



25 JULY 2022

TERM 3 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



[Staying COVID \(and Flu/RSV\) Smart](#)

With NSW Health projecting case numbers for both Influenza and COVID-19 to rise significantly over these coming weeks, we need to reiterate our ongoing recommendations and requests in the interest of keeping our students and staff safe and well. Please keep your children at home if they are feeling unwell or displaying any symptoms at all. Our teachers and school administration staff will be contacting you to collect any students who are unwell. It is important that students return to school only when symptom-free and after recording a negative RAT or PCR test. COVID positive students must await the mandatory 7-days isolation regardless, and wearing a mask for the first three days back at school is preferable. Students identified as close contacts remain able to attend school providing, they are symptom free, notify the school and return a negative COVID-19 test result daily for 5 consecutive school days. Primary students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for 5 consecutive school days (except when eating/drinking or exercising). Please note that students identified as close contacts are still unable to attend overnight excursions, including camps. Visitors identified as close contacts who are engaging directly with students are required to return a negative COVID-19 test result before attending our school and wear a mask.

We strongly encourage the wearing of face masks when you are moving in and out of the school, especially in the afternoons. Thanks to the many parents who are already doing this to keep our students safe. Last Tuesday, we distributed another 5 RAT test kits to each student to be used at home in the event of any symptoms of COVID-19 appearing, however obviously a PCR test will also indicate the presence of Flu or RSV as well – a good idea! At school, we are ensuring that classrooms have good ventilation, with additional daytime cleaning being performed: wiping down high-touch surfaces with disinfectant. Students will always have access to hand wash and sanitiser, with teachers maintaining the healthy personal hygiene regimes we have developed over the past couple of years.

All of this is obviously with the goal of minimising illness and maximising school attendance, to help our students continue to learn and grow at the fastest possible rate.

[End of Term Assembly](#)

The End of Term 2 assembly was held in the last week of Term 2 on Wednesday 29th June. Those attending enjoyed performances from the school bands, choir and individual class drama performances.



CALENDAR

Week 2

Tues 26 Jul	STEAM/Coding Classes begin
Fri 29 Jul	HZSS Soccer resumes

Week 3—Education Week

Mon 1 Aug	Open Day Lunch Orders due
Wed 3 Aug	Gibberagong 50th Anniversary School Day
Thurs 4 Aug	Open Day

What's Coming Up Later in Term 3

Mon 8 Aug	NAIDOC—Uncle Laurie
Tues 16 Aug	Book Week Zoom
Fri 19 Aug	Zone Athletics Carnival
Wed 31 Aug	Children's Writers' Festival



Athletics Carnival

The annual combined Brooklyn PS and Cowan PS Athletics Carnival was held last Wednesday 20th July and it was a resounding success. There was an amazing level of participation and a wonderful display of BPS spirit from all students at the carnival and those competing in the numerous track and field events. These students were able to gain points for their respective houses whilst competing for a spot in the zone team.

We were extremely lucky with the weather, with only a short shower interrupting the day. Only the 200 metre races were unable to be run and are scheduled to be run back at school on Wednesday.

A big thank you to the parent helpers that assisted on the day to ensure the successful running of the carnival.

Congratulations to every student who participated in the carnival, and good luck to those who make it to zone!





[Trials](#)

This Wednesday 27th July we will be holding trials for the 200 metres and high jump at school. These events are for Year 3-6 students, or interested Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year, who wish to attempt to qualify for the Zone Athletics Carnival. For those students who wish to participate, please wear your sports uniform and sneakers on this day.

[Opportunity Class Placement Test](#)

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of Thursday 28 July 2022.

Students must arrive at school by 9am. Parents should have received by email a 'Test authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test.

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test. This bulletin should be read carefully.

[Is your child starting Kindergarten next year?](#)

We are now accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2023 students. You can use the on-line enrolments system – please see the school website for more information: <https://brooklyn-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>. Supporting documentation may be scanned and attached to the application or emailed to us. You may also be asked to provide original documents to the office at some point in the future.



