



29 MARCH 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 10

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 1. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday break. I hope you get to spend some valuable time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2.

### Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

This term our school has been heavily engaged in the development of our Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024. Our plan was informed by our extremely rigorous Situational Analysis, undertaken in the second half of last year. This document is our blueprint for success and school improvement and contains 2 strategic directions: Student Growth and Attainment and Wellbeing. In the coming week our plan will be endorsed by our Director, Educational Leadership and published for our community to view. Once published, I encourage all parents/carers to read the plan to have a better understanding of how the school is strategically planning to support all students to achieve their potential.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are currently underway, with time 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. 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. Educating your child is a three-way partnership, between the school, the parents and the child. It is important we all work together and play an active role in supporting the students.

### End of Term Assembly

This year's first End of Term Assembly is able to go ahead tomorrow 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 COVID requirements 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.

Should we experience particularly bad weather, the assembly will go ahead in an alternate format indoors. Unfortunately, this will mean that parents/carers will no longer be able to attend as we are unable to adhere to the current guidelines within an indoor setting. A decision will be made at 10am on the day and communicated to parents through the Skool Loop app and via email should the assembly be cancelled.

## CALENDAR

<b>Tuesdays</b>	7.45am Performance Band meets
<b>Thursdays</b>	7.45am Senior Jazz Band meets
<b>Thursdays</b>	8.15am Beginner Band meets
<b>Week 10</b>	
Tues 30 Mar	End of Term Assembly
Wed 31 Mar	Scope IT
Thurs 1 Apr	Easter Hat Parade / Last Day Term 1
<b>Term 2</b>	
Mon 19 Apr	School Development Day—Staff only
Tues 20 Apr	Students Return to School Life Education Van
Mon 26 Apr	School Cross Country Carnival
Wed 28 Apr	School Photos

In the event of bad weather, we will record the assembly for families to view. A link to this assembly recording will be emailed to parents at a later date.

### [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.

### [It's Easter Time!](#)

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. Remember to return your attendance slip if you are planning to come and watch your child/ren in the parade.

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

On Monday 22nd March, our school celebrated **Harmony Day**. The theme this year is **Everyone Belongs**. Students came dressed in orange clothing which is the colour associated with Harmony Day, signifying social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we had a few delays with the African drumming incursion. But much to the delight of students, it was still able to go ahead albeit later in the day. Those students who could not make it to school due to the conditions on the water, were able to join the incursion via zoom. It was great to be able to connect with those families, and see so many students at home able to join in on the fun.

In the morning, the students learnt about the significance of Harmony Day and classes started on a collaborative artwork project. With many students away from school due to the weather, the artwork was completed over the following week to enable those students at home to contribute to the piece.

To round out the day, we were fortunate enough to have two of our parents come into the school to share their cultural background with the students. We would like to thank Mark Franklin and Bjorn Lategan for dedicating their time to answer many questions and share their culture with the students.

To conclude the week, children showcased their dance skills in a short video presentation sent out as part of Harmony Day celebrations, exploring and learning dances from different cultures.

6/5M – Bhangra: inspired by South East Asia

4/3/2L – Lalala: inspired by Brazilian movements (Forro)

1/KW – We Know the Way: inspired by Pacific Islander movements (Samoan)





### [Year 6 Leaders Program—Rumbalara EEC](#)

On Tuesday 16th March, our Year 6 Captains and Prefects, attended The Rumbalara Youth Leadership Program along with other school leaders from across the small schools in the region. Students over the course of the program develop the skills required to enable them to implement a leadership initiative, run meetings, set goals, create action plans and milestones as well as develop the knowledge needed to tackle the issue. Students identify a project/issue or action that interests them and where they would like to make a difference – either within their school, in their local community or more broadly.



### [The Big Veggie Crunch!](#)

Did you know that only around 6% of Australian children eat enough vegetables? To help our community do their bit to improve this number, our school took part in The Big Veggie Crunch, which was part of Vegetable Week, at 10am on **Thursday 18 March**.

Brooklyn Public School joined hundreds of schools across NSW to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.

Although the weather stopped us from crunching altogether, our students were able to enjoy and celebrate the power of vegetables in their classroom and talk about what makes veg so great!

An amazing 126,220 students registered across 514 schools. Of these, 44,296 students crunched together at 10am on Thursday 18 March and a further 12,687 students crunched over Vegetable Week.

Although that was an awful lot of vegetable eating, it wasn't enough to break the event's previous records but we were very close! So, peas join us in 2022 and lettuce try again!

Thanks to everyone who went to an incredible effort to make sure our crunch and sip was extra veg-filled and deliciously healthy. Well done!



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

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 open 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>.

