



30 OCTOBER 2023

TERM 4 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parliament House Visit

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

They had the opportunity to hear from various sporting and community leaders, such as Jo Harten (Captain of the GWS Giants netball), Dominic Perrottet (former Premier of NSW), Erin Lorenzini (former basketball and AFL player, now Head of Infrastructure at Cricket NSW) and ex Hornsby Heights student Billy Pollard (Rugby player for the Brumbies and Wallabies).

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.



CALENDAR

Week 4

Tues 31 Oct	NBHS Circus Show
Wed 1 Nov	Kindergarten Transition—2
Thurs 2 Nov	K-2 Muogamarra Excursion
Fri 3 Nov	HZSS League-Tag / Tennis

Week 5

Mon 6 Nov	Footsteps Dance
Wed 8 Nov	Kindergarten Transition—3
Fri 10 Nov	HZSS League-Tag / Tennis

What's Coming Up in Term 4

Week 6	Dental Visit
Thurs 16 Nov	Hot Potato Band Workshop Year 3-6 Choir
Mon 20— Fri 24 Nov	Swimming Scheme
Fr 1 Dec	Year 6 Mini Fete
Mon 4 Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Fri 8 Dec	Fun Day
Wed 13 Dec	Presentation Day
Thurs 14 Dec	End of Year Concert
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of the School Year Year 6 Clap Out



Year 6 Leadership Elections

Student leadership elections are fast approaching for 2023. Leadership opportunities at Brooklyn Public School allow our students to demonstrate their dedication and commitment to our school and students.

At the end of the newsletter is an outline of the election process and an expression of interest form which needs to be completed and returned to school by students wishing to be considered for leadership positions in 2024. This form needs to be returned by the end of Week 4 (3rd November) for those students wishing to run for School Captain or Prefect. House captain elections will be later in the term as outlined in the leadership process guidelines.

World Teachers' Day!

Thank you all for the special messages, words of gratitude and individual student thanks that were received by all teaching staff. Teachers at Brooklyn PS view their role and responsibility in the lives and growth of your children as a huge privilege and honour, so to be recognised for their hard work and care is extremely special. Our teachers devote many evenings and weekend hours preparing lessons, marking student work and at the moment, writing Reports! World Teachers Day is a wonderful celebration all around Sydney, Australia and the world, of the importance of our profession in shaping the lives of our future citizens and leaders... to make our world a better place!



Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

Last Wednesday, we welcomed our newest students to our learning community at our first of three Kindergarten orientation sessions. Our teachers were very impressed with the ease with which the children settled into their classroom with their new friends and teacher. With the support of our teachers and Year 6 students from 6/5/4T, the children engaged in a variety of developmental play experiences, listened to a story, and joined our students for fruit break. The Brooklyn PS community are very excited to welcome our new friends and families back for their second orientation session this coming Wednesday morning.



2024 Kindergarten Enrolments

We remind parents that enrolments for 'Kindergarten 2024' are now due as our orientation program has already commenced in Week 3 this term. If you live in our school catchment area and have a child starting Kindergarten next year, please visit our school website to complete the enrolment application. Enrolling your child now is essential to assist us with planning appropriately for our students.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed their enrolment details. Families living outside our catchment zone are encouraged to visit our website for information about non-local enrolments.



Kindergarten 2024

Parent Information Session:
Thursday 19 October 2023
Time: 5:00pm

Kindergarten Transition Days:
Wednesday 25 October 2023
Wednesday 1 November 2023
Wednesday 8 November 2023
Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Come and join our wonderful school where great minds grow!

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Selective High School— Applications Open Now

Year 5 parents should be aware that online applications are now open for Year 7 Selective High School placement in 2025. High potential and Gifted students are the target for these secondary schools, so please consider whether sitting this test on 9th May is an appropriate option for your child. Online applications for Year 7 2025 can be made at:

<https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au>.

Further information about Selective High School in 2025 can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants>

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 open on **9 October 2023** and close on **20 November 2023**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Intention to apply letters and an information booklet were emailed to Year 5 parents on 10th October and a hard copy given to students.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted in early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm. To access the survey for our school go to:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/brooklyn>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Families Not Returning to BPS in 2024

If your child is leaving the school at the end of this year (other than Year 6) or will be late returning next year, please complete and return the "End of Year School Leavers – Kindergarten to Year 5" form. This helps us plan our classes for next year. Please see this form later in our newsletter.

Kelly Cartwright Principal



Live Life Well
@ School

What to pack for Crunch&Sip

- Send your child off to school each day with a reusable water bottle and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip.
- For a list of permitted food and drinks visit: www.crunch&sip.com.au/parents/permitted-food-and-drinks.

