



Brookvale News

Term 2 Week 5

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 13 August	ICAS Mathematics examination
Friday 23 August	Illustrator visit for Book Week
Friday 23 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday 29 August	Fathers' Day stall
Friday 30 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zone Athletics Carnival• Fathers' Day BBQ 2:45pm
Friday 6 September	School photographer
Tuesday 10 September	Excursion to The Observatory – Stage 2
Monday 16 September	Sydney FC soccer workshop with Stage 2
Wednesday 18 September	Touch football competition – Stage 3
Friday 20 September	Lunchtime discos

From the Principal

Improved Communications!

Good communication between school and home is very important to ensure that messages get to you on occasions when newsletters and notes get lost. To improve our methods of sending you information, we will be starting an SMS system where we can send short text messages to the whole school or groups within the school population. To test the system I will send a message to all parents this Wednesday. The message will read:

“We are looking forward to our Book Week illustrator visit on Friday 23 August. Thank you to those parents who have paid the \$4 cost. If you have not yet paid, please send the money to school ASAP.”

If you **do not** receive this message please call the school office so that we can check that



we have your current mobile number.

Week of Tastes



Last week, Stage 2 students enjoyed exploring taste and flavour through a range of experiments with different foods. They learned about the different taste groups of sweet, salty, bitter, sour and umami. One of our dads Michael Roper, kindly came in to school and worked with 3/4A and 3/4D demonstrating the use of herbs and spices as flavourings for food. Michael made delicious sausage rolls with three different spice mixes and also had the children tasting unusual ice-cream flavours – liquorice and cardamom! Thank you Michael for giving the children such a great experience.

Peace Run

On Friday we had visitors from the Sri Chinmoy Peace Run. This is a global torch relay that has been travelling around Australia. They have run 15,000 km spreading the message that we are all torch bearers for a brighter future.



Science Week

It's great to have our old friend Professor Bunsen Burner back at Brookvale to help us enjoy Science Week! Every class will be exploring the world of science and we have a fantastic show planned for everyone to watch. Today the professor entertained the whole school with a demonstration of 'nucleation' in action, using a bottle of cola and some Mentos. It was explosive fun!

Scientist in Residence

We are very fortunate to have been selected to have a scientist attached to our school to support our science program and mentor our high potential students who have a particular interest in science. His name is David Morgan-Mar and he is a researcher for Canon. David's scientific research involves the development of 3D cameras. Every term David will visit to work with our whole

school K-6 and each term will have a different theme. This term he will be introducing our students to astronomy. Thank you and well done to Miss Surrect for bringing this fabulous opportunity to Brookvale.

Visiting Performers

On Monday 70 students and their teachers visited us from Pine Rivers State High School in Queensland. They are touring Sydney and chose us to rehearse with. It was an outstanding performance and our students were completely mesmerised for the whole hour. We enjoyed performances from the concert band, the string ensemble, the vocal group and the senior dance group. We were very lucky that they came to us and wish them well on their tour!

Bev Maunder

Around the Stages – Early stage 1

Kindergarten is learning how to work together. Every day we are practising our cooperative skills in Literacy Groups and Maths Groups. We are learning to listen to one another and take turns. It is fun to work in groups!



Kindergarten has been exploring 2D shapes! We used a feely bag to identify a circle, square, triangle and rectangle without looking.

We made excellent pictures using wooden and paper shapes. We then had to record how many of each shape we used. One of our favourite activities has been creating shape pictures

on the computer.



Anna took us in small groups on a shape hunt around our school. We found shapes



everywhere!



It was so much fun!

Last Tuesday, we went on an excursion to the Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen Beach. We did lots of fun activities.



We:

- ☺ Read a coastal story, "Sally and the Limpet"
- ☺ Talked about shelter in our environment and then we created an animal from clay and natural materials found in the garden.
- ☺ Played bird bingo, using binoculars to identify birds along the foreshore.
- ☺ Shared some clues the ocean has given us ... and made a sand sculpture.
- ☺ Explored the rock platform and identified anemone, limpets, crabs etc.

