



15 MARCH 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

COVID-19 Update—Easing Restrictions

As you are aware, from Monday 8th March, parents and carers are now permitted to enter the school grounds to drop off their children between 8:30am-9:00am and pick-up from 3:00pm whilst following COVID-safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5 metres. Attendance at sporting events will also be permitted subject to COVID-19 Safety Plans of particular venues.

When entering the school grounds at all other times, it is important parents and carers have an appointment/invitation and come to the office and sign into the school.

It is still imperative that we all remain vigilant in implementing COVID-safe practices in our school. Some level of restrictions and guidelines will remain in place for schools for some time.

Parents and carers are reminded that students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom free for three days prior to returning to school.

I thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

Communication

The school encourages regular contact between parents/carers and teachers. Two-way communication is key to building productive partnerships and to nurture and support each student's learning journey. If you have any queries regarding your child's learning, the first point of contact should be your child's classroom teacher. If you have any queries regarding policy or teaching staff, I can be contacted via the school's general email account and I will reply to you as soon as I can. For more urgent matters or if you need to escalate your issue, please contact me through the school office.

As I am a teaching principal there will be times during the day that I will be unable to talk as I am teaching or have other school commitments. Please know that your child's social, emotional and learning needs will always be my first priority and contact will be made with you as soon as possible.

Zone Swimming

On 5th March a small team of Brooklyn PS students competed at the Hornsby Zone swimming carnival at Pymble Ladies' College. It was a fabulous experience for them all to reach this level in the competition. All of our competitors demonstrated courage and persistence, giving their absolute all in each and every race.

CALENDAR

Tuesdays	7.45am Performance Band meets
Thursdays	7.45am Senior Jazz Band meets
Thursdays	8.15am Beginner Band meets
Week 8	
Tues 16 Mar	Rumbalara Youth Leadership Camp
Wed 17 Mar	Scope IT
Fri 19 Mar	SISC (PSSA) / Tennis
Week 9	
Mon 22 Mar	African Drumming
Wed 24 Mar	Scope IT
Fri 26 Mar	SISC (PSSA) / Tennis
Week 10	
Tues 30 Mar	End of Term Assembly
Wed 31 Mar	Scope IT
Thurs 1 Apr	Easter Hat Parade / Last Day Term 1

Alex, Violet, Max, Elizabeth and Edie, you should be so proud of your efforts. You represented Brooklyn PS with pride and your behaviour on the day was impeccable. Congratulations to you all.



Prime Minister & Speaker: Catherine/Isaac (rotated monthly)
Opposition Leader & Clerk: Edie/Jazmin (rotated monthly)
Treasurer: Amelie
Events Minister: Sammy
Environment Minister: Elle
Technology Minister: Rowan
Health and Safety Minister: Ella
Sports Minister: Charlie
Arts Minister: Oliver
Building/Infrastructure Minister: Alex
The Eye: Hussain

On Friday 12th March, Brooklyn Public School students took part in their first official Parliament sitting for 2021. Representatives from 1/KW, 4/3/2L and 6/5M all brought forth motions to be discussed and voted upon. The motions passed will be researched by the Ministers responsible who will investigate costs, practicality and create a plan of action prior to discussing the motions with Mrs Cartwright. Our first Parliament for 2021 was a success and a credit to all students who were respectful of each other's ideas and participated in a very responsible and attentive manner. We look forward to seeing our motions progress further and applying these positive changes within the school environment for all students to enjoy.

[Director, Educational Leadership Visit](#)

Last Tuesday, the relieving Director Educational Leadership, for the Mooney Mooney Principal Network, Jonathan Moxon, visited Brooklyn Public School. Jonathan spent some time with me discussing our school's new 4-year Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). It was exciting to share with Jonathan the wonderful learning that has taken place at Brooklyn PS over the last 12-18 months as well as the future directions of the school as we strive for continuous improvement.

