

# "WHAT'S UP AT BPS"



## COVID – 19



Towards the end of last year, a virus was born in Wuhan, China, which is from the Coronavirus family and has been named COVID-19. Since then it has spread rapidly throughout the world and is now affecting our everyday life.

Recently, lots of events have been cancelled, such as Vivid and the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Changes at school have also been taking shape, including starting recess and lunch 10 minutes early and then eating inside, having to wash hands before eating and cancelling all assemblies, groups, clubs and general gatherings.

So why are all these events being cancelled? The answer is, to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Although everyone is disappointed about not being able to go to their favourite events and activities, it's for everyone's safety. By not going to large gatherings it is decreasing the chance of anything spreading between people.

How does it spread though? It is believed to be spread through two ways. The first is by people not covering their mouth when they sneeze or cough and then their germs spread to other people. The second is by either coughing into your hand or putting your hand into your mouth, nose or eyes and then touching a surface which others then touch, once others touch that surface, they may touch their face in some way, allowing the virus to enter their body.

So, how can we prevent the spread? Well, firstly, make sure you're washing your hands quite often, especially before and after you eat. Also avoid touching your face, and always sneeze or cough into your bent elbow. While COVID-19 is going around you need to NEVER fake cough or sneeze in someone's face, although it may be meant as a joke, it can spread the virus.

*Joshua R*

## Matilda the Musical

Last week I went with school to watch Matilda the Musical at Pennant Hills High School.

I really enjoyed watching it and thought all the actors were great! They were all very good at singing and I liked listening to the songs. The actress that played Matilda was so good and very talented. Miss TrunchBull looked exactly the same as the actress in the movie. Mr Wormwood rubbed his hair with a towel and his hair turned green! I thought that was amazing and very well done. The props were very cool, and they even had a swing for one of the songs. I also liked watching the dances.

I feel very lucky that I got to go and see Matilda and it was great to see some students who we knew performing in the musical.

*Ruby B*

## Riddle

If a chicken says, "All chickens are liars". Is the chicken telling the truth?

## Book Report

### The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

By C.S. Lewis

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is a mythical book about four siblings that leave their parents, because of the war. They then end up in an INCREDIBLE adventure.

The main characters are Lucy, Edmund, Susan, Peter, Aslan (who is actually a lion) and the White Witch.

The White Witch does not want Peter, Susan, Edmund or Lucy to sit in the four thrones at Cair Paravel.

As their adventure comes to an end, while riding on their horses, they see a white stag! It leads them to the exact lamppost they saw the very first time they set foot in Narnia!

I love this book because it is full of adventure and excitement. I think you should definitely read this book.

*Ruby N*

## My Favourite...



One of my favourite movies I watched this year is Sonic the Hedgehog. My Favourite part is when Sonic is playing baseball by himself. My rating for Sonic is 9 out of 10.

*Xavier A*

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Riddle Answer: Chickens can't talk.

# Harmony Day

## What is Harmony Day?

Harmony Day is a celebration of cultural diversity and inclusion which will usually take place in Australian Business' and Schools.

## What Is Cultural Diversity

Cultural Diversity is how people from different countries have different ways of doing things. Take Japan, for instance, Japanese people like eating rice, whereas Aussies like sausage sizzles from Bunnings. In New Zealand, The Maori people put tattoos on their faces because it's part of their identity, Australian Aboriginal people use paint on their faces for special events. These are some examples of Cultural Diversity.

## Diversity in Australia

Although Aboriginal and Torres Islander people have lived in Australia for thousands of years, most of the Australian population is made up of families who have arrived in Australia in the past 200 years.

## Where Have Some of The People Come From?

People who have come to live in Australia have come from many different countries. People have come from Italy, Greece, Vietnam, Ireland, Asia, Canada and many other countries.

All the different cultures that come together in Australia bring many things with them: different foods, ways of dressing, languages, customs and beliefs. Harmony Day is about celebrating these differences, embracing new cultures and making sure that everybody is included in society, as well as celebrated for their uniqueness.

Spencer L

## Meet the Editor



Hi, my name's Joshua R, and I'm the Editor of "What's Up at BPS". This year I'm in 5/6C with Mr Cottrell. At school I'm lucky enough to be one of the Wombat's House Captains, I also playing drums in the school Rock Band, "Amped Up", and Concert Band. At home I really enjoy playing video games, cooking, eating the cooking, Hip Hop dancing and tinkering with technology. My favourite book series is Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan, my favourite car is a custom VW Amarok Ute and my favourite video game is Forza Horizon 4.

Halfway through last year I was thinking about how the parents had the Crest to read, but the students had nothing, so I came up with the idea of a school newspaper. I wanted to do this so that the students would have something which was theirs, that they could contribute to. Also, so that there would be a way to tell the students about things happening in the school. I took my idea to the Principal (who was Mrs Mamo at the time), and she approved it. So, now we have "What's Up at BPS"!

Feel free to approach me in the playground if you have any questions.

Joshua R

## Meet the Assistant Editor



My name is Charlie M and I am the Assistant Editor of the "What's up at BPS" newspaper.

As you may know, I am the Treasurer of the School Parliament, a member of the school Drama Group and also the Concert Band. I enjoy cubing, playing Minecraft and doing mathematics problems as well. What you may not know is I do martial arts, enjoy reading about Greek Mythology and I'm completely anti-Tik-Tok. I was born in Australia with an English dad and a South African mum.

If you have any questions, you can find me in the playground and ask me.

Charlie M