



24 MAY 2021

TERM 2 WEEK 6

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### How To Be Involved At School

Your child spends a lot of time at their school, so you'll want it to be the best it can be. There are lots of ways you can contribute and also get to know some of the people who are a part of your child's life at school.

#### 1. Class Parent Helper

Especially in the early years of primary school, there are lots of ways to help out in the classroom, from listening to children reading to preparing materials for craft activities. You don't need any special skills - just ask the teacher if they'd like any help. They'll let you know what you can do and whether there are any requirements for parents working with children at the school.

#### 2. Stay In Touch

Don't rely on your child to tell you what's happening - make sure the school has your current contact details so we can send you newsletters and email you information about upcoming activities. Important information is also sent via the Skool Loop app. When the school sends you something, please take the time to read it and add any upcoming events into your calendar.

#### 3. Pitch In

There is a very active parent group at Brooklyn PS, who put on events, run working groups and coordinate fundraising activities and they are always keen for volunteers.

#### 4. Contribute To The Big Picture

Brooklyn PS has a P&C for parents who would like the opportunity to be part of a team, along with the Principal, teachers and other parents and community members, to be involved in shaping the future of the school, sharing information and views and helping to raise funds to provide extra resources.

The good news: research suggests that when schools, families and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to have positive attitudes toward school, stay in school longer, and do better.

### Zone Cross Country

On Monday 17th May, 23 students represented Brooklyn Public School in the Hornsby Zone Cross Country Carnival. Participating students gave their all and should be very proud of their achievement in making it this far in the competition.

It was so pleasing to see how supportive the students were of each other, cheering on from the side lines. Well done to all students!



## CALENDAR

**Tuesdays** 7.45am Performance Band meets

**Thursdays** 7.45am Senior Jazz Band meets

**Thursdays** 8.15am Beginner Band meets

### **Week 6**

Thurs 27 May Movie & PJ Day Fundraiser  
P&C Meeting—6pm

### **Week 7**

Tues 1 Jun Year 6 Leaders to Marine Centre

Wed 2 Jun Musica Viva

### **What's Coming Up in Term 2**

Mon 7 Jun Interrelate—6.00-8.15pm

Wed 16 Jun Athletics Carnival

Fri 25 Jun Last Day of Term 2



## NAPLAN



Last week our students in Year 3 and Year 5 joined thousands around the nation in sitting the NAPLAN assessments. While these assessments provide useful data to inform teaching and learning at school, it is important to remember that the NAPLAN assessments only capture a snapshot of student's progress in literacy and numeracy on a given day. Regardless of how well students perform in the assessments, it is important they know how very proud we are of each and every one of them for the efforts they make towards learning every day that they come to this wonderful school.

## Year 6 Leadership Camp

Last week our Year 6 students attended the Year 6 Leadership Camp at Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre at Bobbin Head. Our leadership campers spent their days gaining valuable leadership skills, making unforgettable memories, and developing a positive and open attitude toward new and unknown things. Students took part in team building and leadership challenges, bush walking, Indigenous cultural learning opportunities, canoeing, Tai Chi and photography to name a few!

Thank you to Miss Munnings and Ms West, for giving up time with their families so our students could participate in this valuable experience.





Some key pedestrian safety messages for students include:

#### K-2

- Hold a grown-up's hand when you're on the footpath
- Hold a grown-up's hand when you're in the carpark
- Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road
- Wait till the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road.

#### Year 3-4

- Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road
- Wait till the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road.

#### Year 5-6

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road
- Wait till the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road.

#### Key Messages for Parents and Carers

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the carpark, or when crossing the road; an adult is defined as a parent, caregiver, grandparent, sibling in high school or older, other relative or neighbour, or other adult as advised by the child's parents/carers
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

#### Social and Emotional Learning

Our social and emotional learning program continues this term. The Term 2 focus will be: How can I be a positive influence and build respectful relationships (Emotions, Core Values & Humour).

For **Early Stage 1** topics include: Giving the right names to feelings, being the boss of your angry feelings, keeping safe: hands are not for hitting, feet are not for kicking, words are not for hurting, Be the boss of your sad feelings, Be the boss of your worried or scared feelings, being honest, everyone has fears, even grown-ups, Humour can help you feel better.

#### Walk Safely To School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) was held on Friday 14 May 2021. This year was the 22nd year the annual event when all Primary School children were encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It was an opportunity for the school, parents and carers of Primary School aged children to promote safe pedestrian behaviour. While Brooklyn is a quieter suburb, it is still important for the students to be aware and engage in safe practices when walking to and from school. The students were happy to take home a WSTSD temporary tattoo in celebration of the day.

For **Stage 1** topics include: being fair, being responsible, everyone has pleasant and unpleasant feelings, be the boss of your feelings: change a bad mood into a good mood, be the boss of your jealous feelings, What makes you laugh?

For **Stage 2** topics include: Helpful thinking, dealing with disappointment, dealing with jealousy, dealing with embarrassment, dealing with feeling lonely and being left out, dealing with sadness, dealing with worries, being fair, it's okay to be different, you can use humour to cheer someone up, humour can help friendships grow stronger, humour can be hurtful if it makes fun of others.

For **Stage 3** topics include: All feelings are necessary, even the unpleasant ones, boosting positive and enjoyable feelings, you can change a bad mood into a good mood, managing anger, developing empathy, being honest, being responsible, What is humour? What makes people laugh? Humour is healthy and enjoyable.

