



Brookvale News

Term 2 Week 6

Dates for the Diary	
Friday 23 August	Illustrator visit for Book Week
Friday 23 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday 29 August	Fathers' Day stall
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Tuesday 3 September	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
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

From the Principal

Book Week



This week we are celebrating National Book Week. The theme is "Read across the Universe" and we had great fun today with a parade of super heroes and favourite book characters. The idea for this special day came from our students through the Student Representative Council (SRC). Students who dressed up donated a gold coin and the funds raised will be used to buy comic books for the library.



Congratulations to all the winning super heroes, including King Kong! Thank you to our Super Librarian Mrs Murphy-Haste for organising such a fun event.

Last week students in K-4 enjoyed a very entertaining visit from children's book illustrator, Sarah Davies. There were lots of questions for her about her work and we have been left with a

beautiful illustration of a caterpillar and butterfly that Sarah created to accompany an 'on-the-spot' story made up by our students.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Yesterday we held the Brookvale Spelling Bee in the hall. In recent weeks students in Years 3-6 had the opportunity to participate in class spelling competitions to find four students from each class to compete in the hall. There were two rounds, junior and senior, and some very hard words to spell! At the end of the rounds we had four students who will represent Brookvale PS in the area finals held in September. The junior representatives are Annysa Dormis and Ethan Stenner, the seniors are Ebony-Ella Melani and Duong Tran. Congratulations and good luck! Thank you to Mrs Staniforth for co-ordinating The Premier's Spelling Bee at Brookvale.



SMS messages from school

Tomorrow (Wednesday) we will be sending out a trial message to all our families. The message will be a reminder about our special Book Week guest. If you do not receive a message, please let the office know as we may have an incorrect mobile number for you.

Bev Maunder

Fathers' Day Stall and BBQ

Don't forget these two great events coming up shortly. The Fathers' Day Stall will be open on Thursday 29 August with fantastic gifts costing \$7. This year there are 'Grandpa' mugs for sale as well, also costing \$7.

Please send in your RSVPs for the Fathers' Day Afternoon BBQ being held on Friday 30 August, starting at 2:45pm. Mr Pye and the senior students are organising some soccer challenges so it should be lots of fun.....a great way to end the working week!



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 – Daniel Yu

RESPONSIBILITY – Hefzie Lutfi

PERSONAL BEST – Oman De Vorms

Around the Stages – Stage 1

Wow! What a busy term we have had so far! In Week 2 we participated in the Athletics Carnival. We had a fun-filled day taking part in races and tabloid games. The highlight for Year 2 children was joining in the "tug of war" rope activity. That certainly tested the muscles! A big thank you to the parents who came along and helped with the activities.

Then we had our Open Day! We loved dancing and singing for the large group of parents and friends who came to watch. It was great to have visitors in our classrooms to see how we work.

Our next fabulous event was the excursion to The Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen. Here we participated in lots of activities designed to teach us about caring for the environment. The walk over the headland to Turimetta Beach was awesome (as the children like to say) and we all agreed with Malaki's statement..."Man, what a view!"



"Yesterday we went to Narrabeen lakes. We looked at birds. We went to the beach to find shells. Mrs Jones found a crab. We found lots of shells. We went to the platform and we found a starfish. We saw a snail in the water. My whole class came. We went on the bus to get there. We used binoculars to find birds. We looked at birds that live on the coast. We went there because we were learning about Wet and Dry Environments. The teacher showed us a shark egg and a sea dragon."



Liberty

Last week we went to a Science show. There were lots of experiments to see, smell and hear!! Look how much air Alice could blow! "At the science show I saw explosions and smoke. There was a loud noise".



Anthony



On Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed a visit from an illustrator named Sarah Davis. She was the illustrator of one our favourite books - "Fearless". We enjoyed listening to her and watching how she draws exciting pictures. She showed us how to draw characters with great facial expressions. We can't wait to start doodling!

As part of our HSIE unit Past and Present, Stage 1 has been exploring toys and school life of times gone by. Life was a lot harder in the olden days. Teachers were very strict and children had to work almost as hard as the adults. 1/2 B have been writing diary accounts of children from the Victorian times.

Thursday 15th August 1880

Dear Diary,

It was the worst day ever. Today my chores were chopping wood. I got to school earlier than I thought. I was third in line. I thought I was a good day... until I got the cane! Mrs Smith is more like Mrs Mean. I wish she was me and I was her.

Daniel

Thursday 15th August 1880

Dear Diary,

Today was the best day of my life. I had to do my chores again. I did dusting, ironing and the dishes. Next I went on my buggy. It's always good to know that I can rely on my pony Tricksy. When I finally got to school I was second in line. Mrs Smith said that my hands and feet were very clean and fine. When school finally started, we did some running writing, maths and spelling, plus the oath. I can't wait till tomorrow. I wonder if I'll be a teacher when I grow up.

Alice

Science Week



What a week I have had at Brookvale Public School! I always choose to visit Brookvale because the students are SO clever and engaged!!



Last week was National Science Week. The theme this year celebrates 100 years of Australian science. To celebrate, Brookvale has been busy researching information for their daily science quiz! I was up ALL night marking these quizzes because I received so many great answers! Each stage had the opportunity to investigate air and space, electricity and matter, plants and animals, earth and its surroundings and the human body.

Now Science Week wouldn't be fun without a good dose of experimentation! The students observed three experiments. We discovered that when a Mentos lolly is mixed with diet coke, 'nucleation' occurs because of the 'craters' (holes) in the Mentos. Carbon dioxide is formed and explodes out of the bottle!

The second experiment involved hydrogen peroxide and yeast. We made elephants toothpaste!! We learnt that the hydrogen and oxygen are best friends in hydrogen peroxide but the yeast comes to break them apart! Oh no!

The third experiment involved a rocket! We made a rocket out of a film canister using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. Too much carbon dioxide was produced inside the film canister so it burst open and shot up like a rocket! What fun!!!



REMEMBER YOU MUST ALWAYS HAVE AN ADULT SUPERVISING.

Thankyou Brookvale for having me again to celebrate Science Week this year. Remember, Science is not about having the answers. It's about discovering the answers and making mistakes along the way. Better go, I have a lot of reading to get through for Book Week!!!

Professor Bunsen Burner (Scientist Extraordinaire)

Finally, well done to the children from Stage 1 who have been selected to be part of the Chicken Wrangler team. Enjoy looking after our chickens and collecting the eggs!

Tips for Parents

Essay writing structure

Structuring an essay is easy when you know how. There are many different types of essays (or responses) and they can have many purposes, but the basic structure is the same. This fact sheet let's you in on the secret. Find out more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4116.pdf>

Benefits of under-scheduling your child

With the very best of intentions, when you're rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muck-about moments in children's lives.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Staying private on Facebook

Do you know how to untag photos and keep your Facebook page private? Read this and share with your kids.

Find out more: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/consumer-security/how-to-stay-private-on-facebook-20130730-2qvn1.html>

Reading to your child in your home language

Parents who have a language background other than English and who read to their children in their native tongue are giving them a valuable gift.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/how-shopping-can-help-your-child-to-read/reading-to-your-child-in-your-home-language>

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 bank books in at the school office.

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 Surrect.





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OPEN MORNING

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9.30am – 11.30am

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Tours of the school 10.30 – 11.30am

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Please note – there is no parking in the school grounds
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