

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**Thursday  
17th  
December**

Crazy Hat/Hair  
Day

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17th  
December**

Last Day of  
2020 School  
Year for  
Students—  
*normal  
finishing time*

**Friday 18th  
December**

Student-Free  
Day—SSG  
Meetings to be  
held on this  
day



**Thursday  
28th January  
2021**

First day of the  
2021 School  
Year for  
Students

# BAYSIDE BULLETIN

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**Bayside**  
Special  
Developmental  
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**Sneak Preview!**  
**Christopher is set to go for the  
end of year concert!**

# Bayside Bulletin

## Principal's Report

### End of Year Best Wishes



I think we will all be happy to farewell 2020 this year after the incredible challenges it has set for people all around the world. I am continued to be amazed by the resilience our students have shown through this challenging period and credit must go to our families who have continued to engage, enrich and nurture their children through what has been a stressful and challenging period. The staff at Bayside SDS also deserve a special mention for their flexibility, dedication and support to provide remote learning activities and to create a welcoming but safe environment for the students on their return. Whilst the school has been restricted in returning back to full operations with regards to excursions and community experiences, we look

forward to restarting full programs at the beginning of 2021.

I do hope that the holiday period is restful and rewarding for all families, and I look forward to seeing all of the students on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January for their first day.

### Family Payments



On Thursday please ensure that you check your child's bag for important information relating to family payments for 2021. Enclosed is a form to return to the school ASAP.

### Student Graduation



The school is holding a special ceremony onsite for those students who are graduating to adult programs this year on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> (the last day for students this year). Our local member Nick Staikos has agreed to

come and make some presentations and join in the celebrations. We wish Tim, Joel, Samantha, Kade, Blair and Lucy all the best with the next stage of their vocation and I know we will miss them all dearly.

### School Magazine



Due to COVID restrictions, the school magazine has had to take a different format. This year there will be less articles but more photos of the students in action at school and during the remote learning phase. Special thanks goes to Cara and Tania for all their work to pull this together with limited resources and time.

### Riding for the Disabled (RDA)



I am hoping to receive information pertaining to fees for RDA in 2021 during the next few days. Following this, I will send

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expression of interest forms home to all families. Please note that if this information is not ready by the end of term, I will mail the expression of interest forms once this information is received.

## Pupil-Free Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> December



The school is using its final pupil-free day for the year, to conduct Student Support Group (SSG) meetings for our students. This year parents are offered the choice of an in person meeting, a telephone meeting or via WebEx. Please contact the school if you do not have a time for your meeting, by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

As the final day for the students does not occur on the last day of term students will finish at **normal time** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Michael Pepprell**  
Principal

## Assistant Principal's Report

### School Dental Service



Over many years, our students have been extremely fortunate to receive dental care from Dr Nick Baker. Sadly he has advised me that he has recently stopped work. We were constantly amazed by his work and his capacity to quickly gain the trust of our students under potentially stressful circumstances.

The Dental hospital have informed that emergencies will always been seen (Telephone number is 9341 1000) and Dr Baker advises parents when calling inform the intake team that the patient has a disability. Other community dental

clinics could also be contacted and/or the dental departments at the Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Medical Centre. At this stage it is unclear if the school dental service will be reinstated in 2021.

### Pupil Free Day



Last Wednesday saw staff working in teams to successfully complete their First Aid and Anaphylaxis training. The day also included a workshop introducing ROCC (Roadmap of Communicative Competence) with staff returning a solid endorsement of the tool as a useful tool in helping establish individual goals (96%) and an overwhelming 95% of staff deemed it to be applicable to our student cohort. The ROCC will be trialled in more detail in 2021.

**Tania Castro Millas**  
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## Room E1 ~ Llywela & Jo M



**Vivi builds  
a tower**

The students in the Early Education Program have been busy creating some end of year gifts using dot markers, paint and of course glitter!

