



# Brookvale News

Term 3 Week 7

## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 29 August	Fathers' Day stall
Friday 30 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zone Athletics Carnival</li><li>• Fathers' Day BBQ 2:45pm</li></ul>
Tuesday 3 September	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 6 September	School photographer
Tuesday 10 September	Excursion to The Observatory – Stage 2
Friday 13 September	Stage 2 Excursion to Glen St Theatre
Monday 16 September	Sydney FC soccer workshop with Stage 2
Wednesday 18 September	Touch football competition – Stage 3

## From the Principal

### Busy Times!

The fun keeps rolling on at Brookvale! We have been so busy recently with Education Week, Science Week and Book Week; with visiting illustrators and scientists, setting up the veggie gardens and making the hens feel at home in their new pen.

I am seeing some outstanding examples of really high quality writing from our students who have clearly been inspired by all the exciting events that have been taking place.

### Election Day

We need volunteers to help run the BBQ and cake stall on Saturday 7 September. If you can spare an hour or two, please leave a message at the office for the co-ordinators, Rob Falconer and Karin Shepherd.

### Fathers' Day Stall and BBQ

Don't forget these two great events coming up this week. 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!

### Thank you to our wonderful parents



Wendy Fincher would like to say a heartfelt thank you to those wonderful parents who have so generously provided yummy dinners for her and the children during her recent illness. You know who you are...and you are amazing!

*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** – Paige Cosentino

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Jasmine Peters

**PERSONAL BEST** – Joel Ronzini

## Office Reminder

Accounts have been sent home with your child. Prompt payment of these accounts would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid.

### School Banking

School banking is collected on Wednesday mornings; please remind your children to hand bank books in at the school office.

## Celebrating Success in Mathletics

So far this academic year, students at Brookvale Public School have attempted and mastered huge numbers of activities. Congratulations to the following students who have been identified as the top Mathletics users at Brookvale Public School:

- Jesse Melani (3/4A) who has mastered 99.11% of activities attempted
- Giulia Carnevale (5/6S) who has mastered 88.70% of activities attempted
- Kayleen Falconer (5/6S) who has mastered 81.33% of activities attempted

To master an activity, students must achieve a score equal to or greater than 85%. This is a fantastic achievement. The class with the highest percentage of mastered activities is 3/4A. Congratulations.

Students can also access Live Mathletics to increase arithmetical automaticity. Since the start of this year, students at Brookvale have answered a staggering 24019 quick fire questions. Well done!

Students from K-6 all have a Mathletics account which they can access at school or home. There is also a free Mathletics app you can download. It is a great tool for students to consolidate their learning. If you would like further information about Mathletics, or how you can use it at home, please see your child's classroom teacher.

*Skye Surrest* Assistant Principal

## Assembly Awards – Week 6

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at the Term 3 Week 6 assembly. Come and see the display in the foyer!

<b>KD</b>	Ambrin Dawla	Anmol Hassan	Jack Xu	Anesita Sialafau
<b>KJ</b>	Ariz Dawla	Sebastian Roper	Shaqilla Thalib	Sara Matin
<b>1/2B</b>	Alice Bangura	Paige Cosentino	Chanel Finau	James Luckie
<b>1/2LR</b>	Suphanat Amornkool	Jasmine Walters	Jayden Askew	Meleseini Pakileata
<b>3/4A</b>	Malachi Halo	Jackson Morgan	Aminah Alhamid	Tatyana Ngaro
<b>3/4D</b>	Emily-Rose King	Sebastian Sedlak	Jackson Kira	Zach Ghorra
<b>5/6D</b>	Tara O'Shannessy	Jeremy Ongosia	Melanie Randall	Destiny Halo
<b>5/6S</b>	Rosh Ramos	Emily Allen	Matthew Kidd	Kayleen Falconer
<b>Tongan</b>	Mele Taofi	Primrose Halai		
<b>LAST</b>	Paige Cosentino	James Luckie		

## Knitting Club News

We have a school of avid knitters! It is great to see so many students learning to knit and persevering with it. It's not an easy skill to master! Thank you to those families who have donated bright coloured yarn (and are continuing to do so). It's lovely to see so many helpers drop in on a Tuesday when they can to help the students with their knitting. We have also had lots of colourful 'scarves' donated to wrap around our tree and we are nearly ready to yarn bomb our first tree. A big thank you to the following people for helping on Tuesdays and/or donating their knitting to wrap around the tree: Michelle Cosentino, Leiza Harpur, Helga Bonello, Jane Stephenson, Mrs Hosking, Natalia Petrolo and Ellen Douch. Join us in the library at 1:00pm on Tuesdays if you can make it. Alternatively, we are still in need of lots of 'scarves' to wrap our trees with. The distance around the tree is 2 metres but we can always join two together!



