



4 SEPTEMBER 2023

TERM 3 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

'Adopt a Cop'

Brooklyn PS is participating in 'Adopt a Cop' through the Kuring-Gai Police Area Command. 'Our cop' will turn up to school when they are rostered and available, during the free time of the student's school day.

This could be early morning - before school starts, during recess and lunchtimes. The aim of the program is for 'Our Cop' to be out in the open areas of the school grounds. This could be walking around, kicking, hitting, or throwing a ball and just mingling with the students. 'Our Cop' won't be calling to say they are coming (as not to disappoint the children if they are called away); they will just turn up to our school and be in the grounds when they can. The police will be in uniform. The aim of the program is to allow students to interact with uniformed police officers in a positive manner and build relationships. Our first visit was last week where our students out skilled 'Our Cop' in handball, much to the students delight! He also made time to visit us at the Father's Day breakfast. A very popular and positive experience was had by all.



Check-in Assessment

During Term 3, students will participate in the Check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom. The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students this term during Weeks 8-10. Our Year 3, 4, & 5 students will complete the assessments in Term 4, Weeks 1-4.

All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment.

CALENDAR

Week 8

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| Tues 5 Sept | School Photo Day Silent Auction |
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Week 9

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| Mon 11 Sept | K-2 Muogamarra Excursion |
| Wed 13-Fri 15 Sept | Yrs 5&6 Canberra Excursion |

Week 10

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| Mon 18 Sept | P&C Meeting—4pm in the Library |
| Tues 19 Sept | CAP Concert |
| Fri 22 Sept | Last Day of Term 3 |

What's Coming Up in Term 4

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| Thurs 19 Oct | Parent Information Evening |
| Wed 25 Oct | Kindergarten Transition—1 |
| Wed 1 Nov | Kindergarten Transition—2 |
| Wed 8 Nov | Kindergarten Transition—3 |
| Mon 20— | Swimming Scheme |

Book Week

On Thursday 24th August students took part in the CBCA Book Week parade 2023. The theme this year was "Read, Grow, Inspire". Students at Brooklyn PS celebrated Book Week by participating in various activities during library lessons. They were also able to show off their spectacular book character costumes to parents and carers as they took part in a parade around the COLA. It was wonderful to see the amazing effort that the students went to in creating their costumes. Thanks to everyone involved for making the day special and fun.



Father's Day Breakfast

What a fantastic turnout we had last Thursday morning, to celebrate our wonderful Brooklyn PS dads and significant father figures at the Father's Day breakfast. A huge thank you to all our amazing P&C parents and volunteers who staffed the BBQ, the coffee machine and served our dads to ensure they enjoyed a wonderful spread of food.

Another big thank you is also extended to the volunteers who organised the Father's Day gift that the students decorated themselves. I hope all our dads had a wonderful Father's Day yesterday.



Year 6 Fundraiser—Silent Auction

The Term 3 Fundraiser organised by Year 6 is the upcoming Silent Photography art auction, via Zoom, tomorrow, Tuesday **5th September 2023 from 6.00pm**. All Brooklyn families are welcome to join Year 6 as we work our way through 12 framed photographs, captured beautifully by students on our Gibberagong leadership camp at Bobbin Head earlier in the year. The Zoom link has been shared with families and we look forward to having you join us online tomorrow (Tuesday).

NB: Please allow plenty of time to log in. You may be prompted for updates if you have not used zoom recently. You will also be prompted to sign in with your zoom account. This will take approximately 10 minutes.

Here is the link again:

Zoom link:

Topic: Year 6 Silent Photography Auction Fundraiser

Time: Tuesday 5th September 2023 @ 6:00PM.

Who: The whole Brooklyn school community are welcome.