It is hard to believe that this will be our final newsletter for 2020! Despite a year full of changes and challenges, all of the students have achieved significant growth in their resilience, engagement and social skills.

We say farewell to two of our students, Hunter and Lincoln and wish them the very best for their new adventures in 2021.

We look forward to watching Mamoud and Alghifari flourish and develop new friendships as they commence their first year of schooling.

Our younger E1 students, Vivienne and Felix, will continue in the Early

Education Program, ready to greet new peers and continue to learn and explore.

Finally, a huge thank you to Alison and Jo for their hard work and support throughout the year!

May all families have a lovely break over summer spending time with family, relaxing when you need to and getting out and about when you want to!

## Room E4 ~ Carolina, Bec & Idit

Room E4 have been exploring a few songs and stories around the theme for our concert item, which is a surprise! Suffice to say that the theme is out of this world ...

At outside playtimes, Joje has been exploring bike riding, whilst Archer follows on a smaller bike or scooter. The two enjoy each other's company especially when walking together from and to the bus, or to the All Abilities Playground, where they enjoy

their own activities. Alessandro has been enjoying lying on the scooter board: sometimes propelling himself or accepting staff pulling him around with a rope attached. He has also really taken to blowing bubbles, whilst Theo is mesmerised by them. Theo enjoys playing ball, preferring a bouncy ball such as a fit ball or basketball, and often choosing to roll it or bounce it to staff, showing off his great aim. Rameen is developing a special relationship, often accepting

Zia's hand and holding it briefly. It's lovely to see our girls getting along so nicely and sitting next to each other during story time, where Rameen is showing her increasing interest in stories.

We have also started some end of year activities and crafts that will be sent home to celebrate the festive season. We hope you are looking forward to the end of year break.

Thank you

## Room E5 ~ Kate & Jacqui

Well we made it to the end of the craziest year! I am so proud of everyone with how well they adapted to working from home as well as how far they have all come this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful students' families. You have all been amazing and thank you for all your ongoing support.

To my incredible education support staff throughout the year; Jacqui, Bec and Vicky. It

has been a lot of fun working with you this year, and you are all so amazing with the kids. You will all be very missed next year while you are on maternity leave.

Lastly and most importantly to the E5 boys. It has been such a fun year with you all. Aiden you are so caring and always wanted to help your friends. Again we all loved your giggles while playing the bells. Ferris you have come so far with

making choices on the board and it always brought a big smile to your face. Franco it was a lot of fun singing and dancing to "You're Welcome" with you, I think the whole school could hear us. Mitchell your talking has come so far this year, you could recite word for word "Pete the Cat" and would request it all day.

I hope you all have a lovely, well deserved break and we can't wait to see you in 2021!



**Ferris**

## Room E6 ~ Cheryl, Charles, Jo & Anouk

WOW! What a year 2020 has been!

In a year that has had so many changes from onsite learning and remote learning at home, the students of E6 have made it to the end! Anouk, Charles, Jo, and I have enjoyed those notable moments, the shared experiences and enjoyment that specific activities have given to each member of E6. Some highlights include **Aiden** showing us all how to dance to the 'freeze' game, **Patrick's** joyous giggles and smiles when he has chosen his

favourite song on the board, **Sam MR** for his impressive knowledge and appetite for choosing a different book every day, **Kasey** for her artistic and speciality drawings of animals using textas or a page on the whiteboard, **Oscar** for being the explorer of the playground and **Sam G** for showing us his delight of exploding paint or making lots of noise when on the Eye-Gaze machine!

I would like to thank; Steph, Jo R and Kristen for their individual efforts in

supporting the E6er's throughout the year, Charles for his 'live' musical programs, Jo for her unwavering 'Tuesday' classroom support, and finally to Anouk for her dedication in keeping the programs all happening and running along—especially the tech stuff! Lastly, I would like to thank the parents and carers who have soldiered on throughout this year—What a Great Effort!

Have a safe and restful break, ready for 2021!