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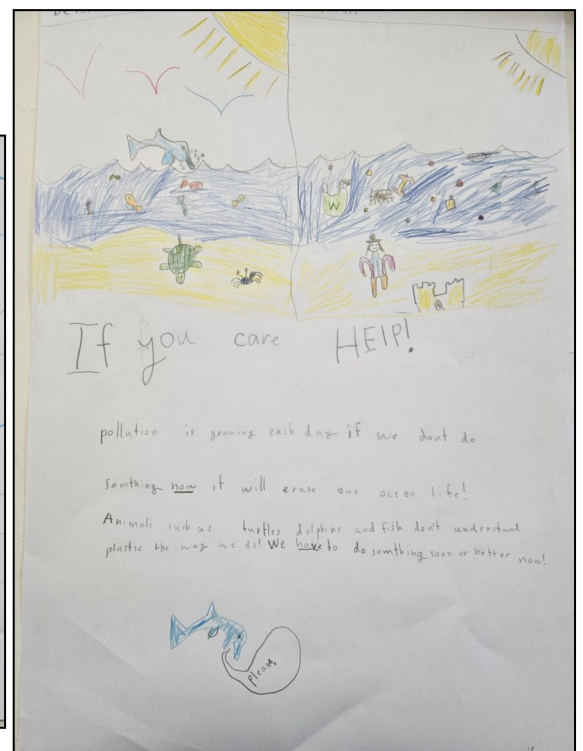
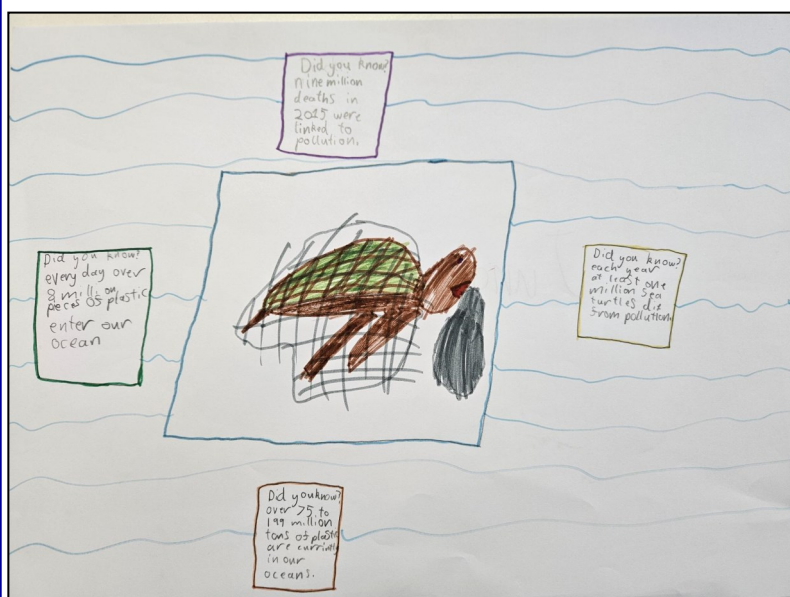
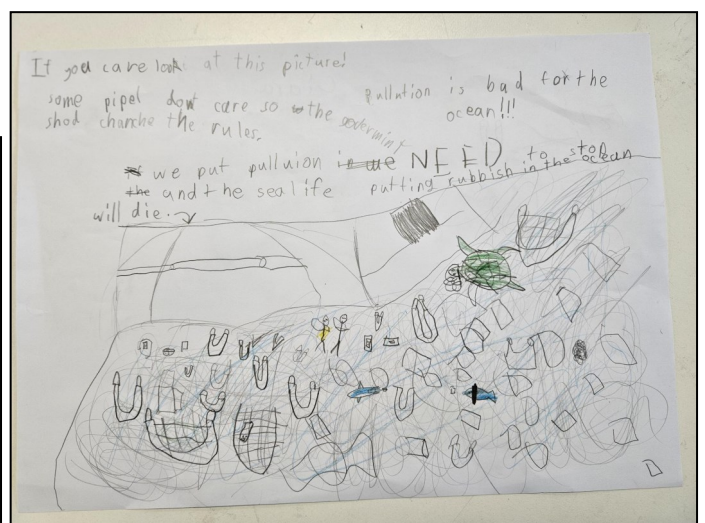
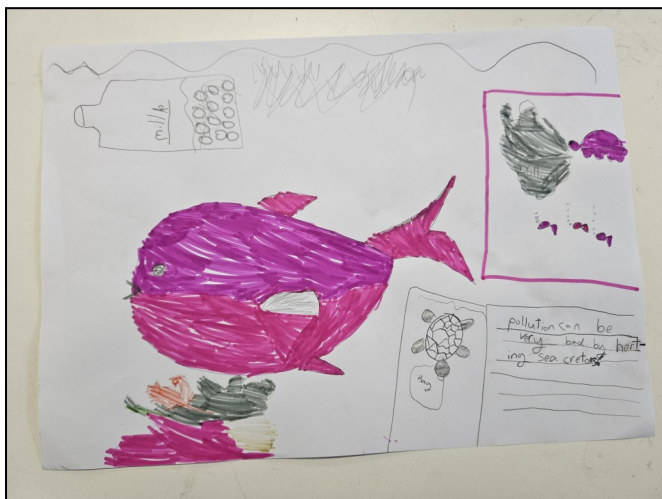
3/2/1T

