



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The End of 2020

This year has been like no other. COVID 19 has impacted us all in so many ways. But as a school community we have supported each other, demonstrating strength, resilience and understanding during such challenging times. Thank you for your support and flexibility throughout the year. We have had to adapt and change frequently throughout the year and the school community has remained positive and understanding of these changes. Please have a safe and relaxing holiday break, enjoy the time spent with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2021.

2021 Planning

Planning is well underway for 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming new students and staff members. To assist with our planning, we ask that parents/carers inform the school office in writing if any student is not returning to Brooklyn PS in 2021.

Staffing 2021

I would like to announce some staffing changes as we move into 2021. Debbie Aselford has made her retirement official. We hope that Debbie enjoys doing all those wonderful things that she has planned. I would like to thank Roz Bird for stepping up into the SAM role over the last 12 months. She has been the face and voice of the school in the front office. She has banded and iced every sore and sprain and looked after our children with care. We also say thank you to Ross Pitman who has provided additional learning support two days a week for the last 6 months, providing targeted support to many children across the school.

This year we also say farewell to two of our valued teachers. AJ Rabbetts has done a fabulous job teaching Kindergarten and Year 1 over the last two years. We thank you AJ for all that you have done over this time. Your students will remember you fondly.

The other staff member that is leaving us is Penny Broome. Penny has been at Brooklyn PS on and off for nearly 20 years. She has been a classroom teacher across K-6, taught music, drama, visual arts and dance as part of the RFF program. Penny has also been our librarian and choir teacher. Over 20 years Penny will have made a positive impact in the lives of hundreds of children and formed many lasting friendships and connections with staff and Brooklyn families alike. We wish Penny all the best and thank her for all she has contributed to the school.

This, however, will not be the last we see of these teachers, who will be back in a casual capacity and remain connected to the school, staff and students.

Moving into 2021. We welcome back Catherine Lee who will be returning to BPS again next year. We also warmly welcome two new teachers to BPS next year, and I am excited for a fantastic year ahead.

Presentation Day

Last Wednesday we recognised a number of students for their achievements in academic, sporting, citizenship and cultural areas. Congratulations to these students.

CALENDAR

Week 10	
Wed 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 for students
Thurs 17/Fri 18 Dec	School Development Days - Staff Only
2021	
Wed 27/Thurs 28 Jan	School Development Days - Staff Only
Fri 29 Jan	Students return Swimming Carnival—Years 1-6 Kindergarten Students begin

While we recognise these students, I know that there are many other students at our school who have worked very hard this year and have shown improvement in many areas and it is important that we take the time to stop and think about every child's success in the past year and feel proud of and celebrate what they have accomplished.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff at our school. From the teachers, to the office staff, the general assistant and cleaners, they all work hard to make this school what it is. Our quality teachers go above and beyond, day after day, to ensure that every child is provided with the educational, social and emotional support they need and I thank them for everything they continue to do for the students in our care.

I want to thank our parents, for working with our teachers to reinforce, consolidate and enhance the education offered to your children. I thank our P&C and the parent community for their continued support of our school. For the parents who turned up every week, before restrictions, to work with our children in the classroom, to those who run the uniform shop, garden group, the CAP program and the many parents that help out and provide various other opportunities for our students throughout the year, we cannot thank you enough for your support.



This year we will see some families leave the school as their final child graduates from Year 6. For all the parents who will be leaving us we thank you all for your support over the past years and we wish you the best in the next exciting part of your lives.

This year marks a special milestone for one family. Karen M-C started at Brooklyn Public School in Kindergarten in 1975. All 5 of her children have attended Brooklyn PS over the years and all were taught by Mrs Sahlman. Krystal M graduated from Year 6 this year which marks the end of a 45-year association with the school. We thank this family for their support over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

2021 School Leaders

It is with great pleasure that I announce our School Leadership Team for 2021. These outstanding students were elected by the student body to lead our school. Teachers also had a vote in the election process. Congratulations to the following students:

The 2021 School Captains are:

Catherine B and Isaac O

The 2021 Prefects are:

Jazmin H and Edie D

The 2021 House Captains are:

Deerubbin – Hussain V
Illawong - Alexandra M
Koonawarra - Charlie S

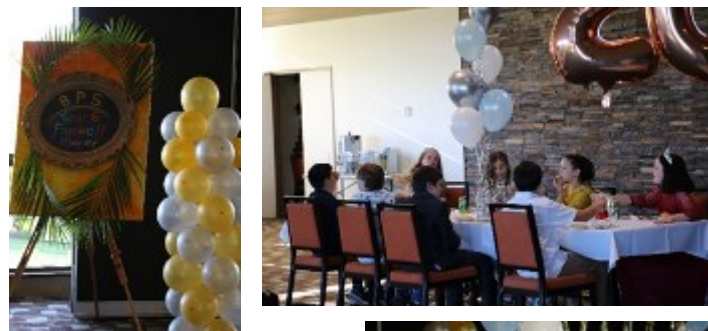
The 2021 Year 6 leaders are:

Oliver A, Amelie D, Elouise M, Samantha M, and Rowan R

Year 6 Farewell

Last Monday, Year 6 students enjoyed their farewell graduation dinner at Asquith Golf Course. The students had a fabulous time with their friends, reminiscing about their years at Brooklyn Public School with a photo slideshow, fun fact trivia and dancing the night away.

