

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10

2 April 2024

## BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Week 10

1st April - Easter Monday - school closed

5th April - HZSS League Tag and Tennis

#### Week 11

11th April - ANZAC Day Service

12th April - HZSS League Tag and Tennis

#### TERM 2

#### Week 1

29th April - Pupil Free Day.

30th April - Students return for Term 2

#### Week 2

10th May - Walk Safely to School Day

## Principal's News

Welcome back after Easter and the long weekend. I hope everyone rested, shared their chocolate and spent time with those who are important to them.

### End of Term assembly

Our end of Term 1 assembly will be held on Friday 12 April 2024 at 12pm under the COLA. We welcome everyone to this celebration.

### Last Day of Term 1 and First Day of Term 2

Student's last day of Term 1 is on Friday 12 April 2024. Staff return on Monday 29 April and will be working collaboratively with staff at Cowan Public School completing professional learning on using assessment to guide teaching and learning, using Learning Intentions and Success Criteria to strengthen learning tasks and building student vocabulary.

Students return on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

### Brighter Beginnings Parent and Carer Hub

The Brighter Beginnings Parent and Carer Information Hub has launched to help parents and carers as they navigate the first 5 years of life, from pregnancy to age 5.

The hub brings together NSW and Federal Government resources as a one-stop-shop to find the information and tools they need to support their child's health and development during this time



# Have your say about high school education in the Hornsby-Berowra area

The school community is taking part in community consultations relating to educational offerings for years 7-12 in the local area.

The NSW Department of Education wants to your views about high school enrolment decision-making and feedback on a range of proposals for future arrangements at Asquith Girls and Asquith Boys high schools. This includes:

1. Retaining the existing arrangement where families can choose between Asquith Boys or Asquith Girls high schools and one existing co-educational high school (either Ku-ring-gai High School or Turramurra High School as per designated intake areas).
2. Reclassifying Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls high schools to become two separate standalone medium-sized coeducational high schools, each servicing their own exclusive intake area community.
3. One large co-educational high school model spread across the existing Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High School sites, comprised of one junior campus (Years 7, 8 and 9) and one senior campus (Years 10, 11 and 12) servicing a large intake area community.

*Please note, in options B and C, Ku-ring-gai High School and Turramurra High School would each service their own exclusive intake area community, no longer sharing geographic drawing areas with single-sex high schools.*

Surveys and workshops are confidential and cannot be used to identify any individual.

Students, parents/carers and staff from local high schools and primary schools can participate in the consultation process. The local community and special interest groups will also be invited to have their say.

## How to have your say

The consultation period will finish on Friday 12 April.

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## Survey

Please [complete the online survey](#) (once only) for parents and carers.

There are 2 questions in the survey to be completed by students in years 3-6.

If you do not want your child to participate in the survey, please notify us contacting the school via email [brooklyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:brooklyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Please include your child's name and year.

## Workshop

[Click here](#) to register for the primary school parents and carers in-person workshop on 8 April.

[Click here](#) to register for the primary school parents and carers online workshop on 10 April.

I encourage you and our students to have a say by participating in the survey and/or workshops. Your voices are so important to the future of education in our local community.

If you have any questions about the consultation or the consultation process, please send an email to [HornsbyBerowraConsultation@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:HornsbyBerowraConsultation@det.nsw.edu.au).

I greatly appreciate your time and support in undertaking these consultations.

## Communication with you

Skool Loop is a great way to communicate with families about school information and events information that is open to the general public. As a result, throughout Term 1 and Term 2 2024, we will transition to a parent portal through our 'Sentral' platform allowing parents to see the school calendar, submit absences and keep up to date with everything happening across Brooklyn Public School. Skool Loop will continue to be used until the end Term 2, 2024. We still have a very small number of families who have not yet signed up to the Sentral Parent Portal. We ask that you please complete this step as soon as possible.

The Sentral for Parents app allows you to monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. You will find numerous smart features that help streamline your day. Receive messages and notifications from teachers, report absences and more. The Sentral for Parents app helps you stay connected and informed about your child's education.

