



# Brookvale News

Term 1 Week 6

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### TERM 1

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2:00pm	P&C Annual General Meeting in the staffroom
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Selective High School Test
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30-12:15	K-2 'Responsible Pet Owners' program
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parent /Teacher Interviews</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stage 3 'Interrelate' program
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Harmony Day – wear something orange to school!
Thurs 26 March 2:00pm	Garden Club meeting in the staffroom
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Stage 3 'Interrelate' program
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2:00pm	- Stage 3 'Interrelate' program - P&C meeting
Tues 2 April	Autism Awareness Day
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2:00pm	Cross Country / Sponsored Run
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	K/2 and 3/6 lunchtime discos
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Apr LAST DAY OF TERM 1 11:30-1:00</b>	- <b>Grandparents Day / Easter Hat Parade</b> - <b>Cup Cake Sale!</b>

**STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

## From The Principal

**If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life...**

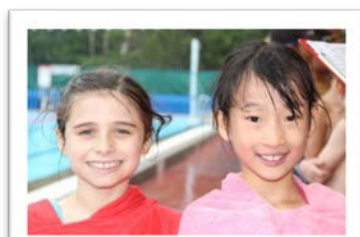
This is the middle week of Term 1 and what a busy time we have had already! As I go around the school seeing the work that is happening in classrooms, the creative and colourful displays on the walls, the enthusiasm and cheerfulness of the students and the expertise and passion of our amazing teachers, I feel truly very lucky to have the privilege of leading this fantastic learning community. I encourage you all to find some time to pop in and see the great things that are happening.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Letters went home on Monday 3 March inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress so far. If your child doesn't give you a letter, have a look in their red folder, as that is where teachers tell students to put letters and notes.

### Swimming Carnival

A big thank you to Mr Pye for doing such a great job of organising and running the carnival last week. We all had fun despite the rain!



*Bev Maunder*

## Assembly Roster

TERM 1		
Assemblies are held every Thursday in the hall at 2:25pm. Parents and friends are very welcome.		
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** – Eli Denoon

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Sila Sankey

**PERSONAL BEST** – Cherry Kriti

## Happening Soon...

There are several important dates for your diary coming up between now and the end of term.....

**P&C AGM** – **Tuesday 4 March at 2:00pm** in the staff room. Do come along to this if you are interested in how the P&C runs, if you would like to stand for a position, or if you would like to vote for someone else standing.

**Parent / Teacher interviews** will be held on **Tuesday 18 – Thursday 20 March**. When the note comes home please ensure that you send it back to school promptly indicating your preferred block of time for an appointment.

**Autism Awareness Day** – **Wednesday 2 April**. Each year we raise funds for ASPECT (Autism Australia) and carry out activities to raise awareness of autism. This year we are having a 'Blue Mufti' Day...gold coin donation please, and holding a raffle for a beautiful blue teddy bear (see details in flyer). We also donate half of the funds raised in the Sponsored Run.

**Cross Country / Sponsored Run** – **Wednesday 9 April at 2:00pm**. All students K-6 run on this day, although the actual carnival is for 8 years and above. We encourage all students to participate in the Sponsored Run to raise funds which are spent on playground resources and a donation to ASPECT for Autism Awareness Day.

**K/2 and 3/6 lunchtime discos** – Year 6 students run these discos at the end of each term. On **Thursday 10 April** students can bring \$5 to wear mufti, go to the disco and enjoy a treat. The money raised goes towards the end of year celebrations for our Year 6 leavers.

**Grandparents' Day and Easter Hat Parade**. This takes place on **Friday 11 April**, the day we break up for the holidays. Come along to join the fun! It will start at 11:30 and finish with a BBQ and cup cake fundraiser at 1:00pm.



## Around the Stages – Stage 3

### Extension studies

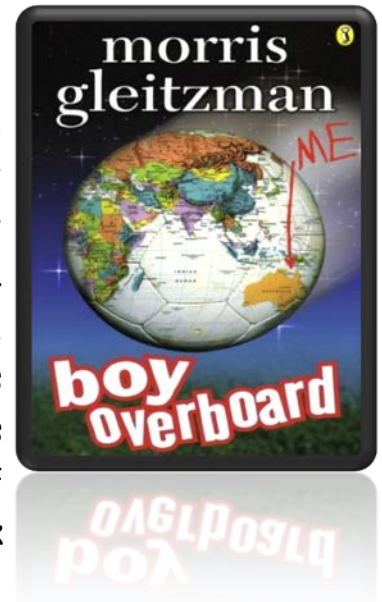
Every Wednesday we go to Balgowlah High School to do Extension Studies. There are about 25 students from schools all over the Northern Beaches who attend. So far we have learnt how to make 4 kilos stand on top of one piece of paper. We have also done some gardening and dissected lambs brains, but our favourite activities have been making juggling balls out of rice and balloons and making our own sea monster. We can't wait until the excursion to the Zoo and Luna Park.