[Student Parliament](#)

Student Parliament enables our students to learn about democratic processes. Our senior students undertake ministerial or leadership roles, whilst all other students are involved in the decision-making process. The Student Parliament at Brooklyn PS is based on the Westminster Parliamentary System, similar to that used in the Australian Parliament. All ministerial roles have been finalised and are as follows:



[Clean Up Australia Day](#)

On Monday 22nd March, students at Brooklyn Public School put on their gloves and filled bags to clean up our school grounds after the lunch break.

The students and teachers were surprised that we didn't fill up as many bags as we would have expected. As a school, we're doing an excellent job of keeping our grounds rubbish free so that we can protect our local environment and keep our school looking beautiful. Thank you to all the boys and girls who participated and came prepared with the necessary equipment. Below are some comments from students about the day.

“Clean up Australia Day is super important because it means people all over Australia pick up rubbish. There should be a clean up Australia Day every month!” - Roland H 4/3/2L

“We need to keep Australia clean. Animals are dying because of us. In about 100 years' time many animals may not be around. It is our responsibility to help the animals and protect the environment.” - Rory S 4/3/2L

[Cyber Safety Update and Police Youth Liaison Officer](#)

As the school year gets underway it is timely to remind parents of the dangers of online activity for children. The Commonwealth Government has dedicated significant resources to support parents, to ensure the safety of their children online. If you are yet to do so, please access the webpage of the E-Safety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

Another fantastic resource can be found at

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

As part of the education program to support the students within the school, our local Police Youth Liaison Officer came to visit Brooklyn PS last Tuesday. Senior Constable Lewis Peters ran two sessions, one for Years 3 & 4 and one for Years 5 & 6, providing education around cyber safety, cyber bullying and the appropriate use of devices. The students were extremely engaged in the content and gained a lot of valuable information, knowledge and skills they need to stay safe in online environments.

[Tell Them From Me](#)

Like many other public schools in the State, our school will participate in a Department of Education initiative: The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) student feedback survey. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The TTFM survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

The survey is confidential and is conducted online. It typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered during school hours. An 'opt-out' consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students on 2nd March.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

[Moving Into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2021](#)

Documentation for the 2021-2022 Year 6 to 7 enrolment process was sent home with students last Wednesday 11th March 2021. Your child's designated local secondary school was entered on the Expression of Interest form. Parents or carers should return the completed Expression of Interest form to the school no later than Friday 19th March 2021.

[Best Start Feedback to Parent Reports](#)

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student when they start Kindergarten. The information gathered has already helped teachers to develop effective learning programs that build upon what each child knows and can do when they start Kindergarten. Today, a 'Feedback to Parent Report' will be sent home with Kindergarten students.



This report indicates the things your child was able to do during the assessment, and some areas that they will continue focusing on throughout the year at Brooklyn Public School. Today, bookings for parent teacher interviews for Kindergarten will open. During this one-on-one interview, you will be provided with feedback on how you can best support your child during their first year of school. The parent teacher interview will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's individual student achievement and ask any questions you have about your child's Best Start 'Feedback to Parent Report'.

[Parent Teacher Interview](#)

We have planned for parents and carers to meet with their child's classroom teacher in formal interviews during Week 9 (Kindergarten) and Week 10 (Years 1-6) of this term. All class teachers will have some morning, afternoon and evening sessions available to meet with each child's parent/carer individually. Online booking details will be sent home with students today. These meetings are an ideal opportunity to gain the teacher's current perspective and also for you to share information with the class teacher about your child. Please look out for the information regarding the online booking of interviews and follow the instructions to ensure that you don't miss out!

[End of Term Assembly](#)

We are excited to announce that this year's first End of Term Assembly is able to go ahead with parents in attendance.

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 12:00pm 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. Only parents of students receiving an award will be invited to the assembly. Information will be sent out to these participating families in the coming week.

[NCCD and Supporting Students with Disability](#)

The NCCD is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability.