## Enrolment strategy

As part of Brooklyn Public School's initiative to continue to grow student enrolments, the school will work collaboratively with the Department of Education to open and implement a Brooklyn Public School Facebook social media page. The purpose of this page is to promote the wonderful things happening at Brooklyn Public School as well as celebrate the successes of the school, our students and our community.

Therefore, we are seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing their experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service in line with the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 \(NSW\)](#).

We respect that families may have completed this process during enrolment, but we understand that families may wish to change their child permissions. We request that all families please complete the general permission to publish and disclose information on School Bytes to ensure our records are accurate prior to the launch of the Brooklyn Public School Facebook Page.

Permission can be given on the School Bytes app. If after the 5 April, no changes have been made by families through the School Bytes app, we will continue to use the information provided on the student's enrolment forms.

Thank you for your support.

## Easter Hat Parade

Last weeks Easter Hat parade was so much fun. The hats created by the students were amazing and they enjoyed showing off their creations. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who came along. Congratulations to the raffle winners for 2024 and the the winner of the Easter Egg guessing competition. Thank you to Year 6 and Mr Winspear for organising the raffle and guessing competition. As a result of their hard work, Year 6 raised a massive total of \$848.00 towards a gift for the school at the end of the year. Congratulations Year 6 and well done everyone for joining us for a wonderful event!

*Congratulations!*

## Kindergarten 2025

Is your child or someone you know have a child starting Kindergarten in 2025? We welcome anyone to come to the school to meet myself and to have a look around at our beautiful small school. Please contact the office or to enrol you can visit our school website: <https://brooklyn-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

## Charges to accounts

### 1. Voluntary Contributions

Our school would not be able to provide the excellent range of services, activities and resources that your children enjoy without the payment of the school contribution from families.

Contributions from families assist to enhance educational programs across the school. NSW Government policy is that school contributions are voluntary. Voluntary contributions at Brooklyn Public School are being used to continue to enhance our children's learning and update classroom technology and teaching resources.

For 2024, the voluntary contribution is set to \$50 per student.

### 2. Online Maths and Reading programs

In 2024, we have reduced the cost of learning materials from \$110 previously to \$60 per student to cover online maths and reading programs. Mathletics and Reading programs will be charged separately. The maths and reading programs include:

- Mathletics - Kindergarten to Year 6
- ABC Reading Eggs - Kindergarten to Year 2
- Literacy Pro – Year 3 to Year 6

Permission to use Literacy Pro will be sent home via the School Bytes app this week and permission to use this software can be provided directly on the app. If you do not wish for your child to use Literacy Pro, please email the school at [brooklyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:brooklyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Student log ins for Literacy Pro will be attached to each student's home reading folder. So please ensure your child brings their homework in each Friday.

The cost of these reading programs for each student at Brooklyn Public School in 2024 is \$30.00 each.

You will receive two separate charges on your account titled "Mathletics 2024" and "Reading program 2024" for the online maths and reading programs.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time, please speak to the principal for private and confidential support.

## Parent and Teacher meetings

Last week, the website for parent and teacher meetings opened. To access the site, please follow the details below:

If you require an alternative time, please contact the school.

*Leanne King*

Proud relieving Principal of Brooklyn Public School




# CDC NSW school changes commencing Tuesday 02 April 2024 - UPDATED

Bus service changes to many routes on the North Shore and Upper North Shore areas will commence from 31/03/2024. Changes to school services commence Tuesday 02 April after Easter Monday.

Following some feedback, the PM 592 service to Brooklyn Wharf has been changed. It will now pick up opposite the school at 15:09pm, and arrive Hawkesbury River Station 15:12pm, to allow students more time and certainty to reach the ferry departing 15:20pm to Danger Island.

Please find below the updated school bus advice from Tues 02/04/2024 (after Easter Monday).

We remind students they must have a valid Opal card to travel on all buses, and must tap on and off morning and afternoon.



