



16 NOVEMBER 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kindergarten Orientation

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed our 2021 kindergarten students as part of our Kindergarten Transition Program. We were amazed with how quickly they settled and engaged in the activities within the classroom. It was great to see them so excited and ready to start school. If you have a child who is due to start school next year and who is not yet enrolled, please enrol them now. If you know of anyone in our catchment area who has a child due to start school next year, please ask them to contact the school office. It is essential that the school is aware of all enrolments for planning purposes.

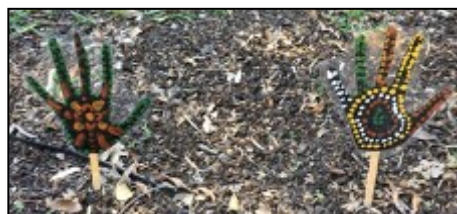
2021 Start to the School Year

The beginning of the 2021 school year will be a little different to previous years. Our staff will be at school for two school development days (Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January). Students will return to school on Friday 29 January. For our new Kindergarten students this will be their very first day of school. They will enjoy having the whole school to themselves on this day, while the rest of the students from Year 1-6 attend the Brooklyn/Cowan Combined Swimming Carnival.

Naidoc Week 2020

This year NAIDOC week was held on 8-15 November with the theme "Always Was, Always Will Be". Celebrations are held across Australia. It's a time to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the First Nation peoples – recognising them as the traditional custodians of the land. To celebrate NAIDOC week at Brooklyn Public School, students learnt about some of the history of NAIDOC week and why it is important to celebrate this event. Aboriginal people share their knowledge about their culture through stories and art. Brooklyn students designed their own 'hand art' using dot painting to convey meaning in their designs.

They were displayed beautifully in the garden near the flag poles to represent the theme "Always Was, Always Will Be".



CALENDAR

Week 6 & 7

Tues 17 Nov	Gymnastics
Wed 18 Nov	Footsteps Dance OC Placement Test
Fri 20 Nov	PSSA / Tennis
Tues 24 Nov	Gymnastics
Wed 25 Nov	Footsteps Dance
Fri 27 Nov	PSSA / Tennis

What's coming up later in Term 4

Mon 30 Nov	Last Day of Scripture Lessons
Tues 1 / 8 Dec	Gymnastics
Wed 2 Dec	Footsteps Dance
Wed 9 Dec	Presentation Assembly
Fri 11 Dec	Concert
Wed 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 for students



Remembrance Day Service

This year BPS held a Remembrance Day service at school.



The service was led by our school captains Figgy and Sarah, to commemorate those who fought and died in conflicts since World War 1. During this service, we paused for one minute's silence to remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives while serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations. The Last Post was played beautifully by Sarah, to signify that soldiers have gone to their final rest.



Whole School Presentation Assembly - Wednesday 9 December

Our school's Annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held at school on Wednesday 9th December, 2020.

Like everything this year, it will be a little different to previous years. Unfortunately under the current COVID-19 guidelines, and taking into account our school context and the ability to meet those guidelines, it will not be possible for all parents to attend the assembly. This year, we have decided to invite Year 6 parents, parents of inducted leaders and parents of award recipients only. As you can appreciate, primary school graduation is a special time and this will be the Year 6 students' final assembly for their primary school years. Only 1 family member per Year 6 student, inducted leader or award recipient will be able to attend the assembly. If you have more than one child receiving an award or included in any of these groups, only 1 family member per household will be able to attend.

The assembly will take place outdoors under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Invited guests will need to view the assembly from under the large tree outside the administration building, spaced 1.5 meters apart, in order to adhere to current guidelines. The assembly will be held at 11am in order to adhere to the 4 square metre rule and provide enough shade for guests in attendance. Guests will not be able to mingle and must remain seated for the duration of the assembly. Further information will be sent out shortly to these participating families.

For those parents/carers not in attendance, we will be recording the assembly for all Brooklyn families to view. A link to this assembly recording will be emailed at a later date.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during these unusual times.

Brooklyn/Cowan Children's Writers' Festival

On Wednesday 4 November, our students attended the Combined Brooklyn/Cowan PS Children's Writers' Festival. Our children were privileged to be part of a unique and memorable literary and illustrative experience. Every student participated in three tailor-made personal workshops with award winning and acclaimed Australian authors and illustrators, gaining inspiration and ideas to assist them when developing their own written work.

The students had a thoroughly enjoyable day and came back inspired and motivated. A huge thank you to the P&C who generously subsidised this event in full for all Brooklyn PS students.