The NCCD enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school. Your child may be part of this data collection. More information can be found at: <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

[Cross Country](#)

Our school cross country carnival will be held on **Monday 26th April (Term 2, Week 2)**. All students in Years 3 to 6 will compete (interested Year 2 students turning 8 in 2021 may also compete). A team of students will be selected from our school carnival to attend the Hornsby Zone Cross Country carnival on **Monday 17th May**. Parents/carers will be able to attend as spectators. All spectators will need to sign in and socially distance themselves from other adults and stay in the designated spectator area.

K-2 students will also participate in a shorter, more age appropriate length of the course. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

[Harmony Day 2021—Everyone at Brooklyn PS](#)

Sunday 21st March is Harmony Day. This year's theme is **Everyone Belongs**. To celebrate, students are invited to dress in traditional clothing from their culture or to wear orange on Monday 22nd March. They are also encouraged to pack traditional food for their own lunch. Please keep in mind allergies when you are packing your child's lunch. Students will be involved in a range of activities in their classes to celebrate Harmony Day.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal

K-6 ASSEMBLY - 5/3/21

1/KW	Merit Awards	Charlotte, Alexander, Belle, Baxter
	Student of the Week	Felix, Jasmine
4/3/2L	Merit Awards	Charlotte, Tyler, Coco, Zali
	Student of the Week	Roland, Emily
6/5M	Merit Awards	Alexandra, Sammy, Charlie
	Student of the Week	Catherine, Amelie
	Happy Birthday to	Oliver

*** 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.

Interschool Sports Competition

Our junior and senior League Tag players have proudly represented Brooklyn Public School this term at the Inter School Sport game days. We diligently train every Thursday at lunchtime and practise our drills such as passing and tagging and also on our game play strategies. The sportsmanship, cooperation and level of teamwork has been so pleasing to see. I look forward to watching the students' skills further develop throughout the rest of the term.

Miss Munnings

It's Easter time!

Brooklyn PS will be celebrating Easter by holding our annual Easter Hat Parade.

The Easter Hat parade will take place on **Thursday 1st April, 2021**.

Students should design and make their **Easter hats** at home using materials of their choice. Students will show-case their masterpieces by wearing them on the day and participating in the parade.

Please encourage your child/ren to get creative and support them to start designing and preparing their master piece ready for the parade.



MindQuest 2021

Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Dr

Saturday & Sunday 22 & 23 May 2021

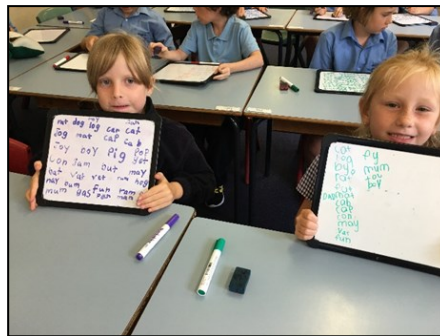
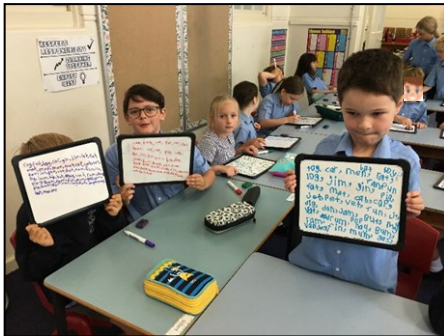
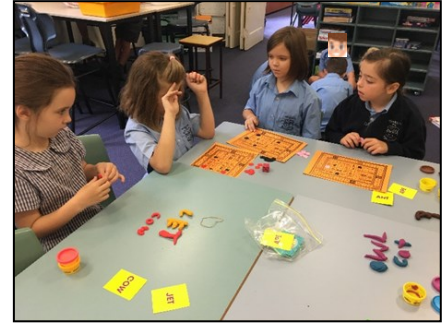
On **Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 May 2021** the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *MindQuest* will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. They will have an opportunity to participate in over **37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, 3D printing, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$210 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148

Closing Date: Friday Friday 23 April 2021

What's Happening in 4/3/2L

The students in 4/3/2L have had an amazing start to the year and have settled into their new class quickly. We have been practising a variety of literacy skills in cooperative games, buddy reading, whiteboard work sessions and as part of reading groups.

