



26 JUNE 2023

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



The Year 6 jerseys have arrived just in time for the cold weather! The students spent time in class creating their own individual designs that best represent our Year 6 cohort and the school. The students voted, with congratulations going to Finley with the winning design.



End of Term Assembly

The Term 2, End of Term Assembly will take place on Wednesday 28th June. The assembly will take place outdoors under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). The assembly will be held at 12:00pm. We kindly ask guests not to mingle and remain seated for the duration of the assembly. All three classes will be performing a short drama item at this assembly. One parent from each family is invited to attend the assembly.

<u>Kindergarten</u>

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments Due

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2024. Thank you for those parents that have already filled out their enrolment forms. Please see our schedule of events below. Information on how to enrol as well as online enrolments can be accessed via the link following.

WEEK 10

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING Thursday 19th October, 2023 5pm in the school library

This session provides an introduction to Brooklyn PS and information on preparing your child for school. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet the Principal and the current Kindergarten teacher.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION DAYS

Wednesday 25th October, Wednesday 1st and Wednesday 8th November 9:30am – 10:30am

Children visit Kindergarten classrooms for an hour on each of these days and participate in various activities with current Kindergarten students and their teacher.

CALENDAR

Week 10		
Tues 27 June	CAP Concert	
Wed 28 June	End of Term Assembly	
Fri 30 June	NAIDOC Assembly Last Day of Term 2	
What's Coming Up in Term 3		
Mon 17 July	School Development Day	
Tues 18 July	Students resume classes -Term 3	
Wed 19 July	Athletics Carnival	
Fri 21 July	HZSS Soccer resumes	
Tues 25 July	High Jump trials	
Thurs 3 Aug	Open Day—Education Week	
Fri 18 Aug	Zone Athletics	
Tues 5 Sept	School Photo Day	

All enrolment paperwork must be provided to the school in order for your child to be eligible to attend. Further information regarding these sessions will be provided at the Parent Information Evening (please note these sessions are for the children only). It is important that children attend Kindergarten Transition Day sessions to support their transition to school.

https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/ schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=1377

NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year, the theme, For our Elders, gives us a chance to discuss the importance to listening to the stories and wisdom of the older members of our families and our community. We have so much to learn from the experiences of grandparents, aunts and uncles, and of course our parents! Sitting down for a *yarn* has long been a tradition of First Nations peoples with a lot to be gained by taking the time to share in conversations together.

Brooklyn Public School were fortunate enough to play host to Uncle Laurie and Uncle Dave on Thursday, 22nd June as part of our wonderful NAIDOC Celebrations.

Students began the morning with a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony performed by Uncle Laurie. Students were very respectful and learned a lot about Uncle Laurie and the importance behind both ceremonies.

Throughout the morning 6/5/4T worked with Uncle Laurie to develop a Brooklyn Public School, whole school Acknowledgement of Country. 6/5/4T and Miss Tobin will remain in contact with Uncle Laurie as the development process continues.

Throughout the day, students spent time with Uncle Dave learning about local hand art, tools and foods that can be found and are produced from resources in the local Brooklyn area. They learned about bush medicine and the different uses of the local flora, as well as the uses of, and meaning behind, different colours of ochre in local culture.

Uncle Laurie shared with the students the importance of different local Aboriginal symbols and their meanings when used in specific locations. Students shared with Uncle Laurie different symbols they have been working on, inspired by Aboriginal artworks, to represent elements of their local environment and the Brooklyn area.





In the afternoon, students had the opportunity to learn about and practice throwing different types of boomerangs or 'woomera' from Uncle Laurie. In the classrooms, students talked about and planned their use of symbols to decorate wooden boomerangs that they were able to take home with them.

The students enjoyed having a yarn with Uncle Laurie and Uncle Dave throughout the day, particularly at recess and lunch time where they asked interesting and thoughtful questions. Some students invited Uncle Dave up to see the shelter cave and school hand print artworks created by our current Year 5 & 6 when they were in Kindergarten, at the back of the playground.

