

# Brooklyn Public School

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## Principal's Report

We continue to think of the fabulous Mrs Debbie Aselford as she rests at home getting ready to return to us at Brooklyn! It is not the same without her, but we are doing our best! Please bear with us we endeavour to maintain routines in the office with temporary staff members who are stepping into the role until Deb returns.

We had a fantastic day yesterday on our excursion to Flint and Steel. Great weather for a bush walk and staff were so proud of the way the children helped each other to make it up a fairly steep incline to return to the buses. We thank the staff from Gibberagong who ushered us down to the beach. What a beautiful spot! How blessed are we to have such incredible places to visit right in our local environment.

As we are very quickly nearing the end of the year, please be mindful that payment of Semester 2 fees will be most helpful for us to tidy finances before the end of the term. We are most appreciative of those families who are up to date with fees for 2016.

We will assemble at the memorial on Friday to mark Remembrance Day. Please join us from 10.30am if you are free as this an important occasion for us all to stop and think about acts of incredible bravery and courage that have made a difference to the world in which we live.

The Science Fair is coming up and I am so looking forward to seeing the different types of scientific thinking that has been going on!

The year 5 students will start getting a bit of a taste of high school as they attend Asquith High Schools' transition days next week. Please make sure you are aware of times and locations. It's such a great program run by the high schools.

Members of the **P&C** met last week and discussed many things, particularly with regard to the grounds and how to provide shade for the playground equipment, and seating for the students. It was agreed that money could be spent in these areas and if you have any ideas that you would like to see implemented, please feel free to come and chat with me about them.

The **COLA** is coming along and not far off completion. It will be a great space and we are looking forward to making the best use of it.

Next week, painters will be in A Block preparing to re paint all walls, doors and ceilings. There will be a little bit of juggling involved as we move classes around to allow

painters to carry out their work. This is going to make a huge difference to that block of classrooms and give the area a lift! What a difference a coat of paint makes!! They will be using oil based paints so there will be some odour but classrooms will not be used if there is any paint smell.

It is that time of the year again when teachers begin to make assessments of student achievement which they use to complete **student reports**. Of course, teachers are making assessments regularly to adjust teaching and learning to cater for student needs. Teachers are always encouraged when they see students displaying positive learning behaviours as these are the most telling as to whether or not a student will reach their potential. Look out for these type of comments!

#### Diana Aitken







## Important Dates

November 11 **Remembrance Day** Asquith High Schools Experience Days November 17

Science Fair November 18

November 24 Interschool visit Cessnock West 5/6I

November 25 NBHS "Circus" incursion

December 7 End of Year Concert 5.30 start

## P & C - Expressions of Interest Project Control Group

The P&C is looking for parents who would be interested in being part of a project control group to manage the improvement work that will be done once the covered learning area is finalised.

#### This will include:

- Shading for the playground
- Improvements to the area under the tree
- Landscaping

Please email Ingrid if you are interested at: bobing@glasfryn.com.au

Thank you.
Ingrid Segovia
P&C President

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT MOONEY CHAPEL 18 DECEMBER AT 5.30

We are seeking actors for the play and musicians for the band.

If your child would like to be involved, please just email or text me and I will give you more information.

Annette #0408 659 575 or annettetk@hotmail.com





#### Hi everyone!

A reminder for everyone!! If your child is booked in to BASC either permanent or casually and is NOT going to attend you MUST contact us to let us know your child will not be attending. You can do this by calling HRCC or a text message to the kids club phone. PLEASE NO EMAIL, THIS IS NOT CHECKED REGULARLY!!

The kids club mobile is only on during BASC hours, 7am-9am and 3pm-6pm. I will always reply to your text to let you know I have got your message!!

The last day for BASC will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016.

Vacation Care will run in the week Monday 19<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

We will then close for 2 weeks and reopen on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

#### All bookings must be made by calling HRCC on 9985-7362, or on the kids club mobile 0434 889 572

Thanks

Anna