## School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) or call 131 500.  
For current school and route services visit [www.cdcbus.com.au](http://www.cdcbus.com.au)

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

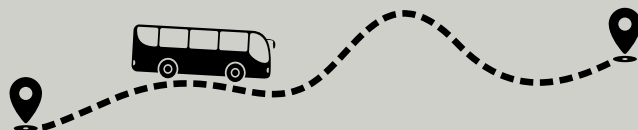
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### BROOKLYN PS

Bell Times Effective 02/04/2024  
Morning: 09:05  
Afternoon: 15:00

| MORNING BUSES |       |   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Route         | Time  | Bus Route   |
| 592           | 08:27 | FROM KANGAROO POINT then via (R) Pacific Hwy to Cheero Point (08:33), returns (L) Pacific Hwy (L) Point Rd to Mooney Mooney (08:38), returns Point Rd (L) Pacific Hwy (L) Brooklyn Rd to school (08:46) |
| 592           | 08:50 | FROM HAWKESBUY RIVER STATION - CONNECTS WITH DANGER ISLAND FERRY (due 08:30) and Trains (due 08:40 & 08:48) via Danger Rd (R) Brooklyn to Brooklyn Public (08:53)                                       |

| AFTERNOON BUSES |       |  |
|-----------------|-------|--|
| Route           | Time  | Bus Route  |
| 592             | 15:09 | FROM OPPOSITE BROOKLYN PS then to Hawkesbury River Station (15:12) for 15:20 Danger Island Ferry                     |
| 592             | 15:23 | FROM BROOKLYN PS to Kangaroo Point Park (15:27) then Cheero Point (15:33) and then to Point Rd Mooney Mooney (15:38) |



# Attendance

As we head into the end of the term it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills.

We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays.

Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning.

When it comes to attending school, every day matters. If your child misses as little as 1 day per fortnight, they will miss 4 weeks of school per year, which adds up to over 1 year missed over their school life.

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning

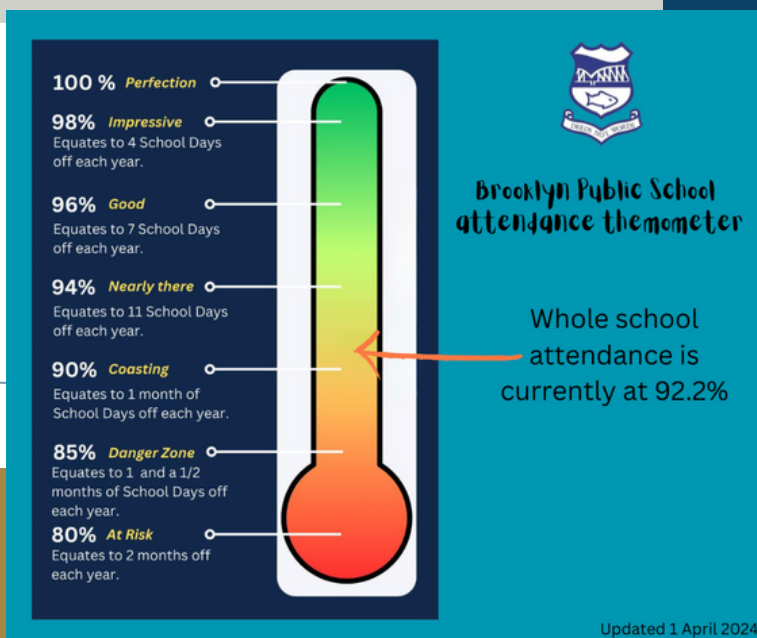


Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun

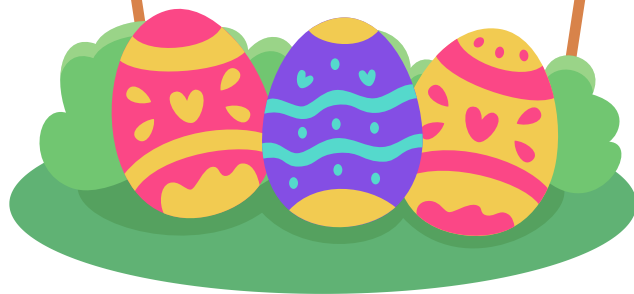
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is our  
**attendance  
goal**



# Easter Parade





# Harmony Day

The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. We wear orange on Harmony Day because traditionally it signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. At Brooklyn Public School we have many students from different cultures and backgrounds, and it was the perfect opportunity to celebrate just how diverse we are.

