

# NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 10

11th December 2023

## BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Week 10

**13th December** - Presentation Day

**14th December** - Parent Helper Morning  
Tea 9.30am  
- End of Year Concert 6pm

**15th December** - **Last Day of School Year  
for students**

- Year 6 Clap Out  
- P&C Sausage Sizzle

#### 2024 - Week 1

**1st February** - Years 1-6 Students  
Commence Lessons

**1st, 2nd & 5th February** - Best Start  
Assessments

**6th February** - Kindergarten Students  
Commence Lessons



## Principal's News

### Presentation Day Assembly

Our school's Annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held at school on **Wednesday 13th December, 2023**. We are excited to celebrate the achievements of students on this day. A letter was sent home for those students who will be receiving an award on the day.

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.

### End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert this year will take place on 14th 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).

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



# House Captain Speeches

Well done to the students running for House Captain Leadership positions in 2024. All students spoke with confidence, outlining the many qualities that would make them a good school leader. Successful candidates for student leadership positions in 2024 will be announced on Presentation Day.





# CAP Concert

Last Wednesday afternoon, I had the pleasure of watching our talented band members perform at the End of Year CAP Concert. I am always blown away with the talent and creativity our students possess. A huge thank you to the CAP committee, our Band Conductor Rose Foster and our music tutors for working with the school to provide such a valuable and enriching opportunity for our wonderfully gifted musicians. A special thank you to Michelle Armstrong, who has headed up this CAP program for many years. As her youngest child leaves BPS this year, we wish her and her family all the best and thank her for her support of our school and its students.





## The Year 6 Clap Out

The Clap Out for Year 6 will be held on the last day of school on Friday 15th 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 2024 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 2024, 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 2024, please notify the office in writing asap. Please note this does not include students who are moving from Year 6 into Year 7 in 2024.

## 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 Miss Tobin and Mrs Mitchell. Miss Tobin has done a wonderful job teaching students in 6/5/4T this year. We thank you Miss Tobin for all that you have done over this time. Your students will remember you fondly. Mrs Mitchell, I know the students in 1/KDM have enjoyed having you each Friday this year. You have brought enthusiasm, care and laughter to our school and I know you will be missed.

Moving into 2024. We welcome back Nicole Turner and Letitia Dalton, who will be returning to BPS again next year. We also welcome to BPS, Paul Winspear. I know you will all join me in welcoming him to our BPS school community. I am excited for another fantastic year ahead.

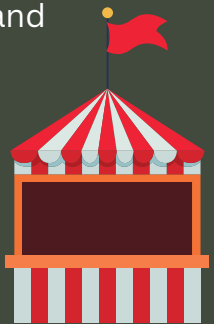
*Kelly Cartwright*

Principal



# Year 6 Mini Fete

The energy in the school was electric when Year 6 students took charge in organising a spectacular mini fete that captured the essence of creativity and fun. Weeks of planning, designing, and coordinating with the enthusiastic assistance of Year 5 students culminated in a vibrant event. Each group proudly showcased their unique stalls, featuring an array of entertaining activities. From the artistic allure of body painting to the thrilling challenge of the coin toss, the fete boasted a great mix of attractions. Speed stacking competitions and brain-teasing quizzes engaged the students, fostering a sense of friendly competition and intellectual curiosity. The joyous atmosphere resonated with laughter and excitement as kids went home not only with tasty treats and cuddly prizes but also with arms adorned in beautifully crafted body art. The collaborative effort of the Year 6 and 5 students not only created a memorable experience for all but also showcased the spirit of teamwork and creativity that defines our school community.

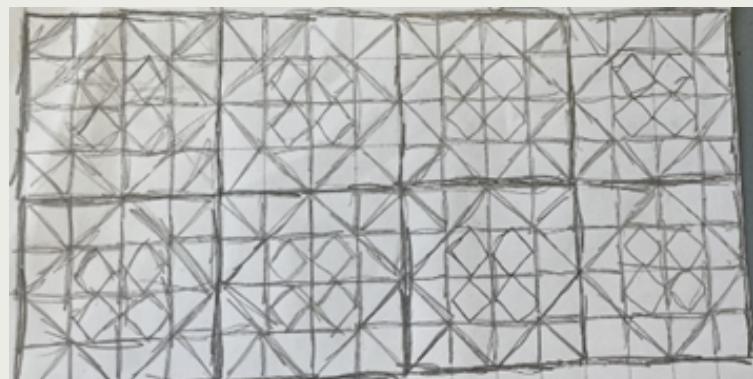
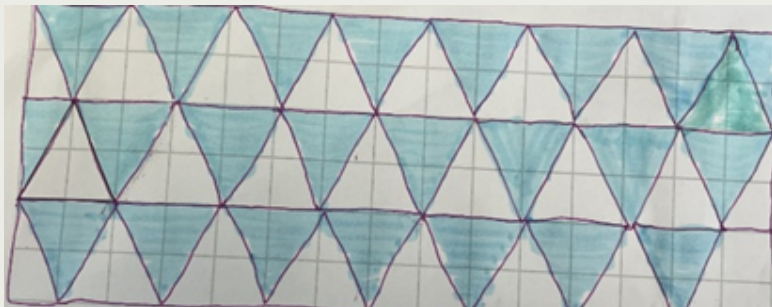




