



# Brookvale News

Term 4 Week 2

Dates for the Diary	
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Tues 15 October	WIRES visit – Stage 2
Weds 16 October	Rugby League Clinic K-6
Sat 19 October	Brookvale Show
Fri 25 October	World Teachers' Day
Fri 25 October	Surf Life Saving talk K-6
Tues 29 October	David Morgan-Mar, science visit
Fri 1 November	P&C Family Bingo Night!!!
Mon 4 -Thurs 7 November	Swim School Yrs K-4
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 November	Swim School Yrs K-4
Mon 11 – Fri 12 November	Surf Education and Kayaking – Yrs 5/6
Fri 29 November	SCHOOL FAIR
Sat 30 November	Family picnic at Pine Street playground – 11:00-1:00
Mon 9 December	Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea
Thurs 12 December	Presentation Day 9:30-11:30am
Fri 13 December	Semester 2 reports
Fri 13 December	Year 6 Graduation Day Evening Christmas Disco K-6
Tues 17 December	'Brookvale's Got Talent' show
Wed 18 December	School Picnic Day <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

## From The Principal

### Term Invoices

Term invoices will be sent out this week; please check your child's bag to ensure that you receive it. We always try to keep school costs as low as possible, whilst also ensuring that our students have a range of high quality opportunities to enhance their learning and social development.

Thank you to all the families who pay their invoices promptly, this is much appreciated and is a great help for our accounting procedures.

In Term 4 all students will be offered swimming lessons (K-4) or surf education and kayaking lessons (5-6). These lessons cost approximately \$100 per child and are paid for with P&C funds. The only cost to families is for bus transport.

On the last day of the school year we will have our traditional 'picnic day' for all students K-6. This year we are going to Manly Ocean World for an educational tour, followed by fun and games at the beach. This excursion will cost \$17.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying school invoices, it is important that you let me know. This year we have an unusually high number of payments outstanding, with no notification. The school cannot continue to maintain this as all our funds are committed to teacher and support staff salaries and teaching resources.

Over the course of a typical 40 week school year, expenses at our school average at less than \$10 per week per student. This includes text books, stationery, excursions, incursions, performances, swimming and surfing lessons, sport, gymnastics, dance and Life Education.

Unfortunately we now have to say that if payment is not received in advance for excursions and special programs, and notification has not been received by me, children will be unable to participate.

*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** – Jeremy Ongosia

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Liberty Halo

**PERSONAL BEST** – James Luckie

## ICAS/UNSW Competitions

Last term some of our students in Years 3-6 opted to enter the ICAS/UNSW English and Mathematics competitions. Congratulations to everyone who entered for your participation. Certificates were awarded last week and the following students achieved at Credit or Distinction level. Well done!

ENGLISH		MATHEMATICS	
CREDIT	Tyler Smith – 3/4D	CREDIT	Tyler Smith – 3/4D
	Jack Miao – 3/4A		Jack Miao – 3/4A
DISTINCTION	Nathan Cheng – 3/4A	DISTINCTION	Vivian Xu – 3/4D
	Mathew Miltonhardy – 3/4D		Nathan Cheng – 3/4A
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## Selective High School Placement Test – Year 7 2015

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon. Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit the application online. To do this you need to have an email address, access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 15 October 2013 at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) **Online applications close on 18 November 2013.**

If you do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms will be available at school from 22 October. They must be completed and returned to school by **18 November 2013.**

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 13 March 2014.**

## Environmental News

### Chick News

(Live from the Chicken Coop)

The chickens have started laying eggs! When I first picked one up, it was still warm and we have a total of three eggs so far! We don't know which chickens laid the eggs but once they all start laying, we'll have a lot of eggs! If you have any spare egg cartons, please send them in to Miss Surrest.

The chickens have a nice fenced off place they live in now and a special area to lay their eggs. We might let them out in to the area with the fruit trees so they can eat all the weeds there. I think they'll like that!

Every day we still come and feed them food pellets and fruit and vegetable scraps. When they see us coming, they squish up against the fence, waiting for food. The chickens are a lot bigger now so they need a lot more food!

It has been very exciting having the chickens laying eggs already. We hope there will be more eggs soon!

**This is Kayleen on behalf of all the Chicken Wranglers. Stay tuned for more chicken news!**

## Around the Stages – Stage 2

Last term was very exciting with plenty of excursions and this term should prove to be just as good.

### *Glenn St Theatre*

We had a fantastic time at Glen St Theatre. We learnt about the endangered species in Duffy's forest with Ranger Stacey from Totally Wild. Annysa and Keith even got the chance to have a photo with Billy the bandicoot. You may have seen the photo in the latest Warringah Council newsletter.



### *Sydney Observatory*

Our excursion to Sydney Observatory was amazing! We all got to look at the sun safely through a special telescope and gazed at the night sky in the Observatory's planetarium. We had the best seats in Sydney for lunch with a perfect view of Sydney Harbour and the Harbour Bridge!