Our students were involved in different harmony day activities within their class as well as taking part in our collective harmony day artwork.

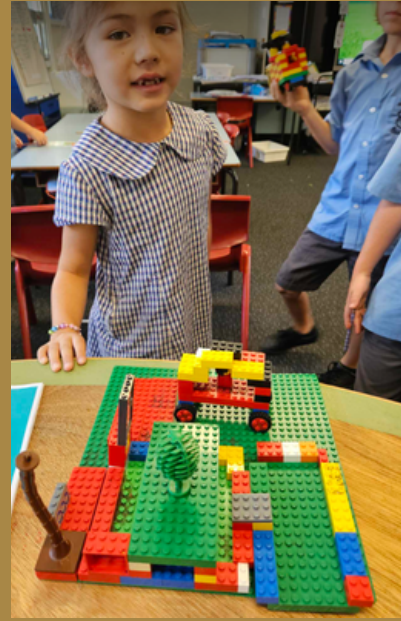






## Mrs Turner ~ 2/1T

# Class News



## English

Students in 2/1T have enjoyed exploring the book 'Peggy' by Anna Walker. After reading and exploring the vocabulary of the story, we built different scenes from the book using Lego. Students then spent some time writing about what they had created.

## Maths

2/1T have been working hard in class to understand and identify different shapes in the local environment. We have been learning to identify and record different attributes and use them to create beautiful mandala patterns in teams.





# Upcoming Events

To access our school community calendar, click [HERE](#)  
 Term 1

|    | Apr 1   | Apr 2 | Apr 3                  | Apr 4  | Apr 5  |
|----|---|-------|------------------------|--------|--|
| 10 | Newsletter home<br>Easter Monday - school closed<br>Scripture 11:30am<br>Choir 1:25pm |       |                        |        | Assembly<br>Third Party permission notes due for Kindergarten and new students<br>Permission to publish changes due on School Bytes app<br>HZSS League Tag and Tennis sport 09am |
|    | Apr 8   | Apr 9 | Apr 10                 | Apr 11 | Apr 12   |
| 11 | Scripture 11:30am<br>Choir 1:25pm   |       | ANZAC assembly 09:20am |        | Last day of term 1<br>HZSS League Tag and Tennis sport 09am<br>End of Term assembly 12pm   |

Term 2

| Community Calendar |   | Term 2, 2024                                 |   |          |   |  |
|--------------------|---|--|---|----------|---|--|
|                    | Monday  | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday                                      |  |
| 1                  | Apr 29<br>Newsletter home<br>Staff Development Day - school closed<br>Scripture 11:30am | Apr 30<br>First Day for students for Term 2! | May 1   | May 2    | May 3                                       |  |
| 2                  | May 6<br>Scripture 11:30am  | May 7  | May 8   | May 9    | May 10<br>Walk safely to school day 08:20am |  |
| 3                  | May 13<br>Newsletter home<br>Scripture 11:30am  | May 14                                       | May 15  | May 16   | May 17                                      |  |
| 4                  | May 20<br>Scripture 11:30am   | May 21                                       | May 22<br>National Simultaneous Storytime 2024 12pm | May 23   | May 24                                      |  |
| 5                  | May 27<br>Newsletter home<br>Scripture 11:30am  | May 28                                       | May 29  | May 30   | May 31                                      |  |



**School lunches from  
Homer's Kitchen**

*Every Monday and Friday*

**Please put money in a zip lock bag.**



**THANK YOU  
FOR  
SUPPORTING  
OUR SCHOOL**



**Homer's Kitchen**

**School Lunches**

**Sandwiches**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Buttered.                  | \$1.80 |
| Cheese.                    | \$3.80 |
| Tomato.                    | \$3.80 |
| Chicken.                   | \$4.70 |
| Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo. | \$5.20 |
| Chicken and Salad.         | \$5.70 |
| Ham.                       | \$4.70 |
| Ham and Cheese/Tomato.     | \$5.20 |
| Ham and Salad.             | \$5.70 |

