



17 OCTOBER 2022

TERM 4 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you and your child/children have settled into our final term of 2022. I want to provide you with an update on our COVID-smart settings, particularly with the latest change to isolation requirements and what this will mean for our school. Please review the following information and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have further questions.

On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

[Students and Staff Should Continue to Stay Home when Sick](#)

It is expected that when isolation requirements end on Friday 14 October, those currently in isolation will be advised by NSW Health that they may exit isolation. For our students and staff who have tested positive this does not mean they should attend school on Friday.

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the [guidance issued by NSW Health](#). We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We will continue to support our families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. RAT testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.

[We are Continuing our COVID-Smart Measures](#)

Our school will continue to operate with our baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation, strongly encouraged vaccinations and strongly encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

In certain circumstances, NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that additional COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at our school. We will provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at our school, if/when required.

[Reporting Requirements from 14 October](#)

Please continue to notify your school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

CALENDAR

Week 2

Wed 19 Oct	Footsteps Dance lessons begin
Thurs 20 Oct	Kinder Parent Information Evening—5pm
Fri 21 Oct	HZSS—League Tag begins

Week 3

Wed 26 Oct	Kinder Transition—9.30-10.30am
TBA	Dental Visit

What's Coming Up in Term 4

Wed 2 Nov	Kinder Transition—9.30-10.30am
Tues 8 Nov	NBHS Circus Visit
Sat 3 Dec	Trivia Night
Wed 7 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner

For further information about the COVID-smart measures in place this term refer to the department's [Advice for families](#) page.

Please note that all of our school's changes to isolation requirements are based on the recommendations from NSW Health. Anyone who tests positive to COVID-19 or suspects that they have been in contact with a positive case should continue to follow the [latest health advice](#).

Non-COVID-19 Vaccinations Reminder from NSW Health

Due to the ongoing pandemic and stay-at-home orders that were in place over the previous two years, NSW Health have noted that some children and young people have missed out on the non-COVID school-based vaccination programs that they would have taken part in. The department would like to remind parents and carers to make sure that all of their child's vaccinations are up-to-date, including other non-COVID vaccinations. If you are unsure about whether your child has missed any vaccinations, speak to your GP or go to [NSW Health's Immunisation requirements in primary and secondary schools](#).

Parents and carers who have children with persistent or ongoing [symptoms of COVID-19](#) are encouraged to have these assessed by their local health care professional. These symptoms may be related to other illnesses that require treatment and management by a doctor.

For more information on vaccinations refer to [Vaccination requirements for school sites](#) or the [Australian Governments COVID-19 vaccines](#).

On behalf of our school, I want to thank you again for your ongoing support in helping to keep our students, staff and community safe. I'd like to wish all our students and their families a great start to Term 4.

Last Day of Term 4 is Friday 16 December 2022

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools.



School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December.

You can find local vacation care services for your child via the [Before and After Care School Finder](#).

While there will be no classes on Monday 19 December, if you cannot arrange alternative care for your child, please contact the school to assist on 9985 7315.

Intention to Apply for Year 7 Placement in a Selective High School in 2024

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 4th May 2023**.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Intention to apply letters and an information booklet were emailed to Year 5 parents last week as well as sent home in hard copy with students last Friday. A copy of this letter and further information can be found attached to this newsletter.

Student Data

Now that students are back onsite after the holidays, they are completing a number of assessments including PAT and check in assessments, to assess their literacy and numeracy skills. The prime purpose of these assessments is to inform teachers of the students next steps in learning. In addition, this data evidences student progress as part of Strategic Direction 1: Student Growth and Attainment. In this target area we aim to improve reading and numeracy skills for all students K-6 each year. This information provides teachers areas of strength and development for individual students and will also be utilised to plan learning for 2023.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2022-2023 BUSHFIRE SEASON

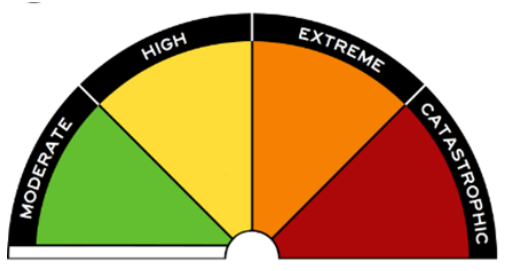
Our school has been identified as Category 1, and in a bushfire prone area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations. This is based on information obtained through a bushfire assessment of our school arranged by the Department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating does not mean there will be a catastrophic fire, but rather weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bushfire. The rating is a proactive measure to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe. This is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bushfire season, if at all.

