



12 DECEMBER 2022

TERM 4 WEEK 10

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Year 6 Farewell

Last Wednesday we celebrated our Year 6 students with a farewell evening at Asquith Golf Club. What a wonderful night remembering and reflecting on their years at BPS. The students and staff all had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to the students of Year 6 2022 for your efforts and success throughout the year. We have enjoyed taking the learning journey with you over the past seven years. As you now move into high school we ask that you remain committed to making the most out of every opportunity that comes your way. Remember you can achieve anything your heart desires and we wish you every success in your future. A huge thank you to Mr Kelly for organising such an amazing evening and the teachers and staff who joined us on the night. I also wish to extend our thanks to the wonderful parents who decorated the function room and made it so special for the students.



CALENDAR

Week 10

Tues 13 Dec	Rescheduled Fun Day STEAM CAP Concert—Baden Powell Hall
Wed 14 Dec	Presentation Day
Thurs 15 Dec	End of Year Concert
Fri 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 for students P&C End of Year Sausage Sizzle— Lower McKell Park

2023

Fri 27 Jan & Mon 30 Jan	School Development Days— staff only—no students
Tues 31 Jan	Years 1-6 commence lessons for 2023
Tues 31 Jan & Wed 1 Feb	Kindergarten Best Start Assessment
Thurs 2 Feb	Kindergarten students commence lessons for 2023
Thurs 9 Feb	Meet the Teacher Welcome BBQ



The Year 6 Clap Out

The Clap Out for Year 6 will be held on the last day of school on Friday 16th December at 2:50pm. All parents, family and friends are invited to the ceremony where we farewell our outgoing students when they ring the BPS bell for the last time. Students who will not be returning to school will also be acknowledged. The ceremony will finish with the traditional guard of honour by the rest of the school to see them out the school gates for the last time as a student of BPS.

2023

We are currently developing plans for the 2023 school year. This is a complex process, and it is important that we have accurate information to make decisions. We are enrolling Kindergarten children for 2023, now. If you or a friend/ neighbour, have not yet submitted enrolment forms, please make this a priority.

If your child/ren will not be attending BPS in 2023, please notify the office in writing asap. Please note this does not include students who are moving from Year 6 into Year 7 in 2023.

Crazy Hair and Sock Day

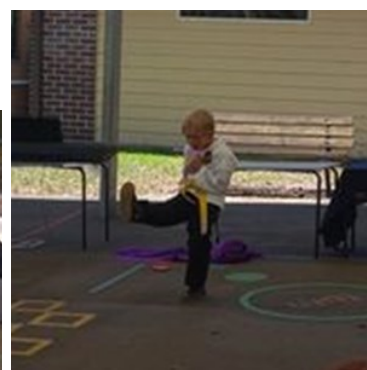
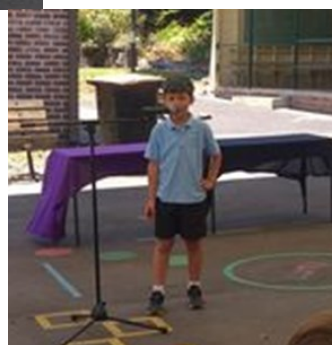
The final Year 6 fundraiser for 2022 was of course the **Crazy Hair & Sock Day** held on Monday 5th December. This fundraiser coincided with the Talent Quest and made for a happy and fun day at school. A huge thank you to all students and staff who took part and donated a gold coin in support of our Year 6 students.



Talent Quest

Brooklyn Public School held its 2022 Talent Quest on Monday 5th December and it was a huge success. We were lucky enough to see a variety of talents on display this year including magic tricks, people telling jokes, a ribbon dance, different musical and singing performances and an expressive reading from a scary story!

All of our participants should be congratulated on their wonderful performances. We are looking forward to the 2023 Talent Quest and learning about more of the many talents our students at BPS possess.



Super Sport Fridays!

Our students have been enjoying experimenting with, learning about and using a lot of our new and interesting sporting equipment this term. We have been lucky enough to have been able to purchase some new and exciting sporting equipment to challenge and engage our students at Brooklyn Public School.



Farewell and Thank You

At the end of each year we are always met with the need to say thank you and goodbye to much loved staff members. This year we say goodbye to Mr Kelly. Mr Kelly has just been appointed to a permanent classroom teacher position at Valley View Public School in Wyoming beginning Day 1 of 2023.

Mr Kelly has done a wonderful job teaching students in 6/5/4K this year and 4/3/2L last year. We thank you Mr Kelly for all that you have done over this time. Your students will remember you fondly. You have brought enthusiasm, care and laughter to our school and I know you will be missed by all.

