



Brookvale News

Term 1 Week 11

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 1

Weds 9 th Apr 9:30am	Cross Country / Sponsored Run
Thurs 10 th Apr	K/2 and 3/6 lunchtime discos
Fri 11 th Apr LAST DAY OF TERM 1 11:30-1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grandparents Day / Easter Hat Parade - Sausage Sizzle! - Cup Cake Sale!
Sun 13 April	Football parking – help needed
Sun 27 April	Football parking – help needed

STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY 29TH APRIL

From The Principal

Last week of Term 1

This term has flown by and I think we are all ready for a well-earned holiday. But before we get to that we have a very busy week planned, with lots of fun and activities...details below. We are hoping to see lots of you, parent, grandparents and special friends on Friday morning at 11:30am for our Grandparents' Day and Easter Hat Parade. We will finish up with a BBQ lunch.

Cross Country / Sponsored Run – on Wednesday. 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 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.

Thank you all for making this term so successful...staff, parent helpers, P&C members, and of course our wonderful students. I wish you all a very happy and restful holiday.

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 – Max Dixon

RESPONSIBILITY – Rueban Roper

PERSONAL BEST – Jasmine Walters

Assembly Roster

TERM 1

Assemblies are held every Thursday in the hall at 2:25pm.
Parents and friends are very welcome.

Week 11	10 April	Gold, Silver and Bronze Star Certificates
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Autism Awareness Day

Autism is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Its cause still remains unknown and there remains no cure. These spectrum disorders (ASDs) are lifelong developmental disabilities characterised by marked difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests and behaviours and sensory sensitivities. One in 100 Australians have an autism spectrum disorder though these statistics in Australia have not been reviewed for a while.. That means most schools will have at least one student who has autism or a sibling with an affected brother or sister. Recently in the US it was revealed that one in 68 children are now in the spectrum. Holding an Autism Awareness Day, is a great opportunity to start some conversations in the classroom, get involved in supporting people with autism and their families and ultimately raise awareness.



The majority of our students came to school wearing blue mufti. We sold blue cupcakes, pop cakes and blue loom bands in the canteen and Jackie painted the students' nails with different shades of blue. We raffled Archie, the blue Autism Awareness Bear. The day was a great success. We want to thank Mrs Maunder and her staff for continuing to support this great cause, all the children and parents for taking part and bringing money. Also a huge thank you to Jackie Cosentino, Melissa Marzulli, Angela Westwood-Brokman and Daisy Sialafau, who helped out in the canteen. We raised a grand total of \$362 which will be sent to Autism Australia.



Our school will continue to support Autism Awareness this week with half of the proceeds of the Cross Country Run (Wed 9 April), half of the proceeds of the cupcake/cake/loom band stall and proceeds of the raffle of a second Archie, blue Autism Bear on Grandparents Day (Friday 11 April).

Sometimes real heroes live in the hearts of children fighting big battles and autism is just one of many battles. "Thank you all." Karin Shepherd

GRANDPARENTS DAY CUPCAKE AND CAKES STALL



We will be holding a cupcake/cake stall on the day of the Easter Hat Parade.

Please help by bringing in some yummy treats for us to sell. These can be left in the office in the morning or you may want to bring it prior to the parade. Half the proceeds will be going to Autism Awareness, so you may want to decorate some cupcakes in blue as blue is the theme colour for World Autism Awareness month.



Let's help make Grandparents' Day a yummy success!

Around the Stages – Early Stage 1



Working cooperatively in small groups is one successful approach to teaching and learning! Kindergarten students work in differentiated and mixed ability groups on a daily basis. Here are some examples of the learning activities and the quality of rich literacy work being produced by the youngest members of our school community:



Interactive Whiteboard

Engine Room

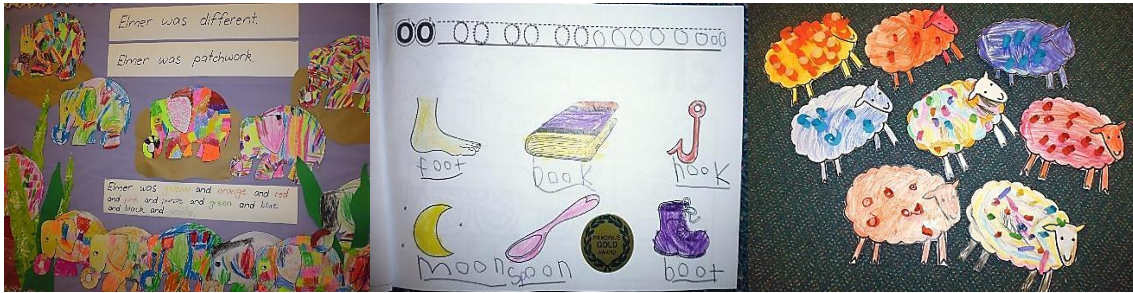
Listening Post



News by Tanaz

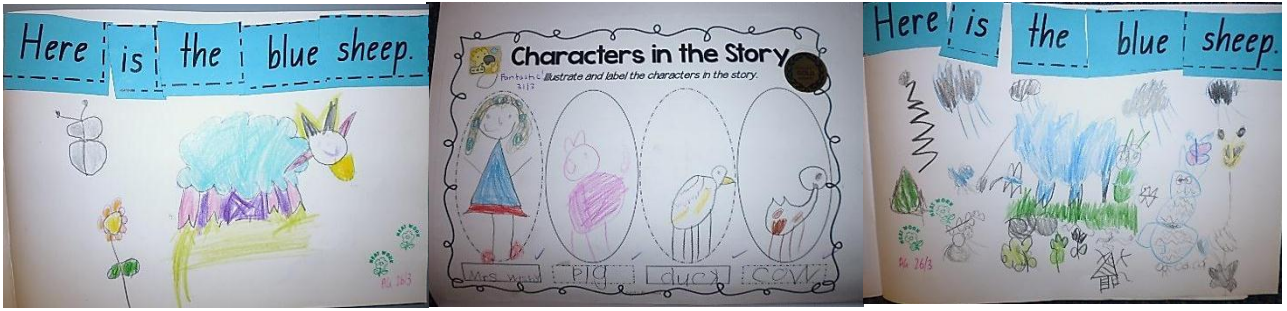
Sophie's Poetry

Ethan's Word Work



Soundwork by Belle

Using the focus on appreciation and characterisation in rich literacy, learning activities come from the texts read. Three favourite titles this term have been 'Elmer' by David McKee, 'Where is the Green Sheep?' by Mem Fox and 'Mrs Wishy-Washy' by Joy Cowley.



Philippa

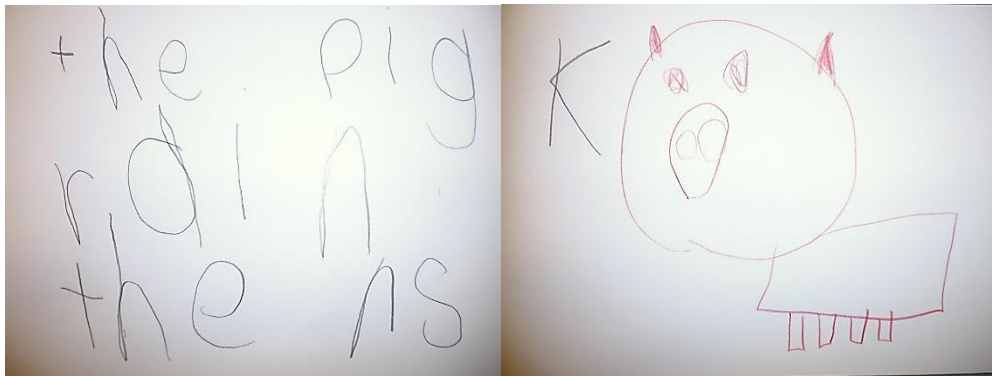
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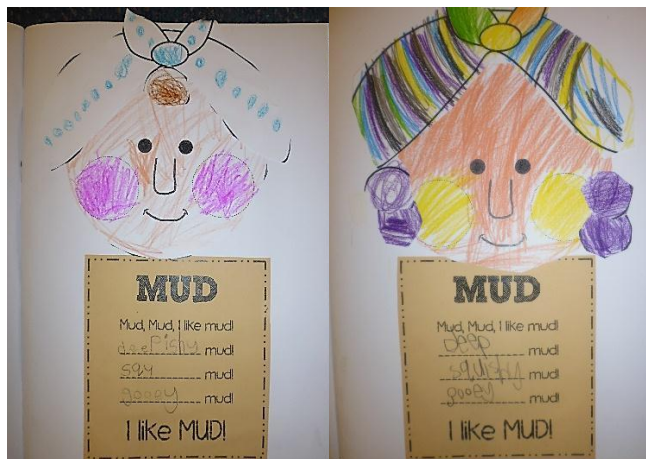


Gwen

Lois



Paolo



Kayla

Coen

Servant Girl by Kayleen Falconer 5/6S

Placing the broom in the cupboard, I sighed. Life as a slave was hard. I'm only eleven and I'm cleaning chimneys already. My mistress, Lady Lucy took me in when I was wandering the streets, looking for a home at the age of seven. Step by step, I walked up the marble steps to the attic. Every corner was covered in cobwebs.

I sat on my bed of hay and thought about what my friend Charlotte had said, "I'm leaving tonight. I'm sick of this work without decent food. You're welcome to come with me," she had offered. At that, I shook my head and said that any place with a roof was good enough for me, but now I thought again. Is this place good for me? I recall my parents being quite rich until they were killed by the palace guards. I was sent off onto the streets to fend for myself.

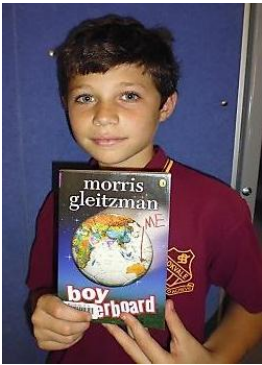
The moon glowed high in the sky. "Mary! I have guests coming tomorrow. Polish the table and make sure the pineapple is noticeable too!" Mistress Lucy called. I acknowledged her but instead of polishing the table; I grabbed my blanket and tied it onto a stray stick. Stuffing my little amount of belongings into the bag, I looked around the room. Four years, I thought. Four years I've spent in this room and now I'm finally leaving.