### *Sydney FC Visit*

Sydney FC also visited Stage 2 and we learnt many new skills and had lots of fun. Some children learnt to do 'headers' while others learnt how to improve their control of the ball. The person who scored the most goals won an FC cap.



### *Year 4 Mini-camp*

Year 4 students are all looking forward to having a mini-camp at school. We will be camping out in the library for a night where we will play games, watch a movie and have pizza and popcorn. It should be lots of fun!



*Mrs de Graaf & Mrs Dixon*

## Ready Steady Grow.....

Have you checked out our veggie garden lately? It is certainly coming along well now that spring has sprung. We have spinach popping up, parsley, shallots, cauliflower, corn, lettuce and strawberries (well one so far) and lots more. Mr Brian has also added some plastic tubes to each garden bed so we can fill each one with compost and encourage the worms to our garden.



The Garden Club has been very busy planting seeds, watering and weeding the garden beds. They have done a fantastic job and show incredible enthusiasm every week, especially our star gardener Loewy from 1/2B.



Two garden beds received a nice lick of paint in the holidays



but we ran out of paint to finish the remaining beds. If you have any spare colourful water-based paint at home please see Anne-Marie or Mrs Dixon.

*Mrs Dixon*

## Can you help?

### Containers wanted

We are collecting containers like these in the picture for the trash percussion band. We can use any large container with a lid, plastic or metal. Basically anything that will produce a good sound when hit by a drumstick! Do you have any? Or do know where we might get some from? They don't need to be new, just clean. If you can help please let us know.



## From the office

### Group Photos

The group and team photos have arrived and can be seen in the office. They cost \$15 each and need to be ordered by Friday 25 October. We have photos of the following groups...band, choir, library monitors, netball teams, soccer teams and PPSA Zone teams.

## Can your child swim?



### COLLARROY TURTLES LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Collaroy Turtles Water Safety Swim Program is holding a registration day on **Sunday 24 November at the rock pool from 8:00am to 9:30am.**

The first priority is to register children who cannot swim or are unable to afford swimming lessons.

**The cost of the program is only \$25** to cover insurance while participating in the program. The program will commence on Sunday 1 December at 8:00am.

**This would be a fantastic follow up to our school swimming lessons!**

Registration forms can be found on the website:

<http://www.waterskillsforlife.org.au/index.php/news/33-2013-2014-registration-collaroy-turtles>

## P&C News



Brookvale P&C committee are excited to announce our very first Family Bingo Night to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November!

Please keep an eye out for the flyer that will be sent home with your child and don't forget to keep this date free in your diary!

Leading up to the night we are busy gathering lots of great prizes. We have had a great response from local businesses, but the more prizes we gather the more exciting the night can be!

Please, if anyone can offer a gift voucher, item or even chocolates for us to bundle with some gift cards and vouchers we have received, you will be an amazing help!

We will be holding our Family Bingo Night in the school hall. Doors will open at 6.30pm, and ticket sales will commence at that time. Please note cash sales ONLY.

1 book of 15 games \$5.00

6 books of 15 games each \$25.00 (family special)

Let's all bring a plate of our favourite food to offer to the table. We shall eat and mingle with our friends and staff, then games will commence at 7.00pm sharp!

As the hall will only hold so many people, please RSVP – especially for those of you who would like to reserve a table! Don't forget to invite your family & friends! All are welcome!

**Please note – This is a family event being held on Department of Education premises, therefore alcohol is not permitted.**

# Kindergarten 2014 - Orientation Program



You and your child are warmly invited to come along for a taste of 'big school' during Term 4. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the school and make friends with other pre-Kindy children, ready for starting school in 2014.

Monday 14 Oct	12:00-1:00	Plant your own sunflower in the eco-garden, watch it grow each week!
Monday 21 Oct	12:00-1:00	Have fun on a scavenger hunt around the school, with a treat at the end!
Monday 28 Oct	12:00-1:00	Enjoy story time in our library, meet your Year 5/6 buddy ☺
Monday 4 Nov	12:00-1:00	Sensational fun with science!
Thursday 21 Nov	9:30-11:00	Orientation in the classroom - and presentation on literacy for Mum and Dad
Thursday 28 Nov	9:30-11:00	Orientation in the classroom - and presentation on numeracy for Mum and Dad
Monday 2 Dec	12:00-1:00	Get creative in the art studio!
Monday 9 Dec	12:00-1:00	Bring your favourite soft toy for a Teddy Bears Picnic!

If you would like to attend any or all of these events please RSVP to the office - 9905 4168

## Community News

Online..... or on line?

Scouts - Serious fun!

<b>Joeys</b> 6-7 years, Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm
<b>Cubs</b> 8 - 10 years, Wednesdays 6.30 - 7.00pm
<b>Scouts</b> 11 - 14 years, Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm
<b>Venturers</b> 15-18 years, Tuesdays 6.30 - 9.00pm



Limited vacancies are available for girls and boys at Brookvale Scout Hall. First 6 weeks free! Try it now. [www.brookvalecurlcurlscouts.com](http://www.brookvalecurlcurlscouts.com)