## Room W1 ~ Lulu & Danielle

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2020! What a crazy year it's been. Two lots of remote learning, two terms of learning on-site—all with plenty of laughs and fun.

In the past two weeks W1 has enjoyed making Christmas cookies, writing Christmas letters to their peers and Santa and counting down the days

until Santa arrives. The highlight of morning circle has been the Christmas themed questions. Students enjoy voting for their favourite option and guessing which one will be the winner.

Thank you W1 for the best year ever. We have enjoyed spending it with you and have loved to watch your sassy

personalities come out. There hasn't been a day where we haven't laughed all together and that's all thanks to you!

To everyone we wish you the safest and most relaxing of breaks filled with fun, food and family.

Stay Groovy, W1 xx

## Room W2 ~ Abigail, Marion & Sharran

*'Tis the season to be jolly, tralalala lalala!* The holiday season has arrived in W2 and the countdown to the summer break has begun. Recently, there has been a lot of red and green paint, and even more glitter, being used to make beautiful artworks to bring home ready for the festive season. Charlotte loved the Christmas music being played and was all giggles painting her decorations with Sharran. William and Christopher enjoyed using the mini roller to apply their paint to the wooden tree decorations, before

carefully adding the glitter as the finishing touch. Look out for these sparkly gifts coming home in the last week of term!

Another big project for the group has been filming our end-of-year concert item. We had the music playing on repeat for a couple of days, and the more it played, the more the students loved it! (We're not sure the same can be said for the staff in the classroom next door though!). Without giving anything away before the big reveal,

we can tell you that Dylan pulled out his best wiggles on camera, Anika modelled when to go! and when to stop! to the music, and Kate was mesmerised by the colourful costumes, asking to wear hers even after the rehearsals and filming had finished! The benefit of having a virtual concert has been that all students have had the opportunity to engage with the music and shine on film, and Jaidan was able to be part of the performance, even though he couldn't be with us in the classroom. We can't wait for you all to see the finished performance next week!



**Issy & Luca  
sharing**

## Room W3 ~ Andrew, Marshall & Amber

Well here we are almost at the end of term 4. In W3 we are so happy with how our students have handled the challenges that 2020 has thrown our way, and could not be more proud with what they have achieved at school.

Last fortnight has been pretty jam packed. This last week all the students had a go at making chocolate ice cream in class. It was our best ice cream making day yet—it turned out awesome! Issy and Meckenzie

worked brilliantly with shaking the bag to make the ice cream work. Well done girls!

Ronny has been doing a fantastic job of filling up his reward chart, so he can have free time when he does. This has enabled Ronny to help out heaps in the classroom with packing up after himself before starting a new activity—awesome work Ronny!

Vigi has continued to work really well through class transitions, and has been

continuing to enjoy the bike riding and the sand pit. Luca has been enjoying hydro this last fortnight and has also been doing really well with class transitions.

Benn has done a great job with using the lycra swing for relaxation and has enjoyed the sensory videos at the end of each day.

We want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer holidays.



**Reuvi on the  
swing in his  
concert clothes**

## Room W4 ~ Ka Ling, Aura & Liz

Hello everyone! It's our last newsletter for 2020! This year has been one to remember, the students have shown great resilience and grit throughout all the changes, new routines and they have all re-engaged with school in Term 4.

This past week we've been dancing and recording to get some footage for our

Christmas concert video clip! Annabel loves listening to the songs and will smile, stamp and shake along with us! Ellie nods along and even flicks off her headband which made us all giggle. Lachy gave us some good smiles while listening to the songs. Archie was very happy to hear the music, and was our DJ holding

the speakers. Reuvi was intrigued by all the dancing, and Jordan was happily dancing along! I hope you all enjoy watching the Christmas concert video next week!

Have a wonderful holiday! Happy Chanukah and Merry Christmas! Have a safe and restful summer everyone! I can't wait to see you in 2021.

