



Brookvale News

Term 4 Week 5

Dates for the Diary	
TERM 4	
Mon 4 -Thurs 7 November	Swim School Yrs K-4
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 November	Swim School Yrs K-4
Mon 11 – Fri 15 November	Surf Education and Kayaking – Yrs 5/6
Fri 15 November	Year 4 sleepover
Fri 29 November	SCHOOL FAIR
Sat 30 November	Family picnic at Pine Street playground – 11:00-1:00
Mon 9 December	Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea
Thurs 12 December	Presentation Day 9:30-11:30am
Fri 13 December	Semester 2 reports
Fri 13 December	Year 6 Graduation Day Evening Christmas Disco K-6
Tues 17 December	'Brookvale's Got Talent' show
Wed 18 December	School Picnic Day LAST DAY OF TERM

From The Principal

PLEASE NOTE...THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED AT RECESS AND LUNCH FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY NEXT WEEK DUE TO SWIM SCHOOL AND SURF EDUCATION

Family Fun Bingo Night

Last Friday we had a lot of fun at the first Brookvale bingo night. I'm sure it will be the first of many! We had a table full of fantastic prizes waiting to be won, and many happy faces at the end of the evening. Thank you to June Cameron for starting off the games. June is a seasoned professional in the world of bingo and quickly had the games underway. We also had some eager children polishing up their number skills – Daniel, Sara, Liam and DJ – outstanding!

A very big thank you goes to Kath Falconer and her team of helpers for initiating and organising this great community event.

Kindergarten Orientation Events

Every Monday we have been welcoming next year's Kindy children for a 'taste of big school'. So far we have planted sunflowers in the veggie patch, enjoyed story time in the library, had a scavenger hunt where the whole school was explored and yesterday we had a super Science lesson with Mrs Dixon. Who knew that elephants use blue toothpaste?!

Our enrolment numbers are higher than normal and places

are filling up fast. If you haven't brought your enrolment form in yet, please don't leave it too much longer.

Bev Maunder

Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learners (PBEL)

Congratulations to all students for following our school expectations and earning mini merits. Last week the Lucky Dip winners were:

RESPECT – Nevaeh Sialafau

RESPONSIBILITY – Paige Cosentino

PERSONAL BEST – Mua Jnr Leupolu

Selective High School Placement Test – Year 7 2015

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon. Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit the application online. To do this you need to have an email address, access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 15 October 2013 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement **Online applications close on 18 November 2013.**

If you do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms will be available at school from 22 October. They must be completed and returned to school by **18 November 2013.**

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 13 March 2014.**

Assembly Awards Week 4

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at the Term 4 Week 4 assembly. Come and see the display in the foyer!

KD	Anesita Sialafau	Lile Takitaki	Joshua Wells	Ambrin Dawla
KJ	Adam Rais	Sirinda Amoorokool	Kiara McShane	Sebastian Roper
1/2B	Chanel Finau	Brydie-Rose Peters	Caroline Tupou	Oman De Vorms
1/2LR	Nevaeh Sialafau	Anthony Hemthong	Amelia Kew	Natasha Haigh-Treloar
3/4A	Sara Bashir	Tasnia Islam	Yuvi Panesar	Max Davis
3/4D	Posh Suwankhao	Finn Tracey	Zach Ghorra	Vivian Xu
5/6P	Seth Henry	Janayah Tracey	Unga Latu	Jay Sefo
5/6S	Emily Allen	Rosh Ramos	Paea Sime	Elijah Cassidy
Tongan	Joshua Wells	Chanel Finau		
L&ST	Jake Fincher	Dylan Goddard		
ESL	Reyan Noim	Quy Tran		

Visiting Beacon Hill Community Kindergarten

Last week, Janayah, Giulia, Ebony-Ella and Keith visited Beacon Hill Kindy to read to the children. For 45 minutes, they held their little group captivated with their expressive reading and questioning. They should all be very proud of their manners and how they presented themselves. The preschool visits have been very successful this year and we look forward to continuing our close ties with the preschools in our community.



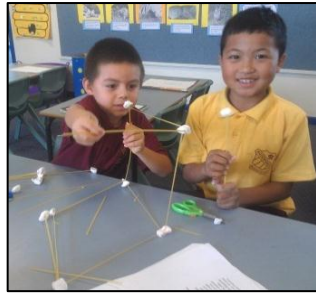
Skye Surrest
Assistant Principal

Around the Stages – Stage 1

Stage 1 has made a great start to the new term. In **Science** we have been exploring the properties of materials and observing the changes that take place when materials are heated, cooled, moistened and dried. This week we have been investigating spaghetti. Look at our fantastic pictures and structures.



stretchy
soft
sticky bendy
wobbly



dry
brittle
straight
smooth long

In **English** we have been exploring a traditional Australian text, 'The Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek' by Jenny Wagner. The students have charted the bunyip's emotions throughout the story and created their own bunyip narratives. Here are a few examples of our fabulous writing.

