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TERM 4 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Changes to School Development Days in 2021

At the commencement of 2021, there will be amendments to our School Development 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 Staff Development Days at the end of Term 4. Instead, there will be two Staff Development Days at beginning of the school year.

The 2021 school year will commence with two Staff Development Days. **Therefore, for students in Years 1-6 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 day of our school Swimming Carnival. Further details about this event will be communicated to you towards the end of Term 4.

COVID-19: Updated Advice for NSW Schools

Schools should continue to exclude students and staff with even mild cold or flu symptoms and encourage them to seek testing immediately. **Parents of symptomatic children will still need to provide evidence of a negative test result before their child can return to school.**

In the case of seasonal allergic rhinitis or other condition that presents similarly to COVID-19 and in the presence of continuing symptoms, **the child will need a negative COVID-19 test result and a letter from their GP confirming that the child should be permitted to return to school.** If the child's symptoms change from their usual symptoms, a repeat of the COVID-19 testing should be performed.

Non-essential adults should continue to be excluded from school unless involved directly in delivery of curriculum activities or health services. All teachers, coaches and volunteers should continue to ensure they maintain physical distancing during, before and after school or sporting events.

Good hand hygiene practices should continue to be supported along with the other measures outlined in the school and community sports COVID-19 Safety Plan.

World Teacher's Day

World Teacher's Day is a day for us to celebrate and acknowledge our teachers. This year, despite many challenges, our teachers ensured that the education of our students continued. It reinforced the crucial role we play in the lives of our students, their families and the community. I am extremely proud of the achievements of our teachers this year and would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

Selective High School 2022 – Information for current Year 5 students

Selective high schools cater for intellectually gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard.

CALENDAR

Week 4 & 5

Tues 3 Nov	Gymnastics
Wed 4 Nov	Children's Writers' Festival—Cowan
Fri 6 Nov	Kindergarten Transition PSSA / Tennis
Tues 10 Nov	Gymnastics
Wed 11 Nov	Footsteps Dance Remembrance Day Service Interrelate—6.00-7.15pm
Fri 13 Nov	PSSA / Tennis

What's coming up later in Term 4

Tues 17 / 24 Nov 1 / 8 Dec	Gymnastics
Wed 18 / 25 Nov 2 Dec	Footsteps Dance
Fri 20 / 27 Nov	PSSA / Tennis

Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability and using specialised teaching methods to support the learning needs of gifted students.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020.

Parents must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

An 'Intention to Apply' form was sent home with Year 5 students on Friday 16 October. Please return this form to school before Friday 30 October 2020, attention to Mrs Cartwright. **Please note that the Intention to Apply form is not an application.** This form is for school organisational purposes. **Application must be made online through the website as indicated above.**

For more information and updates to the placement process, visit the website at:

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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.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are due now. Our School administration team are currently accepting enrolment applications and supporting documentation for students commencing in 2021. Future Kindergarten students should be enrolled as soon as possible to ensure that we can communicate information about Orientation Programs.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal

Cowan/Brooklyn PS Children's Writers' Festival

A note was sent home with students today regarding this upcoming event. Please complete the permission note and return to your child's class teacher by this Friday.

The details are:

- Theme—Incredible Creatures
- Special Guest Presenters—Jacqueline Harvey, Stephen Michael King, Andrew Daddo, Tim Harris, Shelly Unwin, Pip Smith and Beau Wylie
- **Wednesday 4 November**
- 9.30am—2.30pm
- Transport by bus
- Students are encouraged to dress up as one of their favourite incredible characters
- No cost to parents—cost covered, including transport, by BPS P&C.

Nutrition Snippet

WAR ON WASTE.

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Want to know how you can reduce your food waste?

Check out our [blog](https://healthylunchbox.com.au) at healthylunchbox.com.au for more tips that will save you money, time and our planet!

