



30 NOVEMBER 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2021

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.

Hats and Drink Bottles

As we head into the warmer summer months, we ask that all students remember to bring their hats and drink bottles to school each day. Due to COVID-19, students are unable to use the bubblers but are able to fill up their drink bottles throughout the day. We understand that sometime students forget these items and we are able to provide a cup for the students to drink from throughout the day if they do forget their drink bottle. 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.

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. 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 meter 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. Information has been sent out 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.

End of Year Concert

Due to the current COVID-19 guidelines and considering our school context and the ability to meet those guidelines, unfortunately this year's end of school concert **will not be able to go ahead with parents in attendance**.

CALENDAR

Week 8-10

Tues 1 Dec	Gymnastics
Wed 2 Dec	Footsteps Dance
Fri 4 Dec	PSSA / Tennis
Mon 7 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 8 Dec	Gymnastics
Wed 9 Dec	Presentation Assembly
Fri 11 Dec	Concert
Wed 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 for students
Thurs 17/Fri 18 Dec	School Development Days - Staff Only

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Wed 27/Thurs 28 Jan	School Development Days - Staff Only
Fri 29 Jan	Students return Swimming Carnival—Years 1-6 Kindergarten Students begin

Children will still perform their dances and plays and a recording of the concert will be made available for parents to view. A link to the video will be emailed to parents and carers at a later date. The concert will be performed and filmed during the school day on Friday 11 November. A note will be sent home shortly outlining costuming requirements for each class.

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

Uniform Shop – Last days to order!

The last day to place online orders to the school uniform shop will be Tuesday 8 December. To ensure that you have your school uniform ready for Day 1 of 2021, it is essential to have your online orders processed by that date. The uniform shop will be closed for the duration of the school holidays and will not open until the beginning of 2021.

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

The Cottage Christmas Market

Get Christmas all wrapped up with local produce and handmade gifts.

Dangar Road, Brooklyn

From 10am till 4.00pm



Learning in CAPA – Dance with Mrs Broome

In Term 4, Brooklyn Public School students have been participating in dance activities as part of the Creative Arts Curriculum. Students have been performing various dance styles using a wide range of controlled movement skills and expressive qualities.



All students have been viewing, interpreting and appreciating various online dances of primary students' performances at the State Dance Festival 2019 and learning excerpts from them.



The Year 2-6 students have also composed their own short dance sequences in groups using the elements of dance to communicate a story.



Students have enthusiastically been rehearsing a class dance with The Footsteps Dance Company instructors every Wednesday in readiness for our End of Year Concert –“A Night at the Movies.” They are looking forward to performing online for the parents.





From the Library Shelves 2020



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge:

Term 4, Week 8

Congratulations to all the students who completed this year's challenge. Certificates will be awarded soon. Congratulations also to the Year 6 students who have completed four years of the Challenge. They will be receiving a special Gold Certificate.

The 2021 Challenge commences on March 1, 2021. I recommend that all students start keeping a list of the books you read (Years 3-6) or are read to (Years K-2) from now on so they can be included on next year's record. For Year 6 students, the challenge continues to Year 9.

Return of Library books:

Last Thursday in Week 7, was sadly the last day of borrowing for 2020.

I now request that all books and borrowed library bags be returned before the end of term. As we like to keep our special resources for all to share, reminder notices of overdue books will be sent home with the students. I would appreciate it if parents would help their child to search for any overdue or missing books. Just look for the Brooklyn PS barcode on the back.

I will finish the year with fond memories of teaching Library in 2020 and wish the school students and community a wonderful Christmas and a safe, fun holiday time.

Thursday is library day, so please don't forget to return your library books and borrowed bags.

Mrs Penny Broome
RFF Teacher - Library



YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
WITH US

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12
5:00PM - 7:30 PM

Mooney Mooney Chapel - outdoors on the grass
BYO picnic blanket/ chairs


Children's presentation first and then old fashion CAROLS with
LIVE MUSIC for all ages. This is a COVID safe event - social
distancing and hygiene protocols will be observed.

FREE BBQ PROVIDED

ALL WELCOME

Presented by 'The River Fellowship'
ph Bruce 0413 779 979 or Annette 0408 659 575

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



School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

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).

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>