

Independent Public School

## Congratulations to our Leadership Group 2020



School Captains Allegra and Lewis



Student Councillors Fletcher, James, Aliyah, Harry, Marisse, Lewis, Allegra



Faction Captains Hartley, Olivia, Chad, Emily, Zac, Jasmine, Rikki, Costa

Dear Bindoon Community

### Principal Introduction

I am delighted to be writing this newsletter after being appointed as the Principal.

I have been working hard to meet as many community members as possible and listen to the thoughts and contributions of the parent group. I have also enjoyed meeting the staff and in particular, getting to know Mrs Toms. I am very confident that we will make a great leadership team and we will make a very positive contribution to the school.

Many people are curious to know about my 'first impressions' of the school! Having worked in a number of schools in varied contexts over many years, I do feel that I am well placed to say that the Bindoon staff is one of the most passionate, caring and dedicated professional groups that I have had the opportunity to work with. I am already greatly impressed with our staff's willingness to invest their time in extra curricula events and activities, their detailed knowledge of the students in the school and the commitment to improving students learning. I am looking forward to working with such a dedicated team of people.

I am forming some initial thoughts about what the next year or so may look like- a year of consolidating the various programs and initiatives that have been commenced seems the likely course of action at this stage, but as I get to know my way around a bit more the focus may change to a degree.

I have a firm belief that open communication is clearly evidenced in effective schools and is critical in maintaining positive relationships between the school and the community in which it serves and it is this strong relationship that makes great schools. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can, working with what is clearly a passionate and dedicated staff and contributing what I can to benefit the students at this school.

I am a proactive Father, my wife and I raising two teenage girls who are both achieving well in Secondary School. On the professional front, I have just come from the Principal position in a metropolitan school and have held various Acting Principal positions in Perth's northern suburbs over a number of years I have also worked as a Classroom Management Principal Consultant and held positions with the Department of Education in Central Office supporting a number of schools with strategic planning and assessment processes. In all, I have held a variety of positions throughout my career and look forward to positively contributing to Bindoon to ensure it remains the school

of choice in our area.

### Mobile Phone Policy

I would like to remind everyone that all students are required to hand in any electronic devices to the front office each morning, this includes mobile phones. They will be stored securely throughout the day and students can collect them at the end of each day.

### Thanks

I would also like to thank Peter Haydon of Haydon Agricultural for stepping in and helping with the foundations for our cenotaph. The flag pole area is still a work in progress but looks great so far.

Kind regards

Andrew Schmidt

Principal

### What's On:

- Faction Swimming Carnival  
Thurs 27th Feb Y3-6
- Splash and Happy Thurs 27th  
Feb K-Y2
- Assembly Fri 6th Mar @ 9:00
- Interschool Swimming Carnival  
Fri 13th Mar
- Mango Festival Sat 14th Mar
- Bullying No Way Day Fri 20th  
Mar
- P&C AGM Mon 23rd Mar @  
6PM

## P&C News

### Welcome to 2020!

Welcome back to all of our existing families and children and also a very warm welcome to new families joining our school and community for the first time this year.

The P&C is in full swing organising this year's Mango Festival and it is shaping up to be another great event!! A copy of the Mango Festival flyer is attached for your information with further details! As this is our school's largest fundraiser for the year can I please ask that everyone gets on the event page and shares the event to all your friends and family. It is a great day for family to come to the school and see where the kids do their learning. All the teachers have chosen their activity for the day now and will be sending notes home on how you can help and what you can donate. We will be promoting the event through the Northern Valley News and on social media; your help spreading the word and sharing posts will make a real difference! Watch out also for this year's Northern Valley News Moo Poo Lotto Prize! Tickets are \$20 with first prize \$250! Tickets available at the Locavore Store in Binda Place. Dairy the cow will be at the festival on the day hopefully putting a poo in your lotto square!

### Thank you!!

The P&C is unable to undertake events for our school without the kind and generous support of organisations and businesses in our community. The P&C would like to acknowledge the contributions and support from the following businesses that have enable us to hold the Mango Festival again this year;

Shire of Chittering  
Tronox  
Road Safety Commission  
Bendigo Bank  
Northern Valley News

### P&C AGM

Every year the P&C is required to hold an AGM. This year it will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at Bindoon Primary School in the conference room. The P&C is a voluntary group of parents and community members who raise money and provide extra resources for our school. By joining together, we better support our kids, our school and strengthen our community. We would love to see you participate as your time and contribution will make a REAL difference! Come on and get involved!!!

Lenni Duffield P&C President

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#### Save the Date

**Bindoon Primary School  
Mango Festival Saturday  
14th March**

Flyer attached  
with more  
information.



**PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C**

**AGM**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm**

**All positions will be declared vacant, come along and be  
part of an amazing group of people! All welcome**



## Physical Education News

### Swimming

Reminder: All Y3-6 Swimming forms due back tomorrow (Friday 14th). Trials, if needed for the Faction Carnival, will be based upon these. Your child will be notified early next week if they are required to attend trials. Please ensure both medical and swimming information notes are returned. Thankyou.

### Sporting Schools

We have been fortunate to gain funding to participate in the Sporting Schools after-school program again and have been approved to run a 6 week **gymnastics** program "Launchpad" after school on Mondays starting next week (17th Feb) from 3.10-4.10. To register your child, Kindy-Year 6, please fill out the registration form and return to the office prior to next Monday afternoon. All participants are expected to attend the entirety of the program. It promises to be fun and active!

For further information see Mrs Whitely.



**March is Safer Community Month** and to help raise awareness our local safety house Bindoon Public Library is

encouraging students to enter the Safety House Art Competition. Entries will be handed out in each class and can be returned to the school office or Bindoon Library before the end of March.

Attached to this newsletter is more information as to how Bindoon Public Library, as our local safety house, can help your child if they are feeling frightened or threatened.



*Seeking Interest from girls (Year 3 to Year 12) that would like to play in All Girl Football Teams for Chittering Broncos in 2020. The Teams will be:*

*Year 3/4*

*Year 5/6*

*Year 7/8*

*Year 9/10*

*Year 11/12*

*Please register online at [www.chitteringjfc.sportingpulse.net](http://www.chitteringjfc.sportingpulse.net). Please note payment is not required until late May when your child has played 3 games and finds she loves it! Grab your friends and let's play*



Bindoon - Gingin - Moora

**"Dance, Tap & Acro"**

Tinys to Teens

**Enrol now for 2020**

Expressions of Interest also for a

Bindoon Boys Only Hip Hop Class 5yrs +

Classes start back up Week 2 of Term 1

We offer "Fun" classes with disc for families with 2 or more!

To enrol or to find out more info  
Please email, msg or call Roxanne

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