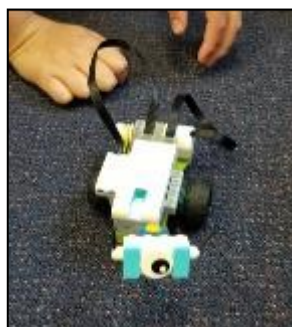
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 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

What's happening in 6/5/4W

6/5/4W have again been busy, with lots going on as we returned to school in Term 4. Preparation for the Stage 3 Mini Fair has been undertaken with enthusiasm and excitement by students as they began working together to create a range of activities that will entertain and provide a fun filled time for the school.

We have also been fortunate to access the Department STEM share learning library, borrowing the tablet robotics kit for Term 4. 6/5/4W have been eagerly exploring beginning coding through the use of WeDo Lego kits and Dash Robots. Students have worked collaboratively in small groups to create mini Lego robots and then program them to move about the classroom, building on a sensor attachment to ensure minimal crashes! The Dash robots proved entertaining as they sometimes have a mind of their own! We will continue to explore and develop our coding skills as we move through the term.



In science this week, Stage 3 discussed and explored electricity and circuits. Students began drawing and building simple circuits to turn on a light bulb, drive a motor and sound a buzzer.



MINI FAIR

Last Thursday, Stage 3 hosted their first Mini Fair. After lots of preparation and fingers crossed that the weather would hold out, the fair began with excited squeals from the younger grades. All students participated with enthusiasm and excitement and the day was a huge success. Congratulations to Stage 3 (and their Year 4 support) for running a fabulous Mini Fair for everyone to enjoy.





BOOK WEEK 2020 - Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

This year, Brooklyn Public School celebrated **Book Week** with a Book Parade, a Book Fair, a visiting Author and some competitions.

The winning books from the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA) were:

Early Childhood Winner - **My Friend Fred** by Frances Watts (Honours – 'Goodbye House, Hello House' by Margaret Wild and 'When Billy was a dog' by Kirsty Murray).

Picture Book Winner – **I Need a Parrot** by Chris McKimmie (Honours – 'Nop' by Caroline Magerl and 'Three' by Stephen Michael King).

Younger Reader Winner – **The Little Wave** by Pip Harry (Honours – 'The Glimme' by Emily Rodda and 'The Secrets of Magnolia Moon' by Edwina Wyatt).

Eve Powell Award Winner – **Young Dark Emu** by Bruce Pascoe (Honours – 'Birrarrung Wilam: A Story from Aboriginal Australia' by Andrew Kelly and Joy Murphy Wandin and 'The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Ugly Animals' by Sami Bayly).

In the library, Book Vouchers were awarded to the following students for winning the competitions:

1/KR – Lola F; Quva; Mitchell.

3/2T – Ryan A; Ani C; Loukas; Luka.

6/5/4W – Violet B; Alex M; Jazmin.

Other Prizes: 1/KR – Baxter L; 3/2T – Aston L; 6/5/4W – Jack B.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the students and parents who bought books from the online Book Fair and especially to those who donated new books to our library. It is very much appreciated. We sold \$909 worth of books, a great achievement for a small school.

Books that have been reordered should arrive in a week or so. The bonus points raised have allowed us to purchase more books for our library to encourage the love of reading. If you missed the Book Fair, there is a Book Club order which was distributed by the P&C last week which also earns points for us to purchase books and class resources.

LUCAS PROUDFOOT VISIT – Indigenous Performer & Author

Students and staff were highly entertained by Lucas Proudfoot's performance during Book Week. He used the didgeridoo, clap sticks, stomp box, drum and a guitar to bring his stories and music to life. The smiles and laughter of the students reflected the energy of this talented author. Lucas' books, music and activities can be found on The Proud Foots website – <http://theproudfoots.com.au>

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

There was a great mix of wonderful costumes for our annual Book Parade. Thank you to parents for encouraging your child to dress up. Please see photos of the fun day we had, on the following pages.

Thursday is Library Day so please remember your bags and books.

Mrs Penny Broome
RFF Teacher - Library

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Lucas Proudfoot—The Proud Feet



School Travel for 2021

2021 school travel applications are now open



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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>