

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6

4 March 2024

## BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 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

#### Week 7

**11th March** - Netball for PE

**13th March** - NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5 begins

**14th March** - PULSE alive

**15th March** - HZSS League tag and Tennis

#### Week 8

**21st March** - Harmony Day

**22nd March** - HZSS League tag and Tennis



### Principal's News

We have had a wonderful start to the 2024 school year. Students have settled into their classes well and as I walk around the school during the day, I see all students learning with enthusiasm and I am enjoying working in classrooms with our students and staff. Well done Brooklyn staff and students!

### PAT Testing

Most students in Years 1-6 are currently undergoing baseline reading and mathematics assessments this fortnight. These assessments are completed in Term 1 and again in Term 4 to measure academic growth. I am so impressed to see our students adopt a mature approach to these assessments and try their hardest. Look out for the next newsletter where I will showcase some students with great results!

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN will begin in Week 7 for Years 3 and 5. Students are assessed on writing, reading, conventions of language and mathematics. The NAPLAN timetable is available below.

Brooklyn Public School NAPLAN organisation		
Wednesday 13 March 2024	9:20am Year 3 Writing	11:30am Year 5 Writing
Monday 18 March 2024	9:20am Year 3 Reading	11:30am Year 5 Reading
Tuesday 19 March 2024	9:20am Year 3 and Year 5 Conventions of language	
Wednesday 20 March 2024	9:20am Year 3 Numeracy	11:30am Year 5 Numeracy

All sessions will be held in the library.  
Students are encouraged to bring their own headphones

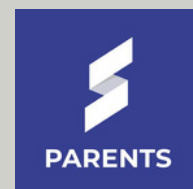
## Communication with you

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 to make an appointment with the relevant staff member.

Skool loop is a great way to communicate with families about school information and events information 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. There will be parent workshops and information sessions on how to access and use the parent portal. The dates for each of these are below. Skool loop will continue to be used until the end Term 2, 2024. This week, each parent will have their own unique code for the Sentral Parent Portal. If you need to access the portal or forget your password, please contact the school.

### Download the Sentral for Parents App

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.



### Brooklyn Public School Sentral Parent portal support



If you need assistance in getting access to the new Sentral Parent portal, or navigating your way around the app, please come along to one or all of the parent support sessions below. All support sessions will be held in the library.

Thursday 14 March ~ 8:30am - 9:00am

Monday 18 March ~ 3pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday 20 March ~ 8:30am - 9:00am

Wednesday 27 March 3:00 - 3:30pm



## The best education money can't buy

For 175 years, NSW public schools have been at the heart of education, preparing today's children to succeed and build better communities for tomorrow.

We do this every day at Brooklyn Public School by supporting students to excel in their areas of expertise and interests.

So for the best education money can't buy, choose your local public school.

➡ Find out more: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schools-near-me>



## Pocket Speechie

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2025?

Pocket Speechie offers weekly speech, language and literacy tips to help children get ready for kindergarten.

Children entering kindergarten who are ready to learn are more likely to thrive.

Written by speech pathologists, Pocket Speechie delivers helpful information and activities to build your child's speech, language and literacy skills straight to your phone.

Register for free: <https://qars.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/Survey?p=16B19902>

## Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st of March, Brooklyn Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day.

Celebrating Harmony Day is important. We have students from different nations of the world at Brooklyn Public School and it will be great to see everyone joining in this wonderful chance to celebrate and embrace diversity, belonging and inclusiveness.

We encourage our students to get involved by adding a touch of orange to their uniform. An example could be scarves, headbands, ribbons, or even socks.

We will celebrate Harmony Day by making artworks and completing learning tasks that celebrate our Harmony Day theme that 'Everyone Belongs'.