**Kelly Cartwright**  
Principal

## K-6 ASSEMBLY - 14/5/21

**1/KW Merit Awards** Alex, Juno, Frankie, Blaire  
**Student of the Week** Irene, Charlotte

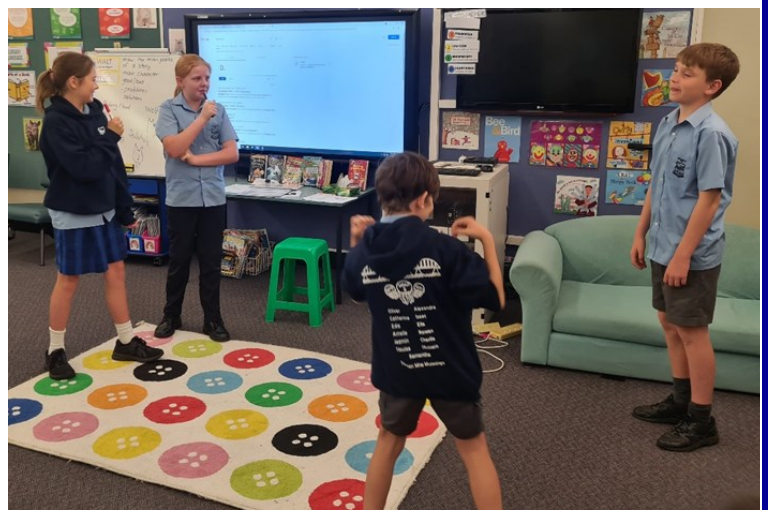
**4/3/2L Merit Awards** Loukas, Roland, Locklan, Finley  
**Student of the Week** Luca, Charlotte P

**6/5M Merit Awards** Rowan, Isaac  
**Student of the Week** Abbie, Jazmin, Sammy

**Happy Birthday to** Lorelei P, Levi M, Finley

### Drama Class

In Drama this term, students in 4/3/2L and 6/5M have been learning about improvisation through participation in different games and developing their confidence performing in front of their peers. Students have also been focussing on what makes a supportive audience. Students in 1/KW have been exploring their imagination through the use of the 'Imaginarium' as we adventure to different places around the world.





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#NSS2021 #1MillionKidsReading

# National Simultaneous Storytime ...from space!

## Give me some Space!

PHILIP BUNTING

Wednesday 19 May 2021 [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)



Brooklyn Public School students took part in the ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime last Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. We all sat down together to read 'Give me some Space!' by Philip Bunting and watched a reading from real life NASA astronaut Shannon Walker.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Philip Bunting



Philip Bunting is an author and illustrator, with a soft spot for creating picture books for sleep-deprived, time-poor, raisin-encrusted parents (and their children).

Philip's work deliberately encourages playful interaction between the reader and child, allowing his books to create a platform for genuine intergenerational engagement and fun.

He believes that the more fun the child has during their early reading experiences, the more likely they will be to return to books, improve their emergent literacy skills, and later find joy in reading and learning.

Philip's books have been translated into multiple languages, and published in over 25 countries around the world. Since his first book was published in 2017, Philip has received multiple accolades, including Honours from the Children's Book Council of Australia, and making the list for the Kate Greenaway Medal in 2018.

You can find out more about Philip by visiting his website

<https://philipbunting.com/about/>



# What is happening in the library this term?

NSW Department of Education

## 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

We are continuing to read and enter our PRC entries fortnightly in library time. We have a small handful of students already at their reading targets and many more with only a few books to go! Students are welcome to continue to add titles from home. Please contact the librarian with any difficulties logging on or entering titles.

Remember:

**Challenge closes  
for student entries  
Friday August 20**



Education  
Standards  
Authority



WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1 to 6. The competition is designed to encourage students to develop their writing skills. Schools are able to submit one entry per stage. Students at Brooklyn Public School have the opportunity to workshop their entries each Tuesday at lunch time in the Library. Students can also work on their entries at home.

Students must submit their entry to the school competition by **Thursday, June 10**.

BPS staff will then choose from the collected submissions, one per stage, to send on to the WriteOn competition judging by **Friday 25 June**.

For more information, please see below.

## Writing Competition

for NSW students in Years 1 to 6



WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1 to 6. The competition is designed to encourage students to develop their writing skills.

Using the photograph for inspiration, students write a short, imaginative piece of up to 500 words. Each school must only submit one typed entry from each stage using the online entry form.

Visit [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/writeon](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/writeon) to find out more and to enter

**Entries close 25 June 2021**

## Live Life Well @ School

### STAY SAFE ONLINE

Help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences.

#### Stay safe online

For online safety:

- Use an internet filter
- Activate the parental control function on devices
- Supervise internet use
- Let children know that they should tell you if they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them.

*Cyber safety is everyone's business!*

For more information:  
[esafety.gov.au/iparent](http://esafety.gov.au/iparent)



Developed by Northern Sydney Local Health District



## Nutrition Snippet

### WHAT IS THE HEALTHY LUNCH BOX?



### A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

#### Here's what you'll find on the [website](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au):

- [Interactive lunch box builder](#) that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy [recipes](#) and [snack ideas](#).
- Informative [blogs](#) about healthy eating for the family.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

### \* NUT MINIMISATION \*

Please support our young students who live with life-threatening allergies to nuts by refraining from sending your child to school with nut-based food products like Nutella or Peanut Butter.