3/2/1T have been learning about pollution and recycling. Students have been exploring the books 'The Mess That We Made' by Michelle Lord and 'Jelly-Boy' by Nicole Godwin and Christopher Nielsen.

We have been investigating the cause and effect of our actions and, specifically, the impact of pollution on the environment. We have been working on including persuasive language in our writing.

Students worked together to draft and create posters exploring the cause and effect of littering and pollution on the environment. They included vibrant images and written messages to create multi-modal texts encouraging people to keep our environment and our animals tidy and safe.

You can see more of these fabulous creations on our classroom windows.



Brooklyn Public School

SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR PHOTOS

Please find below a list of all the photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
using the Online Order Code below:

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The photo prices are:

\$18.00 each, 2 for **\$34.00**, 3 for **\$46.00**, 4 for **\$58.00** or 5 for **\$70.00**

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase **ONLINE ONLY**

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

To order online click here: <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/>

P&C - Referendum Day BBQ - Saturday 14 October

We had a great day on Saturday selling Cakes, Sausages, Coffees and more to the Brooklyn Community when they came to vote for the Referendum. It was a wonderful way to catch up and share stories with so many families and individuals who know and love Brooklyn Public School. The Community were so incredibly supportive of the P&C, spending generously on cakes, sausages and raffle tickets. We had a bumper day and raised well over \$2,000.

Sales were significantly up on the Election Day BBQ largely due to the absolutely astounding response to our call for cakes! We sold cakes, cakes and more cakes! We had a stunning assortment of sumptuous and beautifully crafted baked goods. Thank you to our bakers!

Special thanks for baking go to:

K: Jenni Mosman

Y1: Martina Janco, Tabitha Kuypers, Melissa Collins, Zaradine Powers, Holly Sahlman

Y2: Caitlin Whale, Lara Mitchell, Hayley & Matthew Daykin

Y3: Judith Schinabeck

Y4/5: Patricia Payne, Katrina Roberts, Skye Bower

Y6: Michelle Armstrong, Tammy Garnsey

Thank you so much to all the Volunteers who did a stunning job! The coffee was outstanding and the Hal-loumi & Mushroom Bap, Sausage Sandwich and Bacon & Egg Rolls all had rave reviews.

Special thanks goes to:

Y1: Zaradine Powers, Martina Janco, Tabitha & Andrew Kuypers, Gareth Jacobs

Y2: Caitlin Whale, Hayley & Matthew Daykin,

Y3: Judith Schinabeck,

Y4/5: Tammy Garnsey, Skye Bower, Allana Sheard, Charlotte Godbolt

Y6: Michelle Armstrong



A stunning effort everyone! Thank you!

Holly Sahlman, P&C Fundraising

* 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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END OF YEAR SCHOOL LEAVERS

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are starting to plan classes for 2024. If you know that your child/ren will definitely not be returning to Brooklyn Public School next year or will be returning late at the commencement of the 2024 school year, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Please disregard this letter if your child/ren are continuing at Brooklyn Public School in 2024.

Kelly Cartwright
Principal

END OF YEAR STUDENT LEAVERS – KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5 OR LATE RETURNERS

My child _____ Class _____

My child _____ Class _____

My child _____ Class _____

Will not be returning to Brooklyn Public School next year.

Destination School _____

Will be returning to Brooklyn Public School late. Date returning _____



Brooklyn Public School Student Election Process (2023)

