



Brookvale News

Term 4 Week 6

| Dates for the Diary | |
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| TERM 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

Swim School / Surf Education



The first week of Swim School for K-4 went very well last week, with students showing increasing confidence in the water each day. This week students in Stage 3 will be having fun and learning some great safety skills at Manly Beach during their week-long surf education and kayaking program. This program takes place every day this week, regardless of weather. I'm sure it will be lots of fun!

Win a Samsung TV!

We are running a fundraising competition with a fantastic prize of a 51" Samsung TV. The TV was kindly donated to us by Kevin Kalinko, the owner of Brookvale Early Learning Centre. To be in with a chance of winning, all you need to do is sell raffle tickets for the Rotary Club of Dee Why. The family that sells the most tickets will win the TV. The school keeps all of the ticket money, and it will be put towards the cost of building a COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) in the canteen/eating area. This is definitely a prize worth aiming for! Books of tickets can be collected from the school office.

Car Parking

Sometimes at drop-off and pick-up time our car park can be very busy and it is necessary to wait for a space. Please can I remind parents that the strip of parking in front of the main building (down the slope) is strictly for staff only. There have been a couple of near misses recently when parents have driven in to that area and then reversed out. It's better to wait for a space and be a few minutes late, than try to park in the wrong place and potentially cause an accident.

School Hats

Brookvale is a 'Sun Safe' school and as such we are following DEC guidelines promoting the wearing of Broad-brimmed school hats. Some students are still wearing baseball caps and these do not offer protection to ears and necks. Broad-brimmed hats are available at the office at a cost of \$12. Please help your child to follow the Sun Safe policy by wearing one.

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 – Jack Heffernan

RESPONSIBILITY – James Tupou

PERSONAL BEST – Jonny Kidd

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.**

Around the Stages – Stage 2

Stage 2 has been busy this term! How the year has flown! Last week, four students from Stage 2 were lucky enough to be audience members at the Multicultural Public Speaking State Competition Finals. The following report was prepared by these students:

On Friday 1st of November Jasmine, Aminah, Joel and Nathan from Stage 2 went with Mrs de Graaf to the NSW Teachers' Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills. The purpose of the visit was to see the Multicultural Public Speaking State Competition Finals.

Since it was in the city we had to leave early so we could get there on time. When we arrived we parked in a really fancy hotel. In the driveway we saw a chubby pigeon. It was really fat so we all laughed except Aminah who thought it was cute.

The topics that students were speaking on were all related to multiculturalism.

The winner was Mia Francesconi from Yowie Bay Public School. Her topic was 'My Overseas Connections' and she talked about how her dad was Italian and how he lost so much of his language and culture when he came to Australia. In her impromptu speech, she talked about the importance of telling the truth, even when it hurts. She gave great examples of Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai. We were very impressed.

On the way back Nathan, Jasmine, Aminah and Joel spent the car trip making up rap songs in the car and having a good time. We also had an important chat about what makes a really great public speaker.

It was a great day!!!

Written by Jasmine, Aminah, Joel and Nathan.



Science continues to motivate and excite our students and this term is no different! This term we are looking at Rocks, Soils and Landscapes. We have made soil solutions, examined rock specimens and looked at the effect of erosion on our planet's natural landforms. Last term we looked at Space and the students demonstrated all that they had learned at the end of the unit by creating a presentation on their knowledge.



The teachers were highly impressed at the quality of student projects, and you can see some of these in the entrance foyer if you pop in!



This Friday we are having our Year 4 'mini-camp' and all the students are very excited! Students will be treated to a movie, dinner and popcorn and we know that fun times will be had by all students. Please carefully read the note going home today.

Students continue to maintain a high standard in their weekly homework. Don't forget to read every night and record it into your reading log in your homework book.

We are looking forward to a great time of learning over the rest of this year!

Mrs de Graaf(3/4D) and Mrs Dixon(3/4A)

Kindy Orientation



Last Monday a lovely group of pre-schoolers had a taste of 'big school' with a Science morning. They absolutely loved the Science experiments.

I wonder how an elephant brushes his teeth? Well our pre-schoolers found out how to make "Elephants' toothpaste". They enjoyed watching the blue paste ooze out and make a mess.

Next the children made their own exploding 'magic potion' using vinegar, food colouring and bicarbonate of soda. I think the look on their faces shows how much they enjoyed it.



The last experiment was 'Magic Milk'. The children used milk, food colouring and detergent. They watched as the detergent made the food colouring quickly move to the edge of the plate and then magically swirl around the plate. What a super fun morning! We can't wait for all the pre-schoolers to join us at school next year.

Mrs Allison Dixon



Chicken News Update

Thank you to Dr Simon de Graaf from The University of Sydney's Veterinary Faculty who came in to clip the feathers of our chicken's wings. This will mean that our chickens can safely walk around in their cage. If chickens retain their long feathers, they are at great risk of being injured by domestic or feral animals in the area. By having this safe and quick procedure done, they can happily live in safety at our school without risk of flying away from us!