The school will receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating on the day before the forecast is issued. To assist the school in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date home or after hours contact details. You can also check Skool Loop for up to date communications on school operations.

Please contact the school on 9985 7315 if you would like any further information about this matter.



Kindergarten Enrolment

We are currently taking new enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. You can access our school enrolment forms by clicking here: [Enrol at Brooklyn Public School](#). Our parent information session is to be held this Thursday 20th October at 5:00pm. To ensure your child is involved in the BPS Kindergarten Orientation Program, it is essential that your enrolment is completed as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students face to face in Term 4. Please see the flyer below for the proposed dates. We will keep you updated of any changes as they arise.

BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Kindergarten 2023

Parent Information Session:
Thursday 20 October 2022
Time: 5:00pm

Kindergarten Transition Days:
Wednesday 26 October 2022
Wednesday 2 November 2022
Wednesday 9 November 2022
Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Come and join our wonderful school where great minds grow!

To arrange a school tour, please call to make a booking.

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CAP Concert

In the last week of school, Brooklyn Public School students showcased their musical talents with solo and group performances as part of the Term 3 CAP concert. We were all in awe of how talented our students are and the variety of instruments that they can play.

Mr Kelly even joined in with his guitar and led our students in a musical number by The Beatles.





Library Day is Wednesday—Term 4 Only

With the many things going on in Term 4, library day will be Wednesday for Term 4 only.

Parliament House Visit

Last Thursday, our school captains were invited by Treasurer and Member for Hornsby Matt Kean, to attend the annual Hornsby Primary School Leaders' Morning Tea at NSW Parliament House.

The students were able to visit Parliament where both houses were sitting at the time. They also had the opportunity to hear from various sporting and community leaders, such as Nick Farr-Jones (former Australian rugby union footballer), Nicola Barr (Australian Rules player for the Greater Western Sydney Giants), Chris Green (Australian cricketer), Tim Mannah (Parramatta Eels footballer) and Joany Badenhorst (Co-captain of the 2018 Australian Para Olympic team and para-snowboarder).

Students also had a surprise visit from the NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet.

These leaders shared with our students their perspectives on leadership and how they achieved their goals. The common themes and messages from these leaders were centred around hard work, learning from your mistakes and setbacks, drawing on the support of those around you such as your parents and teachers and never giving up on your passion and desire to help others.



**Kelly Cartwright
Principal**



School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Last week, students from Years 2-6 participated in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. School swimming and water safety programs give primary students of NSW the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills, catering for diverse cultural backgrounds and all socio-economic circumstances.

The benefits gained by students' participation in these programs, both practical and theoretical, include:

