

# “WHAT'S UP AT BPS”



## Message from the School Captains



As suggested by the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, we will all be going back to school next Monday (11<sup>th</sup> of May). Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, most of us have had to do our work from home, on Google classroom, and coming back to school one day a week is the first step to regaining a normal schedule. What's up at BPS has been lucky enough to find out what the school captains have to say about the matter.

“Going back to school will be awesome. I can't wait to see everyone. I also can't wait for sport to start again.” - Alana, School Captain

“I hope everyone had a great holiday! I enjoyed no schoolwork and not watching the time.

I'm looking forward to going back to school one day a week. It would be good to go back more but I think this is the right thing to do to keep everyone safe. I can't wait to see my friends and my teachers. It will also be good to ask my teacher for help and not my mum.

Hopefully, school will be back to some sense of normal soon and I can see you all outside at lunchtime.” - Harvey, School Captain

“It will be great to be back at school, and it will be fantastic to see our friends again. It's going to be fine.” - Ethan, Vice-Captain

“One of the important thoughts for this term for me is it's a new term, so let's make it a new beginning together, but of course include social distancing. I'm mostly looking forward to seeing my friends, seeing the teachers face to face to help, amazing art lessons and I'm cautiously excited about a different way of schooling (with lots more handwashing). I think we need to not look back because we are not going that way and make our first days back at school so awesome that last term gets jealous.” - Farrah Vice-Captain

We would like to thank the Captains for giving us their messages.

*Charlie M*

## Riddle

Riddle: What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?

## Book Report

### Ready Player One By Ernest Cline

'Ready Player One' revolves around a teenager called Wade Watts. Wade lives in the year 2041, the whole world is over-populated and terribly polluted. He lives with his Auntie in a caravan stack, his parents died when he was younger. Wade is not happy with his life, he escapes his world by playing in an online virtual reality world called the Oasis. The Oasis was created by a programmer, called James Halliday. Oasis is a place where you can be anything, or anyone, you want to be.

Wade makes himself a character in the Oasis and has many adventures, with his online friend, called Aech, who is not only his friend, but his ally.

Oasis is Wade's safe place. Before the death of James Halliday, he announced a contest in the Oasis, a quest. If you succeeded in the quest you would earn Halliday's fortunes and the ultimate prize - Control of Oasis!

People had been desperately competing for the title, yet it was still unsolved even after three long years. That is until Wade started discovering clues.....

I love this book, it is full of adventure, gaming, fun and suspense. I have already read it twice and I'm now reading it a third time. It's still just as exciting.

I highly recommend Ready Player One for ages 11+.

I give this book 5 Golden Eggs out of 5 Golden Eggs (gamers will know what I mean!)

*Luca D*

**THANK YOU MISS WESTWOOD!!!  
A Big Thank You To Miss Westwood For Setting Up And  
Running Goose Chase For All Of Us!!!!**

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Riddle Answer: The word is starting! starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.

## *Interview with Miss Westwood*

This time around we've interviewed the gorgeous Miss Westwood. That's right, she's the one who organised the goose chase scavenger hunt for us. What a star!

At the moment we all have a bit more time on our hands so we thought that we would see what Miss Westwood likes to do in her free time. Just like many of us, she said that she loves watching movies and she also likes to paint and watch Tik Toks. Miss Westwood also enjoys doing karate and informed us that she has been doing it since she was five. She now owns her own karate business.

We all know how we feel about learning from home but how is she doing teaching from home? Miss Westwood is an RFF teacher, so it is a bit different for her to teach from home to our class teachers. She teaches music and art and would normally have five different classes a day. So, she has been trying to help the classroom teachers out by supplying them with art lessons. She said "Nothing compares with a classroom full of noisy, smiling kids learning. We all miss having you at school and cannot wait until our classrooms are full again and I am sure we will never take it for granted again."

She might also be missing, what she said, is her favourite thing about school, the "community feeling". She was a new teacher to our school last year and said, "I was instantly welcomed with big smiles." She thinks the teachers at BPS are extremely encouraging and generous. Miss Westwood also thinks that "The parents are supportive and welcoming, and the students are hilarious, creative and make me smile every day."

I'm sure you all want to know what her favourite subject is though. In response she said, "I love mathematics and I always have." When she was at school, she liked nothing better than a maths problem that had more working out than the page was long! She also of course loves art. She said it has been a great way for her to have fun in the classroom both as a teacher and a student.

And just to spice things up a little her birthstone is Topaz, since her birthday is in November and she says for her sixteenth birthday she was given a charm with a topaz in it and she loves it!

Thanks, so much Miss Westwood!

*Amelia R*



## *Anzac Day*

Anzac Day is a special day, to remember the Anzac's that fought in the war to keep our country safe. The word Anzac stands for: The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On Anzac Day, many people, all over Australia, go to day or dawn services to show their respects. Though this year with COVID 19, all Anzac ceremonies were cancelled. But that did not stop Australians from commemorating the Anzac's. All across Australia, many people went outside at dawn, onto their driveways to show their respects for the Anzacs. Some talented trumpet players even played the last post outside and some people decorated their house with poppies, wreaths and pictures.

For my Anzac Day I went out at dawn with candles and a neighbour played the last post. After that, my family and I drew Poppies and banners with chalk on the driveway and then made Anzac biscuits.

Fun fact: Anzac biscuits were originally square hardtack biscuits and many men were said to have broken their teeth from eating them.

*Skye T*