Please click on this link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62146586525?pwd=RFIBeWRob0NQektCa2JPNnBySFdLZz09>

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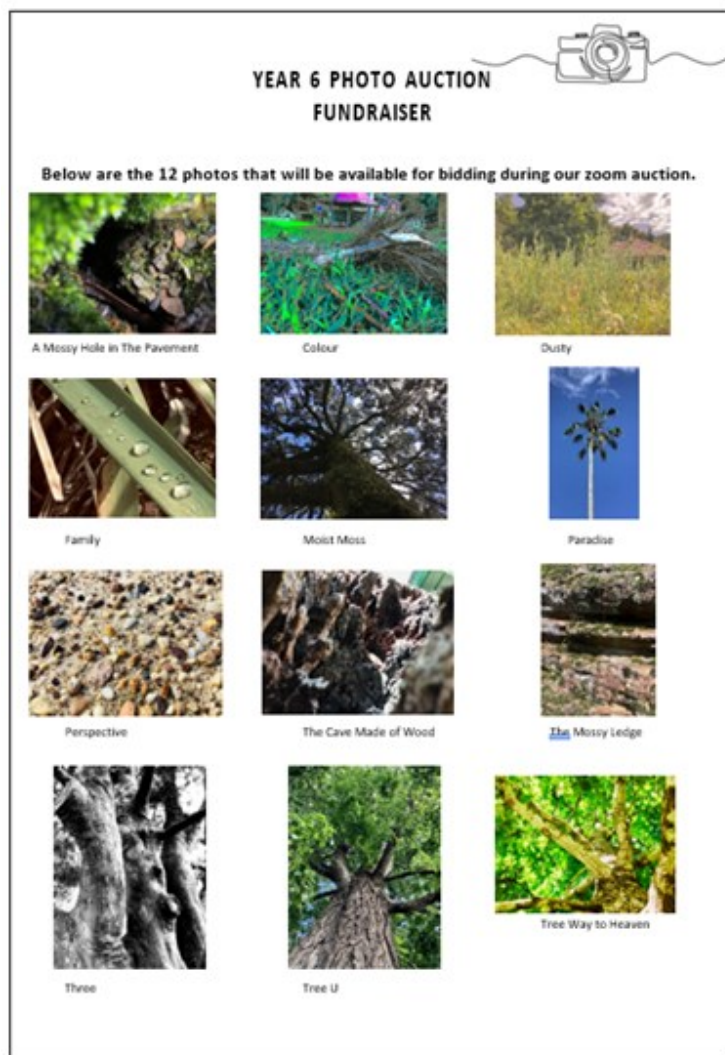
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Please pay for your winning bid via School Bytes, select 'Add other item', select 'Year 6 End of Year Activities and Fundraising', enter the amount you bid for the photograph and select 'Pay Now'. Continue with the payment process.

Thank you for your support. We hope to see you there!

Stage 2 Excursion—Girrakool

On Monday 21st August, our Stage 2 students went on an excursion to the Girrakool loop track at Brisbane Waters, as a part of the Geography unit, Caring for our Environment. Students embarked on a journey of discovery that ignited their connection with nature and heritage. Against the backdrop of the pristine national park, they engaged in many activities, such as learning about mud maps and how to use them to decode the park's distinctive features. A highlight of the day was learning about the Aboriginal connection to Country, and the intrinsic link between the land and its traditional custodians.



Students learnt many facts, such as the Acacia Longifolia, known as the Sydney Golden Wattle leaf, served as a natural soap for Aboriginal peoples. The students were amazed to discover the many ways Aboriginal peoples utilised their natural environment.

Students identified an array of plants, animals, and invertebrates, unravelling the intricate roles each played within the delicate ecosystem. This tactile experience illuminated the web of life that sustains the environment. The excursion also facilitated a comprehensive insight into the diverse management roles inherent in the conservation of the national park. Students absorbed the multifaceted strategies employed to safeguard the environment, preserve heritage, and honour cultural legacies, grasping the symbiotic relationship between guardianship and sustainability.

Students had a wonderful day in the sun exploring this beautiful part of our local area. They came away inspired to care for and protect our precious natural environment.



Asquith Musicale

On Thursday 24th August, I was fortunate enough to see our band students perform in the annual Asquith Musicale. The Musicale is a celebration of the combined Asquith Girls and Boys High School extra-curricular music ensembles, and each year local Primary School ensembles are invited to perform. Our students gave an amazing performance in front of a huge crowd. A huge congratulations to our band students.





Trivia Night

A big thank you to our P&C for a fantastic fundraising event. The Casino Royale themed Trivia Night was a huge success raising \$14,000. A lot of work goes into these events in the background leading up to the event, as well as on the night. Many people contributed to ensuring it was a successful and smooth-running event. The money raised will go towards supporting the students at Brooklyn PS and we thank everyone that contributed with their time, donations and attendance of the night. A great time was had by all.

