



22 AUGUST 2022

TERM 3 WEEK 6

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Opportunity Class Placement 2023

I would like to update you on the modified timeline for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test was conducted on Thursday 28 July 2022 in **1056** test centres across NSW.

The results are expected to be released to parents and schools in **late October 2022**.

Parents have been advised that as soon as the placement outcome information is prepared, they will receive an email asking them to login to their application dashboard to view their child's outcome.

Key dates to be aware of for remaining stage of the OC process:

**Late October 2022** – Placement outcome information is sent to parents and schools. Parents with offers must respond within two weeks.

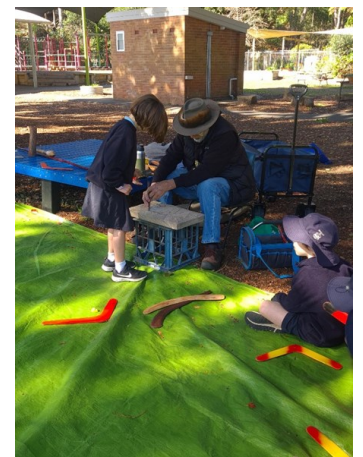
**From late October 2022** – Parents accept or decline offers. Offers made from the reserve list.

**27 January 2023** – At 5pm, students with accepted offers are withdrawn from the reserve list.

### Uncle Laurie Visit

On Monday 8th August students participated in an incursion led by local Aboriginal Elder Uncle Laurie. Uncle Laurie is extremely passionate about sharing his culture with others and assisting to broaden people's understanding of Aboriginal culture and the Guringai peoples. The incursion began with Uncle Laurie sharing an Acknowledgement of Country and a smoking ceremony. Students then had a lesson in boomerang throwing and an opportunity to try out their own skills. A variety of Aboriginal artefacts were shared with the students and Uncle Laurie shared about the artefact's history and purpose.

The incursion concluded with all students collaborating with Uncle Laurie to create a sandstone carving of a stingray, the totem for our local area. This carving can now be viewed in the bush tucker garden by the yarning circle (the fish). A great time was had by all and we are very grateful to Uncle Laurie for sharing his knowledge, passion and time with us.



## CALENDAR

### **Week 6—Book Week**

Fri 26 Aug HZSS—Soccer

### **Week 7**

Wed 31 Aug Children's Writers' Festival

Thurs 1 Sept Father's Day Stall

Fri 2 Sept Father's Day Breakfast  
HZSS—Soccer

### **What's Coming Up Later in Term 3**

Mon 5 Sept Primary Ethics Class begins

Tues 13 Sept 5th Mooney CAPA Concert

Fri 23 Sept Last Day of Term 3





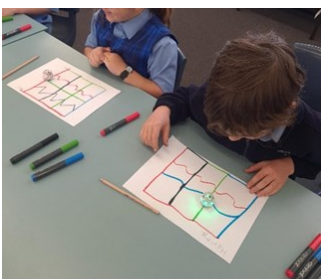
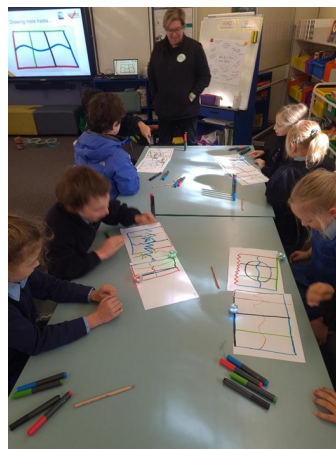
### [Hornsby Zone Athletics Carnival](#)

Early on Friday morning, a group of 14 excited Brooklyn Public School students headed down the motorway to the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen for the Hornsby Zone Athletics Carnival. The weather was challenging, with bursts of sunshine and intermittent rain showers throughout the day. This did not deter the students, who skillfully represented Brooklyn PS in track and field events with Ani, Elizabeth and Locklan competing in both categories. It was a great day and the students displayed excellent sportsmanship and outstanding school spirit. The depth of talent at Brooklyn PS was evident when you consider we had 17 students selected to compete from a school of 67. That is over one quarter of our school.