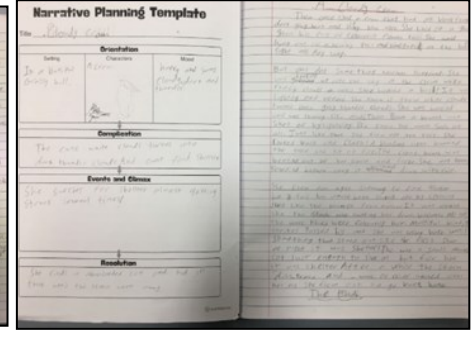
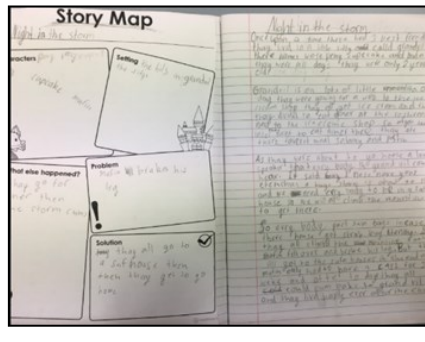
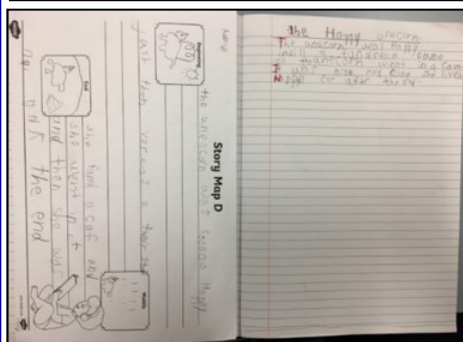
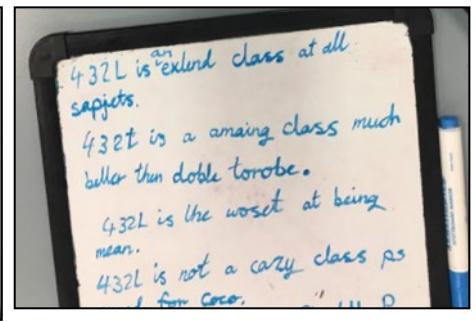
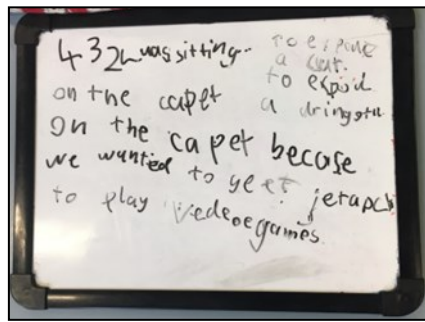
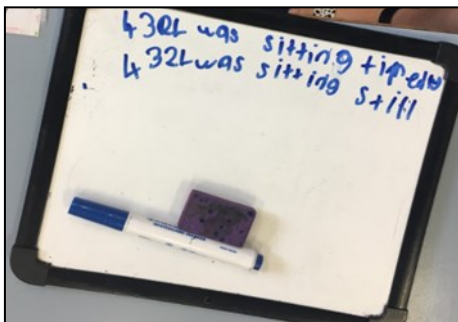


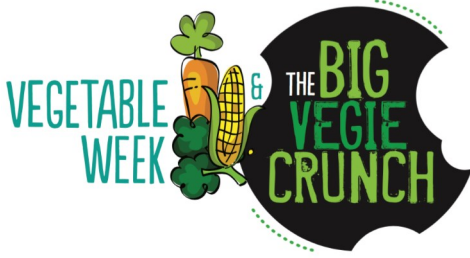
This term we have been focusing on becoming 'story tellers' and we've been building on our creative writing skills to tell interesting narratives. We've been focusing on structure and language conventions to improve our narratives.

