

Bodalla Public School

Quality education, family oriented, close to home



Welcome to Bodalla Public



We are a friendly, community school and develop the skills, knowledge and values students need to lead productive and rewarding lives.

We encourage a culture of family, school pride and self-responsibility in a rural environment.

We work together to build on our proud school history and traditions. Established in 1867 we offer modern facilities yet retain the many advantages of a small rural school. Our professional and caring teachers provide an excellent education for our children in a picturesque and well-resourced environment.

We offer a challenging approach catering to all learning styles while ensuring progress for every student through great support programs. We emphasize positive behavior management, academic excellence and provide many cultural and sporting opportunities. Our students learn and experience great success and achievement whilst we encourage healthy, active lifestyles, creativity, fun and teamwork.

We focus strongly on the development and importance of literacy and numeracy skills working closely with all parents to help achieve the best outcomes for their children. Strong emphasis is placed on learning support to enable every child to reach their full potential.

Student learning is enhanced through technology with interactive white boards, iPads, laptops and modern computers skilling your child for the future.

Our Student Welfare Policy is exceptional and widely recognized. Students regularly take part in personal and civic responsibilities to ensure the development of appropriate behavior and social accountability. A strong public speaking program develops student confidence and communication skills. Our students demonstrate strong values and leadership and raise funds for many good causes within our community.

As a proud member of the Eurobodalla Learning Community our students have many opportunities for enrichment learning programs working with our partner public schools.

We value every child in our care and your child's success is important to us. We welcome and appreciate the input of parents at the school. We know your child will enjoy their educational journey.

Opportunities for all

Our school is an integral part of the community. We value every child in our care and your child's success is important to us. Our school is a happy and safe environment promoting good learning.

Our specialist programs operate to develop well-adjusted and motivated citizens, here is a selection we offer at our school:

- Anti-bullying programs, Friends For Life and Fun Friends developing safe and respectful learners
- Bodalla Kindystart for our prospective Kindergarten students
- Child Protection Program building safety awareness skills
- Community Helpers in and around our classrooms
- Environmental programs imparting knowledge caring for our world
- Gardening Program encouraging healthy lifestyles
- Crunch 'n' Sip Program encouraging healthy lifestyles
- Gross Motor Program improving physical skills
- Learning and Support Teacher supporting individual learning
- Outdoor education/camping programs implementing living skills
- Public speaking events/ spelling/ debating competitions increasing self-confidence and leadership skills
- Road Safety Program creating awareness and responsibility
- Making up for lost time in Literacy -, MiniLit, InitiaLit, Spellit, Reading Tutor, Word Attack Skills
- Specialist sporting and coaching for talented and able students
- Water Safety and Learn to Swim programs providing necessary life skills
- Whole school involvement in specialist music programs for enjoyment and a performing arts focus
- Breakfast club
- Technology programs including Robotics
- Specialist Art Studio supporting class Visual Arts programs

Further enrichment and talented activities offered with our Eurobodalla Learning Community, include:

- Awards Dinner - recognising student success and achievements
- Chess Challenge developing decision making and thinking skills
- Leadership Team with positive role models and leadership Camp
- Public Speaking and opportunities for involvement in civic events
- Transition Program for successful integration to High School
- Visual Arts camp encouraging creativity and composition skills Writers' Roadshow developing literacy and language skills



Your child receives individual attention

Our students learn to work cooperatively

Our students are happy and engaged in their learning



Creating positive patterns

Important Information

- We have four terms, each approximately 10 weeks long
- We will advise you of public and school holidays as they occur
- Our lessons commence at 9.10am and we finish at 3.10pm
- All teachers are present and busy preparing lessons from 8.40am
- A teacher supervises the covered playground from 8.50am for early arrivals
- Teachers supervise students who wait for buses after school
- Library is open every recess and provides a wide range of activities for students
- Students are encouraged to have a healthy breakfast before classes begin
- Our lunch break is 11.30am to 12.10am and our recess break is 1.45pm to 2.10pm
- Teacher supervision is provided during these times and sporting equipment available to encourage active students

Supporting Regular Attendance

Regular attendance, being on time and positive participation all contribute to academic and social progress.

Children do get sick and we encourage you to keep your child at home especially if symptoms can be shared. We are aware that Kindergarten students may need a day's absence if they are overtired especially in Term One.

If your child is away from school or late for any reason, we would appreciate and require that you notify the school by email, phone or in writing. We provide forms which can easily be completed and returned to the class teacher. Extra books of these are available. If your child is late to school or needs to leave early please complete a sign in/sign out slip at the front office.

We are responsible for your child's safety and welfare; we have a policy where students are permitted to leave the school grounds only with permission. If your child is to travel home by a different means to their regular method, please contact the school and advise us as early as possible.



Parents as our partners

Our broad range of opportunities helps promote a love of learning

Our skilled teachers know your child well and your child will receive special attention

We are a friendly family and community oriented school and we welcome parent's involvement



Communicating with our Staff

Every staff member welcomes the opportunity and is very pleased to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress.

We are often on class or preparing activities so please contact our office so we can arrange a suitable time to ensure your needs are met.

In an emergency please contact our school office so we can assist you as quickly as possible.

We find the best time to contact school is between 8.45am and 3.15pm. Otherwise the best time to contact a teacher is after school at 3.15pm. Unless in an emergency we respectfully request you do not contact teachers at home.

School Website and Newsletter

Our website is updated regularly with notes, newsletters and other school information. You can easily locate the website by going to Bodalla Public School on your computer. Our newsletters are produced weekly on Wednesdays. You will need to subscribe through our website to receive our



newsletters and alerts by email or download the app and receive these on your phone. This will ensure you have the latest information all of the time and on time.