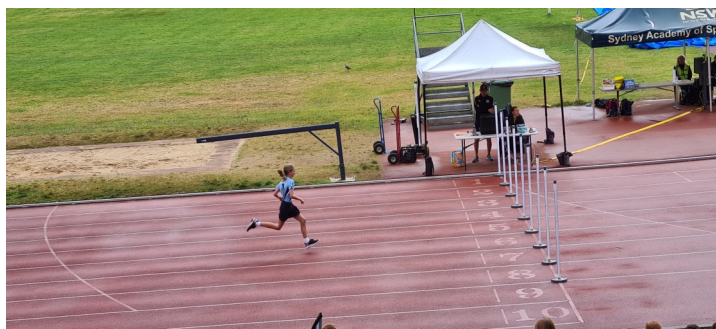
Congratulations to Frank, Harry, Blaire, Lilli, Ani, Locklan, Finlay, Aston, Roland, Charlotte, Abbie, Elizabeth, Ethan and Caleb who competed on the day. Finally, a big thank you to Sam from Bus Central Coast who negotiated the Sydney traffic to get us safely to and from the carnival.

### [STEAM Classes](#)

This term, all students have been participating in STEAM classes with Sammut Education as part of our Science and Technology curriculum. Students have been participating in a variety of lessons, providing a wonderful introduction to coding. Kindergarten and Year 1 has been working with Indies, exploring and investigating how these small robots move and respond to different commands. Stage 2 and Stage 3 have been working with Ozobots, exploring and investigating how they respond to colour. Stage 3 is now beginning to use computers to code and control the robots. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the students, and we are looking forward to continuing this program in Term 4.







### Book Fair

Over the next 2 weeks we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. Students will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects they love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites. During our Library lessons this week students will be able to explore all of the books that are on offer and bring home a wish list of items they might like to purchase. In week 7, students can return the wish list and after making a purchase online can take home the books.



### Writers' Festival

Next Wednesday, 31 August, Brooklyn PS will host the Brooklyn/Cowan Writers' Festival (8th Edition). The theme is 'Dreaming with eyes open'. This is an all day event and students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite story character. Please see the school's note on the next page of this newsletter. This note was also sent home with students today.

### Public Speaking Competition

Preparation for this year's Public Speaking Competition will begin next week from Monday 29th August, with all Brooklyn PS students to prepare a speech over two weeks. The theme for this year is 'What is the greatest thing ever invented?' Some possible interpretations may include: a kitchen utensil, something you can read, see, hear or taste, a form of transport, a technology invention, or something else you think of. A note will go home soon with students, outlining all details.

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## Time-saving lunches

- Use leftover from dinner or bulk foods that freeze well.
- Have healthy lunchbox fillers for last-minute lunches.
- For some [quick & easy lunchbox friendly recipes](#) search 'healthy snacks' at [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au).



**Kelly Cartwright**  
Principal

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22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022

## Writers' Festival 2022

Brooklyn Public School students are invited to be part of a unique and memorable literary and illustrative experience.

All students from Brooklyn and Cowan Public School will be engaging with tailor made workshops with our award winning and acclaimed Australian line up, gaining inspiring ideas to enhance and develop their own work.

Students will receive a Student Journal from our guest speakers, which will be used in each writing and illustration workshop and serve as a body of work commemorating this exciting event.

**Event:** Brooklyn/Cowan Writers' Festival (8<sup>th</sup> Edition)

**Location:** Brooklyn Public School

**Date:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Cost:** No cost to parents. The cost of attendance at the Writers' Festival has been generously subsidised in full this year by the Brooklyn P.S. P & C (\$58 per student).

**Duration:** Starting at 9:30am- all day

**Theme:** "Dreaming with eyes open"

**We are encouraging all students and staff to dress up as their favourite story characters to help us spend the day dreaming with our eyes open.**

Special Guest Presenters:

- Sue Whiting
- Jacqueline Harvey
- Mick Elliot
- Wai Chim
- Matthew Lim
- Jeff 'Joffa' Taylor

On the day, students will have the opportunity to have any books brought along signed by the authors and illustrators.

You are reminded that students cannot attend school if they are showing any [symptoms of COVID-19](#). These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, fatigue, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection). Current COVID safe practices will be followed throughout the day.

Thank you

Miss Biviano  
Teacher



## 3/2/1B Mathematicians

3/2/1B students have had some exciting Maths lessons recently.

We have been learning to predict and measure capacity and volume of different containers. We spent a sunny afternoon in the sandpit experimenting with, and comparing different sized cylinders by filling them with sand. We had to work out if the first cylinder had a greater or lesser capacity than the second cylinder. Students really enjoyed the time in the sun and exploring being a mathematician in an outside environment.