**Kelly Cartwright**  
Principal

### K-6 ASSEMBLY - 19/3/21

**1/KW Merit Awards** Harry S, Blaire, Harry R  
Luke-David

**Student of the Week** Aiva, Harry R

**4/3/2L Merit Awards** Rory, Malo, Tayla,  
Jarrah, Audrey

**Student of the Week** Loukas

**6/5M Merit Awards** Edie, Arlo, Violet

**Student of the Week** Nico-Blue

**Happy Birthday to** Catherine, Ella

### What's Happening in 6/5M

All students in 6/5M have been working hard across all curriculum areas.

During our 'Bounce Back!' sessions students have been investigating strategies that promote positive mental health and wellbeing and comparing our findings with data such as 'World Happiness Surveys'. We also take 5-10 minutes daily to check in on our feelings and take part in daily mindfulness sessions.



We have also been working on narrative writing techniques and improving our sentence structure. Our first literacy activity of the day is - 'sentence a day'. This allows students to develop their comprehension skills and encourages them to think about ways to enrich and improve sentence structure, and their overall writing and literary techniques. The 'sentence a day' activity also provides students with the opportunity for peer reading and editing which is a great collaborative way to give and receive constructive feedback.



## Kindergarten/Year 6 Buddy Reading

On Monday the 29th of March Kindergarten students came into 6/5M to work with the Stage 3 students. With their buddies the Kindergarten students read some books and practiced their tracing and letter formation. Both Kindergarten and Stage 3 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to continuing on buddy activities for the rest of the year.

Miss Munnings Stage 3 Teacher



### Easter egg guessing competition!

Can you guess  
how many eggs  
are in the jar?

Winner takes  
home the jar of  
eggs!

1 guess = \$1  
3 guesses = \$2

Come to the Year 6  
Leaders at the COLA at  
2<sup>nd</sup> half lunch MON-  
WED Week 10 to  
guess!

Winner will be  
announced THURS

All money raised will go towards Stage 3 end of  
year celebrations!



#### \* 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.

# P & C Announcement



Dear Parents/Carers,

Winter uniforms are worn in Terms 2 & 3. Winter uniforms are now on sale via the online uniform shop.

Please complete all orders by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March by 5pm.

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will also be open this Tuesday after between 3-3.45pm under the flagpole.

**P & C Online Shop link:**

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

Please remember to use our fabulous online shop for all P&C membership payments and enquiries.

Thanks

P&C Committee

## **Brooklyn Public School 2021 Easter Basket Raffle**

Today your kids be taking home, a brown paper bag with 10 raffle tickets for them to sell in support of the school fundraiser (details are included).

The prize is a gorgeous Easter Basket, that has so much more than chocolates.

Table dressing items, room dressing items and delightful whimsical pieces as well as Lindt chocolates.

**Price: \$2.00 a ticket or 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10**

Please write entrants name and number on the ticket stub. Please return all ticket books (sold and unsold) and all money to the school office by Tuesday 30th March. The prize will be drawn by the school Principal at the Easter Hat Parade. Thank you for selling tickets and supporting your School!



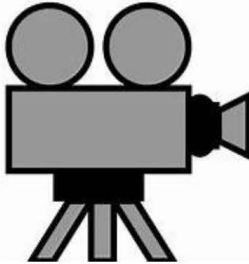






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Brooklyn Kids Club  
Vacation Care Program April 2021  
5.4.21-14.4.21

MONDAY 5.4.21	TUESDAY 6.4.21	WEDNESDAY 7.4.21	THURSDAY 8.4.21
<p><b><u>Monkey Mania</u></b></p> <p>Come along for a day non-stop fun at monkey mania.</p>  <p>Where: Gosford Cost: \$95</p>	<p><b><u>WHEELS DAY</u></b></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! <b><u>NO HELMET NO WHEELS!</u></b></p>  <p>Where: KIDS CLUB Cost: \$60</p>	<p><b><u>Movies</u></b></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><b><u>PICNIC IN THE PARK</u></b></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><b><u>Time Zone</u></b></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><b><u>ARTS &amp; CRAFT DAY</u></b></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><b><u>Flip Out</u></b></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><b><u>Games day</u></b></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> 

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## 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](mailto:info@hrcc.com.au)

Please deposit your payment to:

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

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**Bookings:**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Ph. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Week 1

child/children's name:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Monkey Mania \$95  \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> wheels day \$60  \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Movies \$95  \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Picnic in park \$60  \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2

child/children's name:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Time Zone \$95  \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> craft day \$ 70  \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Flip Out \$95  \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments or questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Or to 9985-7362 or [info@hrcc.com.au](mailto: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.