Everyone had a very happy, informative and engaging day learning about different elements of local Aboriginal histories and culture.



Band Camp 2023

Brooklyn PS and Wideview PS students joined together to enjoy a wonderful weekend at band camp the weekend before last. I received fantastic feedback from those that attended of our student's high level of engagement and willingness to learn. Thank you to our band conductors, Rose (Brooklyn) and Pippi (Wideview), and the music tutors who attended. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who ensured the camp was a success.

Lots of wonderful photos are in the P&C section of the newsletter that capture the fun at band camp.

<u>School Development Day</u> <u>Monday 17th July (Term 3, Week 1)</u>

The first day back next term, Monday, 17th July, is a **Student Free Day**. Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will be taking part in professional learning around the new maths and English syllabuses to continue planning engaging learning opportunities for our students for the remainder of the year. <u>Students will return to school on Tuesday, 18th July</u>.

<u>Education Week—Open Day</u> <u>Tuesday 3rd August</u>

Education Week 2023 will be held from July 31 to August 4 (Week 3, Term 3). This year's theme is 175 years of public education in NSW and focuses on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence. To ensure that each student has the opportunity to have someone from their family attend the day, we invite Grandparents to our Open Day as well as/or instead of parents/ caregivers. Open Day will be held at BPS on Thursday 3rd August.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be sent home with students later this week. Please keep your eye out for them in your child/ren's bag.

If you would like to discuss anything in your child's report. Please contact the school office to make a time to meet with the classroom teacher.

ARCO—Anti-Racism Contact Officer

With your support, we do the very best we can to ensure that our students feel safe and are able to reach their potential. The Department of Education rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in NSW public schools. The Department's Anti-Racism Policy aims to ensure that no student, employee, parent, carer or community member experiences racism within the school environment. The Policy asks all members of the school community to assist in countering racism by demonstrating respect for the cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds of others, and by behaving in ways that promote acceptance and harmony in the school environment. Each school has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) who is trained to assist with complaints and countering racism. For more information about anti-racism and the role of the ARCO, see: Anti Racism Policy - Information for parents and carers, by clicking on the link below.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-andlearning/curriculum/multicultural-education/antiracism-education/parents-and-carers

New Library Furniture

We have recently replaced our library furniture. We now have lovely wood grain bookcases and student desks, as well as colourful chairs to make for an inviting and engaging learning environment. Kelly Cartwright Principal







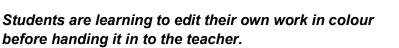


What's Happening in 1/KDM

In 1/KDM, we have been learning about cultures and celebrations. We have learnt that families do special things when they celebrate, which are called traditions. The students have enjoyed sharing their traditions through storytelling, writing and drawing.

In writing, we have been working hard on creating simple sentences, using adjectives and making sure our writing makes sense. We have also enjoyed reading 'The March of the Ants' by Ursula Dubosarsky and Tohby Riddle. We have learnt how authors use human characteristics to make animal characters come to life.

Emma Mitchell Teacher

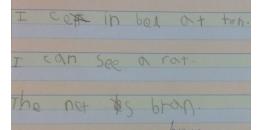




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Brooklyn & Cowan PS 2023 Athletics Carnival Canteen & Cake Stall

Brooklyn/Cowan Athletics Carnival, Foxglove Oval, Mount Colah Wednesday 19 July 9.30am - 2pm

Canteen: Volunteers needed

The Brooklyn P&C will run the canteen on the day of the Athletics Carnival - **Wednesday 19 July** at Foxglove Oval. We alternate with Cowan P&C and this is our year. We need volunteers to run the stall on the day. Any portion of time between **9.30am and 2.00pm** would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve throughout the day then pack up/clean.

To volunteer please text Holly or email bps.pandc.association@gmail.com



Cake Stall: What cake will you bake?

To help make the Athletics carnival a special day for the students of Brooklyn & Cowan Public Schools, **we are asking all families to bake a special treat for the day**. This will ensure we have an enticing selection of treats on sale for students.