Captain and Prefect Elections

Timeframe	Who?	Task/Event
		<p><u>Students from Years K - 6 and staff are eligible to vote.</u></p> <p>The votes are weighted according to grade;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year K/1 – 1 point pink• Year 2/3 – 2 points yellow• Year 4/6 – 3 points green• Year 5 – 4 points blue• Teachers – 5 points purple
Term 4: Week 4 Monday 30th October	Year 5 Teacher	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>Inform parents (via newsletter & note), Year 5 students and staff, that the process for the campaigning and election of 4 student leaders for 2024 will commence. The behaviours expected of student participants wanting to be considered for leadership are explicitly outlined. Previous leaders address the Year 5 students outlining their views of what makes a good leader and the responsibilities they have undertaken.</p> <p>Students are informed that they have a week to prepare posters to campaign for themselves around the school. These will be placed around the school for 1 week prior to voting. Posters will be removed the morning of voting.</p> <p>Students informed of the day voting will take place.</p>
Term 4: Week 4	Principal	<p>Leadership Session (Year 5) Monday 30th October</p> <p>All new Year 5 students participate in a leadership session, discussing the responsibilities of being in Stage 3 and the expectations of the school for our senior students. It is discussed that many students will be seeking leadership positions this Term 4. Attributes of a good leader are discussed and also the importance of their conduct during the year, emphasising students may be deemed not eligible for the position, if there is documented evidence of continual disregard for school expectations in Year 5 will not be eligible to hold a School Captain or Prefect position.</p> <p>Students to complete an EOI of their intention to run for a Captain or Prefect position, due end of Week 4 Friday 3rd November.</p>
Term 4: Weeks 4 & 5		<p><u>Leadership Speech Preparation</u></p> <p>Students will be given 2 weeks to prepare their speeches from the time they are informed of the process and date of elections.</p> <p>Students are to prepare their speeches at home.</p> <p>Speeches to be written stating the reasons as to why they would make a good school leader.</p>

		Time limit: 2-3 minutes
Term 4: Week 4 & 5	Year 5 Teachers	<p><u>Leadership Campaigning</u></p> <p>Students will have 2 weeks to place posters around the school to campaign for votes and communicate why they are the 'right choice' for the position.</p>

<p>Term 4: Week 6</p> <p>Wednesday 15th November</p>		<p><u>Leadership Speeches and Student Voting</u></p> <p>Whole school and teachers assemble. Expectations for student leaders including Code of Conduct and selection criteria explained.</p> <p>The behaviours expected of student participants and student voters in the secret ballot process for student leadership are explicitly mentioned to students, as well as the need to uphold confidentiality and integrity of the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students present their speeches to all students from Years K-6 and staff • All students return to their classrooms and vote on coloured slip • Voting slips to be collected by classroom teachers and handed to the Year 5 teacher.
Week 6		<p><u>Tallying</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Votes are tallied and rechecked by the Year 5 teacher and Principal • The successful leadership positions will be awarded to the students with the most votes, regardless of gender • Staff are informed of final decisions and positions • Year 5 students are informed of the 4 successful candidates. Parents are informed that their child will be receiving an award on Presentation Day. Positions are not disclosed, these are to be announced on Presentation Day.
<p>Term 4: Week 7</p> <p>Monday 20th November</p>		<p><u>House Captain Elections</u></p> <p>Inform Year 5 students and staff, that the process for House Captain election (3 student leaders) for 2024 will commence. The behaviour expectations of students wishing to be considered for a leadership position are explicitly outlined. Previous House Captains address the Year 5 students outlining their views of what makes a good leader and the responsibilities they have undertaken.</p> <p>Students are informed they have a week to prepare their speech at home and are informed of the date speeches are to be presented. Students to complete an EOI of their intention to run for a House Captain position, due end of Week 7 Friday 24th November.</p>

Term 4: Week 8 Monday 27 th November		<p><u>House Captain Speeches and Student Voting</u></p> <p>Whole school and teachers assemble. Expectations for student leaders including Code of Conduct and selection criteria explained.</p> <p>The behaviours expected of student participants and student voters in the secret ballot process for student leadership are explicitly mentioned to students, as well as the need to uphold confidentiality and integrity of the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students present their speeches to all students from Years K-6 and staff • All students return to their classrooms and vote on coloured slip <p>Voting slips to be collected by classroom teachers and handed to the Year 5 teacher.</p>
Week 8	Year 5 Teacher and Principal	<p><u>Tallying</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Votes are tallied by Year 5 teacher, then rechecked by Principal • Staff are informed of final decisions and positions • Parents of successful students invited to Presentation Day assembly
Week 8	Principal & Year 5 Teacher	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal informs all nominees and staff of leadership team, not of positions within that team. • Positions in leadership team will be kept confidential and announced to school on Presentation Day. • Parents are informed that their child will be receiving an award on Presentation Day.
		<p><u>Following Year</u></p> <p><u>Code of Conduct (Year 6)</u> All leaders and their parents read and sign the Code of Conduct for Brooklyn Public School Leaders. These are kept by the Principal.</p>

Student Leadership Expression of Interest

School Captain or Prefect

Full Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Please answer the following four questions using full sentences on the page below only.

1. Why would I make a good school leader?
2. What are the qualities of a good school leader?
3. How have I demonstrated leadership at school and out of school?
4. What are my goals as a school leader?

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School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)