## 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.

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

### 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).

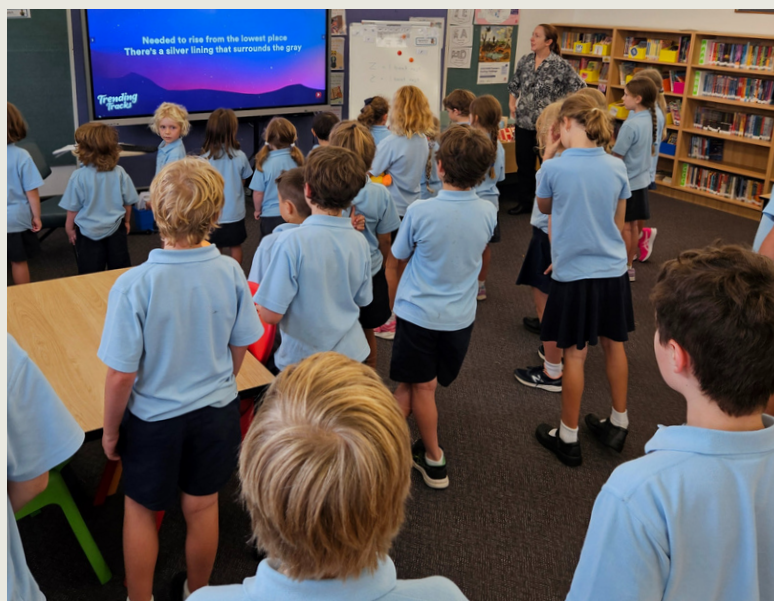
I greatly appreciate your time and support in undertaking these consultations.



## All-school Choir

Our wonderful K-6 choir has been working hard each Monday at lunch time to rehearse for our performance at the end of Term 1.

We have a record number of students taking part in this years' all-school choir and we are looking forward to blowing you away with our vocal talents, two catchy songs in a few weeks.



## Pulse Alive 3-6 Choir

3-6 students are looking forward to the full day live rehearsal on Tuesday in the library in preparation for the Pulse Alive 2024 performance that is quickly approaching. We have been practicing at lunch on Thursdays and at home in our spare time. We are very excited for the rehearsal and to find out all about the different arrangements and other performances we will get to see on the night.

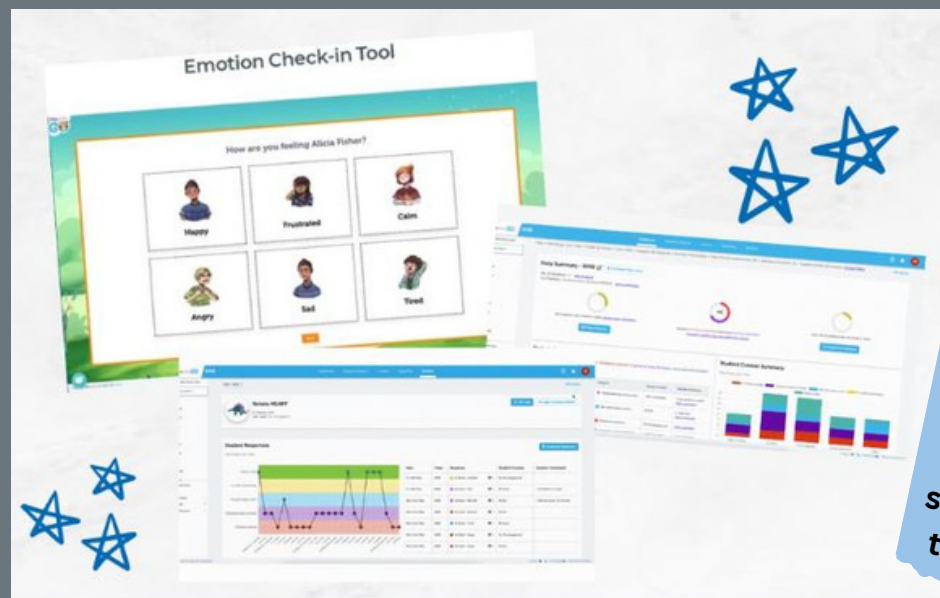
**Reminder:** please ensure all participants have returned their full Pulse Alive 2024 paperwork to their classroom teacher by Friday 8th of March.

