



22 NOVEMBER 2021 TERM 4 WEEK 8

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

# Tell Them From Me—Parent/Carer Survey

This term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part



of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

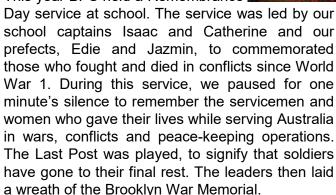
Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school, go to: <a href="http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/4p77f">http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/4p77f</a>.

## Remembrance Day

This year BPS held a Remembrance











CALENDAR	
Week 8	
Wed 24 Nov	Footsteps Dance
Fri 26 Nov	House Captain Speeches
Week 9	
Mon 29 Nov	Finalist Speeches P&C Meeting—6pm on Zoom
Wed 1 Dec	Footsteps Dance
Coming Up	
Mon 6 Dec	End of Year Concert
Tues 7 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Wed 8 Dec	Mini Fete Return P&C Raffle Tickets
Thurs 9 Dec	Broken Bay K-6
Sat 11 Dec	P&C Trivia Night
Tues 14 Dec	Presentation Day CAP Concert
Thurs 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4

### **Leagues Stars Introductory Session**

On Friday 19 November, the students at Brooklyn Public School took part in an introductory league session run by the National Rugby League Ltd. The day was suitable for all grade levels and involved no contact play. The children had a ball and the fun and laughter echoed the school. The program focused on practicing fundamental movement skills and having fun with friends.











#### **House Captain Speeches**

Thank you to the students who submitted their expression of interest forms to Miss Munnings to apply for the opportunity to run for a House Captain Position.

Just a friendly reminder that House Captain speeches are being held on Friday the 26 November (Week 8).

#### Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 Farewell reminder:

The farewell is fast approaching!

A friendly reminder that payment (\$17) is due to the office by 26 November.

Looking forward to a great evening celebrating our Year 6 leavers!

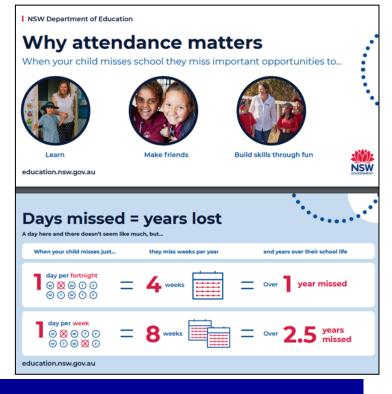


#### **2021**

Planning is well underway for 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming new students and staff members. To assist with our planning, we ask that parents/carers inform the school office in writing if any student is not returning to Brooklyn PS in 2022.

## **Student Attendance**

Every day counts! Regular attendance helps students develop a sense of belonging, maintain friendships and increases engagement in learning. All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school until **Thursday 16 December 2021**, the last day of teaching for 2021.



#### Presentation Day

As previously communicated, Presentation Day for 2021 will be at 11:30am on Tuesday 14 December. Our annual Presentation Day provides an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.

The event will be recorded for our parents, caregivers and guests, as the current COVID restrictions do not allow visitors on the school site to attend this event. We will send a link of the recording after the ceremony.

#### Changes to School Development Days in 2021

At the commencement of 2021, there were amendments to our School Developments Days (SDD's). These amendments impact Term 1 and 4 only. As a result of the changes there will no longer be two Staff Developments Days at the end of Term 4. Instead, there will be two Staff Developments Days at beginning of each school year. Therefore, last day of school for all students in 2021 is **Thursday 16 December 2021**.

The 2022 school year will commence with two Staff Development Days. Therefore, for students in Years 1-6 the first day of school for 2022 will be Tuesday 1 February.

#### School Travel for 2022



#### 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before the end of term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their 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 that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

#### Uniform Shop—Last days to order!

The last day to place online orders to the school uniform shop will be tomorrow, Tuesday 23 November. To ensure that you have your school uniform ready for Day 1 of 2022, it is essential to have your online orders processed by that date. The uniform shop will be closed for the duration of the school holidays and will not open until the beginning of 2022.

Orders and payments are taken via online shop https://brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/.