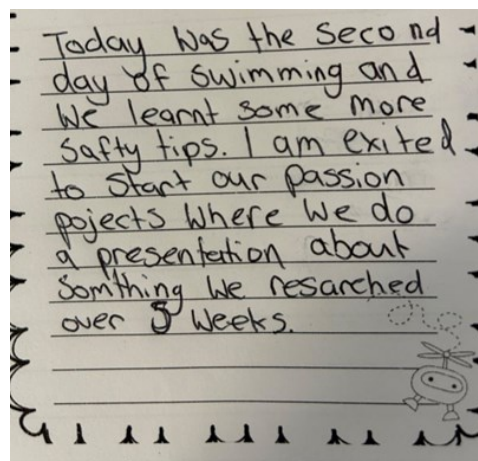
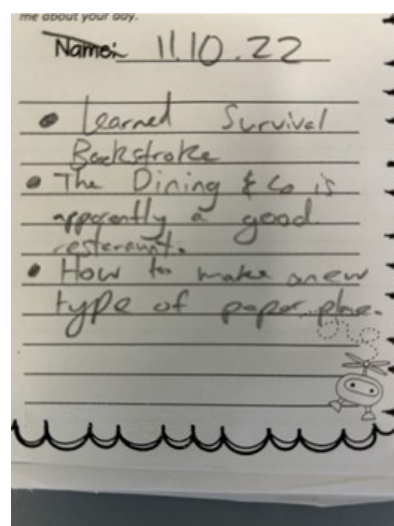
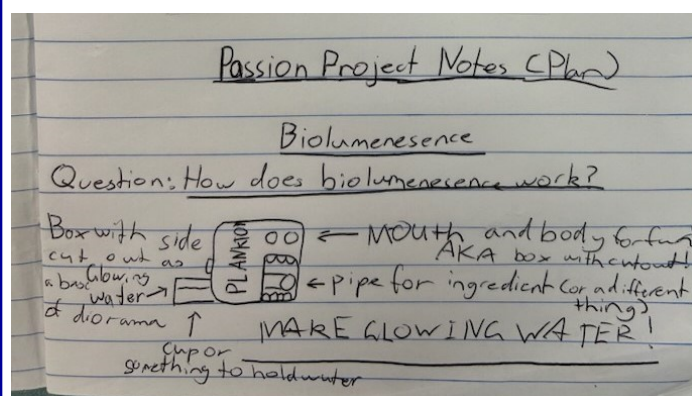
- shared knowledge with families and safer participation in water-based activities
- increased fitness, resilience and well-being
- reduced risk of drowning.



6/5/4K

Class 6/5/4K have begun a **Reflection Journal** for Term 4. At the end of each day we are taking a few minutes to write down 3 things that we have done during the course of the school day. These reflections give students a chance to think about various learning concepts and experiences and the impact of this learning on their general understanding. Reflections can include a particular English or maths concept, something from Geography or Science, an artwork they are engaged in, various discussions around PDHPE, a BTN news item that resonates with them, or an extracurricular activity such as swimming (for Week 1), sport, choir, band or other activities that make up a typical school day. Students choose from a list of prompts such as "Today I learned to...", "Today I discovered...", "I'm confused about..." and "I used my time well because I..." and many others.

Over Term 4 the Reflection Journal will develop into a meaningful record of students' learning across a wide range, as they develop their reflections with descriptive language, honest observations and work samples. Students will take their Reflection Journal home every Friday afternoon to show their families over the weekend, before returning it to school every Monday. It will be great if students put their Journal in their school bag on Sunday night to develop their personal responsibility skills.



Class 6/5/4K have also begun a Passion Project. Based around the STEAM concepts of [design thinking](#) and [projectbased learning](#), students are working on something they are passionate about over the next few weeks, before presenting their Passion Project to the class in Week 6. Project-based learning provides opportunities for students to integrate their skills across English, maths, science, visual arts and technology to investigate a chosen topic of deep interest to them. The research underpins identifies increased student engagement with learning as a driving factor behind project-based learning. 6/5/4K are already excited by this challenge to work on something they want to learn more about. Examples are being given in class and on Google Classroom.

Mr Kelly - Teacher 6/5/4K 😊



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Name of Group	Name of Group
Captains and Prefects	Choir
House Captains	HZSS Junior League Tag
HZSS Junior Soccer	HZSS Senior League Tag
HZSS Senior Soccer	Jazz Band
Junior Band	Performance Band
Whole School	Year 6
Year 6 Fun	

Please order prior to December.

Samples of the group photos are on display in the school office.