Parent Visits and Involvement

We do welcome parents into our classrooms and often to whole school activities providing many opportunities for you join in or support your child.

You are invited to attend assemblies which are held during each term. We will notify you of these dates via our regular school newsletter. Our school parliament also meets where school matters are discussed and students can have their input.

Teachers are most happy to have your assistance in the classroom.

Please contact the class teacher to organise suitable times, to suit their daily work program and your own commitments.

Thank you for supporting your child.

Physically active students



Active Students

Every Friday between 2.00pm and 3.10pm all students are involved in sport.

Students have opportunities to compete in team situations at other times throughout the year.

This occurs against other schools or in district trials for selection of representative teams.

We have great fun and participation is great at our annual school swimming, cross-country and athletics carnivals.

All students are involved in our cross-country and athletics carnivals.

Every child is involved in fitness/motor skills program each week.

We provide specialist coaching clinics such as AFL, Gymnastics, Cricket and Soccer and lunchtime training in athletics, basketball and netball.

Our students have achieved a high level of success in soccer, netball, AFL, athletics and swimming.

Sport Houses

We have two sports houses that are named after past local identities, our house colours are:

Mort (Blue) and O'Grady (Red).



Our school promotes an active lifestyle

Our students have access to a large range of sporting activities

Our school grounds are beautiful with plenty of space for children to be active

You can bank on healthy students



Healthy Lifestyles

We promote nutritious lunches and drinking water especially in hot weather and offer a free healthy lunchbox session in Term 1.

We operate a canteen each Friday through the generous support of the Canteen Committee, this is organized through our Parents and Citizens.

This voluntary effort from a P & C member and parents is very much appreciated. If you are able to assist us by working in the canteen occasionally, we request you to do so.

Please write your child's name, class and order on a paper bag with the money enclosed and have your child give this to the office before Thursday.

A current price list of items available can be obtained from our school office as well as on our school website.



Banking, A Skill for Life

We encourage our students to participate in School Banking. Teaching a child to save and to plan with money is a skill for life and a most valuable tool in a child's education.

If you wish your child to start a school account, please open an account at your local Commonwealth Bank Branch. \$1.00 will start an account.

A Commonwealth Bank deposit book is issued to your child with a special cover which helps keep the book clean. It has a special compartment to put the child's money in.

We conduct School banking every Monday at 9.30 am.

Please ensure you fill out the deposit slip correctly before returning the book with money to the school office.

Equipment for student success

Classroom Materials

We will supply books, pencils and textas to students in K-2 classrooms. We provide a strong plastic folder for Home Readers to be taken home.

Years 3-6 will be supplied with books and be given their first red and blue pen, pencil and ruler at the beginning of the year. We request students buy and supply their own coloured pencils, rubber and glue stick. We do not allow Whitener for obvious reasons and if parents are buying a ruler we would prefer students to have a wooden ruler for safety.

Parents are kindly requested to supply one box of tissues for the use of the whole class throughout the year. Teachers will notify parents if any other equipment is needed for their class. We thank you for your support.

School Bag

Students are asked to bring a bag to school each day to carry their lunch and to take home notes, homework, newsletters and completed work. Please ensure the bag is suitable for your child, and is not too heavy. Bags, which are not worn properly, or are too heavy or big, or not adjusted correctly, can harm the physical health of your child.

Library Bag

Children are able and encouraged to borrow books from our school library. To protect carrying books to and from home, a library bag is essential. The P&C provide each kindergarten student with a library bag when they begin school. Library bags are available for all students to purchase for \$12 from our front office.



Providing services to our school community

Get the Edge on Upcoming Programs

Our students and school community enjoy additional benefits due to the fantastic fundraising and commitment of our Parents and Citizens group.

By becoming involved you can support your child's learning. Attending meetings gives you advance knowledge of the excellent programs and activities happening plus a voice and opportunity to have input into our school's decision-making process.

We warmly welcome new parents, caregivers and interested community members to our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C).

We regularly meet the first Wednesday of each month in the school staffroom. We acknowledge and deeply appreciate the work to support our school by these wonderful parents.



School Fees Assists Success

Our P&C runs a voluntary school fees program to assist in purchasing items for use in teaching and learning programs for your child.

Currently, fees requested are \$50.00 per student or \$60 per family per year, and may be paid either as a lump sum or by the term. Your continued support and contribution is very much appreciated.



Loving Literacy with our Book Club

To enhance your child's literacy skills we offer the following service with Ashton Scholastic Book Club.

Every second month an order form is provided to you. This enables parents to purchase books at a cheaper price without having to travel to buy them.

This service is encouraged however parents are under no obligation to buy books.

Please present orders and monies involved to the office by the closing date on the order form.



We acknowledge and thank our parent volunteers who assist in providing this great service.

Proud and respected

School Uniforms

Our students are expected to wear school uniform. We find it promotes a sense of belonging and team spirit giving all students an even basis concerning dress.

Volunteers from our P&C kindly operate a uniform shop. Please contact the office for opening hours as times may vary due to their commitments. Order sheets are available from the front office which may be completed and returned and will then be filled when the shop is next open.

Our school enforces a “No Hat, No Play in the Sun” policy during Term 1 and Term 4.

We have green school hats to protect your child and create awareness of cancer issues. The school office and uniform shop both stock these for your convenience.

Naming of Child’s Property

Lost property is inevitable so to quickly recover lost items parents are asked to ensure all children’s property is clearly marked with their name.

Please check from time to time that the names are still readable as this will enable us to return lost items promptly.

For further information, please contact us by phone or via email and our friendly staff will assist you.





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