



26<sup>th</sup> August 2022

# Primary News

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## A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

A very warm welcome back to all students and families, both returning and the many joining BISL for the first time. It has been a very active first week of school, with students settling into their classroom routines, getting to know their teachers and peers, and engaging in many exciting activities (see the class and departments section below).



The energy and buzz around the school have been incredible and wonderful to see, as we start the new school year. The theme running through the whole school for the first Block is *Mathematics*, with lots of opportunities for students to develop their problem-solving skills through fun activities and projects.

Thank you to all of the parents and students attending the Primary *Curriculum Events* this week. Slides will be shared with all parents for further

reference. Should you have any specific questions about the curriculum or concerns regarding your child settling in, please contact the class or specialist teacher.

As per the After-School Provision presentation on Tuesday, we aim to be running various activities after school next week. Students can choose from a variety of activities, catering for all ages and interests, to expand on or learn new skills. Extended supervision from 14:45-16:30 also opens for Early Years (Nursery and reception). Please note that our activities will be published on our website as soon as possible. Parents will be notified via email once the registration form is online.



For any important updates, please continue to check the [News](#) section and see the latest [Update from the Principal](#).

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Katarina Železinger,  
Head of Primary

## Class Teacher Reports

### Early Years

In Early Years we are exploring our first topic, "Colours". We have begun experimenting with mark-making and painting in Pre-nursery and self-portraits in Nursery and Reception.



The children have been creative when painting and learning about their body parts.

*Ms Gillespie and Ms Kukovica*

### Year 1

It has been a lovely first week of school! Students have been learning new school routines, making friends and have been very busy in all lessons! We have been writing about ourselves and making self-portraits that are already decorating our classroom.



In English lessons we have been making lists of our family members, in Maths, we have practised ordering numbers, while in Topic we are exploring woodland animals.

*Ms Miklavec*

### Year 2

We had a good first week in Year 2. We have had lots of fun getting to know each other and creating our *Marvellous Me* posters. They are a great group of children and we think this will be a fantastic year!



We have also started our new topic - *Treasures* and have been starting to think about all things pirates! We look forward to sharing more with you in the weeks to come.

*Mrs Forham and Mrs Torrington*

### Year 3

This week Year 3 students enjoyed getting to know each other, and making the classroom their new homely environment. They discussed travel in various forms relating to our topic theme '*Things that make us different and things that make us the same*'. 'Where have you lived?'



What languages can you speak? Where have you been in the world? Where on the map is it? and, 'Where would you like to explore, if you could travel anywhere?'

*Ms Blundell and Ms Spangl*

### Year 4

We had a fantastic week in Year 4. This week we have created portraits of ourselves, thinking about how to incorporate our likes and hobbies.



We have been settling in, getting to know each other and learning our class rules and routines. It has been a great week and we are very much looking forward to the new week ahead.

*Ms Harris*

### Year 5

The children have had a fantastic first week in Year 5. They kicked off their Topic 'Extreme Survivors' by sharing their very own cactus and discovering how they survive in the desert.

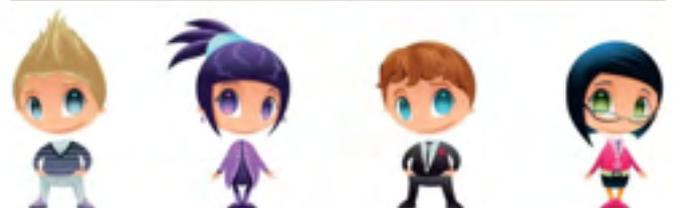


We discussed what animals live in extreme conditions and the children are very excited to learn more about this topic.

*Mrs Thomas*

### Year 6

This week the Year 6 students settled very well into their new year group. At the beginning of the week, we spent time getting to know each other, the routines of the class and having fun.



In this block, we will be studying the legend of Robin Hood and our topic unit is Brainy backpackers, where students will pack their travel bags and jet set around the globe to prepare a travel guide for fellow intrepid travellers.

*Mr Kokalj*

## Departmental News

### PE

This week during primary PE we introduced the different topics and sports for the year ahead and developed a range of fundamental movement skills. We also competed in team races, working on our speed, balance and communication skills and the importance of fair play.

All of the students displayed excellent enthusiasm and energy during primary PE this week and the whole PE department is looking forward to an active and successful year ahead.

*PE Department*

## Other News

### Coffee with the Principal

Friday, September 2nd 8:00 am



These monthly coffee mornings are a worthwhile opportunity for our parents to hear some detailed

updates and plans about upcoming announcements, school events and some of the key areas that we are focusing on as a school from a pedagogical point of view, from our Principal, Mr Cox.

## Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Families,

I write to express my gratitude for the warm and wonderful welcome extended to me and all the new members of our BISL community this first week of school.

I know and appreciate that all new students, families, and staff have been treated with the utmost kindness and care. This has not only made the start of the school year, and our first experiences of BISL happy and comforting ones, but it has also informed us 'newbies' of the thoughtful and caring nature of the community we have chosen to join. Thank you again.



My reflections on witnessing the school in action have also given me great confidence for the future. Having spent a week of professional development with our academic staff, and now another week with the students as well, I am pleased to report that the relationships, attitudes and motivations of all seem well-developed, respectful and effective

I am fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to spend time in Early Years, Primary and Secondary

classrooms, and in every subject. Right from the start of school last Monday, the teaching and learning environment has been both purposeful and engaging. Alongside our Heads of School and members of the community, we will continue to work hard to maintain and build on this good start.

I am particularly pleased that we are now able to tap into the potential for learning that the new building provides, with 6th Form Centre and classes, some Key Stage 4 classes and the lovely assembly hall all now being occupied alongside the Library, Admissions Meeting rooms, Computing and Performing Arts classrooms. This really is a very positive development for the school.

Of course, there are also already some areas of development and improvement that have caught my attention. Whilst it is good for the growth and development of the school in many ways that we have a pleasing late increase in student enrolment over the summer break, this has of course presented us with challenges in terms of class and room sizes. We are actively working to resolve those issues through both recruitment and use of the new building, and I will keep the BISL community informed of all developments as soon as we are able.

Another indicator, in my view, of a healthy and confident school, is its insistence on the richness of experiences and opportunities for the students, young and old. Therefore, I am delighted that in the coming weeks our Secondary School will be embarking on the first of its Adventure trips starting with Y7 & Y8 in two weeks' time.

I wish you all a pleasant end to our first week of the school year.

Best wishes,

Kind regards,  
*Paul Walton, Principal*

## Dates to Note

Tue	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	MEPI Parent Presentation
Thu	Sep 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Phonics Presentation
Fri	Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee with the Principal
Mon	Sep 5 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Parent Presentation

All upcoming events and details are available on our [website](#).

## School Contact Details

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## School Calendars

For Term dates and school holidays, [click here](#).