

TERM 2 – WEEK 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Tues 13-Thurs 15 May	NAPLAN tests (Yrs. 3 and 5)
Tues 20 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stage 3 students to Sydney Writers' Festival - K/2 Wildflower Garden excursion
Tues 27 May	School Photographer Day
Thurs 29 May	Northern Beaches Eisteddfod (choir)
Fri 30 May 9:30-11:00am	Kindergarten Open Day
Mon 2 –Weds 4 June	Life Education (Healthy Harold)
Tues 3 June 11:30-1:00pm	Mayor Michael Regan visiting Stage 2 students
Tues 3 June 2:00pm	P&C meeting in the staffroom
Mon 9 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Mon 16 June 9:00am	Aboriginal performance in hall
Mon 16-Tues 17 June	Yr 6 Leaders' Camp
Sat 21 June 5:30-7:30pm	Art Show and Auction
Mon 23 June	Stage 3 to CARES (road safety)
Mon 23 June	Semester 1 reports sent home
Tues 24 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 27 June LAST DAY OF TERM	K/2 and 3/6 lunchtime discos
STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY 15 JULY FOR START OF TERM 3	

From The Principal

Mothers' Day

I hope all our lovely mums had a great day on Sunday with lots of treats, flowers and chocolates. On Friday we had a really good turn up for the afternoon tea in the playground, lots of mums....and a few dads sneaked in too!

The hand massages were very popular, as was the yummy food 😊

Canberra

On Friday at 6:30pm our weary travellers returned from their two days in Canberra. During their time there they learned a great deal about government and democracy, science, and the history of film. A big thank you to Miss Surrest and Mr Pye for giving up their time (and a lot of energy!) to plan and supervise a very successful overnight excursion.



NAPLAN tests

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting national tests in literacy and numeracy. The results tell us how students perform on one type of test in one week of the year. Our teachers use a range of methods to continually assess students' performance and improvement, and find that the most valuable form of assessments are those that measure individual growth and skill acquisition, therefore informing and guiding future learning targets.

Term Invoices

Invoices with costs for Term 2 were sent home last week. Thank you to those parents who have already paid, this greatly assists the financial administration

of the school. A reminder that in-school programs such as Mandarin and Dance are charged to the school by the external providers. **Unfortunately children can only participate if contributions are paid.**

Bev Maunder

Assembly Roster

TERM 2		
Assemblies are held every Thursday in the hall at 2:25pm. Parents and friends are very welcome.		
Week 3	15 May	Awards
Week 4	22 May	SRC
Week 5	29 May	1/2LR Performance
Week 6	5 June	Awards
Week 7	12 June	5/6S Performance
Week 8	19 June	SRC
Week 9	26 June	Gold, silver, bronze awards

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 – Rudransh Kala

RESPONSIBILITY – Erica Halai

PERSONAL BEST – Jessica Shepherd

Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2015

Online application for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2015 opens on **Monday 28 April 2014** and closes on **Friday 16 May 2014**. Applications made after the closing date will **NOT** be accepted.

All applicants with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply online at this website at that time. http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/oc_application.php

Applicants without internet access must complete a commercially printed form. Parents or caregivers may access an application package from the school.

Skye Surrent (Assistant Principal)

Library News

Afternoon tea continues in the library on Wednesdays at 2.45pm. Please come and joins us or pop in for a book swap.



Kabir Panesar
suggested
Skulduggery Pleasant
by Derek Landy



Nathan Cheng suggested
the 13th Storey Treehouse
series
by Andy Griffiths



We have fantastic parent helpers coming into the library on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons to help with shelf tidying and book covering. We would love some more help so if you can spare even one afternoon a month please call in.

Around the Stages – Stage 2

Here are some highlights of our fabulous excursion to the Maritime Museum

Onboard the Endeavour

We couldn't believe that Captain Cook had some boys onboard his ship that were the same age as our Stage 2 students! They even had to climb right up to the top of the ship's mast.

It was interesting to see Captain Cook and Joseph Banks' cabins and dining room. Joseph Banks' bed was so small and we were surprised to find that he took his dog on board the ship with him. Inside the museum we were able to touch a real piece of the Endeavour! We also learnt about the life of early Aboriginals and the explorers who came to Australia before Captain Cook.



Who loves spinach? Stage 2 does!

Last week Stage 2 crept into the veggie garden and picked some lovely fresh, organic spinach. Luckily we got to it before the snails! 3/4A then baked some spinach and ricotta rolls and 3/4D baked spinach and feta muffins. Both healthy treats were woofed down by Stage 2. Everyone was asking for more, even the teachers! We hope to do some more cooking later this term.



*Mrs De Graaf and
Mrs Dixon*

Ethics Program

Brookvale is looking into the possibility of implementing an Ethics program as a component of the scripture timetable. We need to determine the level of community interest.

If your child currently attends non-scripture but you would like them to attend an Ethics program please email your interest to me via the school email address before Friday 23 May.

I will then finalise numbers to determine whether this is a suitable initiative for our school.

For more information on the Ethics program available to public schools, please visit the following website: www.primaryethics.com.au

Maria Kortekaas

P&C News

Last Wednesday and Thursday we held our Mothers' Day Stall. We had some gorgeous gifts for mums. The stall was a big success. Thank you to all the children who remembered to bring money to buy mum a gift. A big thank you to Angela Westwood-Brokman, Nicole Adler, Jackie Cosentino, Annie Tracey, Tracey Kew, Daisy Sialafau and Sue Brent who helped out with wrapping and on the day. Hope all the mums had a wonderful Mothers' Day. We are looking forward to the Fathers' Day Stall!

Karin Shepherd



Community News



FREE PARENT EVENT

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHS

This event is a Kids First Community Service Seminar

Tickets are absolutely **FREE**, however places are limited.

Bookings are **essential**

To reserve your place, book on-line at

www.kids-first.com.au

Or call Kids First now on **0038 5410**



Do you want to help your child feel confident about maths?

Diane Bastable is an experienced teacher and former Numeracy Advisor to the NSW Department of Education.

In this valuable 2 hour presentation, Diane will share tips and resources to help your child avoid maths homework hassles.

She'll also help you to understand the maths your child is learning in class, explain new terminology and demonstrate maths methods so that you can confidently support your child.

Don't delay – this event is already filling fast!

**WEDNESDAY
21 May 2014**

7.30pm – 9.30pm

The Chairman's Lounge
Brookvale Oval
Alfred Street Brookvale

Located in the Ken Arthurson Stand.
Enter via main gate on Alfred Street.

Have keyboard lessons at school on Friday



- Learn to read and play music
- Beginners welcome
- Keyboards Provided
- Small Class
- Affordable



For all enquiries please send email to Barbara on bsayce@gmail.com.