



Brookvale News

Term 1 Week 4

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 1

Weds 19 th Feb 2:00	Gardening Club meeting in the staffroom
Fri 28 th Feb 9:00-12:00	- 'Clean Up Day' - Swimming Carnival
Tues 4 th Mar 2:00pm	P&C meeting in the staffroom
Fri 14 th Mar 9:30-12:15	K-2 'Responsible Pet Owners' program
Tues 18th-Thurs 20th Mar	Parent /Teacher Interviews
Tues 18 th Mar	Stage 3 'Interrelate' program
Fri 21 st Mar	Harmony Day – wear something orange to school!
Tues 25 th March	Stage 3 'Interrelate' program
Tues 1 st Apr 2:00pm	- Stage 3 'Interrelate' program - P&C meeting
Weds 9 th Apr 2:00pm	Cross Country / Sponsored Run
Thurs 10 th Apr	K/2 and 3/6 lunchtime discos
Fri 11 th Apr LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Grandparents Day / Easter Hat Parade

STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY 29TH APRIL

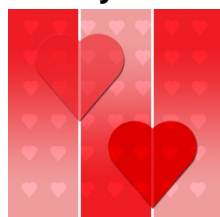
for a while to allow the new grass to grow.

From The Principal

Parent Information Night

It was wonderful that so many parents came along to 'meet the teachers' last Wednesday evening. Thank you to Sue Brent and Anne-Marie Bloomfield for organising the BBQ and to all staff for giving their time. Lots of important information was given out, so if you were unable to make it, please pop in and see your child's class teacher before or after school one day. Our teachers are always very happy to see you, but we do have planned meetings before and after school on Tuesdays and before school on Wednesdays, so these days are best avoided unless it is an urgent matter.

Library Lovers' Day



Thank you to Mrs Murphy-Haste for organising a fun day for us on Friday...we wore red, talked about our favourite books, enjoyed heart-shaped chocolates, entered competitions and reminded ourselves how lucky we are to

have such a fabulous library and an even more fabulous Teacher/Librarian!

New Toilets!

At last! Only eight months past the expected completion date, but we now have our brand new beautiful toilet block open and in use. The students were very excited on Monday morning to have their first look at the inside of the block and gave it a big tick of approval. They loved the colour scheme – mango in the girls', pistachio in the boys'. The builders will be returning next week to decommission the old toilet blocks and spread topsoil and grass seed on the oval. This means that half of the oval will be fenced off

Gardening Club Meeting



This Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm in the staffroom – please come along if you are interested in gardening and are able to give some time to work in the school gardens. A big **THANK YOU** to Kindy mum Sarah Long for giving her time at the weekend to plant lavender plants in the garden bed at the entrance to the car park. The plants were kindly donated by Bunnings; continuing to be a generous supporter of our environment program.

Raffle

We started to sell raffle tickets last Wednesday evening but still have many more to sell. There are some fabulous prizes waiting to be won. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be bought at the school office.

Uniform Reminder

Thank you parents for doing such a great job of supporting our expectation that students take pride in wearing the correct school uniform. Just a reminder about shoes and socks...all students should be wearing black leather shoes, with white ankle socks for girls and grey for boys.

Swimming Carnival Notes

Permission notes for the carnival should be returned as soon as possible please.

Bev Maunder

Assembly Roster

TERM 1		
Assemblies are held every Thursday in the hall at 2:25pm. Parents and friends are very welcome.		
Week 4	20 February	Awards Assembly
Week 5	27 February	Student Representative Council (SRC)
Week 6	6 March	Swimming Ribbons
Week 7	13 March	1/2J class item
Week 8	20 March	Awards Assembly
Week 9	27 March	SRC
Week 10	3 April	3/4D class item
Week 11	10 April	Gold, Silver and Bronze Star Certificates

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 – Joel Ronzini

RESPONSIBILITY – Anmol Hassan

PERSONAL BEST – Brooke Jones

Have you noticed our colourful PBEL signs at various sites around the school?

This photo shows the main one, see how many others you can find!



Library News

There is still time to hand in your entries for the Library Lovers competition. So far no one in 3-4 has guessed the top two most popular from the list. As I mentioned in library last week the top two are featured in the photo display in the library. 5-6 I need to know how many of the books you've read! Hand in your completed sheets to me (available from the library door) next week. Prizes will be awarded on the 25th February!



Mrs Murphy Haste
Teacher Librarian

Tips and Hints for Parents

IMPORTANT!

What is Kik and why is it popular?

Kik is a free texting app popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod Touch. Find out more about Kik

messenger: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

******Find out why experts say it's the No.1 social media problem involving**

kids: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

School weeks

Q: Why does the school use "Week 6" instead of dates?

A: We find it useful for planning each term.

Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for most of NSW.

TERM 1

Week 3 10/2

Week 4 17/2

Week 5 24/2

Week 6 3/3

Week 7 10/3

Week 8 17/3

Week 9 24/3

Week 10 31/3

Week 11 7/4

Helping with homework

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Back to school

Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-2014>

Around the Stages – Stage 1

Introducing Stage 1 2014



The children in Stage 1 have had a fantastic start to the year.