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4





We are very excited to be participating in The Big Vegie Crunch as part of our regular Crunch & sip program this **Thursday 18th March at 10am.**

Schools across NSW will all be crunching and munching together in an attempt to break the record for the highest number of children eating vegetables simultaneously.

Students will be getting together under the Cola to eat their veg and chat about what makes vegetables so great!

Throughout the week, class teachers will be keeping a tally of the amounts and types of vegetables students bring to eat for Crunch & Sip. The class with the highest percentage of happy veg in their tummies by 10am Thursday will be known as Brooklyn Public School's Veggie Kings & Queens.

But we need your help to make it a success!

On Thursday 18th March, please pack your child a container of vegetables (**not fruit this time**) for them to crunch on.

Need some ideas?

- carrot, celery, cucumber – cut into sticks or left whole
- capsicum – cut into sticks or wedges
- corn – raw baby corn spears or a cooked corn cob
- broccoli or cauliflower florets - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- tomatoes – small cherry tomatoes or a large tomato that can be eaten like an apple
- beans or snow peas - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- mushrooms – sliced or left whole
- If fresh veg isn't possible, try canned or frozen vegetables instead.

If you require more information on The Big Vegie Crunch, please contact the school.

Nicole Biviano
Vegetable Week School Coordinator

Brooklyn Public School Library Monitors

We would like to welcome and congratulate our Year 6 Student Library Monitors! Our wonderful volunteers have signed up, in this leadership role, to give up their time and help out their peers in the library one lunchtime a week by learning how to borrow, return, sort and shelve our precious library books. They will also be around to help our younger students find the perfect book to read, keep the library tidy and create a welcome space for all Brooklyn Public School Students.

Cat, Elle, Edie, Sammy, Amelie, and Elouise

Nicole Biviano
Teacher Librarian





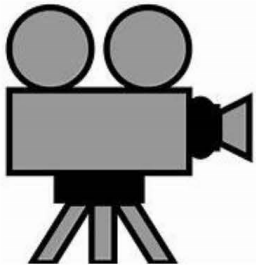

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Brooklyn Kids Club

Vacation Care Program April 2021
5.4.21-14.4.21

MONDAY 5.4.21	TUESDAY 6.4.21	WEDNESDAY 7.4.21	THURSDAY 8.4.21
<p><u>Monkey Mania</u></p> <p>Come along for a day non-stop fun at monkey mania.</p>  <p>Where: Gosford Cost: \$95</p>	<p><u>WHEELS DAY</u></p> <p>Bring your wheels today! It can be a bike, scooter or skate board, whatever you have! BUT you MUST also have a helmet! <u>NO HELMET NO WHEELS!</u></p>  <p>Where: KIDS CLUB Cost: \$60</p>	<p><u>Movies</u></p> <p>Be ready to sit back and enjoy a film together at the movie cinema. Movie to be announced on the day.</p>  <p>Where: Hornsby greater union Cost: \$95</p>	<p><u>PICNIC IN THE PARK</u></p> <p>Let's have fun in the park followed by a picnic lunch. Children will need a hat, closed in shoes and must wear sun safe clothes. Please pack a lunch</p>  <p>Where: KIDS CLUB Cost: \$60</p>