From the Library

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the next few weeks the students in Stages 2 and 3 are reciting a well-known poem for their library assessment task. In library time they have practised reading their poem and need more opportunities to recite in front of others. Ask to hear their poem, praise their efforts and encourage them to tell you what the poem is about. Research has repeatedly shown that paying attention to the language and rhythms of poetry helps build oral language skills. Children with well-developed oral language skills are more likely to have higher achievement in reading and writing.

Some great poetry writing from the library:

Variations on The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear...

The owl and the cockatiel sailed away
In an amazing sky-blue boat
They took some tea and a tiny green pea
All in a bag that will float.

Annysa Dormis 3-4D

The owl and the wallaby went away
In a beautiful mango boat
They took some bread and plenty of thread
Wrapped up in a hairy goat

Vivian Xu 3/4D

Having fun and learning in the library

Annette Murphy-Haste
Teacher Librarian

The ant and the kangaroo flew away
In a wonderful vintage plane
They took some books to share with chooks
And met a hippo named Wayne.

Joel Ronzini 3-4D

The swan and the crocodile went away
In a powerful khaki tank
They took some chips and lots of dips
Wrapped up in a metal plank

Sila Sankey 3-4A

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.

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| 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

P&C News

To Brookvale Community & Friends,

I would like to give a brief summary of our last meeting for those of you who could not attend.

On Tuesday 1st Nov, the school and P&C members were able to set the process for allocation of surplus P&C funds at the end of each year. Please note that you must be a P&C member to submit a request, and are encouraged to attend P&C meetings in order to have your request voted on and implemented.

For 2013 the P&C main fund raising project is the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) that we wish to build over the seating area near the canteen. This will provide shading in summer and a little bit of cover in winter! Its total cost is approx. \$18,000.

The Rotary Club of Dee Why has pledged \$7000 towards the project. It has also offered us the fantastic opportunity to raise further funds by making full funds available to us from all Rotary Christmas Raffle tickets that we sell. These start @ \$2 per ticket! Please look out for these tickets, or contact the school office to collect a booklet...you could win a 51" Samsung TV! The more tickets we sell the closer we will be to building the COLA.

The P&C committee has also decided that we will place our raised funds into a higher earning interest account or a term deposit for the next three months. Since school will break up for Christmas these funds will sit and earn some interest!

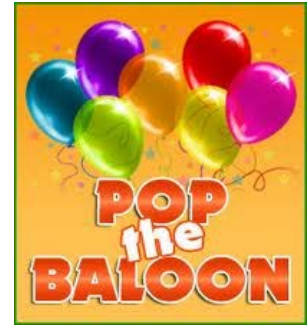
Please do not hesitate to reach out to your P&C committee members if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Kath Falconer (Vice President)

Pop the Balloon! 😊

Pop the balloon, and win a prize, everyone's a winner, and that's no lie! If you don't pop the balloon you still win a prize. Everyone is welcome to our stall. Melanie, Jewell and Emily will be there encouraging you to win a prize. One coupon for 3 darts! Your aim is to pop the balloon! There will be 3 sets of cones, the first set in where K-2 will stand, the second set is where 3-4 will stand, and the third set is where 5-6 will stand! We have prizes if you only pop one or two balloons or even NONE! And we guarantee you will be a HAPPY-CHAPPY!!!!!! So bring your friends along and have a great time at our stall!!!!!!!!!!!!



Put a little colour in your day

Hair



The hairspray store is a place where you can make your usual, old, boring hair into something fun, colourful and awesome. You should come to our store straight away because it will run out quickly. You can choose a range of colours including blue, pink, green, purple and glitter. The hairspray store is not like a game, when once you play it's over. You can enjoy hairspray for the whole day, and maybe even week. It is only 3 tokens for your whole head, and you also get free ribbons in your hair. The hairspray store is colourful, cool and creative, so look out for Brianna and Ebony!

Magneto Managed by Kayleen Falconer, Duong Tran and Paige Ronzini

At the Brookvale Fair, you should play Magneto! The aim of the game is to get one magnet to the other side of the table without the two magnets touching. One magnet is attached to some string which is attached to the table.

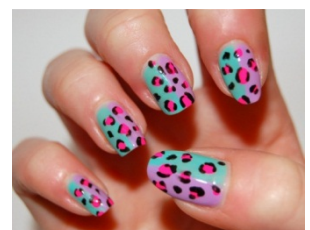
If you do it in the quickest time then you will get a jar of chocolate, lollies and a handball! You're up against the whole school! DO YOUR BEST! Visit our stall! 1 token = 1 attempt 2 tokens = 3 attempt



The Beautifiers Nail Polish/Art

By Giulia and Janayah

1 token - one colour on both hands + 1 nail sticker
2 tokens - two colours on each hand + 2 nail stickers
If you come to our stall we will do your nails however you want. It will also make your nails look fabulous, it doesn't matter what you want we will do it for you so come to our stall straight away so it dries quickly, trust me you won't miss out on any of the fun. We are the Beautifiers!!!! 😊 😊





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

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Bookings are essential**



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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



BOOK FAIR

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Saturday 30th Nov 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday 1st Dec 9 am – 4 pm

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