

17 February 2020

Principal's News

Welcome BBQ

As our community grows it is important to ensure that everybody feels welcomed, valued and made to feel part of our wonderfully connected school community. From 5:00pm this Wednesday, all families are welcome to attend a free barbeque under the COLA. Some staff members will be cooking and serving sausage sandwiches. Please come along and say hello. It will be an enjoyable and informal opportunity to meet and greet new Kindergarten families as well as families new to the Brooklyn area.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Now that we have settled into our classes, we offer parents an opportunity at the start of the year to meet the classroom teacher. The Meet the Teacher information sessions will take place this week after the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 19 February. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about routines, classroom expectations and programs relating to your child's class. This evening does not provide an opportunity to discuss individual children. If you would like to do this, please contact the teacher via the school office to arrange an appointment. The school will offer formal interviews with parents early in Term 2. Parent information sessions are for parents only and no supervision will be provided for students.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the teaching and support staff for their commitment to engaging with the community and for dedicating their Wednesday evening to this cause.

Welcome BBQ All families	5:00pm
Parent Information Evening I KR	5:30pm
Parent Information Evening 3/2T	6:00pm
Parent Information Evening 6/5/4M	6:00pm

CALENDAR DATES

TERM 1

WEEK 4

WEEK 4-TERM 1 2020		
Mon 17 Feb	Mariners—Soccer Skills (for 6 Mondays)	
Wed 19 Feb	Welcome BBQ 5.00pm Meet the Teacher 5.30-6.30pm	
Fri 21 Feb	PSSA League Tag	
WEEK 5-TERM 1 2020		
Mon 24 Feb	Scripture begins	
Tues 25 Feb	ABHS/AGHS Visit for Yrs 5&6	
UPCOMING EVENTS		
Tues 10 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival	
Thurs 12 Mar	Selective High School Test	
Fri 20 Mar	Harmony Day	
Fri 27 Mar	Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival	
Thurs 9 Apr	Yrs 5/6 Riverside Theatre Last Day of Term 1	



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Learning Support

Throughout 2020 learning support in K-6 will be overseen by the Learning Support Team (LST). This team is the key to ensuring that all students' learning needs are addressed. The Learning Support Team consists of the Principal, the School Counsellor, support teachers and class teachers who are referring. At the weekly Learning Support Team meeting, students' learning needs are discussed per class teachers' referrals. Referrals are prioritised, and if support is deemed appropriate, it may be provided in a variety of ways. The options available at Brooklyn Public School are as follows:

- consultation between parents and teachers to make adjustments and accommodations to programs
- Counsellor assessment
- the implementation of intensive Literacy and Numeracy support
- implementation of transition programs from Preschool to Kindergarten and from Year 6 to high school
- regular reviews of students' progress
- regular reviews of students' behaviour.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2021

Documentation for the 2020-2021 Year 6 to 7 enrolment process will be sent home with students on Wednesday 11 March 2020. Your child's designated local secondary school will already be entered on the Expression of Interest form. Parents or carers should return the completed Expression of Interest form to the school **no later than Friday 20 March 2020**.

PSSA Code of Conduct

Students, parents and coaches agree to participate in the PSSA competition and adhere to the PSSA Code of Conduct, to ensure a friendly competition remains as an area of growth and development for our students. The primary code is that all players experience fun, opportunity and skill development. Players along with their coach, have revisited the Code of Conduct and these students have brought a copy home to read and sign with their parents. Our school has had a long and valued relationship with other schools in the competition and we look forward to its continuation. Please support us by reading and adhering to the code. I wish teams the best of luck this Friday in their first game of the PSSA competition.

Crunch 'n' Sip

For some children it is a long time between breakfast and their first meal break at 11:10am. When they are hungry they lose focus in the classroom, are tired and can be grumpy. For this reason, the school introduced the Crunch 'n' Sip initiative. This is a short break at 10:00am for students to stop and eat pre-cut fruit or vegetables or sip water, sent from home. While they are eating, they may be listening to their teacher read to them, hear other students' daily news or another listening activity in their classroom. Parents are asked to ensure fruit & veg is available in their child's bag for this break.

Variation to School Development Day Term 4

School development days are used by schools to improve the skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff. In 2019, there was consultation with Brooklyn Public School staff to reschedule one of the Term 4 School Development Days.

The alternate school development afternoons will be as follows: 12th February 3:30-6:30pm An additional half day TBC

These alternate school development afternoons will not impact the students or the days they come to school.

Cyber Safety Update

As the school year gets underway it is timely to remind parents of the dangers of online activity for children. The Commonwealth Government has dedicated significant resources to support parents ensure the safety of their children online. If you are yet to do so, please access the webpage of the E-Safety Commissioner. <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/</u> <u>parents</u>. Another fantastic resource can be found at <u>https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides</u>.

