



19 OCTOBER 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and was able to enjoy the wonderful weather and time spent with your families.

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 conditions that present 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.

Summer Uniform

Students are now able to wear the school Summer uniform. Please ensure that all jackets, jumpers, lunch boxes etc are well labelled with your child/ren's names.

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.

Book Week

We will be holding our Book Character Parade for students this Thursday 22 October. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Unfortunately, parents are unable to join us this year, but we will endeavour to share photos of children on the day. The parade will be held in class groups throughout the day rather than as a whole school event. Children will wear their costumes to school on the day of the parade.

CALENDAR

Week 2 & 3

Wed 21 Oct	Footsteps Dance
Thurs 22 Oct	Book Week Parade Lucas Proudfoot Performance
Fri 23 Oct	Kindergarten Transition
Mon 26 Oct	Netball
Wed 28 Oct	Footsteps Dance
Thurs 29 Oct	Year 6 Mini Fete
Fri 30 Oct	Kindergarten Transition PSSA / Tennis

What's coming up in Term 4

Wed 4 Nov	Children's Writers' Festival—Cowan
Wed 11 Nov	Interrelate—6-7.15pm
Wed 18 Nov	OC Placement Test

Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session

Last Wednesday evening we held a highly successful Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session via Zoom. It is fantastic that modern technology has enabled us to still connect with families under the current restrictions. It was wonderful to meet the new families who will be joining our Brooklyn Public School community next year as well as welcome the siblings of our current BPS students. We look forward to these children taking part in our Kindergarten Transition sessions over the coming weeks.

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. 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:

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

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

SPRINGTACULAR FRUIT AND VEG.



Try these seasonal recipes:

- [Beef and broccoli stir fry](#)
- [Zucchini slice](#)
- [Healthy apple crumble](#)
- For these recipes and more visit healthyinbox.com.au

healthyinbox.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Learning in 3/2T

At the end of Term 3, 3/2T built natural shelters for our naturally constructed toys as part of our Science unit. Throughout the term, we learnt about natural and man-made materials. It's amazing how many tools and creations we can make from various natural resources in our environment.



3/2T have been developing their writing skills through daily sentence practice. It's been amazing to see the students' growth in understanding sentence structure and forming interesting sentences!



On Wednesday, Brooklyn students had their first Footsteps lesson as part of our CAPA syllabus. 3/2T had so much fun learning new moves and moving our bodies to the beat!





BOOK WEEK 2020 - Curious Creatures Wild Minds!

Welcome back to Term 4.

This week the library is celebrating **Book Week** on Thursday with a Book Parade, a Book Fair, a visiting Author and some competitions. During Book Week, the winning authors of the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA) are announced. The students are waiting to see if the books they voted for are the winners.

In the library, students will be invited to guess: Where is Max hiding? – from 'Where the Wild Things Are'. How many curious snakes are in the jar? The best guess from each class will receive a book voucher to select a book from the Book Fair. Students can also colour in a 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' bookmark or poster to win a book voucher.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

On **Thursday** we would like all children to come dressed up as a character from their favourite book. Under the current conditions, the Book Character Parade will be staged in three separate class groups and photographed for parents to view online. Every student who dresses up will receive a ticket to enter a class draw for a book voucher.

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is continuing and online ordering will finish this Friday October 23.

Please have students return their wish list form with the online receipt to the school this week so they can collect their orders. Popular books or products will be reordered. Thank you to those parents who have ordered and donated. The bonus points help us to purchase more books for our library to encourage the love of reading.

If you would like to donate a new book to the school library, please indicate this on your form. A personalised label will be placed on the inside cover with the student's name and they will be the first to borrow the book.

Lucas Proudfoot visit – Indigenous Performer & Author

We are excited to also have Lucas Proudfoot visit our school on Thursday and perform for us. His Proud Foots adventure series books will come to life through his storytelling, music and dance. Please return the permission note by Tuesday October 20 and payment **only if school fees have not been paid**.

Mrs Penny Broome
RFF Teacher - Library

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>