2020 Parent Survey

In order to improve our practice, we need to continually receive and reflect on feedback. A survey will be sent home to parents this week to allow you an opportunity to provide feedback to our school. I encourage everyone to please complete the survey.

School Travel – 2021 Applications

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020. Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody). Please go to school travel passes at Transport NSW for more information.

Get tested

Parents are reminded that any student or staff member with cold or flu-like symptoms must stay home, be tested, return a negative result and be symptom-free before returning to school. Thank you to the parents who have been providing screenshots of text message results to our office and for supporting the effort to maintain community safety.

Hats and Sunscreen

The weather is warming up as we head into the summer months. Please ensure that your child has a school hat (or similarly a navy blue broad-brimmed hat), a drink bottle and sunscreen applied before coming to school. The school has a no hat, play in the shade policy to ensure that students are protected from harmful UV sun rays when playing outside during the day.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal



Hawkesbury River Child Care

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is the most important parent meeting of the year. The centre finances, what to expect for the upcoming year, fundraising, maintenance and electing a new parent committee are all part of the evening.

When enrolling your parent handbook outlines the membership obligation to joining HRCC. These include attending the AGM, working bees and supporting the Brooklyn Spring Fair. By every member new and old doing a little bit to support the service the Brooklyn community have kept our service operating for over 30 years.

After the AGM we have light refreshments. Parents get the chance to better know the educators spending time with their children as well as meeting other parents and community members over some cheese and wine.

Dates to Remember

Annual General Meeting.....Wed 9th Dec
Last Day of the year.....Thurs 17th Dec
2021 return date.....Mon 4th Jan



Keeping Our Kids Safe Around Schools

The [Keeping our kids safe around schools \(PDF 1.5Mb\)](#) fact sheets have road safety information for families and the wider school community.

The ten fact sheets provide information on:

1. Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school.
2. Walking together safely to and from school.
3. Keeping children safe in and out of the car.
4. Hold your child's hand.
5. Wearing helmets and riding safely.
6. Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools.
7. Keeping safe around school crossings.
8. 40km/h school zones.
9. Driving safely near school buses.
10. Helping children on and off the bus safely.

This resource (available in 12 other languages) and other information for schools and parents can be found at <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/backtoschoolsafety.html>.

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



2022 Year 7 Enrichment Class Application



Asquith Boys High School is offering places in 2022 for their Year 7 Enrichment Class.

The Enrichment Class caters for students who are talented in literacy and numeracy, providing challenging extension opportunities that include creative and critical thinking.

Applications open Monday 9 November. For an application package go to our website www.asquithboys.h.schools.nsw.gov.au or contact the school on 9477 3508.

The Enrichment Class application and portfolio must be submitted to Asquith Boys High School by Monday 30 November 2020.

Students will receive placement offers in the Enrichment Class for 2022 by the end of the current school year.

*Options from Art to Aviation, 3D Printing, Food Technology and More Science Labs

Leadership, Citizenship, Science, Technology, Creative Arts and Sporting Excellence

BOOK NOW! SPLASH CITY SUMMER CAMP JANUARY 2021

EXPERIENCE THE COOLEST CAMP ON THE PLANET

DURATION: 2-DAYS AGE: KINDY-YR6 TIME: 8:30AM TO 3:30PM

CAMP 1: 14TH & 15TH - ASQUITH BOYS HIGH
CAMP 2: 16TH & 17TH - MARIST BROS - WESTMEAD
CAMP 3: 21ST & 22ND - MUIRFIELD HIGH - NORTH ROCKS

BOOK: www.motiv8sports.com.au/locations/parramatta/

MOTIV8SPORTS V.I.P PARTY DECEMBER 2020

THE BEST MULTI-SPORTS END OF YEAR PARTY ON THE PLANET

Duration: 1-day • Age: Prep to Yr 6 • Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm

5 x MOTIV8SPORTS • 5 x SPLASH CITY CHALLENGES • \$100 SPLASH & CASH • THE V.I.P PRIZE DRAW

THE YR 6 WATER MOND SEND OFF PARTY & THE LEGENDARY MOTIV8SPORTS MYSTERY PRIZE

VIP PARTY 1: 21ST-MARIST BROS-WESTMEAD
VIP PARTY 2: 22ND-MUIRFIELD HIGH-NORTH ROCKS
VIP PARTY 3: 23RD-ASQUITH BOYS HIGH

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Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>