## Room N1 ~ Gloria, Janine & Mel

Hi Everyone,

Well, we made it through 2020. All students did well coping with the seemingly never ending changes and challenges that were thrown at them this year – well done to all

– and to the parents and all staff for pulling together.

As the year closes, we in room N1, would just like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a relaxing holiday. To those

students leaving us, Blair, Lucy, Kade, Samantha and Joel (and Tim from N3) we wish you every success as you move into adulthood and new adventures.

Roll on 2021!



**Liliana**

## Room N2 ~ Annie, Mark B, Mark L, Bhash & Anna

Hello to all, in what will be our final (yes, FINAL) newsletter of the year! Can you believe it?

These two final weeks are flying as we prepare to round up what has been a most extraordinary year. Last week we celebrated with Bhash and his wife Katy on the safe arrival of their first born daughter. Such good news and now, are about to continue the celebrations for our graduates next week as they move onto adult options and life beyond Bayside. Timothy is one of the 2020 graduates and we will miss him greatly after sharing his 14 years at Bayside. This week we were also able to offer a boys and girls

leisure hydro session in lieu of swimming elsewhere. Ben loved the experience with Blair and Joel and especially the spa bubbles. It's on again one more week—he'll be so happy. Nisha has been exploring more outside and going on the trampoline most days. She enjoyed a bounce with her friend Liliana too. Michelle is loving 1:1 interactions with staff and doing a morning promenade in the sunshine around the school—leading us to her happy places. Jack has had some successful times using the eye-gaze equipment and regularly finds himself in a fit of giggles as he activates the green

bottles breaking on the screen. Jeremy too is working hard to help water our flower and vegetable seedlings—there are already flowers on the zucchini and the herbs are flourishing under his care. Well done all!

Finally, I look forward to meeting with families on the final day of school to discuss their child's progress. Even during these times, we have much to celebrate. Mark B, Bhash, Mark L, Anna and I all wish you safe and restful holidays to follow. We will definitely never forget this year, that's for certain. See you next year!

## Room N3 ~ Karryn, Debbie & Wit

On the home stretch of 2020, and we are now literally counting down the days until the summer holidays start.

Not quite the same as an Advent Calendar, each day the appropriate bauble on our interactive Christmas tree on the screen is selected to open three presents in sequence. The first present is a song, the second a story and the third is an activity to do at the table. A number of these activities are surprises for

families, so we can't say too much about them now!

Our End of Year concert item is finished after days of filming. We are looking forward to seeing the whole school production when it is released for viewing. Videos of concerts from years gone by continue to be a source of joy for all as we reminisce about staff and students from the past and how little / young we all were once.

Students had a class party with fruit and chips from McDonalds to farewell Naguib, and there is another party planned on the students last day, which is also Crazy Hair day.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, N3 staff would like to wish all students and their families a safe and relaxing holiday period. We look forward to seeing you again in 2021.