We began the year by establishing learning goals that the children hope to achieve by the end of 2014.



"This year I hope to learn to read more books."

Sebastian 1/2J



"This year I want to improve my handwriting."

Jude 1/2J



"This year I want to be a good friend."

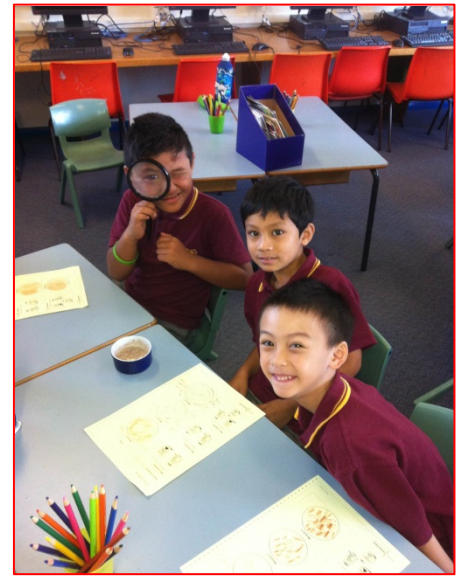
Kiara 1/2J



Mixed Up!



Stage 1 students have started their Science program by looking at the mixtures that surround us. The air we breathe, the foods we eat and the things we take for granted every day, such as alloys, paint and cement, that are all mixtures. Students brainstormed what they know about how different materials can be mixed together and developed their scientific skills by predicting, observing, describing, discussing and recording different materials and how they can be combined. Time for some creative cooking! Classes shared experiences of creating mixtures of solids, combining different ingredients to make chocolate crackles. Yum!



Stewart House clothing Appeal 2014



Please return Stewart House clothing donation bags to the school office no later than Friday 28 March.

Community News

Opportunities for 2015 Year 7 Gifted and Talented Students



Year 7 2015 academic extension class placement tests for Cromer, Balgowlah Boys and Mackellar Girls Campuses will be held on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 9.00 am. Application forms are available from College Administration Centre, the Campuses and the College website: www.nbsc.nsw.edu.au.

Closing Date: Tuesday 4th March 2014.

Enquiries Lorna Curtis,
Academic Extension Class Test Coordinator Ph: 9939 6942

**Balgowlah Boys
Campus**
Extension Program
Enquiries: 9949 4200

Cromer Campus
Extension Program
Enquiries: 9981 1155

**Mackellar Girls
Campus**
Extension Program
Enquiries: 9949 2083

PINK BALL

M.W.B.A's EXCITING NEW PROGRAM
FOR GIRLS ONLY

This program is designed to introduce 7-12yr old girls to basketball.

The Focus will be on skill development and enjoyment and will be run by female coaches and senior representative players.

Dates: Sat 22 February to Sat 5 April 2014

Time: 2:30 - 3:30pm

Where: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports
Centre JACKSONS RD, WARRIEWOOD

Cost: \$80 includes a Pink Basketball

ENQUIRIES MWBA 9913 3622

OPEN DAYS 2014

Entry into year 7, 2015 and beyond...



BALGOWLAH BOYS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 25th February 9.30 – 11.30 am

Tours of the Campus, band performance, mini lessons in Science, Music, Computing, Maths and Visual Arts. BBQ for students, morning tea for parents.

Information Night: Wednesday 26th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Enquiries: 9949 4200

Principal: Paul Sheather



MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 25th February 8.30 – 12.00 pm

Guided tour of the Campus and student activities. Welcome assembly and Meet the Principal. Information session and morning tea for parents and students.

Information Night: Thursday 27th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Enquiries: 9949 2083

Principal: Christine Del Gallo



MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS

Open Day: Thursday 27th February 9.30 – 11.00 am

See band and other performances, student presentations and speakers. Tour of the Campus. Morning tea provided for parents and students.

Enquiries: 9905 3982

Principal: Anthony Rudd



CROMER CAMPUS

Open Evening: Monday 3rd March 4.00 – 7.30 pm

Experience the full range of programs at our campus. Evening of performances, hands on activities, displays, meet the staff and students.

Enquiries: 9981 1155

Principal: David Pickering



FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS

Open Afternoon: Tuesday 11th March 4.00 – 7.00 pm

See the Campus in action - lessons and co-curricular activities conducted throughout the afternoon. View the spectacular facilities and discuss, with students and staff, the full range of programs offered at the Campus.

Information Afternoon: Tuesday 20th May 3.00 – 5.00pm

Enquiries: 9905 2634

Principal: Frank Pikardt

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST

For 2015 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus

Thursday, 20th March 2014 at 9 am | Closing date: Tuesday, 4th March 2014

Balgowlah and Cromer Application Forms will be available on the College website: www.nbsc.nsw.edu.au

Enquiries: Lorna Curtis, 9939 6942

Mackellar Girls Applications available from the school.

Mackellar Girls Campus: 9949 2083

College Principal: Neil Worsley | Enquiries: 9939 6942

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