



1 JUNE 2020

TERM 2 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

Last week we were delighted to welcome our students back to school. It was wonderful to see how happy they were to reconnect with their friends and teachers.

At present we have some teachers that are absent. Those classes have had temporary teacher replacements who have done an amazing job of supporting and welcoming your children back to fulltime school.

[Drop off and pick up reminder](#)

[In the morning...](#)

Parents and carers may drop their children at the school gate from 8:40am and into the care of the supervising teacher. Once inside the school grounds, students will play until the morning bell rings, at which time they will be directed to walk straight to their classrooms with supervision from their classroom teacher. There will be no morning lines or assembly.

[In the afternoon...](#)

Parents are asked to avoid congregating while they wait for their child/ren in the afternoon and after pick up at the conclusion of the day. Dismissal will be carefully managed by the supervising teacher. We ask that you communicate with your child their collection location for the end of the day. Students who walk home or meet a parent outside the grounds will be dismissed at the usual time, while those who catch the bus will continue to be supervised as normal.

[Visitors Limited](#)

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting us by not coming on site.

Access to the site is still restricted for parents, volunteers, external providers, third parties and the like. All enquiries to the school should be made via telephone or email. Parents wishing to discuss matters relating to their child's learning should do so via telephone or email. No onsite interviews will be conducted.

Although parent access will be restricted, we understand that there are times when attending reception might be necessary. Examples of such include dropping off a student who is a late arrival or collecting students who fall ill during the day. Uniform shop orders that have been placed, will be given to the children in their classroom to bring home at the end of the day.

Community users continue to be suspended.

[School Assemblies](#)

At this time, we are not having our usual school assemblies however, our teachers continue to recognise student achievement through our award system by issuing Brookie awards and Class Merit awards in their classrooms every week.

[Hygiene](#)

Please be assured our school is well stocked with hand soap and sanitiser. Our teachers are diligently supporting our students to wash and sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. Our school has enhanced cleaning procedures, where all high touch surfaces are regularly cleaned throughout the day.

[Permanent Teaching Appointment](#)

As you are all aware, a permanent teaching position went to advertisement through the Department of Education's Teacher Recruitment process earlier this year.

CALENDAR

Until further notice from the Dept of Education, all assemblies, excursions and incursions are not allowed at school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 8 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Fri 3 Jul	Last Day of Term 2

The merit selection process has now been finalised and a permanent appointment has been made and allocated to the school. Lee West was the successful candidate and will be starting at Brooklyn PS in Week 9 of this term, teaching our 6/5/4 class for the remainder of the year. We wish Lee a very warm welcome to our beautiful Brooklyn community.

Unfortunately, this means that Dionne Mitchell will finish up her time at Brooklyn PS on the last day of Term 2, Friday 3 July. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Dionne for her contributions to the school and wish her all the best in her teaching career moving forward.

Dogs Prohibited

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998, dogs are prohibited from some public places including school grounds. Dogs are NOT permitted on the school grounds at Brooklyn Public School. A brief rationale includes the health and safety of students, staff and parents and acknowledging that a small but significant group of students and staff have legitimate phobias of dogs. Visitors bringing dogs on site will be asked to leave the grounds immediately. The exception is that at times the school might invite a guide dog or therapy dog for educational purposes, and in doing so would complete a comprehensive risk assessment.

Book Club

Last week Issue 4 catalogues were distributed to classrooms. If yours has not arrived home yet, please check with your child's classroom teacher. Orders close on Friday 5th June. A reminder that all orders must be placed using Scholastic's LOOP system. This can be done online or via the app. NO cash orders can be accepted. Thank you for your understanding.

Premier's Reading Challenge

There have been important updates to the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge rules to help all students meet the Challenge requirements this year. Students are able to include more personal choice books to their record and include books read collaboratively. Please go to their website for more information. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Library Closed

Until further notice, the library will be closed at lunchtime to avoid close contact of students. Borrowing of books is suspended at the moment.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal

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Keeping Kids Active

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Variety is important! These activities can be done in a safe outdoor area and adapted for different ages and spaces.

Bubbles

TIPS

- See who can pop the most or blow the biggest.
- Work out which way the wind blows.

RESOURCES

Bubble mixture and bubble blower.



SKILLS DEVELOPED
PDHPE- Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS), Science & Technology

Build a cubby house

TIPS

- Use your imagination.

RESOURCES

Sticks, old sheets, blankets, cardboard, etc.



SKILLS DEVELOPED
STEM, Creative Arts

Dance

TIPS

- Try to dance like a robot, basketball player, superhero, grasshopper, football or soccer try dance, tiptoe dance, high energy dance.
- Wear headphones to create a silent disco.



SKILLS DEVELOPED
PDHPE- FMS, Creative Arts- dance

REFERENCES
Youtube 'Exercise, dance and movement videos'.

Chalk art

TIPS

- Create pavement art such as fun images or a nice message for your family, neighbours or community.
- Share a photo.



SKILLS DEVELOPED
PDHPE- fine motor skills, Creative Arts

REFERENCES
Search 'sidewalk chalk activities'.

Chalk challenges

TIPS

- Draw hop scotch, obstacle course, challenge course.
- Encourage kids to jump, hop, stand on one foot, spin etc.



SKILLS DEVELOPED
PDHPE- FMS, Maths

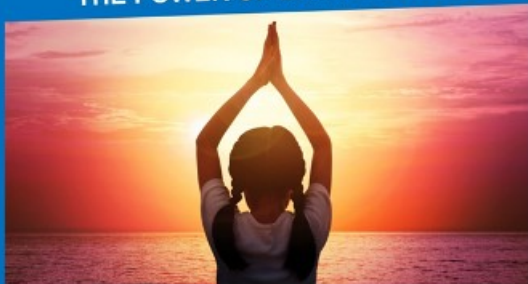
REFERENCES
Search 'kids chalk challenges'.



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Live Life Well @ School

THE POWER OF MINDFULNESS



Mindfulness is the simple practice of bringing your attention to the present moment. It has been shown to help promote happiness and relieve stress in children.

Introduce mindfulness to your child with video story books like:

- Mop Rides the Waves of Life:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISH-tCt1Mk
- How mindfulness empowers us:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKryaN44ss
- Mindful Ozzy Introduces Mindfulness:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k_R7R1gldA



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YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au