WE HAVE HAD SO MUCH FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Zach and Joel

### Boy Overboard

Stage 3 are reading "Boy Overboard". It's a book about a boy named Jamal who lives in Afghanistan during a period of war. He and his sister like playing soccer even though his sister isn't allowed to because she is a girl (and girls are forbidden to play football). Their mother runs an illegal school to educate the girls. One day the government found out about their school. Jamal's family decided to try to make it to Australia, where it's safe. Jamal has to leave his memories, his old friends and his home. We think that along the way, Jamal will make a load of new friends to help him in his journey. It's a really good book with interesting themes.



*By Kayleen Falconer & Giulia Carnevale*

### Chickens

*We have finally named the chickens! All the chicken wranglers had a meeting at lunchtime, and then we went through the list of names and took a vote. The biggest black one's name is King Liquorice, the medium black one is Pepper, and the smallest black one is Toes! The darker brown one is Flecks and the other brown one is called Honey! The white we named.....Marshmallow! We are trying to get the chickens a new home with more grass somewhere around the school but we are still looking.*

*By Giulia Carnevale & Kayleen Falconer*

## Class Patrons

This year in Year 6 we have been helping the kindergarten children and Stage 1. We sharpen a lot of pencils, tidy up equipment and help other children with their work. There are lots of class patrons: Aaron, Liam, Mathew, Seth, Cherry and Primrose. They are all helpful!

By Matthew Kidd and Aaron Sosa

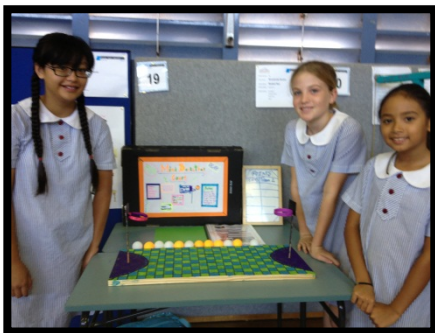
## SRC

We had our first SRC assembly for 2014 last Thursday and had three classes who shared their great suggestions. The three suggestions were to have a hotdog day (for a fundraiser), the netball hoops and pads out twice a week and to be allowed to ride bicycles to school. All three suggestions were carried. The suggestions will then be taken to the teachers and Mrs Maunder to see if they will actually go ahead. The assembly was run by the SRC presidents, vice captains and school captains.



By Janayah Tracey

## **Stage 3 DMI.....Are any dads available to help out?**



Stage 3 is taking part in a DMI (Design, Make and Innovate) project in conjunction with Balgowlah Boys School and Mackellar Girls School. In this project, they will design, collect materials and construct a toy that can



be used by 10 year old children. This will involve two half days and a full day of construction. This will involve cutting, sawing, screwing, chopping, sticking and general construction. We'd love to have some dads (or mums) along to help if you can spare the time. Last year was a great success and we are hoping, with some parental help, this year might be *even* better!

Half days are 9am-12pm on: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

The full day is 9am-3pm on: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Any time you could spare would be very useful and appreciated ☺

## Swimming Carnival

Yuck! What awful weather we had for our carnival!

Luckily, we had a super bunch of children who didn't even seem to notice the rain. They entered race after race and showed the public how polite and sporty and well behaved they are. The children were enthusiastic throughout, especially with their cheering! Thank you, also, to the parents who put up with the rain and supported the children all morning, they really loved having you along.



A special mention should go to Amelia from 5/6S who was our only entrant in the 200m Individual Medley. She had to swim 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle non-stop. Well done Amelia!

## WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – APRIL 2 2014 “LIGHT IT UP BLUE”



*“Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person’s lifetime. Its cause still remains unknown and there remains no cure. Autism is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The word ‘spectrum’ describes the range of difficulties that people with ASD may experience and the degree to which they may be affected. Some people may be able to live relatively normal lives, while others may have an accompanying learning disability and require continued specialist support. The main areas of difficulty are in social communication, social interaction and restricted or repetitive behaviours and interests and sensory sensitivities. Many people with ASD also have unusual ways of learning, paying attention or reacting to sensations. An estimated one in 100 people have ASD; that’s almost 230,000 Australians. ASDs affect almost four times as many boys than girls. That means that most schools will have at least one student with ASD or*

*student with a sibling. Real heroes live in the hearts of children fighting big battles and autism and the other disorders in the spectrum are just one of many battles”.* Karin Shepherd

This year at BPS we are again supporting Autism Awareness Day, as it was very successful last year. It is a great opportunity to start some conversations in the classroom and get involved in supporting people with autism and their families.