Ms Kortekaas and Mrs Richardson were so proud of us because we **all** showed our best manners!

Assembly Awards – Week 4

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at the Term 3 Week 4 assembly. Come and see the display in the foyer!

KD	Erica Halai	Tiana Mika	Tanaz Fatema	Mathew Munoz Delgado
KJ	Jonna Smith	Hope Weng	Quy Tran	Jonathon Kidd
1/2B	Daniel Yu	Brydie-Rose Peters		
1/2LR	Jude Pangilinan	Jake Fincher	Juan Cortes Pozos	Liberty Halo
3/4A	Tasnia Islam	Nathan Cheng	Jesse Melani	Jack Miao
3/4D	Mathew Miltonhardy	Julia-May De Leon	Tenisha Cosentino	Finn Tracey
5/6D	Ryleene Estanislao	Primrose Halai	Nate Green	Kabir Panesar
5/6S	Ebony-Ella Melani	Liam Hatowskyj	Marika Tadulala	Giulia Carnevale
Tongan	Unga Latu			
LAST	Chanel Finau	Leo Saeng-Arun		
ESL	Paea Sime			
Enrichment	Jonny Kidd			

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 – Dejeon Tupou

RESPONSIBILITY – Seth Henry

PERSONAL BEST – Rudransh Kala

Mathletics

Did you know that your child has 24/7 access to Mathletics by using their unique username and password by logging in at www.mathletics.com.au?

As a parent of a Mathletics Student, you can register to receive weekly reports and will also have access to your very own Parent Console.

To register, go to www.mathletics.com.au/parent and you will see a parent registration page. You will need your child's username and password to access this.

Further information can be obtained by your child's classroom teacher.

Skye Surrest

Assistant Principal

Work in the Library

Stage one students have been looking at the shortlisted books in preparation for Book Week (19th – 23rd August) . Last week the children were given five minutes to respond to the picture book **Peggy** by Anna Walker. Here are two fabulous responses:

Liberty Halo 1/2LR (Grade One)

Peggy was a black hen who was lonely and gloomy. She was blown away to the city and was jumping and singing. She was making some new friends and wasn't lonely any more. She followed the sunflowers and they looked exactly like her. She was not gloomy any more when she had friends.

Zara Dailhou 1-2B (Grade two)

Peggy was doing weird things with her cereal bowl. She put it on her head. She was balancing on it. A bunch of wind came and blew Peggy into the city. She made friends with pigeons and the pigeons helped her go home. When she was in the city she was wandering around. She tried on shoes and she followed sunflowers.

Office Reminder

Term Accounts

Accounts have been sent home with your child. Prompt payment of these accounts would be greatly appreciated.

School Banking

School banking is collected on Wednesday mornings, please remind your children to hand them in.

Knitting Club

Our knitting club is up and running! We really want to be able to decorate some of the trees at the front of the school, like the one in the picture, but we know it will take a very long time. Can you knit? We are hoping for volunteers (mums, dads, grandparents etc.) to come and help us out. We would also be very grateful for donations of brightly coloured knitting yarn and knitting needles.

For more information please see Miss Surrest.





PSSA Netball

The netball season is over! What a way to end it too! The Senior B team challenged Naraweena Public in the Semi Finals but unfortunately they were a very strong side. Our students played a fantastic game with a significantly smaller margin between the two scores since the previous time we played this team. We are very proud of the way our girls played a fun, fair and skilled game of netball from start to finish. They were exemplary representatives for our school. The best and fairest players were Emily Allen and Destiny Halo.



Senior C's, Junior B's and Netta's didn't play in the semi-finals. These teams played a friendly game on the semi-final days and the scores were very close. The students played consistently well throughout the season and all teams showed great improvement. They have learnt valuable skills in netball but also teamwork skills that are necessary for our daily lives!

Mrs de Graaf, Mrs Dixon & Anna