## No Supervision before 8.40am

There has been an increase in the number of students arriving before 8:40am each day. Students are not to be at school before 8:40am unless they are attending HRCC. There is no supervision of students before 8.40am. Please be respectful of this to ensure your child/ren are safe at all times.

## **School Travel for 2022**

School Travel for 2022 Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can apply now. Please read the information attached at the end of the newsletter to find out more about School Travel 2022.

# Kelly Cartwright Principal

#### **School Student Transport Scheme site change**

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

#### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local bus operator</u> to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the  $\underline{\text{Student}}$  code of conduct and  $\underline{\text{Opal}}$  terms of use.



Further information can be found at <a href="mailto:transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel">transport/school-travel</a>
Enquiries can be submitted at <a href="mailto:transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback">transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</a>

# What has been happening in 6/5M

This week during mathematics we have been focusing on mass. They have been exploring appropriate units of measurement, connecting real world objects with the correct mass and converting between different units of measurement such as millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres. A hands-on activity the students engaged in involved picture cards being matched to exact measurements in order to make a pair. Students had to communicate and work together to find the correct match.







In science we have been looking at energy and forces. Students investigated how parachute design affects air resistance. The students created a hypothesis and recorded their findings. They compared a parachute made out of tissues versus a plastic bag to investigate which would fall quicker.







#### **Community News**

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#### **P&C** Announcements

P&C General Meeting—next Monday 29 November at 6:00pm

The ZOOM link will be provided prior to the meeting.

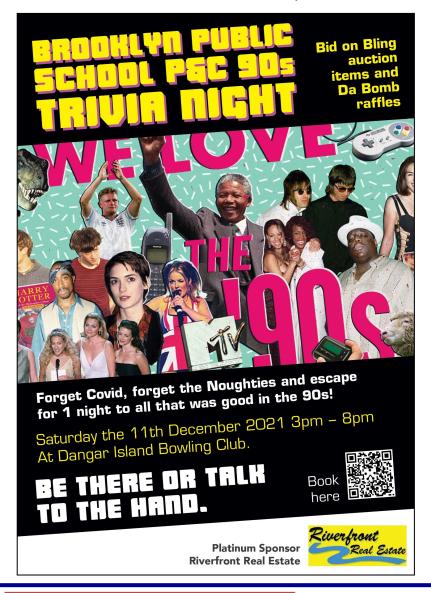
## **Brooklyn Public School P&C Yearly Fundraiser!**

Support the school whilst having a great night out - meet other parents and reconnect post Covid!

Every year the P&C holds a fundraiser to out do the last... this helps them to support the school in paying for Excursions, PSSA, Technology, Books and Stationery and Learning Support.

Transport back is included as well as dinner and the entertainment will have you in stitches.

Hope to see you there.



#### \* NUT MINIMISATION

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



# Local foster carers needed

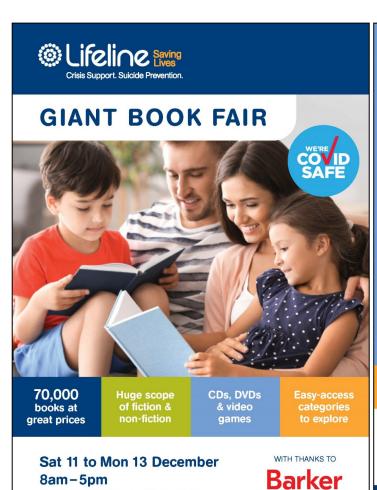
Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

The NSW Department of Foster carers come from all walks of life and their Communities and Justice is families reflect the wider community we live in. seeking people in your area to become short-term and LGBTQI+ and be with or without children of their crisis foster carers in order to OWN.

and young people aged Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from anywhere between 0-18 culturally diverse backgrounds are also years-old. We are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:

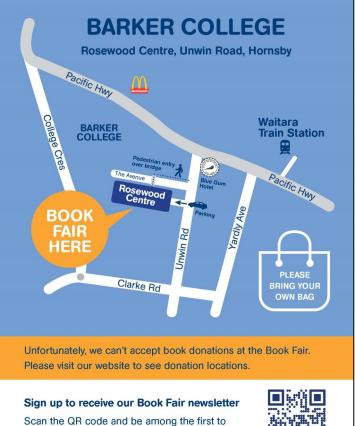
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