I think the bunyip is feeling blue because it is dark and you cannot see his smile. Amelia

The bunyip is puzzled because he doesn't know what he is. Juan

The bunyip kept on walking. He wanted to find out if he was handsome. He saw a sleeping koala up in a tree. "What do bunyips look like?" said the bunyip.

The koala said, "They look like nothing."

"Nothing at all?" said the bunyip.

"Yes, I'm sure because bunyips do not exist." And the sleepy koala went to sleep. Oman

Gross Motor continues to be a highlight of each week. Students are developing their motor skills whilst having lots of fun.



Our **garden** patch is looking great. The plants have grown very tall and we hope to harvest our vegetables very soon.

A big welcome to Miss Laura, our new **Portuguese** teacher. She has been teaching us about South America and we will be learning a new song for Christmas.

Congratulations to all students who continue to complete and hand in their homework on time. A little revision each night will really help to support your child's reading and writing.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Kovacs and Mrs Dunkerley

Music Count Us In



Our hard work has paid off! Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been practising the Music Count Us In song, 'Keep On' over the last two terms. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers - and often parents – from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

Decades of research shows that learning music can help students' self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. It can help students who might have lost interest re-engage in school, can improve school attendance and can even help students make healthy life choices. PLUS there are strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Research shows that music is unique in its flow-on benefits to students who learn it.

Congratulations everyone on your outstanding performance and participation!

Skye Surrest
Assistant Principal

Can you help?



Containers wanted

We are collecting containers like these in the picture for the trash percussion band. We can use any large container with a lid, plastic or metal. Basically anything that will produce a good sound when hit by a drumstick! Do you have any? Or do know where we might get some from? They don't need to be new, just clean. If you can help please let us know.

Kindergarten 2014 - Orientation Program



You and your child are warmly invited to come along for a taste of 'big school' during Term 4. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the school and make friends with other pre-Kindy children, ready for starting school in 2014.

Monday 14 Oct	12:00-1:00	Plant your own sunflower in the eco-garden, watch it grow each week!
Monday 21 Oct	12:00-1:00	Have fun on a scavenger hunt around the school, with a treat at the end!
Monday 28 Oct	12:00-1:00	Enjoy story time in our library, meet your Year 5/6 buddy 😊
Monday 4 Nov	12:00-1:00	Sensational fun with science!
Thursday 21 Nov	9:30-11:00	Orientation in the classroom - and presentation on literacy for Mum and Dad
Thursday 28 Nov	9:30-11:00	Orientation in the classroom - and presentation on numeracy for Mum and Dad
Monday 2 Dec	12:00-1:00	Get creative in the art studio!
Monday 9 Dec	12:00-1:00	Bring your favourite soft toy for a Teddy Bears Picnic!

If you would like to attend any or all of these events please RSVP to the office - 9905 4168

Community News



BOOK FAIR

Balgowlah Boys Campus

Sydney Road

BALGOWLAH

Friday 29th Nov 4 pm – 9 pm

Saturday 30th Nov 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday 1st Dec 9 am – 4 pm

Thousands of quality books
Bargain prices
Over 50 different categories

Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated
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FREE CYBER-SAFETY EVENTS

PARENTS – PROFESSIONALS – PRIMARY SCHOOLERS YRS 3-6

To help your children stay safe online, Kids First is proud to host Cybersmart Outreach Internet Safety Awareness presentations for parents, professionals & primary students in Years 3-6

Presented by Lesley Harrison from the Australian Communications & Media Authority, these events will focus on giving your family the practical information you need to keep your kids safe online

Tickets are absolutely **FREE**, however places are **strictly limited**.
Bookings are **essential**

To reserve your place, book on-line at

www.kids-first.com.au

Or call Kids First **now** on
9938 5419



Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

Find out how you can protect your child....

1 DATE
1 VENUE
3 TIMESLOTS

TUESDAY
19 NOVEMBER

- 1.00PM
- 4.00PM
- 7.30PM

Sessions vary in content. Please check Kids First's website for the session best suited to your needs

The Chairman's Lounge
Brookvale Oval
Alfred Street Brookvale

Located level 1
Ken Arthurson Stand

Parking available in Alfred Street