We are so proud of our Year 6 students and wish them all the very best for their journey ahead. We know they are all destined for great things.



[End of Year Concert](#)

The End of Year concert was held last Friday. All the students performed in a class play and dance. The students did an amazing job and we look forward to sharing this with you via video link shortly.

[Opportunity Class 2021](#)

The Opportunity Class Placement Test was conducted on Wednesday 18 November 2020, in 1068 primary schools and test centres across NSW. The results are expected to be released to parents and schools in mid-January 2021. To ensure that most vacancies are filled by the start of 2021, parents who are offered placement on behalf of their children will have just one week to respond to their offers. Parents are being emailed, so we encourage relevant families to watch their emails carefully around that time and respond promptly when the results are released, as offers will lapse if parents do not respond in time.

[Changes to School Development Days in 2021](#)

[& the School Swimming Carnival](#)



At the commencement of 2021, there will be amendments to our School Developments Days (SDD's). These amendments will impact Term 1 and 4, but will have no impact on Terms 2 and 3. As a result of the changes there will no longer be two School Developments Days at the end of Term 4. Instead, there will be two School Developments Days at beginning of the school year.

The 2021 school year will commence with two School Development Days. **Therefore, for students, the first day of school for 2021 will be Friday 29 January. This change will mean that the first day of school for Year 1-6, will be the school Swimming Carnival.** All students in Years 1-6, including non-swimmers, are expected to attend the carnival to support their sporting house and will travel to and from Gosford Pool by bus.

We still have a number of students with outstanding permission notes for this event. Children **will not** be able to attend without the necessary permission, so please ensure that permission notes are received at school no later than the last day of school this year, **Wednesday 16 December 2020.**

With the easing of restrictions, we are allowed to have restricted spectator attendance at the carnival. As we are holding this event with Cowan PS, we must coordinate with Cowan around the number of spectators attending. If you would like to attend the carnival and/or assist with timekeeping, please email the school no later than Wednesday 16 December to register your interest.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal

What's Been Happening in 1/KR

What a year 2020 has been! I could not be prouder of all the AMAZING things 1/KR have achieved in the most unusual circumstances.

Recently we have made the most of having a 'new' class set of laptops!



We also had an opportunity to experiment with the 'Bluebots'. The children enjoyed programming them and correcting their errors!



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me share in your children's lives this year. They have been a constant highlight of so many days and I shall cherish those memories. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE P&C

The P&C would like to thank the School, all P&C members, parents and the Community for all their support over 2020. A big special thankyou to our major sponsor R/verfront Real Estate!

We wish all leaving staff the best and thank you for your positive impact on our children's lives.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new 2021 staff and look forward to meeting you all.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Important dates for Term 1 2021

Week 2 - Monday 1st February

Uniform Shop 915-10am

-Tuesday 2nd February 910am

CAP- Musical instrument demonstration

-Wednesday 3rd February 315pm to 4pm

CAP- Big Blow (COVID Safe Plan in place)
Musical instrument try out

We welcome all parents and community members to join the P&C. Please use the link below for all enquires, uniform orders, CAP payments, membership and donations:

<http://brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/>



BAND CAMP 2020 PHOTOS



Band 2020 Camp

THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF BEROWRA present...

Carols Under the Star

Join us **VIRTUALLY!**

Scan code to get virtual link

17 December 2020, 7:30pm

Carols Under the Star 2020
#berowracarols2020

Brooklyn Big Band Blow 2021

Come along and try the many instruments available to learn this year at Brooklyn Public School! Discover new skills and maybe a hidden talent...

Instruments: Saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, baritone, guitar, bass guitar, piano and drums and join the beginner school band!

This is for all student from years 1 to 6

When: Wednesday 3rd February

Time: 3.15pm to 4pm.

Where: COLA

You must fill out the form below if you want to try an instrument!

Tutor and Band fee information will be available on the day.

If you would like your child to attend, please fill out the form below and bring it with you on Wednesday 3rd of February. Parents/guardians are encouraged discuss musical instrument choice with their child prior to coming. One of our tutors will contact during your child's turn. Please contact the band conductor, Rose Foster with any questions: fosterrose18@gmail.com or 0420 466 821.

Yes, I would like my child, _____ in year _____ to attend the Brooklyn Big Band Blow.

Parent/Guardian's name _____

Contact email: _____

Phone Number: _____

To fill out on the day:

Name: _____ Year _____

Instrument 1st preference: _____

2nd preference: _____