On Wednesday 2 April we are doing the following:

1. Come wearing Mufti to school with some blue colours...bring a gold coin donation please.
2. Come and get your nails painted blue by Jackie for \$0.50.
3. Raffling the Autism Awareness Bear. He was born at the Build a Bear Workshop at Warringah Mall and has a special heart. The winner can then take him to any Build a Bear Workshop to get a birth certificate. Raffle tickets can be bought at the office for \$1 each or 5 for \$3.

All proceeds from this day will go ASPECT (Autism Spectrum Australia).

We will also be holding a cupcake stall on Grandparents Day where half the proceeds will go to ASPECT (separate flyer coming soon).



## NEW BOYS HIP HOP CLASS!

THURSDAYS 4:00PM - 4:45PM

(ALSO TUESDAYS 4:00PM - 4:45PM)

**RING NOW FOR A FREE CLASS!**

CONTACT ROCHELLE ON 0411400605 OR EMAIL [RJ@RJSPS.COM.AU](mailto:RJ@RJSPS.COM.AU)

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS LEARNING NEW SKILLS AND TRICKS TO THE LATEST POPULAR MUSIC!

IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS

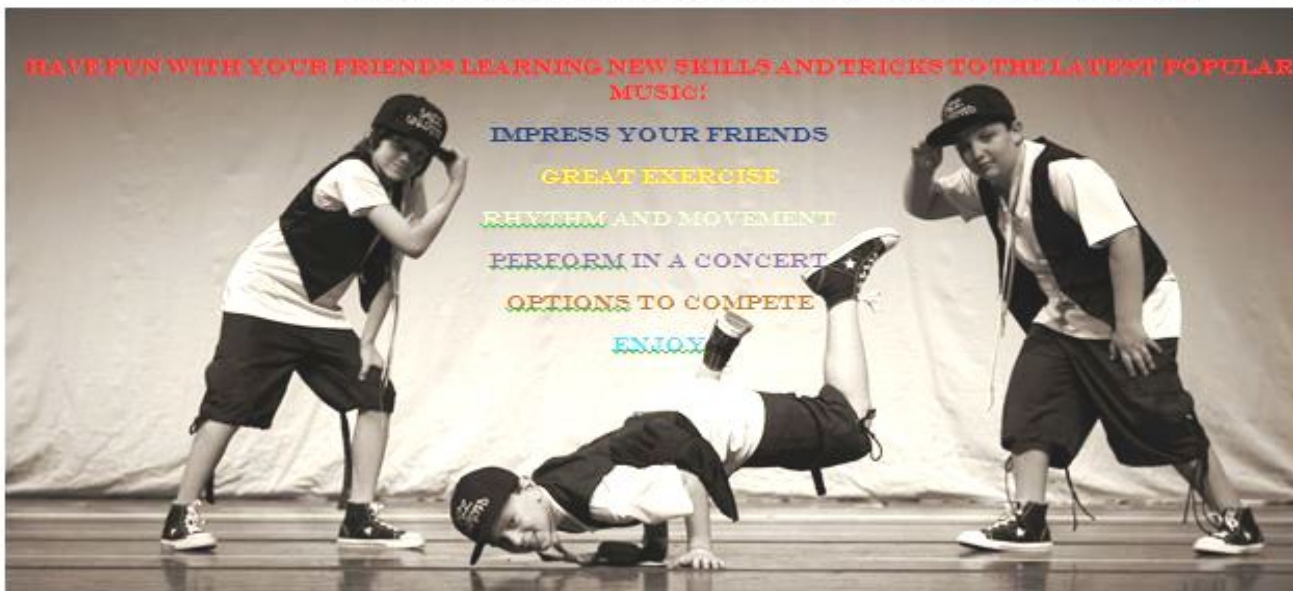
GREAT EXERCISE

RHYTHM AND MOVEMENT

PERFORM IN A CONCERT

OPTIONS TO COMPETE

ENJOY!



SYNERGY PERFORMANCE STUDIOS IS NOW OFFERING BOYS HIP HOP CLASSES TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED BOYS OF ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY. RING NOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE LESSON: VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION [WWW.RJSPS.COM.AU](http://WWW.RJSPS.COM.AU)

**DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING UP A STORM ?  
JOIN IN AT SYDNEY VOCAL ARTS CENTRE, MANLY !**

**THE MANLY CHILDREN'S CHOIR ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS  
FOR THEIR WED. AFTERNOON GROUP WITH DIRECTOR MARGI COEN!**

**Give your child the chance to be part of a performance group  
where they will have a great opportunity to build skills in  
communication and confidence whilst they gain musical knowledge  
in a fun & relaxed atmosphere !**



**CALL MARGI NOW ON 99765552 or 0401828510  
to arrange an appointment or have a chat !  
THIS GROUP IS FOR 6 -12 YR OLDS AND HAS A NUMBER OF  
PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**