MONDAY 11.4.21	TUESDAY 12.4.21	WEDNESDAY 13.4.21	THURSDAY 14.4.21
<p><u>Time Zone</u></p> <p>Get set to socialise with our friends and get our game faces on, as we explore all the fun of time zone.</p> <p>Where : Hornsby westfield Cost :\$95</p> 	<p><u>ARTS & CRAFT DAY</u></p> <p>Enjoy creative exploration with slime and a range of art and craft material to get us inspired. Including, water colour painting, beading and collative collages.</p> <p>Where: Kids club Cost: \$70</p> 	<p><u>Flip Out</u></p> <p>It's time to Explore and develop your Bodies through endless gross motor fun at flip out.</p> <p>Where: Gosford Cost : \$95</p>	<p><u>Games day</u></p> <p>Board games, ball games, party games and more. Join us for a fun day of games. There will be something for everyone!</p> <p>Where: kids club Cost :\$95</p> 

Vacation care excursion times April 2021

Monday 5.3.21 – Monkey Mania

Depart BPS: 9:25 am or meet at HR train station at 9:45am

Return BPS: approx. 4:45pm return or meet at HR train station at 4:26pm

Tuesday 6.3.21 – Wheels Day

Kids club from 9-5 - 7-9 and 5-6

Wednesday 7.3.21-movies

Depart BPS: 8:45am or meet HR station 9:15 for 9:24am train

Return BPS: approx. 4:15pm (train arrive HR 3:50pm)

Thursday 8.3.21 Picnic Day

Kids club from 9-5 at Hrcc from

Monday 11.3.21 Time Zone 8:45am or meet HR station 9:15 for 9:24am train

Return BPS: approx. 4:15pm (train arrive HR 3:50pm)

Tuesday 12.3.21 Craft Day

At centre in kids club room

Wednesday 13.3.21 FlipOut

Depart BPS: 9:25am or meet at HR train station at 9:45am

Return BPS: approx. 4:45pm return or meet at HR train station at 4:26pm

Thursday 14.3.21 - Games Day

Kids club room 9-5 Family grouping at HRCC 7-9 am and 5-6 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Supervision is provided 7am – 6pm. The number of children anticipated to attend any excursion is 10-20. The ratio for educators to children on all excursions is 1:8. The ratio for educators on excursions that involve water are 1:5. Exact excursion departure and return times will be notified to families closer to the date. Risk assessments for all excursions have been completed and is available upon request. All staff are current first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis trained.

We may also visit the park at Brooklyn oval on any day we are at the centre.

What to bring

For all sessions, please bring:

A mask for travel to wear on train and bus where required.

- Morning tea
- Lunch
- Afternoon tea
- Refillable Water bottle
- Hat
- Jacket
- Wet weather gear as required
- Camera

Payments

Payment must be made in advance to reserve your place. If you receive your government subsidy to your own bank account, please pay HRCC the full amount.

If you have registered to have the child care subsidy paid direct to service please pay the daily fee less the subsidy percentage. Any further inquiries please email Karina info@hrcc.com.au

Please deposit your payment to:

Hawkesbury River Child Care
BSB 062-181
a/c 910 300
description: surname VC

Bookings:

Family Name: _____ **Contact Ph. No.:** _____

Week 1

child/children's name:

Monday ^{5th} **Monkey Mania \$95** _____

Tuesday ^{6th} **wheels day \$60** _____

Wednesday ^{7th} **Movies \$95** _____

Thursday ^{8th} **Picnic in park \$60** _____

Week 2

child/children's name:

Monday ^{11th} **Time Zone \$95** _____

Tuesday ^{12th} **craft day \$ 70** _____

Wednesday ^{13th} **Flip Out \$95** _____

Thursday ^{14th} **Games day \$60** _____

I have already completed a Hawkesbury River Kids Club enrolment form

Please forward me a Hawkesbury River Kids Club enrolment form

My children are registered for government rebates: Y / N

I have deposited payment of \$ _____ date: _____

I give permission for my child/ren to participate in and attend activities that I have booked my child/ren in for, including attending Brooklyn Park on any given day:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Comments or questions: _____

Or to 9985-7362 or info@hrcc.com.au

Kids Club Mobile: 0434 889 572

Look forward to seeing you in the school holidays!

Regards Your kids club coordinator Zena and director karina.