



26 APRIL 2021

TERM 2 WEEK 2

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a relaxing break and was able to enjoy the wonderful weather and time spent with their families.

### School Development Day— Striving for Continuous Improvement

On Monday 19th April, teachers at Brooklyn Public School and Cowan Public School engaged in professional learning around quality mathematics instruction. As a staff, we analysed student numeracy data and our situational analysis, identifying areas of strength and areas of improvement for the students at our school. From this data, we developed school and stage-based goals.

Staff worked collaboratively to design rich, authentic and quality numeracy tasks based on evidence-based practice that target students at their point of need. Teachers looked at quality questioning, formative assessment and a range of teaching strategies to enhance student understanding and engagement in order to build students' confidence as mathematical learners and thinkers.

Over the coming year, teachers will continue to plan, program, implement, monitor and evaluate lesson design, to ensure student individual needs are met.



### Winter Uniform

From the beginning of Term 2, students are able to wear the winter school uniform. With the mornings being much cooler, our school uniform shop volunteers have been working hard to ensure new jackets and winter uniforms are available. Place your orders online to ensure you don't miss out.

<https://Brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/>

As a reminder, please ensure that all jackets, jumpers, lunch boxes etc are well labelled with your child/ren's names.

Benefits of school uniform:

- Defining an identify for the school within its community
- Developing students' sense of belonging to the school community

## CALENDAR

**Tuesdays** 7.45am Performance Band meets

**Thursdays** 7.45am Senior Jazz Band meets

**Thursdays** 8.15am Beginner Band meets

### **Week 2**

Wed 28 Apr School Photos

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

Tues 11-Thurs 13 May NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5

Mon 17 May Zone Cross Country

Wed 19 May National Simultaneous Storytime

Wed 19-Thurs 20 May Year 6 Camp

Wed 2 Jun Musica Viva

Fri 4 Jun Regional Cross Country

Wed 16 Jun Athletics Carnival

- Providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- Enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- Promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- Reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- Increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- Promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- Making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.



### ANZAC Day

Last Friday, Brooklyn Public School students recognised the important occasion that is ANZAC Day with a commemorative service held in conjunction with Brooklyn RSL, at the Brooklyn Park War Memorial. Students remembered the courage and sacrifice of our armed service men and women, who fought and died in war.

The students demonstrated a great deal of respect and maturity throughout the service. The ANZAC Requiem and The Ode was read beautifully by School Captain Catherine. All students presented a flower on the memorial to show our respects and memory of our soldiers. Our school prefects Edie and Jazmin raised the flags to peak alongside the Brooklyn RSL Sub-Branch members. Our school band performed the National Anthem with pride and Oliver showed his great level of skill when performing the Last Post and the Reveille.



### Cross Country

Today saw the Brooklyn students putting their running shoes on and warming up to participate in the cross country carnival. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm students displayed, both on and off the track. When not running students encouraged others from the sidelines and the older students were a fantastic support for 1/K students as they ran the track.

We were fortunate to have a wonderful day of sunshine making the day enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to assist and make sure all students completed the course successfully.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts on the day and displays of sportsmanship throughout the carnival.



### School Photographs—Wednesday 28th April

The school photographer is coming this Wednesday! Please ensure that you bring your personalised school photographer envelope on Wednesday with either the correct money (no change will be given) or if payment has been made online, with the online reference number written clearly on the envelope. **Students are required to wear their full winter school uniform, including black school shoes. Hair accessories are to be in school colours.**

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy) for Years 3 & 5 students, will be conducted from 11th-15th May. Over these days, students will sit tests for reading, language conventions, writing and mathematics. It is important that students are at school on time, as these assessments will be held in the morning sessions.



## [Applying for Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2022](#)

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 opened on **Tuesday 20 April** and close **Friday 7 May 2021**.

Parents apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

All applicants are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

The Department has introduced a new application system that will give parents a more interactive experience. The new system enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the Team through the system's new 'messages' feature.

Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the Team on 1300 880 367 or email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au).

Keep updated on the opportunity class placement process at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>.

## [Easter Hat Parade](#)

On the last day of Term 2 students at Brooklyn Public celebrated the upcoming Easter break with the annual Easter hat parade. It was wonderful to be able to welcome parents on site to celebrate with us and share in the fun and excitement of the parade. A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who took time out of their busy schedules to support by assisting students to create a wonderful array of Easter hats. 6/5M also organised a guessing competition, with 2 lucky students taking home some extra eggs to celebrate Easter.



## [End of Term Assembly](#)

On Tuesday 30th March we celebrated student achievement with our end of term assembly. It was wonderful to welcome a limited number of parents on site to join in our recognition of the hard work of our students throughout Term 1. In addition to this the band and choir performed, led by Miss Lee and Mrs Foster. Thank you to the P&C for organising the Easter raffle and congratulations to Coco who was lucky enough to take home the hamper.

Congratulations to our Term 1 **Class award** recipients: Isaac, Elle, Nim, Charlotte P, Aston, Ryan, Lorelei P, Irene and Frank; our **Creative Arts award** recipients: Edie, Jarrah and Felix; Our **Band award** recipients: Edie, Emily and Roland.



**Kelly Cartwright**  
Principal

## What's Happening in 1/KW

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been a busy start to the term with a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education team, Start Smart, Anzac Day and the school Cross Country. In between all of these exciting activities 1/KW have been busy in the classroom working hard in their learning.

We have been working on our counting skills, naming, recognising and sorting numbers to 30, identifying numbers before and after and exploring place value.



We have also started looking at informative texts beginning with identifying what is real and what is make believe. Kindergarten have been working hard on using their sounds to make words. On Friday we were able to spend some time with our buddies in 6/5M sharing some books. We are looking forward to a great term of learning ahead.



## Life Education Australia

The Life Education van visited Brooklyn Public School on our first day back this term, Tuesday 20th April.

Students enjoyed learning all about friendship, how to combat cyber bullying and making good decisions. As always, our Brooklyn boys and girls were very excited to chat with Healthy Harold, had some great questions and used their manners. Harold is looking forward to coming back again next year!

**Nicole Biviano**  
Life Education Coordinator





## Start Smart

On Wednesday 21st April 2021, the students of Brooklyn participated in Start Smart. It is an award-winning financial education program offered to school aged students across Australia to help them prepare for their future. Conducted by world-class facilitators, the 40-minute interactive, educational workshops are designed to motivate and inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money. Start Smart reaches over 550,000 students each year free of charge to the school. Since it was founded in 2007, over 3 million students have participated in Start Smart, making it the largest program of its kind in the world.

The students were led by “Coach Cash” to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to develop money saving habits and spend smarter.

K/1W learned about the following concepts:

- an introduction to notes and coins
- recognition of Australian currency
- keeping money safe
- the difference between needs and wants
- using money in exchange for goods and services.



4/3/2L learned about the following concepts:

- credit cards and keycards
- earning money
- spending habits
- comparative shopping
- maximising savings.



6/5M learned about the following concepts:

- goal setting
- earning money
- saving strategies
- interest
- banks.



### \* 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.