**Hot Food**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Sausage Roll.             | \$4.50 |
| Pies.                     | \$5.50 |
| Hot Dog                   | \$5.00 |
| Meat Balls                | \$5.50 |
| Ham and Cheese Croissant. | \$5.50 |
| Plain Croissant.          | \$4.50 |
| Tomato Sauce              | .20c   |

**Cold Food and Fruit**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Apple.          | .70c   |
| Orange Wedges.  | .70c   |
| Banana.         | \$1.20 |
| Frozen Yoghurt. | \$2.90 |

**Drinks**

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Apple Juice.     | \$3.00 |
| Orange Juice.    | \$3.00 |
| Water.           | \$2.50 |
| Chocolate Milk.  | \$3.00 |
| Strawberry Milk. | \$3.00 |

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

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# P&C News



## Brooklyn Public School P&C Association

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Telephone: (02) 9985 7315 Fax: (02) 9985 7852

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### Mission Statement:

To "GROW"

Grow

Respect

Opportunities

Working

Together

Dear BPS Parents & Carers,

Some important notices from the P&C!

#### P&C Positions Vacant

Following the BPS P&C AGM on Monday 25 March 24. We have not filled the positions of 'President' and 'Correspondence Secretary'. We are also looking for parents to join the fundraising sub-committee following some excellent fundraising event ideas from the Student Parliament.

#### Mothers'/Fathers' Day Gift Stalls

In recent years the P&C have organised gift stalls for Mother's and Father's Day for students. We will not be holding stalls this year due to the sustainability issues they raise. We will however be doing individual artwork tea towels in Term 1 and 'make a plate' in Term 3, which would make excellent Mother's/Father's Day gifts from your child. If you would like to volunteer to run stalls next year please get in touch with the P&C.

#### Winter Navy Shorts

We are excited to announce that boys now have the option of wearing Winter Navy Shorts as part of their winter uniform. This brings boys in line with the girls who have long had the option of wearing Winter Culottes with socks. The Winter Navy Shorts are the same cut and fabric as the Summer Grey Shorts and will match the navy trousers and darker girls winter fabric. They are available to order from the P&C Uniform Shop on Square.

#### Earth Club

Earth Club has started up, championed by Leanne King and Tabitha Kuypers. This group is running in Term 1 from 1-2pm on Thursdays during students' lunch time. This is an opportunity for parent volunteers to work alongside students renewing and revitalising our gardens. ***Come for your lunch hour! We are looking for parents to come and get involved.*** Please note, in Term 2 Earth Hour will be on Mondays or Tuesdays tba.

BPS P&C Committee

### \*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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# P&C News



## Learn Guitar at Brooklyn Public School

In addition to Brooklyn Public School's already thriving music program we are now proud to offer guitar lessons with James Daley (Sydney Conservatorium of Music).

Enrolments currently open for school string ensemble.

Please email [jdaleymusic@gmail.com](mailto:jdaleymusic@gmail.com) to register your interest.

[www.rivermusic.com.au](http://www.rivermusic.com.au)

Guitar, Bass, Banjo, Mandolin, Ukulele

All ages and abilities welcome



### Save the Date!

Thursday 9 May 'Breakfast with My Family' under the COLA  
Saturday 3 August 2024 Trivia Night!

*We hope you can join us!*

Brooklyn Public School P&C



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# **Brooklyn Public School P&C is fundraising! Your child's Individual Artwork Tea Towel! Beautiful for your home and as a gift!**

## **Brighten up your kitchen!**

Make your child the star of the show with their adorable artwork printed in full colour on premium 100% white cotton tea towels. Not only stunning and practical for your home but also a great gift!

Please place orders through our online shop.

