

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4
19th February 2024

BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 4

19th February - Netball for PE

22nd & 23rd February - Year 6 Leadership
Camp

23rd February - HZSS League tag and Tennis

Week 5

26th February - Netball for PE

26th February 4pm - P and C Meeting in
Library

1st March - Swimming Carnival
at Gosford Pool

Week 6

4th March - Netball for PE

5th March - Pulse Alive rehearsal

6th March - Zone Swimming Carnival
at Homebush (5:30pm - 8:30pm)

8th March - HZSS League tag and Tennis



Principal's News

Welcome back to 2024

I'd like to warmly welcome you all back to another very busy year at Brooklyn Public School. We welcome new families into our school community and our little kinders who have just finished their first week of being at big school. It was just lovely to see all other students return to school with such enthusiasm and excitement after having such a lovely holiday break with family and friends. A big welcome to Mr Paul Winspear and Mrs Ashley Smith.

I am excited to be relieving for Mrs Cartwright in the Principal role at Brooklyn Public School while she is relieving at Richmond Public School. As a principal and educational leader, I believe everyone has something to offer the world and it is our role as educators to foster those strengths. It is important that we talk to our children about these differences and to not give up when things are challenging. A positive growth mindset achieves positive outcomes.

Classes for 2024

I want to thank the families who worked with me in regards to a fourth class at Brooklyn Public School for 2024. I look forward to seeing what our students can achieve throughout the year with the much smaller numbers in their classes. While the school has been able to fund a teacher 4 days per week this year, this will not be able to happen in 2025 due to funding. I hope to work with you to boost the enrolment numbers for 2025 and beyond.

Staff at Brooklyn Public School for 2024

As we begin another new year, I would also like to welcome several new and returning staff members who have joined our team this year -

Relieving Principal - Mrs Leanne King

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction - Mr Greg Curran (Wednesdays)

KD - Mrs Lee Degeling

1/2T - Mrs Nicole Turner

4-2DS - Mrs Ashley Smith (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) and Mrs Letitia Dalton (Thursday)

6-4W - Mr Paul Winspear

Learning and Support - Mrs Leanne King

School Administration Manager - Mrs Barb Lawrie

School Administration Officer - Mrs Lynette Hodder (Monday)

General Assistant - Mr Gabe Bell (Every second Monday and every Friday)

Communication

At Brooklyn Public School, we value strong home-school partnerships, and encourage you to drop in and say hi or ask questions. Catching teachers in the morning can be challenging as they are getting their quality lessons ready for the day. If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, or require a meeting time, please phone or email the school office at brooklyn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to make an appointment with the relevant staff member. Please do not email teachers directly, as they are not always checked in a timely manner. Staff are busy teaching and supporting our students. Emails from the school email address and Skool Loop will continue to be used as our main form of communication to families.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN will take place from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March 2024.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling. In preparation for NAPLAN 2024, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Students and parents can access the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/onlineassessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Attendance

By law, children are expected to be at school each day unless they are sick. All absences from school must be explained within 7 days. These can be via phone or via email. Absences without a justified reason continue to remain unjustified absences.

Please contact the office either by phone or email if your child is absent for more than 2 days. Exemption applications for leave more than 5 days long are available on our school website or from the office. Should your child be late to school or need to leave early, they must be signed in/out by an adult, with a reason being given for their lateness or for the need to leave early, and the child must be dropped off or picked up at the classroom. Please make appointments outside of school for outside of school hours where possible.

Respect at School posters

This term, you will notice new posters around the school that aim to help support a safe and respectful culture at our school.

These posters are part of an initiative to remind everybody to treat our hard-working school staff with kindness and respect. Every school community around the state is very different. While most schools are respectful and harmonious, violence and unsafe behaviour in any form is not acceptable in schools. School staff and students have the right to learn and work in safe and respectful learning environments.

With that in mind, I encourage you to join everyone at our school in getting behind this important work to make a positive change.

We value our partnerships with you to support our students to learn, grow, and belong. It is up to us – the school and the parent-body - to be good respectful role models to our students. Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff.

I hope you will support this initiative. What do you need to do? It is easy: Please treat our students and staff with kindness and respect, at all times. We are here to help you.

I invite you to contact me if you have any questions.

Anti-Racism Contact Officer

The Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) is a teacher or executive member of staff who has been nominated by the principal or staff to support anti-racism education in the school. The ARCO plays an important role in assisting and working collaboratively with the staff to implement three major aspects of the Anti-Racism Policy:

- Promote anti-racism education
- Support complaint-handling
- Monitor incidents of racism

Brooklyn Public School's Anti-Racism Contact Officer is Mrs Leanne King.

