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Principal's Report

Wow! Not long to go now!! Hard to believe, but the 2016 school year is coming to an end! How that has happened, is a mystery to us all.

What an incredible performance we all witnessed last night at the **School Concert!** It was a fabulous display of the acting and dancing skills of our students. I thank all the Brooklyn school staff for helping to coordinate the production and for preparing our students so well. We are a talented bunch and what a treat to see our students gain so much enjoyment from sharing a favourite story with the audience and dancing to such great song choices! I neglected to thank Kirsty from the *Footsteps* dance company for the stunning selection of music and the quality of the choreography. How important it is to offer our students a range of opportunities to express themselves and to feel joy through movement and song.

It was wonderful to be able to stage our concert under the **COLA** last night! It is a fantastic structure and a great space. The children have already experienced the benefit of this covered space in the 32° heat and the teaming rain over the last couple of days! This fabulous space allows us to provide many more opportunities for our students.

We look forward to our End of Year **Presentation Assembly** next Wednesday, 14 December, when class awards and trophies will be presented to students. Apologies, again, for the confusion around dates! My brain is in 'fried' mode at the moment! Letters will come home to inform parents if their child will be receiving an award. We will be inviting guests to stay for morning tea afterwards and parents who have helped through the year. This will be an opportunity for us to say **Thank You** for all the great work that you do to help us to do the great work that we do at school!

The **Milson Island Fun Day** is coming up next week and permission notes have gone home with students. It is most important that you fill out the online medical form that is required by the Milson Island staff. Please follow this link on your permission note if you have not done so already.

The **P&C** met on Tuesday night to discuss many interesting topics. Coming along to a meeting is a great way to find out what is going on in our school and a great time to offer your support for the work that goes on at Brooklyn Public School. We discussed how to best landscape the playground area and the possibility of purchasing new furniture for the grounds. We also talked about concerns regarding NAPLAN data and how we should really feel about standardised testing and the way it is impacting the great teaching and learning that is going on in classrooms. I will be uploading some great reading about NAPLAN on the school website. Check it out!

Do not delay purchasing a **Brooklyn Public School tea towel** as they are going fast! And only \$12.00 each! What a bargain! Thank you to Penny Broome for getting the artwork together and making sure all students are represented. And just in time for Christmas! If we do sell out, we will be able to take orders, so do not fear!

The Year 6 students are looking forward to their end of school celebrations. The students will be enjoying a **sleepover** this Friday which will be lots of fun. The **Year 6 Dinner** will be held at the **Estuary** restaurant and will be very special. Thank you to Mr Iles for organising these great events for the children.

One week to go!!

Diana Aitken

Important Dates

December 12	Year 6 Dinner - Estuary Restaurant
December 14	Presentation day 9.30 start
December 15	Milson Island Fun Day
December 16	Last day of Term 4
January 27	Staff Return
January 30	Students Return

From the Library Shelves

It's that time of year again when we need all books returned to the library. Thank you to all those families who have already returned all their books.

Some children have borrowed books to enjoy over the holidays and it is important that these school resources are returned at the commencement of 2017 school year.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas season. Special wishes to our year 6 students moving onto high school.

Happy reading
Mrs Bull & Mrs Jones



BPS END OF YEAR CONCERT





Hi everyone!

Our vacation care program is now out!
Come see me or contact HRCC for a booking form!

The last day for BASC will be Friday 16th Dec 2016.
Vacation Care will be open in the week Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd Dec.
We will then close for 2 weeks and reopen on Monday 9th January 2017.



Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday!
See you all next year!

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

thanks
Anna

Turn over a new leaf.....Join Brooklyn Bushcare 2017

In February 2017 Hornsby Council is starting a Bushcare Group in Brooklyn.
For just a few hours a month you can help to enhance the local bushland,
learn about the unique plants of Brooklyn, get to know those pesky weeds
and how to beat them and catch up with other residents for a chat & cuppa.
All in the lovely surrounds of Brooklyn!

Council will supply tools and a trainer. If you or someone you know can spare a mid week
morning a month to join we will meet in February to discuss proposed work sites and times.

For more information contact Donna Fitton at Hornsby Council 9847 6976 or e: dfitton@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
Ingrid Segovia at Brooklyn Public School e: bobing@glasfryn.com.au



Christmas CAP Concert



Wednesday 14 December 3.30pm
Please join us for a musical extravaganza



Christmas Carols

@ Peat Island Chapel, Mooney Mooney

December 18th

5:30 pm

WE NEED YOU !!!

If you are interested in acting in the nativity play,
performing in the band or just generally helping out on the day,
then I would love to hear from you.

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(play & band practice will be held Sunday 11th December from
10am at Mooney Mooney Chapel)