I opened the window and climbed out onto the railings of my balcony. I checked the balcony below and jumped down. From there, I took the steps on the side of the building down to the alley. Several bins lined the walls, full of perfectly good food. Taking some food, I made sure Lady Lucy wasn't outside. It won't be too long until she finds out that I'm gone, I thought. As if on cue I heard Lady Lucy scream my name. Running down the street, I looked left and right, making sure the guards from the queen's palace weren't there.

My stomach gurgled. I sat on the steps of the monastery at lunch time. People walked by, holding carrots, tomatoes and a whole load of different fruit varieties. It didn't improve my hunger. It was too much. Playing with the mud on the street, I looked at the different wheelbarrows full of food. I spotted one that was unattended. Casually, I walked over and leaned on the wagon. When nobody was watching I took six tomatoes.

Slowly I crept away from the wagon until a hand gripped my shoulder. I spun and saw a palace guard. He had red hair sticking out from under his helmet. "You're in trouble. I saw you take those tomatoes! You're coming with me!" he growled. I hit his hand and ran, the tomatoes still in my hand. I ducked into a small side alley that I only just fit in. The guard bounded past the alley as I walked further in. It was dark now and rain spattered down. I was back out in the street and on either side of the street were mansions. Giant majestic buildings with ivy curling around the window frames. A lady sat at a window knitting a scarf and she spotted me. She ran outside and led me inside. She sat me by the fire place and asked me to recall why I was outside on my own. I told her my story and we sat talking for hours while drinking hot cocoa, and I felt at home!

Library News



Students at Brookvale Public have the opportunity to make suggestions for purchase to the library collection. We call this PDA or patron driven acquisition. If the text is suitable and if we think many children will like it we then purchase it.

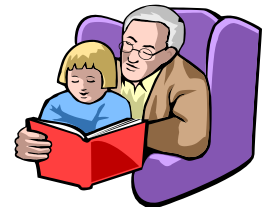
If you make a successful suggestion you will be photographed for the newsletter. Damiano Melani of stage 3 suggested Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman.

Grandparents' Day

- Donate a book to the library!
- A selection of good quality children's books will be available to purchase to donate to the library for \$5 and \$10.
- Your selection will have your child's name on a special donation name plate inside the book and your child will be the first to borrow that book from the library once it has been accessioned.

Annette Murphy-Haste
Teacher Librarian

Nicola Skinstad
Assistant Librarian



P & C News

☺ YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ☺

Our major fundraiser for 2014 is the football parking and BBQs held when the Manly Sea Eagles have a home game at Brookvale Oval. The proceeds go towards much needed resources for the school.

The Sea Eagles next two home games are

Sunday 13th April at 3pm and **Sunday 27th April at 2pm** (both games are in the school holidays)

The commitment is for a couple of hours before the game starts so if you would like you can still attend the games.

If you are able to help with either parking or BBQ please contact the office 9905-4168 or call Annie Tracey 0431-188-821 or Brian Geoghegan our school GA on 0433-254-872. If you are not able to help at the next two games but can later in the year let us know.

This fundraiser is a great opportunity for dads to get involved!

Scripture News

A warm invitation to staff, parents, and friends of Brookvale school to our K – 6 Scripture Easter Celebration to be held in the hall on **Thursday 10th April at 1.50pm**. There will be items from the children to help us understand the significance of these amazing events.

All Scripture groups are very welcome to join us

Community News

Science and Technology after-school program for kids years 1 to 3

In the ever-changing world that we are living in, science and technology play an integral role in almost every aspect of our lives and will play an even greater role in the future. This program aims to prepare today's children for tomorrow's world by teaching them about future technologies as well as important scientific concepts and recent breakthroughs - Robots, Genetics, Virtual Reality, exploring the universe, 3D printing and much more! A new group will start May 12th 5:30-6:15pm for children in years 1 - year 3. Find out more: TechScience.com.au, facebook.com/TechscienceAustralia or email info@techscience.com.au

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FUN DAY
SAT 10th MAY

VENUE: Dee Why Scout Club
Arthur St Dee Why 2099
Time: 9am - 4pm

Fairy-Floss
Face-Painting
Raffles
BBQ
LUCKY ? & DIP
Hair-Braiding
Bouncy-Castle
Cake-Stall

All Money Raised Will Be Donated To bear cottage Childrens Hospice MANLY

proudly supporting bear cottage
an initiative of the children's hospital at westmead

We can't add years to their lives, but we can add life to their years.

BBQ TIME

RAFFLE



Lifeline Saving Lives

Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

BOOK FAIR

Sydney Road & Maretimo Street

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Fri 2 May 4-9pm

Sat 3 May 9am-5pm

Sun 4 May 9am-2pm

Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated. Visa,
MasterCard and EFTPOS accepted.