



Brookvale News

Term 1 Week 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 1

Tuesday 4 th Feb 2:00pm	P&C meeting in the staffroom
Fri 7 th Feb 11:30-1:00	Stage 2 and 3 Sport Program
Weds 12 th Feb 5:00-7:00	Parent Information Night and Welcome BBQ
Fri 14 th Feb	'Library Lovers Day' -wear something red to school!
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 18 th -Thurs 20 th 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

From The Principal

A big warm Brookvale welcome to all our new students and families, and of course, welcome back to our old friends! We have had a smooth start to the year and our 44 new Kindergarten children have settled into the daily routines very well...and what a gorgeous group they are! Ms Kortekaas, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Doyle have been busy carrying out Best Start assessments and classes will be formed by the time you read this newsletter.

Parent Information Night

This will be held on **Wednesday 12th February** beginning at 5:00pm and ending at 7:00pm. This is an important event to attend so that you can meet the teachers; including support staff, and hear about the exciting learning programs and expectations that your child will be following in 2014. It is also a great opportunity to ask any questions, volunteer to help, and get to know other parents.

Class sessions are as follows:

Early Stage 1 (KJ / KM)	5:00-5:30	KM classroom
Stage 1 (1/2J / 1/2LR)	5:30-6:00	1/2LR classroom
Stage 2 (3/4A / 3/4D)	6:00-6:30	3/4D classroom
Stage 3 (5/6 P / 5/6S)	6:30-7:00	5/6S classroom

Mr Jason Smith, our Band Director will be holding an information session about the band program from 5:30-6:00 in 5/6S classroom.



There will be a BBQ from 5:00-7:00 and children will be supervised in the playground (or hall if raining) so that parents can attend the information sessions without distractions. In recent years this has been a free BBQ but as our numbers are expanding, we will be asking you for a donation to help cover costs.

School Fees

There are certain costs associated with school that are not covered by our funding from the Department of Education. These include text books and stationery, excursions and incursions, and special programs such as gymnastics, dance and band. At Brookvale we send home an invoice at the beginning of each term. A 'Voluntary Contribution' is also requested to help cover the extras that enhance your child's experience at school. Term 1 invoices will be sent home this week and prompt payment is appreciated. If you have difficulty meeting the payment, please call in and talk to me confidentially.

Communication

We are a very 'open' school, and we really value the relationships that we build with our families. Please feel comfortable to call in at any time if you have any questions, information we need to know, and most definitely if you have any concerns about your child at school. Get to know your child's class teacher; your child is going to be spending the majority of their waking hours at school, and we know that strong relationships between home and school lead to better outcomes for children!

Brookvale Staff 2014

We welcome four new members of staff this year. They are class teachers, Mrs Jemima McArthur and Ms Rebecca Thomson, teacher of Mandarin, Mrs Mary Zhang, and Teachers' Aide, Mrs Deborah Downes. Mrs Ruby Dunkerley is taking some long service leave this year.

Principal	Mrs Bev Maunder
Assistant Principals	Ms Maria Kortekaas (K-2)
	Miss Skye Surrest (3-6)
Teachers:	KJ – Mrs Jennifer Richardson
	KM – Ms Maria Kortekaas
	1/2J – Mrs Jemima McArthur
	1/2LR – Mrs Louise Kovacs / Ms Rebecca Thomson
	3/4A – Mrs Allison Dixon
	3/4D – Mrs Natalie de Graaf
	5/6P – Mr Nicholas Pye
	5/6S – Miss Skye Surrest
	Teacher Librarian (RFF) – Mrs Annette Murphy-Haste
	Learning Support Teacher – Mrs Vicki Staniforth
	Reading Recovery Teacher – Mrs Vicki Staniforth
	Literacy Support Teacher (K-2) – Mrs Michele Doyle
	Visual Art Teacher (RFF) – Mrs Gillian Hosking
	ESL Teacher – Mrs Sarah Patterson
	Tongan Teacher – Miss Mary Greatz
	Mandarin Teacher – Mrs Mary Zhang
	School Counsellor – Mrs Val Dreghorn
Support Teacher (Hearing) – Ms Lexis Monckton	
Ancillary Staff:	Administration Manager – Mrs Sue Brent
	Administration Assistant – Ms Anne-Marie Bloomfield
	Administration Assistant – Mrs Anna Gigliotti
	Library Assistant – Mrs Nicola Skinstad
	Teachers' Aide – Mrs Anna Gigliotti
	Teachers' Aide – Mrs Leanne Olson
	Teachers' Aide – Mrs Deborah Downes
	Band Director – Mr Jason Smith
	General Assistant – Mr Brian Geoghegan
	Groundsman – Mr Gregory Dunn
	Canteen Manager – Mrs Jackie Cosentino
	Senior Cleaner – Mrs Lourdes Ramirez
Cleaner – Mr Andy Vikram	