Moving into 2023. We welcome back Nicole Turner who will be returning to BPS again next year. I also wish to welcome, Lucy Tobin, Emma Mitchell and our new AP Curriculum and Instruction Greg Curran. We warmly welcome these new teachers to BPS and I am excited for a fantastic year ahead.

Last Week 1/KD had a Visitor!!

Last week 1/KD decided to write to Santa and see if he could send an elf to visit our class. After some amazing letter writing, a return letter arrived from the North Pole! The next day we found an elf up to mischief in the middle of our classroom. It has been an exciting time as we have waited to see what crazy things he would get up to each night. So far, he has made a big mess with our foam blocks, stolen Mrs Degeling's glasses to read a book on top the cushion pile, left a list of students to receive Brookies while getting tangled upside down on the whiteboard. Who knows what else he will do before the year is done!



Presentation Day Assembly

Our school's Annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held at school on **Wednesday 14th December, 2022**. We are excited to celebrate the achievements of students on this day. Letters have been sent home for those students who will be receiving an award on the day.

With COVID still prevalent in the community and case numbers increasing, only 2 family members per Year 6 student, inducted leader or award recipient will be invited to attend the assembly. If you have more than one child receiving an award or included in any of these groups, only 2 family member per household will be able to attend.

The assembly will take place outdoors under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). The assembly will be held at 12pm. We kindly ask guests not to mingle and remain seated for the duration of the assembly. Information will be sent out shortly to these participating families.

End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert this year will take place on 15th December at 6pm. All the students will perform in a class play and dance, showcasing their creative talents.

This concert will take place outdoors under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

With COVID still prevalent in the community and case numbers increasing, only 2 members per family will be able to attend.

Please Note: Brooklyn Public School Grounds are an alcohol-free zone.

Changes to High School Intake Areas

Intake areas for local high schools are changing. Single-sex schools will change in 2022 (Phase 1) and coeducational schools will change in 2024 (Phase 2).

As our valued partners in learning, you are no doubt aware that population demographics are continuing to change in and around our local area.

As communities grow and change, all schools review their enrolment intake areas. This ensures schools continue to meet the needs of the community and students receive the highest possible standard of secondary education.

After careful analysis of key data by experts, and in consultation with local principals, intake area adjustments to local high schools will be rolled out in two phases.

Phase 1

The department has identified a need to expand the enrolment intake area for **Asquith Boys High School** and **Asquith Girls High School**. This change will provide more certainty to families in knowing they will be able to enrol their child at their closest government high school. This provides an enrolment entitlement for families in addition to their existing coeducational offering.

The Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls intake area adjustment forms **Phase 1** of the changes and will be effective as of **6 December 2022**.

Phase 2

Some places in the Hornsby and Ku-Ring-Gai Local Government Areas have experienced significant student population growth in recent years while others have not. This has contributed to an imbalance in the number of students across the group of local high schools. Adjusting enrolment intake areas of three coeducational schools, **Ku-Ring-Gai High School**, **St Ives High School** and **Turramurra High School** will help to restore balance.

These changes to coeducational school intake areas form **Phase 2** of the adjustments and will be effective as of **Day 1 Term 1 2024** for new families enrolling at these schools.

What is changing?

Phase 1

The Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls intake area will expand to now cover the primary school intake areas of:

- **Berowra Public School**
- **Brooklyn Public School**
- **Cowan Public School**
- **Normanhurst Public School**
- **Normanhurst West Public School**
- **Wideview Public School**

The Phase 1 change will also mean that all residential addresses in the Hornsby South Public School intake area are considered local for Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High Schools.

Phase 2

Phase 2 involves a large reduction of the intake area for St Ives High School, a very minor reduction of the intake area of Turramurra High School and a significant broadening of Ku-ring-gai High School's intake area. Residential addresses located in the intake areas of the following schools may be impacted by Phase 2:

- **Asquith Public School**
- **Hornsby North PS**
- **Hornsby South PS**
- **Mount Colah Public School**
- **Mount Kuring-gai Public School**
- **Pymble Public School**
- **Waitara Public School**

Families living in the intake areas of those primary schools are encouraged to check School Finder to see if their locally designated coeducational high school is changing. These changes will be live on [School Finder](#) from 6 December but will impact students enrolling in high school to begin Day 1 Term 2023.

When does this change become effective?

Families will be able to view the updated intake areas on the [School Finder](#) website from **Tuesday 6 December 2022**.

The Phase 1 single-sex schools intake area adjustment is fully applied once School Finder is updated in December. The Phase 2 coeducational schools intake area adjustment is fully applied to new enrolments from 2024.

Visit [School Finder](#) to view the updated intake area boundaries for your residential address.