Kindergarten

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 below.

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 1 November 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. **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>



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!

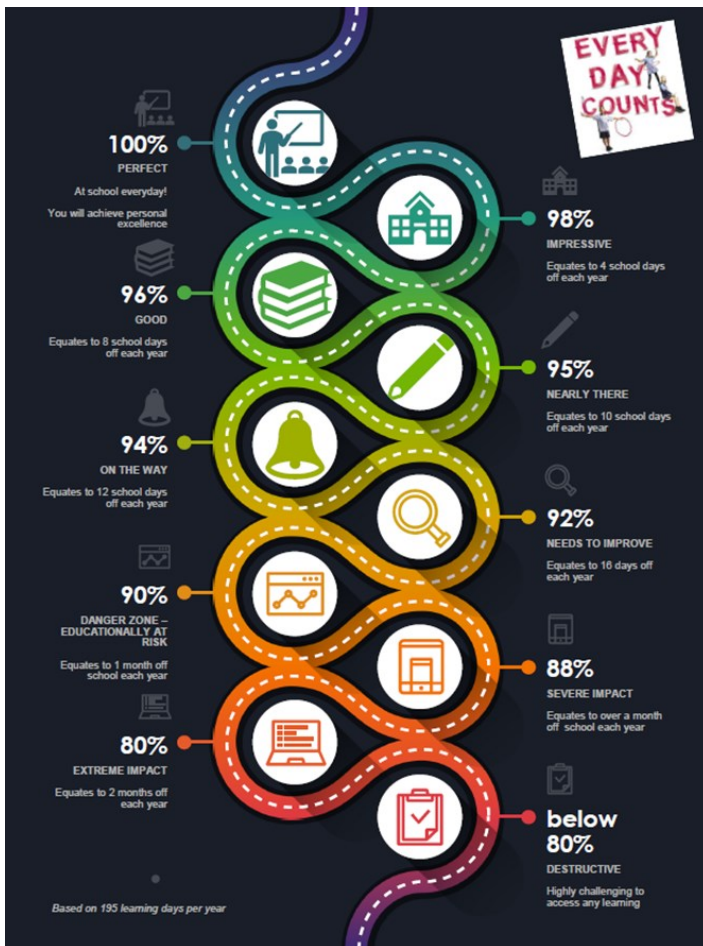
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Attendance Matters!!

Kelly Cartwright
Principal



Athletics

For the last 4 weeks we have been fortunate to have additional support teaching students to develop their athletic skills through the Sporting Schools Program. Matthew has assisted us with targeted skill building lessons each week. Students have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons and we look forward to working with Matthew again in the future.

Lee Degeling



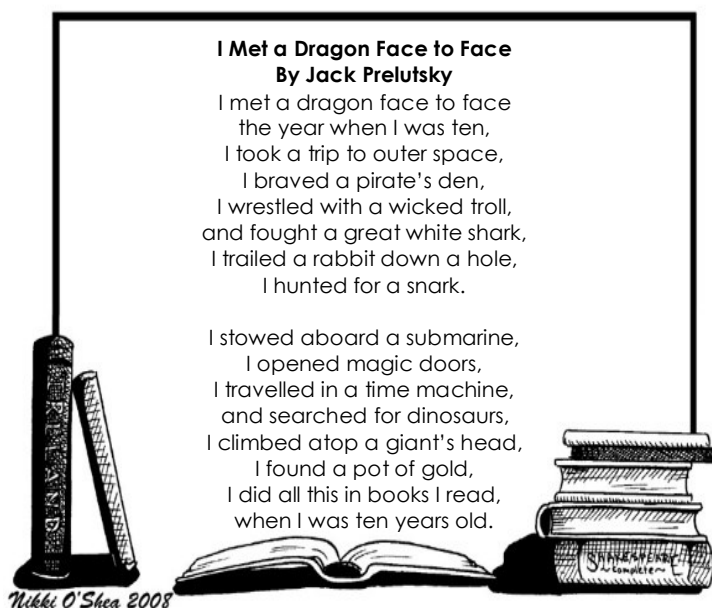
Book Week / Book Fair—Read, Grow, Inspire

During Book week, Brooklyn Public School was transformed into a world of colourful book characters! Students looked amazing as they paraded around the COLA dressed as characters from a wide range of books. From Harry Potter to Scarecrow and even Sam Kerr paid us a visit.

