



## Principal's Report

Only weeks away now and the fun will have to stop! It is incredible to think that we are nearing the end of another fabulous year at Brooklyn. We still have many wonderful school events to enjoy so make sure you have all those important dates and times marked in your calendars!

Last Friday, the Year 5 students delivered their **leadership speeches** with such conviction and confidence that I know any of them will make truly wonderful leaders for 2018. The votes have been counted and I can tell you that the numbers are very close! All will be revealed at the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 13 December!

We look forward to welcoming students from Kuring-Gai High School on Friday for a **band workshop** and short performance. This is a great opportunity for Rose and our band members to gain some additional support for their musical journey and to perform for the school. It is such a great thing that our high school students enjoy sharing their expertise with our primary school children.

Another special experience for our band members is coming up on Monday 4 December as they travel into the city to make a **recording** at a music studio. What a memorable day that will be as they kind of hit the big time and can call themselves recording artists!!

We are getting very close to our **School Concert** which is coming up next Thursday 7

December at 5.30pm. We look forward to showcasing our incredible talents and reminding you exactly why you send your children to Brooklyn Public School!



Our wonderful school librarian and Learning Support teacher, **Mrs Marg Bull**, will retire at the end of the year. This will be a great loss for Brooklyn Public School. Mrs Bull has been passionately committed to supporting students to achieve their potential in her Learning and Support role for many years. In her role as our school librarian, Mrs Bull has ensured that students have always had access to a wonderful selection of books and she has very successfully transferred her love of literature to our children. We thank Mrs Bull for all that she has done for the many students she has taught over the years and we wish her all the best for this exciting next phase of life.

All for now  
**Diana Aitken**

## ***The Windmill***

Down by the shore

On the windy windy hill

Stands a windmill silent and still

If you listen with all of your heart

You might hear the sound of a puppy dog bark,

The cry of the seagull

The roar of a motor

The whisper of the wind

The shriek of the mighty eagle

If you hear these sounds listen closely, for these sounds are the magical part of the windmill

Down by the shore on the windy windy hill

Stands a windmill silent and still.



***Abigail Fetzer***

## *Important Dates*

Dec 1	Band Workshop 9.30am
Dec 4	BPS Band Recording All Day
Dec 7	School Concert 5.30pm
Dec 11	Year 6 Dinner "Estuary" 6 - 8.30pm
Dec 13	EOY Presentation Assembly 9.30am
Dec 14	Milson Island Fun Day 9.00am
<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>School's out for summer</b>



<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>2018 School Year—Students return</b>
<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>2018 Kindergarten commences</b>
Feb 2	School Swimming Carnival



*'The time has come,' the Walrus said,  
To talk of many things:  
of shoes - and ships- and sealing-wax -  
of cabbages - and kings - '*

*(Alice through the Looking Glass, Lewis Carroll)*

**and now Retirement !**

I have decided that it is time hang up both my Librarian's hat and that of Learning Support teacher at the end of this school term and retire from my teaching days.

I would like to thank the Principals and staff both present and past who I have worked with over the years for the support that they have given me with my teaching career.

Very special thanks to Anna Jones, library assistant who officially retired earlier this year. Anna has been part of the Brooklyn School community as a parent, a member of the P&C and later as library assistant.

Brooklyn school, the students and their families will always hold so many special memories for me as I reflect on my years as a teacher. Brooklyn PS might be a small school but it provides opportunities for all the children to be involved in so many activities.

I thank the Brooklyn community for their generous support especially for the school library and the wonderful collection of books on our library shelves.

**Margaret Bull**

**Librarian on Wednesdays**

**Learning & Support Teacher on Thursdays**

### **Important**

**All library books need to be returned next Wednesday, 6 December. Please check carefully for missing books as overdue notes will be sent home.**



# *K-6 Assembly 24/11/2017*

<b>1/KA Merit Awards</b>	Violet, Ryan
<b>Student of the Week</b>	Nim
<b>2/3T Merit Awards</b>	Catherine, James
<b>Student of the Week</b>	Joel
<b>3/4K Merit Awards</b>	Audrey, Elliott
<b>Student of the Week</b>	Zephyr
<b>5/6I Merit Awards</b>	Theo, Will
<b>Student of the Week</b>	Katie



**Tidy Bag Award** 2/3T

**Library Awards** Elliott, Leif, Zali, Catherine

**Brookie Awards** Arlo, Maddison R, Violet, Harry, Nim, Rory, Emily, Finley

**Happy Birthday** Abigail, Nico-Blue, Maddie R, Mikey, Gus W, Emily

## **UNIFORM SHOP FINAL OPENING DAYS**

With only 2 and a bit weeks left to go of the school year, it's time to get your last minute uniform orders in. The shop will be open this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and then next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: 8.45 – 9.30am.

The shop will NOT be open in the last week of school but I will still fill any orders placed in the box up until Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3pm.

Please get your orders in ASAP.

I hate to have to remind everyone again but no orders will be filled without payment enclosed. Also please note that no orders can be placed through the school office but must be put straight into the uniform posting box.

We are still looking for someone to take over in running the shop next year. Please speak to me or send me an email if you are interested.

Erika Croswell

Uniform Shop Coordinator

## White Christmas

### INGREDIENTS

- 250g copha®\*
- 3 cups Kellogg's® Rice Bubbles®
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- ¼ cup icing sugar, sifted
- 1 cup powdered milk
- 1 cup packaged, dried mixed fruit  
glacè cherries for topping



### DIRECTIONS

- Combine dry ingredients in a mixing bowl.
- Melt copha slowly over low heat.
- Cool slightly, pour onto dry ingredients. Mix well.
- Working quickly spoon into paper patty cases or press into a lamington tin.
- Freeze until set (about 15 minutes), then store in the refrigerator.
- Serve cut into fingers and topped with glacè cherries.



## Christmas Carols

**@ Peat Island Chapel, Mooney Mooney**

**Wednesday December 20th**

**6:00 pm**

# WE NEED YOU !!!

If you are interested in acting in the nativity play, performing in the band (led by Rowena) or just generally helping out on the day, then I'd love to hear from you.

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