Siblings

Under the enrolment policy, families with a child currently enrolled at their local designated high school **retain the entitlement to enrol siblings at that school**. This applies even if an enrolment intake area change results in their home address being designated to a new school. It does not apply when a student:

- has moved residential address outside of the intake area following their initial enrolment
- was initially enrolled as a non-local (out-of-area) student.

Enrolment Policy

Parents who have already submitted an out-of-area application for their child to go to Asquith Boys or Girls High Schools will automatically be considered in-area from 6 December. These parents do not need to resubmit an in-area application form for their child/children.

Further information about the department's enrolment policy can be found in the enrolment section of our school's website.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal

Fun Day Monday!

Due to adverse weather, the BPS Fun Day was postponed this week. Instead of water slides and giant games, we enjoyed whole school arts and crafts, directed drawing and worked together to prepare for our end of year performances. We are looking forward to sunnier weather on Tuesday to enjoy our planned Fun Day! Well done to the teachers for thinking on their feet and being the fabulously flexible professionals they are.



**"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP
OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD;
INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING
THAT EVER HAS."
-MARGARET MEAD**

Thank you Morning Tea

Brooklyn Public School would like to invite you to a Thank you Morning Tea to show our appreciation of your volunteer work in support of our school this year.

Thursday 15th December

Brooklyn Public School COLA

11:00-11:30am

*Please RSVP to the classroom teacher
and by Monday 12th December, 2022*

Name: _____

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I look forward to attending the
Thank you Morning Tea
Thursday 15th December,
11:00-11:30am

Dietary requirements: _____

3/2/1B

3/2/1B have been enjoying investigating different forms of energy in Science. Students have been exploring 'push' and 'pull' forces and the impacts they have on different items. We have also been exploring the scientific design process, learning that we can test and retest theories and objects to improve their operation and usage.

In Week 9 we explored forces in games. Students worked collaboratively to create one or more arcade games created entirely out of recyclable materials. Students were able to build and test their own games before inviting others to enter their recyclable arcade.



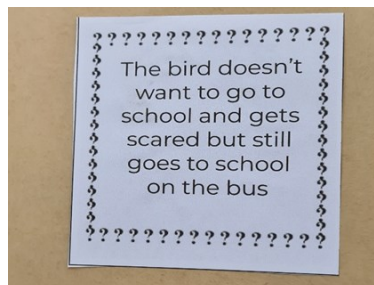
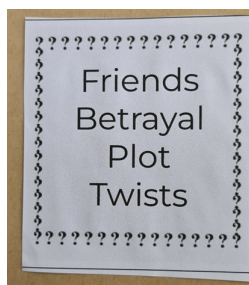
Mystery in the Library

This term 6/5/4K have been exploring different ways to persuade and encourage a reader to borrow a book. They have written full page reviews, short recommendations, book trailers and cryptic 20 word descriptions.

Over the last 2 weeks the students have been working on creating book trailers using video editor. I challenged the class to make a trailer for the Shaun Tan book "The Red Tree". The results were astounding! The students were able to combine music, images and audio to produce quality trailers that will be available for the rest of the school to view in the library.

Adding to this, they have each chosen a book and written cryptic clues to entice students to borrow them. I have then covered in brown paper to add to the mystery. It is up to the rest of the school to read the clues and decide if they want to borrow the book.

"If you judge a book by it's cover, you might miss out on an amazing story!"



Dancing for all

To make our dance classes more inclusive, 3/2/1B and 1/KD thought about ways people of all ages and abilities can enjoy dancing. We learnt some dance sequences for people with physical limitations, led by Chair One Fitness. The students then enjoyed creating their own sequences of movements in a seated position to perform for the class. The creativity shown by the students was inspirational.





End-of-year CAP Concert 2022!

All BPS students who are learning an instrument through the Creative Arts Program (CAP) are invited to come along and play a song at the End-of-year CAP Concert!

Tuesday, 13 December

5:30-7:00pm

Baden-Powell Hall

Please bring a parent or carer with you!

For your performance, choose one song (max. 3 minutes long) that you know well and have been practising with your tutor. Wear performance attire and be prepared to introduce yourself and your piece to the audience.

For those of you who learn more than one instrument through CAP, you can choose up to two of your instruments and play a song on each.

We can't wait to hear everyone play!

Please ***RSVP*** to Lila (Roland & Irene's mum) so that we can get the programmes ready in time, including the performer's name, instrument(s) and song name(s).

lila.san.roque@gmail.com or 0408 970 839

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Our traditional Last-day-of-term

P&C Sausage Sizzle!

Friday 16th December

Lower McKell Park

School's out for Summer!

BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C PRESENTS

Casino Royale Trivia Night

NEW DATE: 1 APRIL 2023

Ticket: \$80
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