## 6/5/4T

As the school year approaches the end, we welcomed the Kindergarten students of 2024 from the daycare centre into our classroom for a special session of buddy reading. Paired with the older students, the little ones eagerly explored the magic of books, their faces lighting up with the wonder of the stories being read. Year 5 got to practice their leadership skills ready for their new roles as leaders of the school for next year. 6/5/4T enjoyed opening the classroom to our new buddies, sharing their love of reading. We are all looking forward to many more visits.

In maths, we have been engaging in the fascinating world of tessellation, students delved into the intricate art of creating patterns through the repetition of shapes. Tessellations, achieved when shapes are meticulously repeated without gaps or overlaps, unveiling mesmerising designs that find applications in various decorative elements. The students designed tiles capable of tessellating seamlessly. Students arranged different polygons, considering rotations and turns to craft a pattern.





# YEAR 6 FAREWELL



Last Monday was a special evening as we celebrated our Year 6 students coming to the end of their primary school years with a memorable farewell held at Hornsby RSL. 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 2023, for all your efforts and successes throughout the year. We have enjoyed taking the learning journey with you over the past seven years. We are sad you are leaving us but take great pride in the knowledge that you will go on to achieve great things. Remember to remain committed to making the most out of every opportunity that comes your way. You can achieve anything your heart desires and we wish you every success in your future. A huge thank you to Miss Tobin for organising such an amazing evening and the teachers and staff that joined us to celebrate on the night. I also wish to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful parents who decorated the function room and made it so special for the students.





## *Visit and Workshop with the Hot Potato Band*

Last Thursday 7th December, Brooklyn Public School were entertained by the vibrant musician members of the Hot Potato band. After regaling the students with their upbeat performance, the Hot Potato band then spent time with the Brooklyn performance band and choir students, breaking down the layers of music that comprise the piece “Sail Away”. The band leaders worked with each section of the band individually, giving them tips and advice on how to play specific parts within the music with more performance flair. The members of the choir learned how to project their voices when singing in front of a live band. After the collaborative workshop, the band played the piece in a more cohesive, confident manner. The choir added the lyrics and actions to the performance of the song.

The workshop ended with a live performance in front of the whole school, which had the whole school dancing and interacting with the musicians and the music. Thank you to the P&C and the band leaders for organising such a worthwhile incursion.





# FUN DAY

On Friday we celebrated the end of another busy year at Brooklyn. Students had fun on an inflatable slide, slip and slide and ninja course. It was perfect weather, with the sun to keep us warm and a time for students to relax and unwind with some really fun activities. With so much physical activity and fun, everyone was well and truly worn out by the end of the day. To take the edge off the heat we all enjoyed a refreshing ice block together. Thank you to the Brooklyn P & C for making this wonderful day possible.





# Upcoming Events

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 <b>Week 10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Presentation Day 12pm	<b>14</b> Parent Helper Morning Tea 9.30am  End of Year Concert 6pm	<b>15</b> Year 6 Clap Out 2:45pm  <b>Last Day of Term for Students</b>  P&C Sausage Sizzle-Lower McKell Park	16
17 <b>Week 11</b>	<b>18</b> Staff Development Day	<b>19</b> Staff Development Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	23
24	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Christmas</a>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	30

## January/February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Jan <b>Week 1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Staff Development Day	<b>31</b> Staff Development Day	<b>1 Feb</b> Years 1-6 Students Commence Lessons  Kinder Best Start Assessments	<b>2</b> Kinder Best Start Assessments	3
<b>4</b> <b>Week 2</b>	<b>5</b> Kinder Best Start Assessments	<b>6</b> Kindergarten Students Commence Lessons	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	10



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# P&C

## End of Year Sausage Sizzle

All BPS students, staff, and families are warmly invited to our end of year Sausage Sizzle!

**Who:** All BPS Families, staff and students

**Where:** Lower McKell Park

**When:** Friday 15th December after school.

### ***After the Year 6 Clap-out!***

*Meet at the school gates 2:45pm as the school community farewells our Year 6s, then head to Lower McKell Park!*

*BYO drinks and picnic food.*

*We look forward to seeing you all there. Everyone is welcome! Come and celebrate the end of another great year at Brooklyn PS.*

### **\*NUT MINIMISATION\***

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