[National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability \(NCCD\)](#)

All Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability. The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school. General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at: <https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>.

BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL **OPEN DAY**



Students at Brooklyn Public School are very excited to be celebrating Education Week with our annual Open Day on Thursday 4th August.

Parents and carers are invited to visit our school on this day (one parent/carer per family). Following is an outline of events for your enjoyment.

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 11:30am. We kindly ask guests not to mingle and remain seated for the duration of the assembly. We strongly encourage those attending to wear a mask.

Time Event

- 11:30am Welcome assembly and performances by our bands, choir and classes.
- 1:00pm Classroom visits – due to COVID restrictions these cannot be held in the classroom, but you are able to join your child in an outdoor learning activity. Please ensure you are adhering to social distancing requirements.
- 1:30pm Short lunch break. Bring a picnic lunch to share with your child. **Alternatively, adults may order lunch via the school lunch ordering system, under their child's name. These will be delivered to the designated child's class on the day. This is a pre-order system. Lunch orders for this day for yourself and child will need to be received no later than Monday 1st August with money in a brown paper bag to the school office. We will post a menu for the day shortly.** You may enjoy your lunch on the oval, under the COLA or the FISH. Please ensure you are adhering to social distancing requirements.
- 2:10pm Anticipated conclusion of lunch.

Parents wishing to take their children home at this time may do so. We ask you to please sign your child out with Barb who will have sign out sheets available outside the administration building.

We look forward to having you join us, for either all, or part, of our program.

In the event of rain, unfortunately the event will be unable to go ahead. If cancelled, we will endeavour to provide a video link of performance items in due course.

Uniform Reminder

One of the great things about Brooklyn Public School is the pride we have in our uniform. The wearing of our school uniform promotes a sense of belonging and creates a positive identity for the school community. It is a highlight that stands out among the wider community. This is a friendly reminder that students must wear the correct uniform.

This includes hats, jackets and school shoes. We ask parents and carers to support us in ensuring that students are in the correct uniform each day. It is also crucial that student uniforms are clearly labelled. Teachers are regularly going through lost property and returning any items that are clearly labelled. There is support available for families who require assistance to purchase the uniform. Please enquire at the office on (02) 9985 7315.



Anglicare Drive

A big THANK YOU to the students of Brooklyn Public School for all of the items donated for the Anglicare Winter Food Drive. You collected three full tubs of pantry goods that have been passed on to those in need within wider NSW.



**Kelly Cartwright
Principal**

What's Been Happening in the Library?

We have a lot of exciting opportunities coming up in the library during Term 3. Book Week 2022 is held during August 20th - 26th. The theme for Book Week this year is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'. There will be opportunities to discover and experience range of books nominated for awards from the CBCA 2022. The week will culminate with a Book Week parade, giving students the chance to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in a parade around the COLA.

During week 7 we have the pleasure of welcoming authors and illustrators to BPS, for our 2022 Writers Festival. This will be an exciting event giving students the chance to speak with accomplished authors and illustrators.

Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends on August 19th. Students have been recording books they have read or experienced at school. They can also record books that they have read at home throughout the year by logging on to the Premier's Reading Challenge 2022 website.



Mrs Dalton—Teacher/Librarian

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* 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.



25th July 2022

OPEN DAY LUNCHTIME SPECIAL

Thursday 4th August

If you would like to order yourself and your child a picnic lunch through the lunch order system, please return the slip below, together with your payment, to the OFFICE by Monday 1st August.

Please include this slip with your lunch order on a paper bag. Correct money is appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: NO orders taken after Monday 1st August.

Name: _____ Class: _____
(one order form per child)



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quiche and Salad | \$12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pumpkin Soup and Roll | \$12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sausage Roll | \$ 5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pie | \$ 5.00 |

total amount of order: \$ _____

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