- 1. Please provide a list of ingredients for your cake/slice/muffin/treats. Please note we have a **NO NUTS** policy for all food items.
- 2. Please deliver your baked items in a sealed named container, to the School Office, on Wednesday 19 July, in the morning between 8.30-9.00am.
- 3. Please text Holly or email bps.pandc.association@gmail.com to advise what you will bake.

Brooklyn Public School Parents & Citizens Association

BROOKLYN & COWAN PS 2023 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

MENU

FOOD / COLD DRINKS

Party Pies	\$1.00
Mini Sausage Roll	\$1.00
Vegetarian Party Pies/mini Sausage Rolls	\$1.50
Hot Dogs	\$2.50
Muffins/Cakes/Slices	\$1.50 - \$3.50
Crisps/Pop corn small packet	\$1.50
Water / Juice (Popper)	\$2.00

HOT DRINKS

Capuccino/Latte/Flat White	\$4.00
Long Black	\$3.00
Hot Chocolate	\$3.00
Coffee Extras:	\$0.50
Decaf, Extra Shot, Oat Milk	
Теа	\$2.50

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.

P&C





From June 16-18 the fabulous Brooklyn Public School Performance Band with leader Rose Foster combined with Wideview School Junior and Senior bands for the amazing musical extravaganza of the century....



Students spend two nights at CRU Galston Gorge. They worked in-depth on their parts in old and new songs with specialist tutors and rehearsed playing as a combined band, along with a blockbuster combination of outdoor and indoor activities.

SO. MUCH. FUN!





Brooklyn band members received their very own and very smart BPS music satchels, folders, and practical memento. Thanks Michelle!



sting kids from Wide

We asked our intrepid musicians for some favourite moments and memories. Here is what they said ...

having breakfast together and talking about our nights of drama

playing music with the tutors - they were so nice!

high ropes!

the pool game handball



volleyball

Bentley's night

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learning how to play the bongos

ngp

playing in a full band

..running up to breakfast in the morning

the food ...



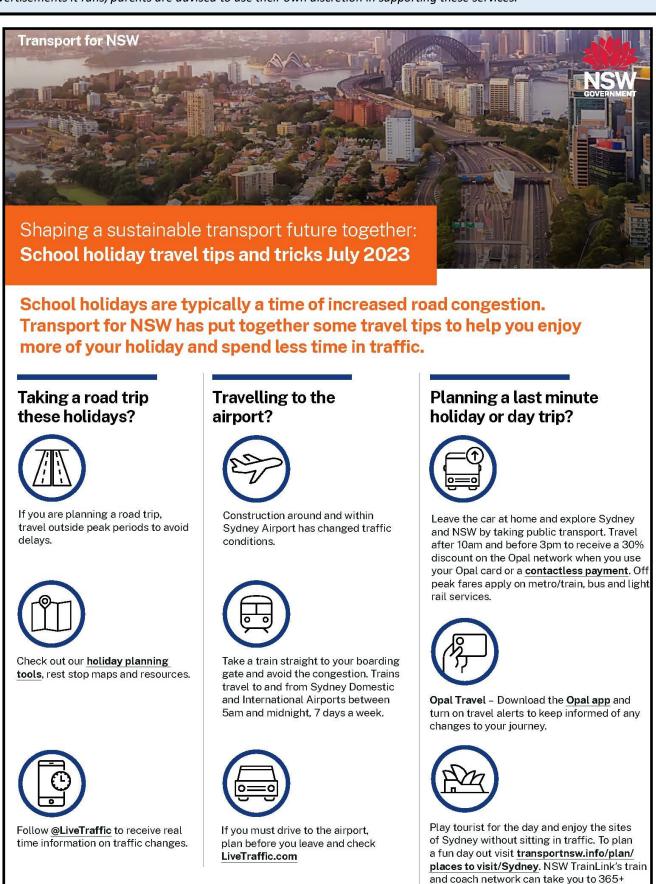
learning new songs and making new friends Ryan's puppet show



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