

# *Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School*

## *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter*



### *Principal's message*

Congratulations and welcome to our school's celebration of 25 years. Our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be a memory to hold for all students, staff, parents and the community. As an amazing school, we want to share our experiences of the last 25 years and look back to see how the school has changed from 1993 to now, 2018. I take this opportunity to welcome you all to help us celebrate 25 years of quality education.

Mr Daryl McKay



# *Thoughts from our school leaders*



*School leaders: Emillio Martinez, Nikola Alavanja, Mr Daryl McKay, Olivia Dowling and Kasey Huynh*

## **School Captains**

*'I love our wonderful school because we excel in sports and learning. All students give it a go. We are all learners and can learn in different ways thanks to our teachers. Our students never give up and give 110% in all areas from class activities, tests and in all challenges. Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School is a wonderful school.'* - **Nikola Alavanja**

*'Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School is a fantastic school for students from K-6. We have many extra-curricular activities for all students. At our school, we celebrate and learn about different cultures. Bonnyrigg Heights is a big school with many students who work and learn together in a harmonious and friendly way to make sure no one is left behind. Here at Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School, we truly are 'Proud of All We Do' -* **Olivia Dowling**

## **School Vice Captains**

*'I like our school because it is very multicultural. The teachers and the students are wonderful at Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School. We are also a very sporty school! This school is a great school for making friends'.* - **Emillio Martinez**

*'Bonnyrigg Heights is an extraordinary school with amazing teachers. There's always new and fun activities coming our way. Students are highly educated and are always determined to give everything a go. Here at Bonnyrigg Heights we encourage others and always strive for the best.'* - **Kasey Huynh**



# *Celebrating 25 Years*

Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Our incredible school opened in 1993 with a population of approximately 220 students and 28 staff. We have certainly grown since then with our population heading towards 1200 students and our staff totalling just over 100!

We kicked off the year by having our entire school participate in a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photo. This was a fun activity and all of the students were so efficient and cooperative during this big task. On this day, students sensibly waited in the Active Area and were called, one class at a time, to walk onto the Bottom Oval. Students loved watching the cherry picker lift the photographer extremely high up to take this aerial view of our current student and staff population. You can also see our new Bottom Oval and running track which was installed in Term 2 of 2017.

We have planned a number of exciting activities and opportunities for staff, students and community members of the Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School family. We hope that all our students, families, staff and community members - both past and present - are able to join us in celebrating our amazing school.



*Taken by Advancedlife Photography – 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018*

# *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary launch*

Our anniversary celebrations will begin with a launch on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Mr McKay will greet the morning assembly along with our school leaders. Mr McKay and the leaders will outline the exciting events that will be happening in the coming weeks.

## *Hall display*

There will be a display of student work in the hall to celebrate our fabulous school. Students will complete activities based on one of these topics:

- What school was like 25 years ago
- What school will be like in 25 years time/ School in the future
- The best thing about Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School
- Why I love Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School

Photos will also be on display in the hall including staff photos from 1993 through to 2018 as well as a lot of photos of students and the school throughout the years. Parents and students will be able to visit the hall during the Spring Fair on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September to see the wonderful display.

## *Anniversary Celebration Day*

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Mr McKay and our school leaders will be cutting a celebratory anniversary cake to commemorate this big event at our morning assembly. Parents are then invited to visit the hall after morning lines to share in some of the cake for morning tea. Parents will then be able to mingle with some current staff and have a look at the student work and photos from the school's history. A slideshow of our school throughout the years will also be running in the hall.

Students will also receive a cupcake on this day to celebrate this milestone. All students will get to enjoy their cupcakes and visit the hall during the day to see the photos, student work displays and the slideshow.

## *Anniversary bricks*

The school will be selling brick faces that families and staff can purchase to leave a lasting reminder of their time here at Bonnyrigg Heights PS. The brick faces will be able to be ordered by families for a cost of \$25. Family names, student names or staff names will be etched onto the bricks and these will be permanently displayed on the Admin building wall near the entrance to the school. Families will receive order forms with relevant information shortly.



# *Then and now*



***1996 aerial view of our school grounds***



***2017 aerial view of our school grounds***



# *Then and now - Students become Staff*



## **Shaskia Gultom becomes Mrs Tirtabudi...**

*"I have many memories that make me wish I could go back in time to replay the best of them but my fondest memory would have to be the very first year that I made it into the Wakakirri Dance Group. I'll never forget Miss Madden for believing in me and giving me the confidence to dance on stage and be on television. It was one of my proudest and happiest moments as a student."*



## **Michelle Daniel becomes Miss Daniel ...**

*"I loved attending Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School as a child. There was (and still are) so many fun and engaging extra-curricula and creative school activities! One of my favourite memories was when our school had the privilege to perform in the Opening Ceremony at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games."*



## **Melissa Smilek becomes Miss Smilek...**

*"Bonnyrigg Heights PS has helped me grow into the person I am today. I remember starting school being afraid and worried about what was to come from this new environment. I soon learnt that Bonnyrigg Heights PS is a place that values children, education and partnerships. The support, love and care I received whilst being a student motivated me to work hard and return as a teacher. I entered the school being afraid and left being ready and excited for the next chapter in my life."*