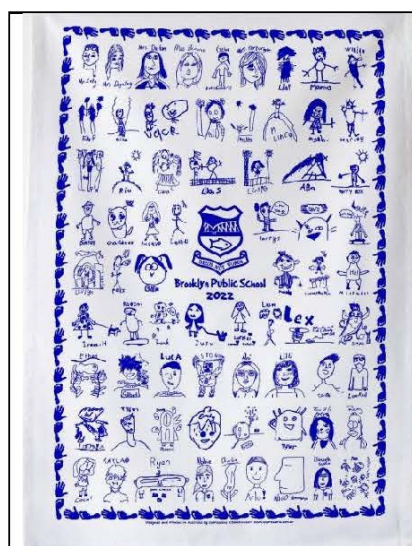
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P&C Whole of School Tea Towel Fundraiser 2022



Dear Families and Carers,

During class in term 3 the lovely Mrs Dalton worked with the children to produce a self-portrait artwork to be included on a whole of school fundraising tea towel. Please support our school by purchasing our amazing keepsake self-portrait tea towel. The tea towel will make a great Christmas gift for friends and family!



How to Order: Via P&C Shop website

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

To purchase, click on the link to go to the P & C online shop.

Please remember to enter your child's name and enter how many tea towels you wish to purchase. This is a fundraiser so please remember to buy them up for gifts!

Please order by Friday October 21st so we can have the tea towels ready for collection prior to the end of the school year.

COST: \$15 each or 3 for \$40

Orders due: 4pm Friday 21st Oct 2022

Please contact us on uniforms.bps.shop@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Casino Royale Trivia Night

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3 DECEMBER
2022, SATURDAY
5:30PM - 11PM

DANGAR ISLAND
BOWLING CLUB

All information on the next page

Casino Royale Trivia Night 2022!

Our annual trivia night is our P&C's major fundraising event for the year that gives the P&C its money to support today's students here at Brooklyn Public School. The more money we raise as a group will mean more resources, infrastructure, and opportunities for our children.

As part of the Trivia Night fundraising effort, we will be running a raffle that will be drawn on the night. We are asking all families to assist by selling a book of 10 raffle tickets. Tickets will go home with children in November so please help our fundraising effort by selling these tickets to friends, family, and work colleagues and if you need more tickets to sell, please just ask!

Casino Royale Trivia Night 2022 will be held at the Dangar Island Bowling Club

When: December 3rd, 2022

Time: 5.30pm to 11pm

Cost: \$80pp (bookings in tables of 8 or single tickets)

Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDKRY>

What's included. –

Fabulous Casino Royale atmosphere with live music, games, live music trivia, silent auctions, live bidding auctions, many prizes, and good old trivia rounds! It will be the event of this year's social calendar!

Dinner: A three course Mexican dinner will add a little glamour and sophistication to the evening! A special Bond inspired cocktail will be on sale as well as the standard selection of drinks for purchase from the bar.

Transport: Transport to event is by Public Ferry (must purchase own ticket) departing Brooklyn at 5pm or book a water taxi (Hawkesbury Water Taxis). Taxis back to Brooklyn will depart Dangar Island at 10.30pm and 11.00pm and is included in ticket price.

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Homer's Kitchen

School Lunches

Sandwiches, Wraps, and Rolls

Buttered.	\$1.80
Cheese.	\$2.80
Tomato.	\$2.80
Chicken.	\$3.70
Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo.	\$5.00
Chicken and Salad.	\$5.20
Ham.	\$3.70
Ham and Cheese/Tomato.	\$5.00
Ham and Salad.	\$5.20

Hot Food

Sausage Roll.	\$3.50
Pies.	\$4.50
Ham and Cheese Croissant.	\$4.50
Plain Croissant.	\$3.00
Ham and Pineapple Pizza.	\$4.50
Southern Style Chicken Bites.	\$4.50

Cold Food and Fruit

Apple.	.70c
Orange Wedges.	.70c
Banana.	\$1.20
Frozen Yoghurt.	\$2.70

Drinks

Apple Juice.	\$2.60
Orange Juice.	\$2.60
Lemonade.	\$2.60
Water.	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk.	\$2.60
Strawberry Milk.	\$2.60

Please make sure you have enough money in your bag a zip lock bag is suggested so that money doesn't go astray

* 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.

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