The aim of the CBCA book week is to celebrate books and reading. Quality texts are an integral part of our curriculum. At Brooklyn Public school we hope to inspire in students a lifelong love of books, whether this be through reading, listening to or analysing a variety of books.

Books and stories enable us to step into a world of imagination, we can visit strange new world full of interesting characters. Happy reading!

Mrs Dalton



Book Fair 2023

The scholastic book fair opened last week, with a large display of fiction books, picture book, non-fiction, graphic novels and stationary items. During library lessons, students had a chance to view all the items on display. They will have brought home a wish list of items that they have selected from the fair. I encourage you to discuss their choices and once agreed, you can pre-pay the purchases online of the amount you wish to pay. Once the payment form is completed, please return the form with the receipt number, to school. I can then distribute the items to the students. If the item runs out, I can order them from Scholastic. The fair will be open to all students for the next 2 weeks, so there will be no fear of missing out on purchasing a book!



3 Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

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THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS

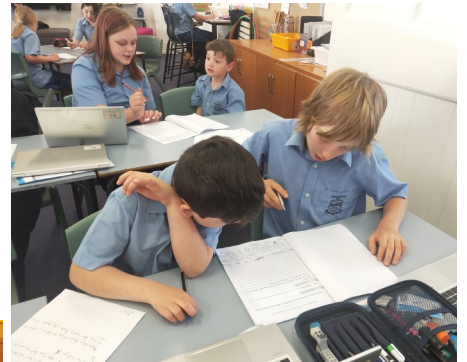
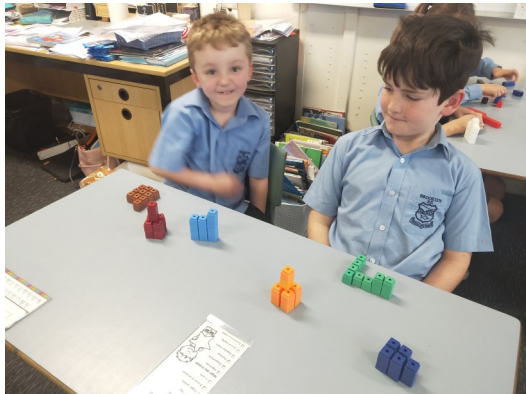
1/KDM

This week has been a busy week in 1/KDM with lots of learning.

In literacy we have been working hard on our reading fluency and learning why this is important. We have been focusing on our phonemic awareness skills and spelling, with students engaging in daily word chain activities to strengthen their phonics skills and become more confident when trying to spell new words. In addition to this, we have been working hard to draft our speeches and have enjoyed time with the senior class while they helped us with this task.

In numeracy, we have had fun outdoors exploring volume. We have investigated what this is and how we can measure and compare different volumes. We have also explored this concept through the use of unifix blocks, making different shapes with the same volume.

Lee Degeling



P&C

Father's Day 2023

We had a great morning last Thursday at the Father's Day Breakfast. BPS Students loved spending a special morning with their Dad or Grandfather.

Eight mums and one dad put on a fabulous feast with gorgeous coffee and a stunning breakfast. Approximately 84 rolls were served, 42 hot chocolates and 33 coffees. It is completely amazing to see what can be achieved in an hour!

A huge THANK YOU to Kristy Guise, Andrew Littlefield, Caitlin Whale, Katrina Roberts, Hayley Krahe, Carla Stockley, Louise Claesson and Julia Pfeiffer for producing a delicious breakfast! We had a lot of fun and everyone did such a great job! Thank you for volunteering!

New Summer Scrunchies!

We had Scrunchies out on sale at the Father's Day Breakfast and they were extremely popular! It was so nice to see our students eagerly asking Dad to buy them one. They are lovingly made by Claire Bissett, who so generously gives her time to sew these from summer uniform fabric. With the summer term fast approaching, Claire has kindly just completed the first batch of new Summer Scrunchies. They are of beautiful quality and very reasonably priced at \$6.50 each, please visit the uniform shop to order yours now!