Tickets are still available for purchase through Ticketmaster, available in two categories:

- \$65 per ticket – reserved seating in the lower bowl of Ken Rosewall Arena
- \$25 per ticket - general admission seating in the upper bowl of Ken Rosewall Arena

## Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Mrs Turner and her husband who are expecting their first child later this year. We had lots of fun announcing the news to our students with a bugs bunny jumpsuit (my favourite cartoon character). The students had lots of fun trying to guess who the jump suit belonged to. We are so happy for you Mrs Turner and we can't wait for a Brooklyn baby!



## Daily Emotional Check-ins

We are utilising the *Life Skills Go* program each day to allow students the opportunity to tell us how they are feeling and why. Teachers can use this information to better support students, as well as use the data to track readiness for learning.

*Leanne King*

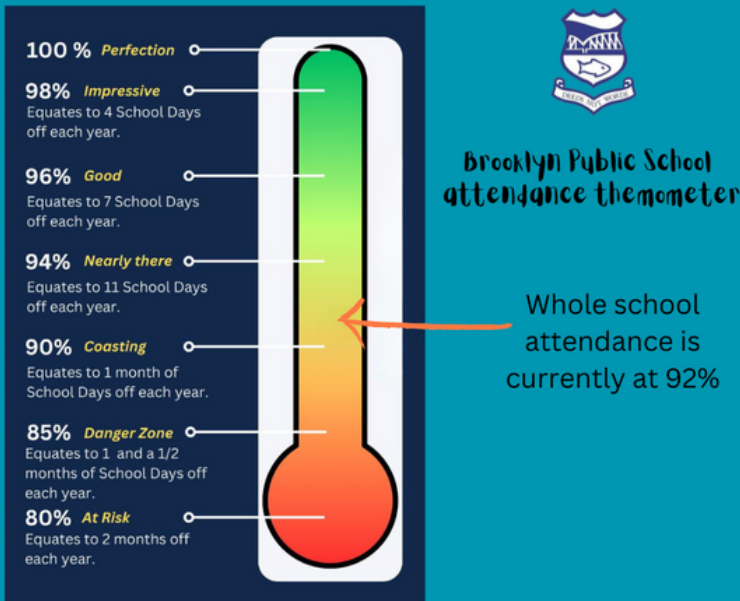
Proud relieving Principal of Brooklyn Public School

# Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. This includes attending school on rainy days, sport days, school carnivals and in particular on a child's birthday.



95%

is our attendance goal

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed



# Healthy body, healthy mind





**Good for kids**  
good for life



## Start the day right with brekky

**Eating breakfast fuels the body and gives kids more energy to concentrate and focus at school. It also gives kids the energy to be physically active!**

Here are some tips to encourage kids to eat breakfast everyday:

-  Involve kids in planning, shopping and making breakfast. This teaches them to plan, prepare and cook meals
-  Prepare the night before - i.e., get the kitchen utensils out ready to use, bowls, plates, cups, cut up fruit and pop it in the fridge
-  Try healthy grab and go options: fruit, trail mix, yoghurt, fruit smoothies, baked beans or wholegrain cereal bites
-  Encourage your kids to start each day with breakfast! Make time to sit and enjoy eating breakfast together



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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Developed by Hunter New England LHD



*Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.*





# YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP AT GIBBERAGONG





# Upcoming Events

March/April 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <b>Week 6</b> March	4 Netball	5 Pulse Alive Rehearsal	6 Zone Swimming Carnival	7	8 League Tag/ Tennis	9
10 <b>Week 7</b> March	11 Netball	12	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN  Pulse Alive	15 NAPLAN League Tag/ Tennis	16
17 <b>Week 8</b> March	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN  Harmony Day	22 NAPLAN League Tag/ Tennis	23
24 <b>Week 9</b> March	25 NAPLAN ends	26	27	28 Easter Hat Parade	29 Good Friday	30 Easter Saturday
31 <b>Week 10</b> April Easter Sunday	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5 League Tag/ Tennis	6
7 <b>Week 11</b> April	8	9	10	11	12 League Tag/ Tennis End of Term Assembly Last Day of Term 1	13

# P&C News



Brooklyn Public School  
P and C Annual General Meeting  
4pm Monday 25 March 2024  
in the school Library

All community members are welcome to attend!