NSW Student learning library

The NSW Student learning library is a suite of learning resources which are accessible for teachers, parents and carers, and students to be used in class or at home.

The resources are aligned with new syllabuses and have been quality assured by educational professionals within the department. The new resources will supplement and complement other resources being provided by the department, including units developed by department curriculum experts to support the roll-out of new syllabuses.

The library currently contains K-2 English and Mathematics learning resources. The remaining K-10 learning resources are to be released over the next 3-5 years aligned to the new NSW syllabus rollout.

Click [HERE](#) to access the resources.

Bike safety

Parents and carers are responsible for a student's travel to and from school. Schools take over responsibility and duty of care for the student once they enter the school premises.

Primary aged students are safest when they are supervised by an adult when riding a bike to and from school. Children under 16 can now ride on the footpath unless there are signs prohibiting cycling.

Every school's surrounding traffic environment is different. Every school's entry and exit rules for students are different and are therefore managed differently.

The department encourages riding as one way to be physically active. Sometimes the busy roads and conditions around the outside of the school can impact student safety. Please support your children who are riding to and from school to watch for traffic if crossing the road and use the crossing where possible. It is also important to be on the lookout when passing driveways.

Please click the link for further information for parents on [travelling safely to school on a bike or scooter](#).

Thank you

I would like to thank the P and C and the volunteers for holding a sausage sizzle for the community on our meet the teacher and welcome afternoon. We really appreciate everything you do for the school and our students.

From the proud relieving Principal of Brooklyn Public School

Leanne King



**School lunches from
Homer's Kitchen**

Every Monday and Friday

Please put money in a zip lock bag.





Class News

Mrs Degeling – KD

What a start to the year! KD have been so busy. We have settled in quickly with everyone eager to be at school and ready to learn. Our first day was busy with learning about the school, painting, drawing our portraits and getting to know how 'big' school works. At the end of the day we proudly finished up wearing our 'First Day' crowns.



English

We have had lots of fun to start the year listening to sounds in words. We are clapping parts of words (syllables) and hunting for rhyming words. We have read lots of books, learning that print has meaning and a direction. We can count the words in a sentence and have been learning some initial sounds.

Maths

Maths is everywhere and we enjoyed getting outside to explore and see what maths we could find in our environment. We have sorted and classified the natural objects we found as well as items around the classroom. We are learning what an attribute is and practicing our counting.





We have had a great 2 weeks getting to know each other!

Pulse Alive, Thursday 14th March, 2024

The Brooklyn Public School Senior Choir (3-6) are very excited to be getting ready for the upcoming Pulse Alive 2024. Students, Mrs Dalton and Mrs Turner will travel to Sydney Olympic Park for rehearsals Thursday 14th of March. After a long day and some dinner, students and teachers will come back together for their final performance in the Pulse Alive Massed Choir with over a thousand other performers on the same night.



Pulse Alive 2024

-  **Reserved seating**
All tickets \$65
-  **General admission (unreserved)**
All tickets \$25



Reminder to performers: Please ensure all permission notes are returned to the front office, and costs paid by Friday 8th March (Week 6).

Tickets to see the fabulous performances are available now from Ticketmaster only.



K-6 Whole School Sport Excitement

Students from K-6 dove headfirst into a whirlwind of whole school sports activities to kickstart the new term! Our dynamic senior leaders worked together to design some small group fine motor skills activities and games focusing on bouncing, throwing, catching and running skills. Supported by our seniors, our K-4 students enjoyed leveling up their fine motor skills and had a thrilling sports afternoon with their friends from all grades. The HZSS League Tag Team participated in some additional intensive training time with Mr Winspear ahead of the 2024 League Tag season. Go Brooklyn!



Big Bland Blow Sneak Peak

Excitement is building at Brooklyn Public School as our talented musicians, led by Mrs **Rose Forster** gear up to blow the audience away with their melodious tunes at the upcoming Big Band Blow!

In a sneak peek preview of the musical magic awaiting us, a group of our stellar band members generously shared a sample of their enchanting melodies. From catchy beats to soul-stirring harmonies, the school echoed with the sounds of their incredible talent!

This exclusive preview not only showcased the dedication and skill of our budding musicians but also stirred up anticipation for the main event later this term where potential band members can come and try out different instruments to see what fits best.

As we eagerly await the Big Band Blow, let's extend a round of applause to these remarkable students for bringing a touch of musical brilliance to our school halls! Bravo!