We have also been exploring how to partition tricky shapes by splitting them into smaller shapes and playing the Hexagon Hopper game together. We have been learning to identify and label different 2D shapes and are beginning to look at different angles.





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**A FAMILY FUN DAY OUT WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**FREE EVENT**

**BEROWRA VILLAGE WOODCHOP FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY 28 AUGUST**  
10AM - 4PM

Warringa Street Oval, Berowra

**WORLD CLASS WOODCHOPPING**  
**MARKET STALLS | LIVE MUSIC**  
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Turramurra North Campus

**Outstanding HSC Results**

50% of our students gained early entry into University.

20% of our students achieved ATARs over 90.

20% of our students achieved in the top two bands in all of their subjects.

BRAND NEW INNOVATIVE AND SPECIALIST LEARNING SPACES

EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM INCLUDING OUR TALENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

LONG-STANDING CULTURE OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

NATURAL, TRANQUIL SURROUNDINGS TO STUDY, LEARN AND SOCIALISE

**Visit our school**

Our next school tours are:  
Tuesday 9 Aug, 10:30am  
Tuesday 23 Aug, 10:30am  
Tuesday 9 Sept, 10:30am  
RSVP to school required

Visit our school website for a virtual tour and more information  
<https://kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



**Ku-ring-gai High School**

*Anything is possible.*

**PROVIDING INNOVATIVE & SPECIALIST LEARNING SPACES**  
Set amongst 10.8 hectares of beautiful bushland adjoining the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, our students derive significant benefits from these natural, tranquil surroundings as they provide a relaxed atmosphere in which to learn and socialise. Our expansive grounds feature two full-sized soccer fields, a full-sized hockey field, tennis courts, and basketball courts. In 2020, we unveiled the refurbishment of 15 learning spaces across the school, including music and drama amphitheatres, the construction of a new multipurpose hall and an additional two performing arts learning spaces. This exciting project has delivered innovative learning environments for the next generation of young minds.

**OFFERING AN EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM**  
As a small secondary school we have the advantage of offering smaller classes and individual learning programs, whilst maintaining our ability to offer a wide range of HSC courses from VET Entertainment Industry to Physics. Further, our innovative Talent Enrichment Program allows our students, in Years 7 to 10, to develop their talents, skills and interests. The Talent Enrichment classes run for two hours, once a week. Students are encouraged to choose classes that will build on their existing capabilities and strengths.

**CONNECTING TO THE WORLD AROUND US**  
Ku-ring-gai High School offers a wide range of opportunities both in and outside the classroom that promotes a sense of connection to the world around us. Students are able to connect their learning with their lives outside of school through authentic learning experiences including Creative and Performing Arts opportunities such as Schools Spectacular, Leadership opportunities, and Community opportunities such as the NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary Schools Cadetship Program and the PCYC Fit to Learn Program.

**CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING**  
Each year group at Ku-ring-gai High School follows a wellbeing program that aims to meet the personal and social needs of students and to enhance students overall wellbeing. We have a strong wellbeing structure to support our students; in addition to all school staff, we specifically have Year Advisers & Assistant Year Advisers, Head Teacher Year Groups, School Counsellors, Deputy Principal and Principal who are all invested and committed to ensuring all of our students have a sense of belonging at our school.

**FOSTERING A CREATIVE CULTURE**  
Students have the exciting opportunity to be involved in the long-standing culture of Creative and Performing Arts at Ku-ring-gai High School through our innovative Talent Enrichment Program, a wide range of arts-focused subjects in our curriculum and the use of our new facilities. Additionally, students enrolling in Year 7 can apply to be a part of the Northern Academy of the Arts Program, a scholarship program whereby students who demonstrate an exceptional talent in the Creative and Performing Arts are able to extend their expertise in their chosen field.

**THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS**  
With our small class sizes and strong wellbeing support network, our alumni community maintains a connection to staff and the school long after graduation. We value our students achievements and celebrate their success; for example Amelia Guan from the class of 2018 is currently a student at the New England Conservatory in Boston USA, Reece Prosser from the class of 2017 is working as a performer at Disneyland Paris, and Geraldine Hakewill from the class of 2004 is an actress known for the lead role of Chelsea Babbage in the 2016 Australian drama series Wanted.

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