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 1 March

On Monday 2 March, we will be cleaning up our school and the park across the road for Clean Up Australia Day. Students may bring in a pair of gloves to wear when picking up rubbish and a disposable plastic bag for the rubbish collection. Thank you for your support with keeping our school clean and tidy!

Scripture at BPS

Scripture classes are in the process of being finalised and are expected to begin in Week 5 (Monday). Please notify the office if there has been a change to your Scripture preference.

Special Religious Education (SRE) is delivered by providers that are approved by the Minister for Education for that purpose. Classes that we offer are based on the availability of trained volunteers from these organisations.

At this stage, we will offer a class as follows:

Interdenominational

Students not attending SRE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

Students will continue with the same arrangement as the previous year. If you are unsure of the class your child will attend, or would like to make changes to the class they have attended previously, please contact Roz Bird in writing on <u>Brooklyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents for your hard work supporting our school. It is only the beginning of Week 4 and I have seen so many parents helping out in the uniform shop, organising music programs, running book club and installing flagpoles to name just a few. Please know your contributions are greatly appreciated and reflect the wonderful community that is Brooklyn.

Skool Loop App

I urge all parents to download the Skool Loop App on their mobile phones and devices. We use this regularly as a means of updating and reminding you of events.

Medication

Parents please remember to send in to the office all medications and Epipens that were returned to you before the holidays. It is very important to ensure all medications are in date and have not expired. Also ensure all medical and asthma plans are up-to -date when you return them to the school. Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Kelly Cartwright Principal

From the Library Shelves 2020

Welcome:

Term 1, Week 4

A warm welcome to Brooklyn PS to our Kinders and new students! It was wonderful to see so many students borrow books from the school library last week.

Thursday is library day, so please remember to bring your library bags and books and place them in the class boxes on the library verandah before school starts.

Sadly, we still have some outstanding loans from last year. I ask if parents could assist their children to look for loaned books and borrowed library bags at home.

A big thank you must go to Anna Jones and Lynette Hodder for covering many of our new library books and resources in their own time. Thanks ladies!

Happy Reading Everyone!

Mrs Penny Broome RFF Teacher – Library



K-6 Assembly 7/2/2020

- 1/KR Merit Awards Mazy, Isaac Student of the Week Mitchell
- 2/3T Merit Awards Ruby, Roland, Lilly Student of the Week Emily
- 4/5/6M Merit Awards Jack, Ember Student of the Week Figgy
- Tidy Bag Award K/1R

Happy Birthday toEdie, Tyler, Arlo, Violet,
Chalmers, Lilly, Olivia,
Isabella, Juno Irene

School Drive Subsidy



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

School Lunch Menu

Sandwiches or Rolls add 20c

Gluten Free bread available add 20c

- Buttered. \$1.60
- Cheese. \$2.60
- Chicken. \$3.40
- Chicken, lettuce and mayo. \$4.90
- Egg. \$3.30
- Egg and lettuce. \$4.00
- Ham. \$3.30
- Ham and cheese. \$4.90
- Salad. \$5.00
- Tomato. \$2.40
- Tuna. \$3.90

Wraps

- Chicken and salad. \$6.00
- Ham and salad. \$6.00
- Salad wrap. \$5.00

Salad pack

- Chicken and salad pack. \$6.00 GF
- Ham and salad Pack. \$6.00 GF
- Tuna and salad pack. \$6.00 GF
- Salad pack. \$5.00 GF

Hot Food

- Meat pie. \$4.50
- Sausage Roll. \$3.50
- Chicken Pie. \$5.00
- 2 marinated Chicken legs. \$3.50
- Hot dog and sauce \$4.00

Pastry Scrolls

- Ham and Cheese. \$4.50
- Jam. \$3.50

Cold food and Fruit

- Apple. \$.70c
- Orange wedges. \$.70c
- Carrot sticks. \$.70c
- Fresh Fruit salad. \$3.00
- Frozen yogurt. \$2.20

Drinks

- 300ml East Coast Apple juice. \$2.50
- 300ml East Coast Orange juice. \$2.50
- 300ml East Coast lemonade. \$2.50
- 600ml Spring water Bottle. \$3.00
- 300ml Oak Chocolate Milk. \$3.50
- 300ml Oak Strawberry Milk. \$3.50

ROAD SAFETY RULES OK!

Our children look to us to keep them safe. This is particularly important at the beginning and the end of each school day. If your child needs to cross the road they need to use the crossing to cross safely.

Please encourage your children to be respectful on public transport and consider other passengers when travelling to and from school.

Students are reminded to adhere to the requests of any parents who are supervising them as they wait to connect to a bus/ferry.

By following our road rules and travelling slowly (40km or less) around schools during drop off and pick up times, we are doing everything we can to make sure our children stay safe.





Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box

Cancer Council NSW is here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy. Developed by dietitians <u>healthylunchbox.com.au</u> is a one-stop shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Here's what you will find:

- an <u>interactive lunch box builder</u> that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like
- The ability to filter <u>recipes</u> based on diets, easy to freeze and prep time
- Lots of <u>quick and easy</u> recipes and <u>snack ideas</u>
- Regular healthy eating blogs.

You can sign up to the <u>Healthy Lunch Box e-</u> <u>newsletter</u> for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

Live Life Well @ School

PARK & WALK or RIDE

Try parking a short distance from your school and let the kids either walk or ride a bike under your supervision the rest of the way.



Benefits include:

- Less traffic congestion around your school
- Extra exercise for you and your children
- Socialising with community members and other families
- · Learning important road safety skills
- Children who live too far to walk or ride all of the way can still participate in active travel.

Hold the hands of children aged up to 10 when crossing roads!



Health Northern Sydney Local Health District







... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We

are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.

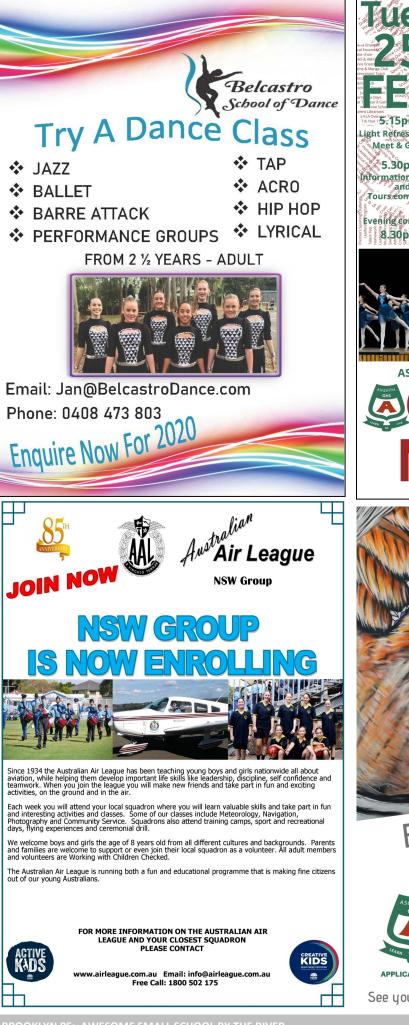
We are very excited to bring you our new look <u>healthy lunch box website</u> that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

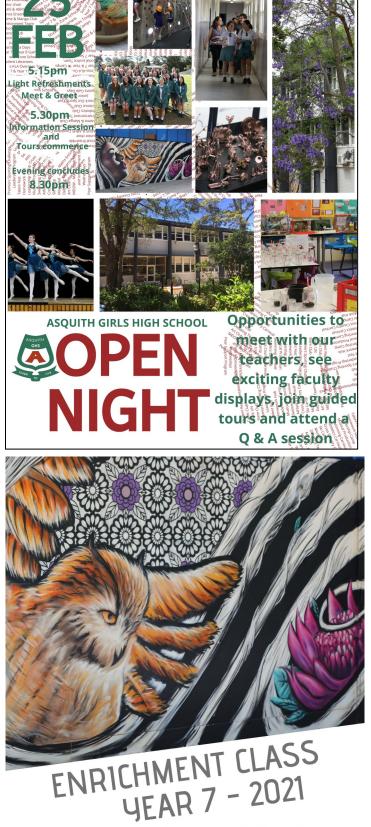
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Asquith Girls High School



TEST DATE: 26 MARCH 2020 9.00AM - 11.30AM

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW FROM WWW.ASQUITHGIRL-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU

See your future - see yourself at Asquith Girls High School

WWW.BROOKLYN-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU

Dear Parent,

Our school is looking for a new Book Club Organiser. Scholastic Book Club not only enables us to boost our home and school libraries, but also to improve children's reading skills and encourage at-home reading.

You can help ensure Book Club continues at our school!

We are looking for a new Book Club Organiser to manage Book Club. You can keep the reading momentum rolling at our school by helping provide children with more access to self-selected independent reading material all year long.

Plus, when you run Book Club, everyone benefits—every Book Club order earns **20% in Scholastic Rewards** to help purchase additional learning and literacy resources for our school!

Book Club helps feed the reader.

There are eight issues of Book Club each year. You should consider offering them all in your school to keep the reading momentum rolling.

When the catalogues arrive at your school, a Book Club Organiser distributes the catalogues to students and advises them of the date that orders are due.

As a Book Club Organiser, placing your orders is simple online. When the orders are placed by class, the books arrive back at the school pre-sorted, which makes your job of distributing the books easy!

Interested in making a difference at our school?

- Provide continuous access to the best books at the best prices for families!
- Help to feed readers with regular access to independent reading material.
- Earn free books for the school!

If you are interested in becoming the next Book Club Organiser, please contact

Jane Jaggs