<https://brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/>  
> shop now > categories > fundraising > all fundraising > Individual Artwork Tea Towel

## **Only \$25 each**

*Thank you for your continued support of Brooklyn Public School P&C!*

*Contact the P&C if you have any questions..*

[bps.pandc.association@gmail.com](mailto:bps.pandc.association@gmail.com)

## **Online Orders due by: 3 April 2024**



*(Sample Artwork)*

*Please complete your order online ensuring you **include your child's full name.***

*Artwork images are still being processed and are not available for viewing.*

*If you would like to see your child's individual artwork before ordering, please be patient and we hope to have all the individual artworks on display as a group of small images on one or two photos. However we recommend you **simply put your order in and be surprised when it arrives!***



# The Brooklyn Flag Design

The Brooklyn Flag Design committee (Brooklyn Community Association) are looking for someone to design Brooklyn's very own flag!

There will be categories of winning entries with plans to display the flags in the The Cottage – BROOKLYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Printed templates and an entry submission box is available from the front office.

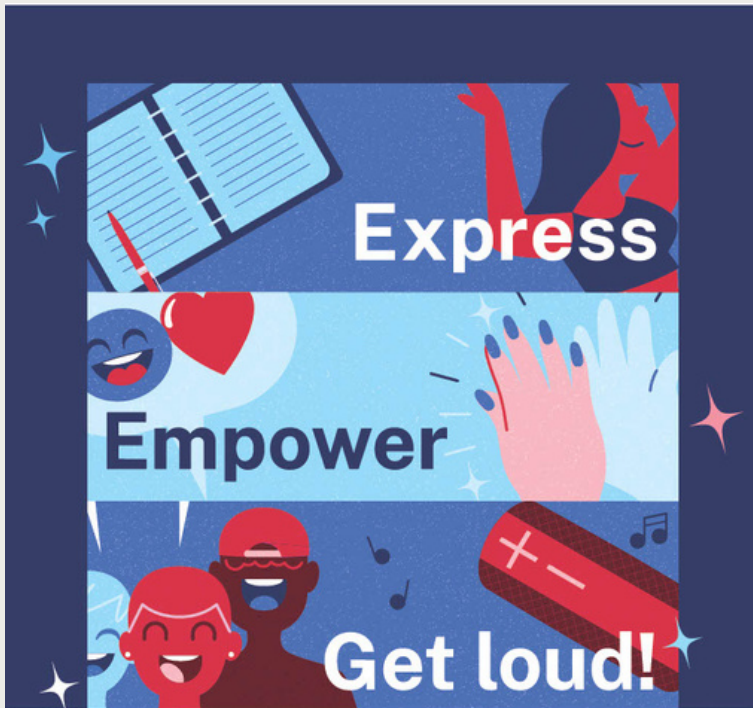
Students will have until the end of school term: Friday 12th April to submit their designs.

See the link below for details and how to enter.

Flag Design Competition –  
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION

The winning design will be proudly displayed at the Brooklyn Post office.





**Celebrate Youth Week  
in Hornsby Shire with FREE  
events for ages 12-24**

**11-21 April 2024**



[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/youthweek](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/youthweek)



Hornsby Shire Council's Youth Week events are safe and inclusive events for all our young people to attend.



# Community news



### Movie Night: Ghostbusters – Frozen Empire

Friday 12 April, 6.15pm–8.30pm

Events Cinema Hornsby  
Free movie, popcorn/ice cream/drink  
Bookings essential



### Hornsby Art Society – Young Artist 2024

Award Ceremony, Friday 12 April, 6pm–8pm

Exhibition Open, 9–14 April, 10am–4pm  
Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre



### Community Skate Workshops & JAM Sessions

Saturday 13 April, 10am–2pm

Galston Skate Park  
Free event, BBQ, prizes. Ages 10+  
Families welcome



### Community CPR Workshop

Tuesday 16 April, 10am–12pm

Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre  
Lunch provided. Spaces extremely limited,  
bookings essential



### Lifeline Session

Thursday 18 April, 1.30pm–5pm

Hornsby Library  
Support and information in one place  
Show bags available for all young people



### Make Your Own Beeswax Wraps

Thursday 18 April, 2pm–3.30pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre  
Snacks provided. Spaces extremely  
limited, bookings essential

Scan the QR code for  
more details and to book