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Oxfam 2023

The BPS P&C Association held a cake stall at the Oxfam Trailwalker this year to raise funds to spend on Brooklyn Public School. The walk was on Friday 25 August starting from Parsley Bay, with Trailwalkers leaving at 7.00am, 7.30am and 8.00am.

We had a beautiful selection of enticing and delicious treats generously donated by Caitlin Whale, Kristy Guise, Julia Pfeiffer, Melissa Collins and Michelle Armstrong. A very big THANK YOU to our bakers! The fundraiser is entirely reliant on parent donations so we have goods to sell.

Michelle, Lila and I set up as the sun came up and enjoyed working with the LHARA team, who did the BBQ Breakfast. We had a memorable morning, energised by the fabulous positive energy on the ground as people walked to help people in need around the world. A big thank you to Michelle and Lila for stepping up and to LHARA for partnering with us. It was a great morning and we raised more than \$500 on the day!

Brooklyn P&C Association



* 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 Trivia Night



A huge thank you for everyone who came to the BPS P&C Casino Royale Trivia Night and all those who sold & purchased raffle tickets! The Trivia night was great fun with a variety of games and prizes, not to mention very glamorous guests!

We had great live & silent auction items, as well as delightful raffle prizes all donated by local businesses – raising money to support BPS P&C projects for the generations to come!

We raised approx. \$14,000!



First Place Trivia – Table 1 “Honey Riders”, landing a whopping 62 points!



Wooden Spoon Trivia – Table 2 “Queen Anne’s Revenge”, landing on 24 points!

Second place was a tie “Ross Street High Rollers” & “Hawkesbury Bling” finishing the night with 50 points each! Well done to everyone!

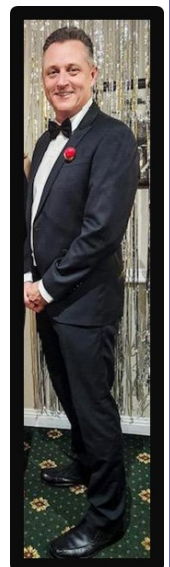
The raffle was drawn & Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

- 1st Prize** – Weekend at Deepwater Holiday House, Little Wobby—Tabitha & Andrew Littlefield
- 2nd Prize** – Full Day BBQ Boat Hire @ Brooklyn Central—Jezalyn Mandoza
- 3rd Prize** – \$150 dining voucher at King Tide Café—Lauren Dadd
- 4th prize** – 1.5hr Relaxation Massage with Ambrae—Tammy Garnsey
- 5th prize** – 1 Nights Accommodation at Brooklyn Motel—Ashley Dunshire.

Best Dressed

This was indeed a tough one and it took the team ALL NIGHT to deliberate and choose a winner. We had lavish sparkling gowns, stunning hairstyles, delicate reflective diamonds & flawless crystals, flapper style headpieces, immaculate tuxedo’s and a handsome velvet coat in the mix!

At the end of the night, the prize went to someone truly deserving and won us with the attention to detail! This was truly a TOUGH decision to make! Congratulations to Nick Duggan! You rocked a flawless James Bond.



Thanks to all our sponsors: Riverfront Real Estate | The Anglers Rest | Off the hook Restaurant | QR Gallery | Hawkesbury Water taxi | Fenwicks Marina | Coast Marine Services | Jacki Fewtrell | Brooklyn Fitness Tribe | Astro Astrology | Hawkesbury Afloat | Broken Bay Pearl Farm | The Floating Oyster Wine Bar | Fitzies | Brooklyn Pharmacy | The Oyster Shed Mooney | Dangar Island Depot | Brooklyn Corner | Dangar Island Bowling Club | Lifeboat Seafood | Ayurvedic Massage | King Tide Café | Homers Kitchen | The Oyster Shed Mooney Mooney Workers Club | Jili Handmade Jewelry | Laguna Leather | River Blooms Floral Designs | Nathan Rennie Designs | Noyce Brothers Wine | Hawkesbury River Kayaks | The Steps Barrington | Jo Scarsbrick

P&C

CAP Performance

Well done to the Jazz Band for their outdoor show at the Brooklyn Markets, and to Performance Band and Jazz Band for their fantastic performances at the Asquith Musicale on August 24th!

The students played to a packed-out hall. Thanks to Rose Foster for her inspiring leadership of the bands and for always making it fun. In her words... "Our team totally smashed this performance, I'm very proud!!"