# Then and now - Students become Staff



## Tanja Zebeljan becomes Mrs Madanat...

*"I have many fond memories of my time at Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School. I enjoyed coming to school every day because it was a happy, fun, friendly and safe place to be. I had dedicated and passionate teachers such as Mrs Goodwin and Ms Martin who left an everlasting impression on me and were my inspiration in becoming a classroom teacher."*



## Jessica Le becomes Miss Le...

*'Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School is a fantastic school that I attended from year 1 to 6. The teachers, culture and educational focus are the reasons I am back here today. I have several fond memories of my time here including being a part of Wakakirri, the school choir, becoming a school prefect and many more. I am extremely blessed to be back, working alongside teachers that were and are still great role models for both myself and students at BHPS.'*



Student numbers in 1993	220	Student numbers in 2018	1136
Staff numbers in 1993	28	Staff numbers in 2018	100 +
Founding Principal	Diane Dunn	Current Principal	Daryl McKay



Mrs Oyarzun is our only original staff member who began teaching at Bonnyrigg Heights PS 25 years ago!

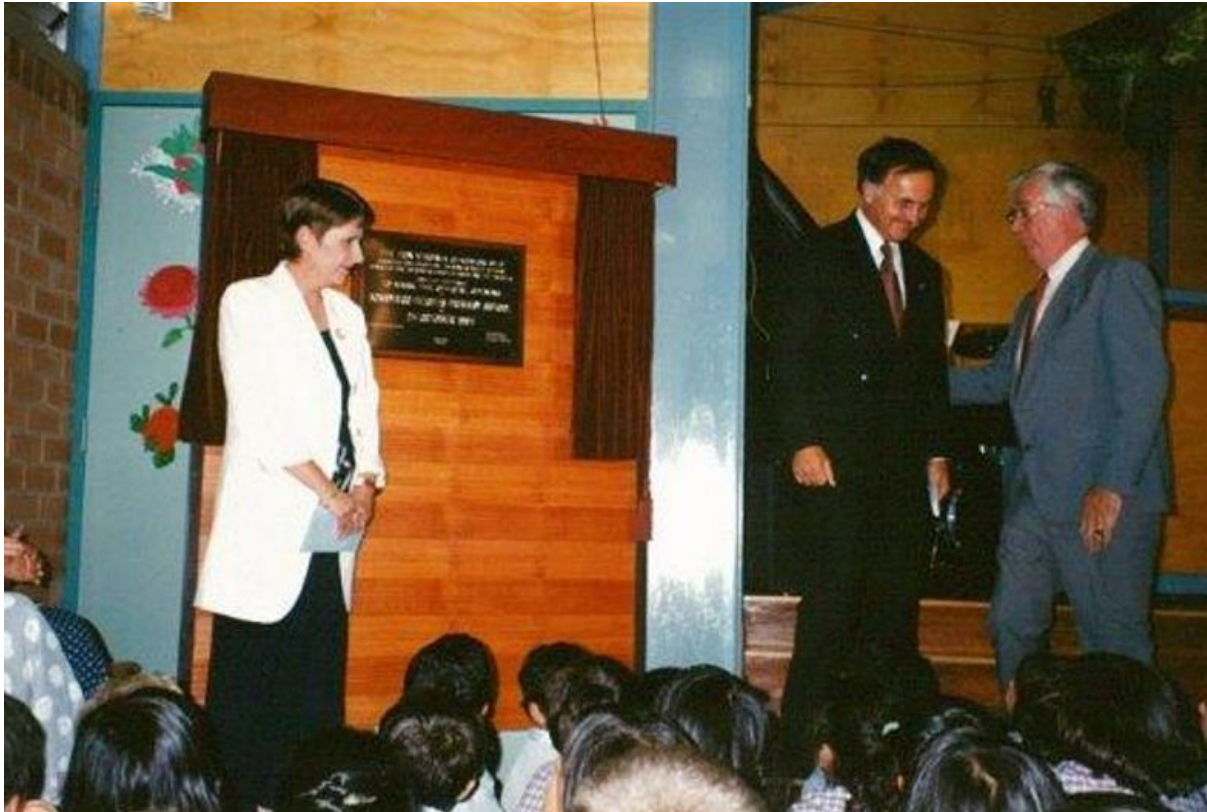
## A message from Mrs Oyarzun...

*'Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School has been a wonderful school. I love the culture and the students. The staff work together well and the community embrace all students regardless of abilities. Working in the Support Unit for the last 25 years has been both challenging and rewarding. I feel I've been blessed in my work with these students. It has been my mission to equip students with the skills that can help them in their everyday life. These skills will help them to achieve a quality of life that all students deserve.'*





# *Official School Opening*



*Founding Principal Diane Dunn at the official opening of BHPS on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 1994*

## *Looking back to 1993*

- Bonnyrigg Heights Primary School was opened
- Australia's Prime Minister was Paul Keating
- Top song of the year was, 'I will always love you' by Whitney Houston
- Most popular boys' name was Michael
- Most popular girls' name was Jessica
- The final space shuttle mission was completed
- Canada elected its first female Prime Minister, Kim Campbell
- Nelson Mandela and Frederik de Klerk were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- The World Wide Web (www) was established
- Top movies included Jurassic Park and Mrs Doubtfire
- Bill Clinton was President of the United States of America
- Sydney won its bid for the 2000 Summer Olympics
- Brisbane Broncos won the NRL Grand Final