



# Welcome P&C

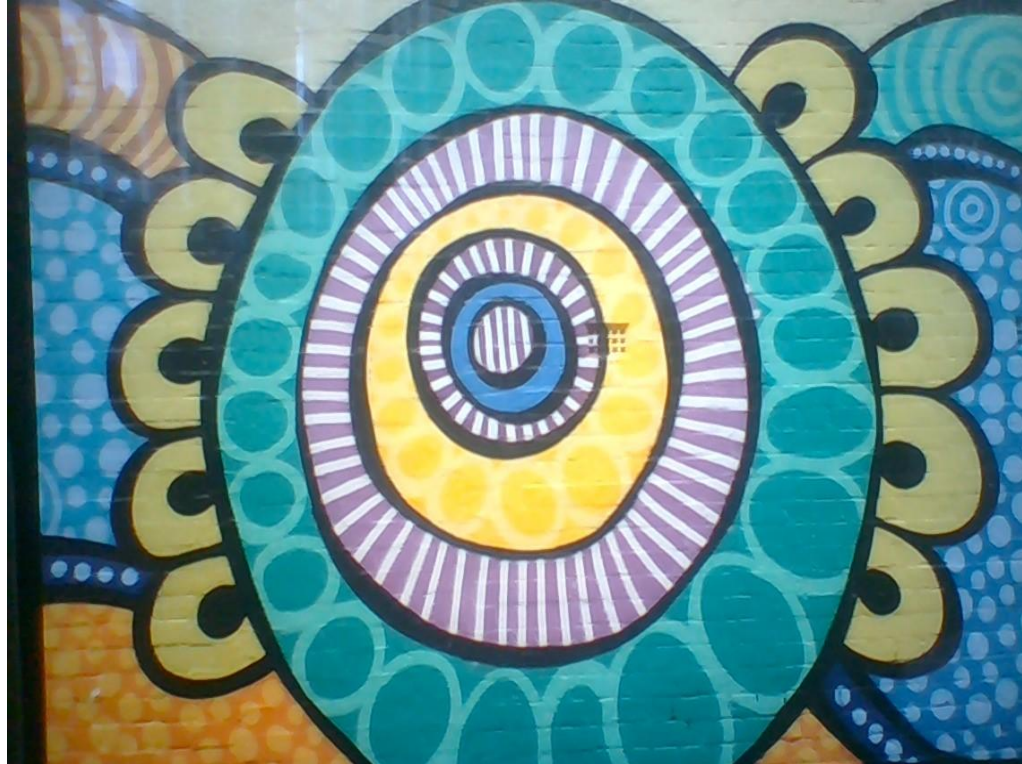
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# Acknowledgement of Country



# Our Connection To Country

- ★ This is an acknowledgement, we connect to Country. A primary part of embedding this in a meaningful way at BPS is caring for our land. Wangal Land. We want to inspire **all** the students at Balmain Public to be aware, empowered and active caring in their local environment.



# Our Environmental Representatives

★ Good evening P&C my name is Harriet Jouana and I am one of the sustainability ministers for 2023.

★ Last year I was an environmental warrior where I had discovered helping the environment and helping our school be more sustainable was my passion. Seeing the other ministers in the past years inspired me to try something new and I hope a can inspire the younger years this year just as the old representatives inspired me.

★ Hello, I am Lauren Booth, I am the 2023 Deputy Prime Minister and also the second sustainability minister.

★ I am really enthusiastic about caring for our environment as it is one of the most important aspects of life. I had always wanted to represent our school as leadership is a great quality to have a say in what you believe.

# How Will We Achieve Sustainability Across 2023



## EDUCATION

- ★ During everyday school life we encourage all students to be environmentally friendly. Education is extremely important in BPS as everyone is involved in taking place in sustainability. In fact, we encourage all students to be more sustainable as the environmental warriors are just a small part of people who can help our environment.
- ★ The sustainability ministers (Lauren and I) have been working on going to each class to teach them what a sustainable lunch box looks like and what bin to put their rubbish in.

## NUDE FOOD

- ★ Our Parliament meetings take place every fortnight, this is when the class representatives (senators) come forward with ideas for our school. “Nude Food” was a great idea put forward, our principal accepted the idea to go forward and we will implement this early next term (Term 2, 2 May).
- ★ Nude Food is when you only pack recyclable food items:
- ★ No plastic items (also includes food packaging)
- ★ Using bento boxes or containers as they are recyclable.





Nude Food

# Tuesday



Every Tuesday you are encouraged to bring in a 'plastic free' lunch!



This helps the our school to become more sustainable. Prize for the most sustainable class annouced at assembly each week!



An initiative brougth to you by the 2023 Ministry

## What does a 'Nude Food' lunchbox look like?



# Initiative 1:

- ★ **Paper Recycling. Providing 17 uniform paper recycling bins across our learning spaces and 3 across our office spaces.**



## HOW :

- ★ We will make sure that the classroom warrior representative take out the recycling bin for their class every week.
- ★ Earlier on we lobbied the council to donate money so we could provide access to recycling bins in all aspects across our school.

## Initiative 2:

- ★ **Composting, in order to minimise our landfill and also create some healthy ingredients for our 2 garden beds, we will be providing 14 composting bins for our organic “crunch & sip” waste.**



### HOW:

- ★ Our 2022 enviro team lobbied the council to make us the first Inner West Primary School to receive compost bins.
- ★ We have already engaged in fundraising to make \$483 to make our first composting station. Our sustainability ministers (Harriet & I) will educate each class to use this resource correctly.



# Initiative 3:



**Increasing school wide awareness and involvement in care for the environment locally and globally.**

## **HOW:**

- ★ **K-6 Participation in Clean Up Australia Day, preserving our local bush regeneration areas.**
- ★ **Participation in Stage Three Enviro Matters incursion where 5 Stage 3 classes participated in a workshop to understand how pollution and waste affects our local waterways.**
- ★ **Exclusive access to K-6 presentations over two sessions by Plastic Free Boy; Arlian Ecker, a teenage Eco Warrior, educating our school about the saturation of plastic and furthermore, the impact on our national coral reefs. This incursion will also provide curriculum links to STEM, Mathematics and English across K-6.**
- ★ **Engagement with Junior Landcare Program to continue professional development of our Environmental Education Teachers, culminating in a visit from Costa as a Landcare advocate to our school to assist with our Yarning Circle Studies and connection to caring for our land.**
- ★ **Implementation of Warrior program that allows students to have access to our two mini garden beds via our “Sow the Seed, Grow and Feed” , to understand the process of composting, worm farms and sell our school grown produce back to our community.**
- ★ **Ongoing Consultation with our P&C in the delivery of the Miss Pauline Memorial Garden and Sanctuary to increase our green playground space for our whole school and provide an outdoor education space. Also an opportunity to begin a garden featuring bush tucker and provenance plants to inspire and educate our students.**

# This is Costa Georgiadis!



This is Costa, he is a presenter on Gardening Australia and an advocate for sustainability.

**Thank You For  
Listening. We wanted  
to let you know how  
we will be working  
this year and we look  
forward to keeping  
you updated!**

**Any Questions?**