*Skye Surrest* Assistant Principal

## Gardening Club

The gardening club will recommence on Friday 6 September between 1:15pm- 2:30pm and we will then meet the first Friday of every month till the end of the year. We will meet outside the Library and start with some general weeding and perhaps help in the school's vegie gardens. So if you love gardening and have some spare time on this day please come and join us and we will finish with a well-earned cuppa at the Library!

*Karin Shepherd*

## Around the Stages – Stage 2

### Stage 2

Stage 2 has had a jam-packed term full of sensational learning experiences. We have been getting our hands dirty planting fruit trees, testing our tastebuds with some interesting new foods, conducting science experiments and dressing up as super heroes.



Stage 2 has recently befriended a school from the outback of Australia. The school, Harts Range, is 2 ½ hours northeast of Alice Springs and has 60 students. Many of the students haven't seen the ocean or a city bigger than Alice Springs. We are

very excited to learn more about the school as Stage 2 are studying 'Communities, People and their Beliefs' in HSIE this term. It should be lots of fun sharing emails and videos with them about our different communities.



# Planting Fruit Trees in the Eco Garden

Along with our new veggie garden we also have 6 new fruit trees!

A big thank you goes to Jen, from Bunnings, for helping us plant our fabulous new fruit trees. Thank you also Mr Brian for all your help and Bunnings for supplying the trees.



## Procedural Recount - Tree Planting

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2013, 3/4A went to plant trees in the eco garden with a lady from Bunnings named Jen and Mr. Brian. There were two banana trees, two mandarin trees and two orange trees.

Firstly, we had to arrange our equipment. We had about 5 large shovels, 20 small shovels, gardening forks and one large hoe.

Secondly, we dug 6 enormous holes. The holes had to be double the size of the plants' pot.

Next, we dug some cow manure [poo] and placed it into each hole. We did this to make the soil richer.

Finally, we took the saplings and placed them in the holes. Afterwards we placed the rich dirt over the roots. I covered the roots of 5 saplings.





After we planted the trees, we worked on enhancing the growth of the tiny saplings. First we watered the saplings with a mixture of water and a seaweed solution called Seasol. We had to be careful that we didn't water the trunk because it encourages fungi growth. After we watered the plants, we sprinkled Osmocote, in the seed form, around the saplings.

In the end Yuvi and I thanked Jen very much. My favourite part of the day was covering the saplings' roots. It was an awesome day!

By *Nathan Cheng*

## Week of Tastes

We loved the delicious sausages rolls Mr Roper made for us during our Week of Tastes. He also bought some licorice icecream for us to try and some orange & cardomon icecream. Yum!!! Thank you Mr Roper.



# Gymnastics - Look what we can do!



## From the Library



**Friday 6 September**

**3.10pm-3.40pm**

**Library Brookvale Public School**

**Afternoon tea provided**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to invite you to a presentation on

### ***Parents and Reading***

- Practical tips for reluctant reading
- How parents can make a difference
- Latest research

**RSVP Thursday 5 September 9905-4168**

**Supervision for children will be provided**





Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District

### ***Important Information for Parents***

*Many children and eligible adults may be missing out on free dental care as they are not aware of the Public Dental Service. Public Dental Services have received additional Commonwealth funding and waiting times have reduced. Now is an excellent time for people to contact Public Dental Service for an appointment.*

## **Free Dental Care**

### **for all school aged children and eligible adults**

Northern Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Service provides free dental care to all children, less than 18 years old, who are eligible for Medicare and reside in the Local Health District. Recent Commonwealth funding has enabled waiting times to be considerably reduced so now is an excellent time to request dental care.

This includes general dentistry such as examinations, x-rays, fillings and extractions. For more extensive treatment children may be referred for more specialised care to another clinic in the Local Health District, Sydney Dental Hospital or Westmead Centre for Oral Health.

Dental care is provided by teams of fully qualified and experienced Dentists, Oral Health Therapists, and Dental Therapists.

**To access the service contact the dental call centre on:**

**1300 789 404**

Patients are triaged in accordance with NSW Health Policy. Those with a dental emergency- trauma, facial swelling or uncontrolled bleeding- are highest priority and will be seen on the same or next day.

Adults (18 years or older) can also access the service for dental care and denture services but must also have, or be listed as a dependant on, one of the following valid Australian government concession cards :

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Dental clinics are located at Mona Vale Hospital, Dee Why, Hornsby Hospital, Royal North Shore Community Health Centre, Cox's Rd ( North Ryde) and Top Ryde.