL.

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 2 IN 2024, TURNING 8 YEARS OLD AND IS AN EXCEPTIONAL SWIMMER, PLEASE CONTACT MRS EAGLE. WE ARE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ANY PARENTS WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE AS OFFICIALS (TIMEKEEPING) TO PLEASE CONTACT MRS EAGLE (ELEANOR.EAGLE@DET.NSW.EDU.AU).

THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOTE WILL BE SENT VIA SCHOOL BYTES BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE, BRONTE P.S. TEACHERS

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

How to order on the **Book Club** platform
bookclubs.scholastic.com.au

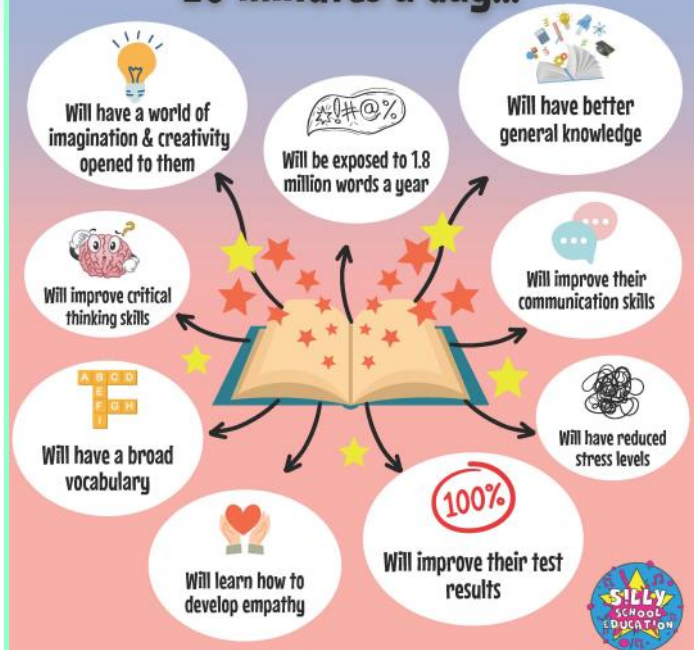
Follow these straightforward steps for easy ordering

LOG-IN

- 1 Click on the **ORDER** tab
- 2 Select your **ISSUE**
- 3 Select your **CLASS**
- 4 Select **STUDENT** or add a student
Add their items. Repeat 3 + 4 until all the orders are entered.
- 5 Choose payment type (beneath ordered items).
When done, click **NEXT**
If applicable, click **USE VOUCHERS/REWARDS**
or click **PAYMENT SUMMARY**
- 6 **SUBMIT ORDER**
Remember: Submit your **LOOP** orders at the same time so all books arrive together.

20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...



Library Days

Every student will visit the library once a week. While in the library we focus on literacy, reading and providing time to browse and borrow. Students require a library bag to borrow, this is to protect the books. Any bag that will protect library books will work and the [Uniform Shop](#) sells them for \$14.95. Once home it is a good idea to put the library books/bag in the same place every week, somewhere safe.

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
KM, 1G, 3/4E, 5/6B	KL, KP 1K, 3O	2F, 2B, 4T, 5/6M
Kindergarten 1 book/week	Year 1 - 2 books Year 2 - 3 books	3-6 4 books

We have an **obligation** to read aloud to our children. To read them things they enjoy. To **read** to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it **interesting**, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves.

—Neil Gaiman

Library News



Welcome to another exciting year in the library. This term we will set up library routines, discuss borrowing expectations, begin the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC), revisit our student ICT Agreement, and participate in literature-based programs to encourage a love of reading across the school. Below are some other important reminders about the library program.

Book Club

We are big supporters of Scholastic Book Club and last year earned over \$4000 in rewards for our school. This money was used to purchase many new books and other resources to support learning and the curriculum. A huge thanks to all our community for making this happen. You can access Issue 1 online at [scholastic.com.au](https://www.scholastic.com.au). I will include a "how to order" information sheet with this bulletin.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2024

The PRC 2022 officially starts on Monday 26th February. The whole school takes part in the challenge each year, with K-2 students completing the mandatory reading in class and 3-6 students doing the challenge independently as part of their daily reading for pleasure program at school and at home. The PRC ends in August. From Week 2 this term, all students in 3-6 must borrow a PRC book each week from our library and record the details online. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Library Monitors

This year in the library I have organised a library monitor's program for students in Year 4. It is a wonderful leadership initiative for students to take part in. These lovely students will volunteer their time to come in every week and help me with various tasks including returning books, shelving, sharpening pencils, helping younger students and general housekeeping. Their efforts throughout the year are very much appreciated. Many students from Year 4 have already expressed an interest in becoming part of the 2024 team. I will be meeting with these students shortly.