**BE COVIDSAFE**





Franco



Aiden has the hands on approach



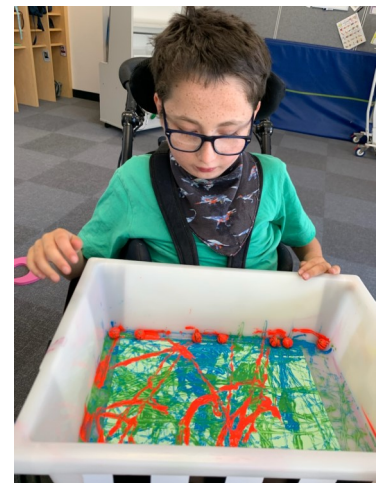
Sam MR creating Art work



Akain



Oscar's shape sorter



Sam G observing the marble effect



Mitchell



Patrick creating Art work

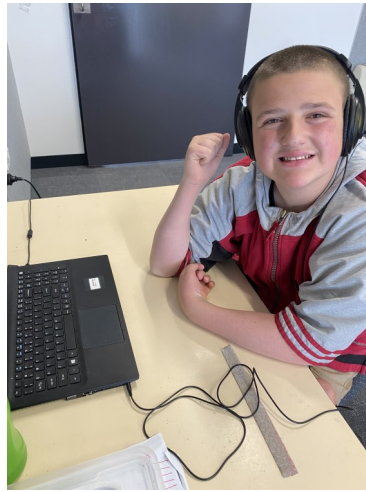


Adam & Tom find different words hidden in the cloud dough





Adam ripped a nice straight line



Max worked so hard, he got to use the computer



Tommy finished another star chart—excellent work!



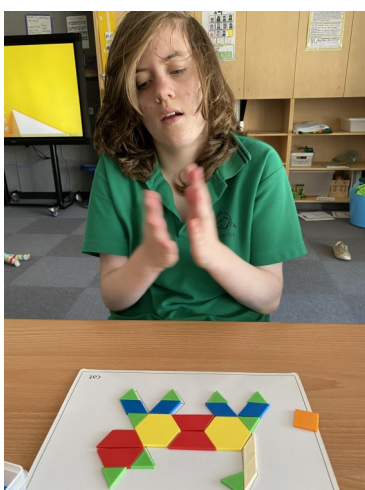
Jordan painting with different textures



Sakura enjoys painting



Charlotte making her Christmas decoration



Maddie made a cat



Sara works hard using Talking Mats

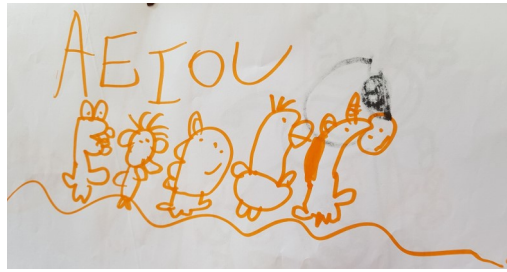


Christopher making his Christmas decoration





Aiden



Kasey's drawing #AEIOU



Anika making her Christmas decoration



Kate making her Christmas decoration



Nassar



Ben enjoys some quiet time after a busy morning



William making his Christmas decoration



Abi & Carla using iPads in Circle Time



Abi working on her counting



Ella uses photos of her favourite person as counters



Farewell Naguib!



Alghifari using apples to practise addition

ANY SYMPTOMS HOWEVER MILD  
GET TESTED







Dylan making Christmas decoration



Issy in Theraplay



Ronny on the iPad



Jaidan ready for the end of year concert video



Luca tracing on the iPad



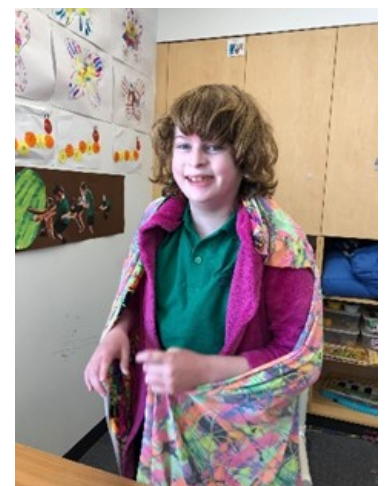
Vigi doing some tabletop tracing



Benn enjoying Science



Meckenzie in the sandpit



Jordan playing with the Lycra





Archie looking cool in his concert clothes



Annabel enjoying the concert music



Jack is loving being on the birds nest swing most days



Ellie giggling to the concert song



Tim works hard with Annie walking outside



Michelle's energy is contagious!



Lachy enjoying the concert song on the swing



A pensive Nisha enjoying the outside games box



Great work, Jeremy. Our plants are thriving under your care





Charles & Deb dancing



Ella & Lucy in the spa



Felix worked hard creating end of year treasures



Lincoln practising writing his name



Mamoud using the dot markers



Vivi enjoying water play

**STAY | SAFE**

**STAY | OPEN**