Upcoming Events

February/March/April 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Week 4 February	19 Netball	20	21	22 Yr6 Leadership Camp at Gibberagong	23 Yr6 Leadership Camp at Gibberagong League Tag/ Tennis	24
25 Week 5 Feb/March	26 Netball P&C Meeting 4-5pm	27	28	29	1 Swimming Carnival at Gosford Pool	2
3 Week 6 March	4 Netball	5 Pulse Alive Rehearsal	6 Zone Swimming Carnival	7	8 League Tag/ Tennis	9
10 Week 7 March	11 Netball	12	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN Pulse Alive	15 NAPLAN League Tag/ Tennis	16
17 Week 8 March	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN Harmony Day	22 NAPLAN League Tag/ Tennis	23
24 Week 9 March	25 NAPLAN ends	26	27	28 Easter Hat Parade	29 Good Friday	30 Easter Saturday
31 Week 10 April Easter Sunday	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5 League Tag/ Tennis	6
7 Week 11 April	8	9	10	11	12 League Tag/ Tennis End of Term Assembly Last Day of Term 1	13

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P&C News



Brooklyn Public School P&C Association

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Mission Statement:
To "GROW"
Grow
Respect
Opportunities
Working

The Brooklyn Public School Parents & Citizens Association works with the school, parents and community to help achieve the best possible learning environment for our children. The P&C meet once or twice a term to discuss how to best support BPS. You can join as a general member and also get involved on the executive committee or one of our subcommittees. These include fundraising, the band program, the garden group and the uniform shop.

If you're not already a member, please join today!
<https://brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/>

Next meeting: Monday 26 February, 4-5pm in the school library!

Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee plans events and fundraising activities to benefit all students, including the Annual Trivia Night, and Mothers'/Fathers' Day breakfasts.

Band Program

The band committee manages the band program (beginner, performance, and senior Jazz band), private music tutor arrangements, and instrument hire for BPS students. All children in years 1-6 can join this truly fabulous extra-curricular music program. Annual special events include a band camp and the Spring Fair performance.

Garden Group

The garden group is ready to meet regularly again! This year we'll be working with the school on the amazing opportunity to integrate the school gardens into a brand new outdoor learning area funded by a recently secured government grant. If you're keen to be involved please get in touch!

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is run by P&C volunteers and can be accessed online or face-to-face by appointment. The shop stocks uniforms for summer (terms 1 & 4) and winter (terms 2 & 3) as well as sport uniforms, bags, hats, and other accessories.

Online Shop

Our online shop gives ways to contact the P&C, join as a member, buy uniforms, pay band fees, pay for fundraising items or just make a donation! <https://brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/>
Membership fees are \$2 per person and any donations greatly appreciated.

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.

BPS P&C Band & Music Program

Our music tutors: **Brass Tutor & Band Leader** Rose Foster fosterrose18@gmail.com; **Woodwind** Vicki Harris 0402 000 757; **Piano** Rowena Davey 0415 083 568 or Vicki Harris 0402 000 757 or Amy Putt (Dangar Island) 0400 119 780; **Drums** Josh Davies (Parsley Bay) 0457 722 295; **Guitar, mandolin, ukelele, banjo** James Daley 0410 191 996 <https://www.rivermusic.com.au/>



Welcome to the sound of 2024! Our Band & Music program is open to students from Years 1-6 at BPS. The program is run by a sub-committee of the P&C and these volunteers coordinate the program, manage finances, some instrument hire, and liaise with tutors and the school. We're proud to support an incredible tradition of solo and ensemble music at BPS!

Look out for the **Big Band Blow** at **3:05pm** on **Wednesday 21 February** under the COLA, where students from Years 1-6 are invited to try instruments to learn and play in the band at BPS, including **saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone**. This is a P&C initiative in collaboration with the school.

Please send questions and/or an expressions of interest (with child and parent details and instrument preferences) to: bps.pandc.association@gmail.com.



TUESDAY
27 FEBRUARY 2024

OPEN NIGHT

5.30PM TO 8.30PM



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OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11 March 2024
4-6pm

- Ask questions of our Principal, School Executive, Staff and Student Leaders.
- Experience a taste of all that Asquith Boys High School has to offer.
- Learn about the wide range of extra-curricular and additional programs available to our students.



To attend this event please register by emailing asquithboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au your name, contact details & number attending.

ENRICHMENT CLASS

Year 7 2025



Asquith Boys High School is offering places in their 2025 Year 7 Enrichment Class.

The Enrichment Class caters for students who are talented in literacy and numeracy, providing challenging extension opportunities that include creative and critical thinking.

Applications are now open. For an application package please go to the school website www.asquithboy_h.schools.nsw.gov.au



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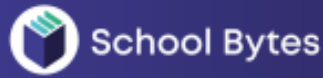
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Berowra Fauna Fair

Sunday 17 March 10am – 3pm
Berowra Community + Cultural Facility
The Gully Rd, Berowra

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