## **\*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.

# 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.





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To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.



School Bytes

# Parent App

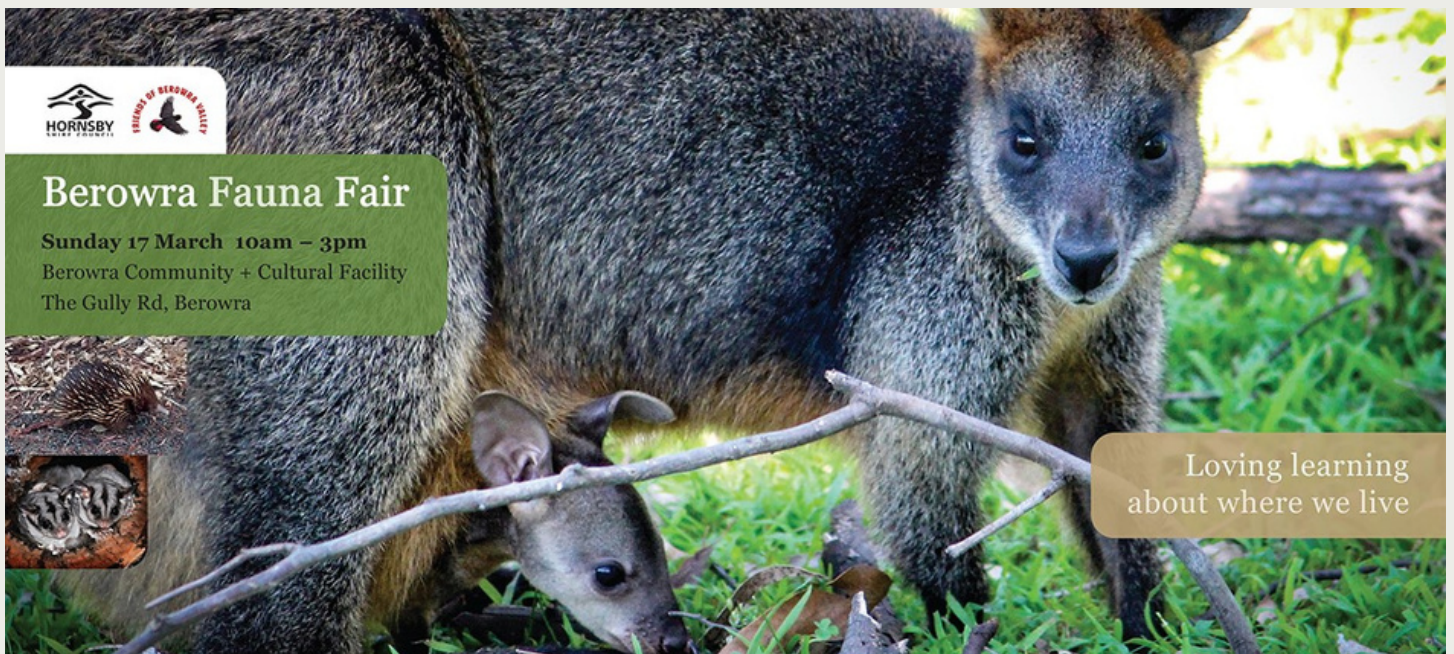
Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



## Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



## Berowra Fauna Fair

Sunday 17 March 10am – 3pm

Berowra Community + Cultural Facility  
The Gully Rd, Berowra

Loving learning  
about where we live