Mary Verdun/Teacher Librarian

mary.verdun@det.nsw.edu.au



COLOUR FUN RUN



10 April 2024

P & C News

A warm welcome to new families joining the school and existing families.

We invite all families to the **School Welcome BBQ** on Friday the 15th of March.

The P&C meets in the library on Monday nights, twice a term.
Dates to be announced.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Alex is opening the uniform shop **this Friday morning** from 8.30 am and every second Friday from then.

Dates open include: Fridays 9th Feb, 23rd of Feb, 8th of March and 22nd of March

Congratulations Bertie!



Regional Athletics Competition

Bertie competed at the recent regional athletics competition. His final placings were:

- Bronze in hurdles
- Bronze in the 100m (and broke 14 sec mark)
- Silver long jump
- Silver 70m and broke the regional record that has stood for 11 years
- Gold for the club in 4x100m

Well done Bertie!!

School Extra Curricular Activities



BRONTE PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2024 - Term 1

Activities commence the week starting February 12th, 2024, of each term for 8 weeks

VISUAL ART CLASS

Wednesday and Thursdays 3.00 - 4.30pm

CAPA Classroom Block I

Contact Karen: 0408 716 841 or email: irko.karen@gmail.com

VIP MUSIC

Learn Music on Keyboard. Music theory, ensemble practice 45min lesson, small group, music material included.

Tuesday morning 8.10 - 8.55am Keyboard in **Mr Brandon's Classroom Block I**

Wednesday morning 8.10 / 8.55 am Keyboard in **Mr Brandon's Classroom Block I**

Contact: 9411 3122 email: vipmusic@iinet.net.au

SCHOOL BAND Junior and Senior – PRIVATE LESSONS (depending on numbers)

Children in Years 2 to Year 6 can join the Bronte School Band program, run by **The**

Music Partnership

Contact: Alex Bieri 0404 494 487 email: alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au

ACADEMY OF CHESS

Tuesday lunch 11 – 12pm

Mr Brandon's Classroom Block I

Contact 9745 1170 or email: enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

KICKEROOS – Soccer

Tuesday morning 7.30-8.30am. **Top & Bottom Grass**

Friday morning 7:30 – 8:30am **Top & Bottom Grass**

Contact Melanie: 0416 628 531 Email: melanie@kickeroos.com.au

EASTS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Thursday Afternoon 3.15 – 4.15 pm **Bottom Grass Courts**

Contact: Jamie 8283 5161

Register: WWW.EASTSBL.COM.AU Search Bronte School

SPANISH LESSONS

Monday afternoon 3:00pm - 4:00pm & 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Thursday afternoon 3:00pm - 4:00pm & 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Mr Brandon's classroom Block I

Contact – bronte-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Please book directly through the relevant company

School Extra Curricular Activities

**JOIN
NOW**

GROUP MUSIC KEYBOARD LESSONS AT SCHOOL

- Convenient at-school venue
- 45-min weekly lesson, small group
- Fun introduction to music, ideal for beginners
- Basic music theory & practical skills on keyboard
- Instrument not required initially
- Competitive rate

**TO ENROL, CALL 9411 3122 OR VISIT:
WWW.LEARNMUSICATSCHOOL.COM.AU**

VIP Music - Bringing music culture to primary schools since 1984



AFTER SCHOOL VISUAL ART

Drawing / Painting / Printmaking / Claywork

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 3PM - 4.30PM

For more details contact:

KAREN O'CONNOR

0408 716841

irko.karen@gmail.com

@afterschoolvisualart



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Bronte Public School is held on Tuesdays from 11:00am to 12:00pm, starting on 13 February 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Community News



COOGEE WHITE TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB 2024 WINTER SEASON WILL START APRIL!



LEARN. DEVELOP. PLAY.



- YOUR LOCAL CLUB WITH QUALIFIED WWC COACHES!
- INVITE A FRIEND, START A TEAM OR WE WILL FIND YOU A TEAM
- FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 2.5 TO 11 – SAME TIME, SAME PLACE EACH WEEK – HEFFRON PARK, BY DES RENFORD SWIMMING POOL!
- ALL FEES INCLUDE FULL KIT – MID WEEK PRO COACHING (FOR AGES U6+), PLAYING JERSEY, SHORTS, SOCKS, END OF SEASON TROPHY + MORE!
- WINTER SEASON TERM 2 & 3 (APRIL to AUGUST)
- WE ACCEPT ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS!
- REGISTER ONLINE NOW at www.coogee whitetigers.com.au or
- EMAIL admin@coogee whitetigers.com.au



CYBER SAFE - GAMING



Supporting your child with online gaming (45mins)

This webinar provides parents and carers with an overview of selecting quality games, understanding how to reduce the risks of gaming, and how to create better gaming habits. It is suitable for parents and carers of children in late primary and early secondary.

Parents please register.

[Cyber safe parents](#) | [NSW Government](#)