Student Safety

Please be mindful of our children's safety by always closing gates behind you, and driving very slowly in the car park. In the next few weeks work will begin on erecting security fencing around the school.

Mandarin Lessons

We are delighted to be able to introduce Mandarin lessons this year for all students from K-6. No previous knowledge of Mandarin is required as the program is designed for students with a wide range of abilities. Research tells us that learning a second language has many benefits, including:

- Enhanced literacy learning in English by developing better understandings of the structure and workings of languages
- Developing skills and strategies for decoding and making meaning from words
- Developing flexibility and competence in dealing with language concepts
- Developing sensitivity to language with a better 'ear' for listening
- A positive effect on a child's intellectual growth and flexibility in thinking
- An appreciation of other people and their culture
- An opportunity to communicate with people from another culture



All classes will be having one lesson per week at a cost of \$3. This amount will be included in the term invoice.

Xin Nian Kuai Le! (Happy New Year!)

Bev Maunder

Assembly Roster

We hold a whole school assembly every Thursday at 2:25pm in the school hall. Our Year 6 leadership team plan and lead the assemblies, supported by Miss Surrent. Parents are most welcome to attend, especially when your child's class are performing an item. Every class is timetabled for one performance during the year. We ask that mobile phones are switched to silent mode and that toddlers are well-supervised by parents.

TERM 1	
Thursday 30 January	No Assembly
Thursday 6 February	Year 6 Leaders' Induction
Thursday 13 February	5/6P class item
Thursday 20 February	Awards Assembly
Thursday 27 February	Student Representative Council (SRC)
Thursday 6 March	Swimming Ribbons
Thursday 13 March	1/2J class item
Thursday 20 March	Awards Assembly
Thursday 27 March	SRC
Thursday 3 April	3/4D class item
Thursday 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. In Week 1 the Lucky Dip winners were:

RESPECT – Yusra Masalkhi

RESPONSIBILITY – Aaron Sosa

PERSONAL BEST – Yusra Masalkhi (It was clearly a very lucky week for Yusra!)

Student Banking

Student banking will commence next **Wednesday 12th February.**

From the Community

Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (25/2 - 25/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-8yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7sessions over 8 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (17/2 - 31/3)

NEW Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 6 wks/2.5hrs (1/4, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.
Chatswood (5/3 - 2/4, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Ticker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 27/2, 6/3 & 13/3 (3 wks/2.5hrs each (7.00-9.30pm))

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (20/2, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (26/2, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums	* Transition to School
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training	* Transition to High School
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep	* Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series
* Older Sibling - New Baby	1-12 years & Teens
* Bully Busting	* Dealing with Teen's Back Chat
* Resilient Kids	NEW * Grand Parenting

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"It helped me achieve high results. I like the Writing Factory exercises as it made me use my imagination and was fun"
- student

"It's had a positive effect on all his schoolwork. You are a miracle worker!"
- parent



Book Fair

Ted Blackwood Hall
Cnr Jacksons and Boondah Rd

WARRIEWOOD

Friday 21 February	2pm - 9 pm
Saturday 22 February	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 23 February	9 am - 2 pm

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