



# Brookvale News

Term 1 Week 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
<b>TERM 1</b>	
<b>Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 5:00-7:00</b>	<b>Parent Information Night and Welcome BBQ</b>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>'Library Lovers Day' -wear something red to school!</b>
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:00-12:00</b>	- 'Clean Up Day' - Swimming Carnival
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2:00pm</b>	P&C meeting in the staffroom
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30-12:15</b>	K-2 'Responsible Pet Owners' program
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parent /Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Stage 3 'Interrelate' program
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	Harmony Day – wear something orange to school!
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Stage 3 'Interrelate' program
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2:00pm</b>	- Stage 3 'Interrelate' program - P&C meeting
<b>Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 2:00pm</b>	Cross Country / Sponsored Run
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	K/2 and 3/6 lunchtime discos
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Apr LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>	<b>Grandparents Day / Easter Hat Parade</b>
<b>STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	

## From The Principal

### Parent Information Night and Welcome BBQ

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening from 5:00-7:00pm for our first parent event of the year.

Each class teacher has planned a 30 minute session where they will inform you of everything you need to know to help your child have a happy and successful year.

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.

Teachers will also be in the playground and this is a good opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. There will be a BBQ (gold coin donation) and a raffle with some fabulous prizes.

As you know we welcome and highly value parental involvement in school life and we will be asking for volunteers in a range of areas. These include:

- Canteen Helpers
- Gardening Club
- Reading Helpers
- Library Helpers
- P&C Membership
- Football Car Parking Helpers (this is our biggest fundraiser)

There will be a P&C information table set up in the playground where you can find out about volunteering.

### Peanuts and Allergies

We have some students who are allergic to peanuts and products containing peanuts. Sometimes even touching or smelling peanut products can trigger a reaction. No school can guarantee that it is completely 'nut-free', but we ask that if possible, students do not bring peanut butter or other peanut products to school.

## Sport Uniform

Sport Uniform should be worn on the following days: K-2 on Wednesdays, 3-6 on Fridays. Occasionally it may be necessary to wear it on an extra day, and if that happens teachers will let you know.

## Chickenpox

We have been informed that one of our senior students has chickenpox. Apparently several cases have been reported on the Northern Beaches recently so please keep an eye on your child for this. Chickenpox often starts with a fever, headache, sore throat, or stomach ache. These symptoms may last for a few days, with fever in the 38.3°- 38.8°C range. Chickenpox causes a red, itchy skin rash that usually appears first on the abdomen or back and face, and then spreads to almost everywhere else on the body.

## Swimming Carnival



Our swimming carnival is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. All students in Years 3-6 will attend, plus any students who are turning eight this year, can confidently swim 25 metres unassisted, and wish to enter the 8yrs races.

## Term Invoices

On Friday your child brought home the Term 1 invoice with information about the programs that will be taking place this term. Please note that the charge for text books and stationery is only made in Term 1. Unfortunately we have to say that payment must be received for students to participate in events and programs that the school is charged for. Arrangements can be made to pay in instalments, please let me know if you would like to do this.

## Mandarin Lessons

Last week we all started to learn the basics of conversational Chinese. It's amazing how quickly the students pick up a second language, seemingly without effort! If there is a reason why you do not want your child to participate in learning Chinese, please let me know. This is an extra-curricular, 'user pays' opportunity and will only be available if fees are paid. The lessons are \$3 a week, \$27 for this term.



## Year 6 Leadership

Last Thursday we held our first whole school assembly of the year. It was the Year 6 Leadership Induction assembly and believe me, we have a very impressive group of young people who are enthusiastic about the opportunities that will be available to them in their final year at primary school. Also impressive was the way our new Kindergarten students participated in their first ever school assembly. They sat beautifully and listened well while the student leaders told us about their roles and responsibilities. Well done!

## Student Information Update Sheets

It is very important that we have up-to-date information and permission slips for all students. If you haven't already done so, please return this green, double-sided form to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

*Bev Maunder*

## Assembly Roster

TERM 1		
Assemblies are held every Thursday in the hall at 2:25pm. Parents and friends are very welcome.		
Week 3	13 February	5/6P class item
Week 4	20 February	Awards Assembly
Week 5	27 February	Student Representative Council (SRC)
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** – Jasmine Peters

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Hefzie Lutfi

**PERSONAL BEST** – Vivian Xu

## Tips and Hints for Parents

### Communicating with your school

While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home.

Watch this video to find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

### Series books to ignite summer reading

Series books can be a great way to get your kids hooked on reading. Reluctant readers and children who struggle with comprehension can also find series books easier to enjoy. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/series-books-to-ignite-summer-re>

### Is your child in a new class without their friends?

At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/new-class-without-their-friends>

### Summer food safety

You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child's lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler. Have a look at more school food tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>

## Introducing Kindergarten 2014

Kindergarten has been so busy learning classroom and school routines. In the classroom we are learning to work together cooperatively in whole class and small groups. We are building new friendships and making good choices about our learning.

Here are some of our learning choices:



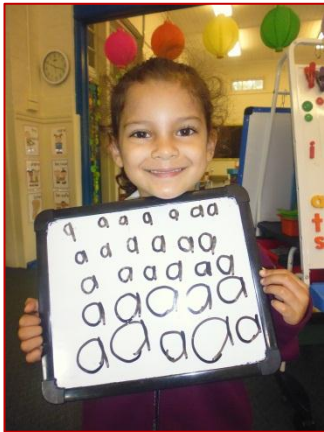
We are getting used to our own classrooms. We start each day together in front of the Smartboard. These are our listening spots.



Our Stage 3 buddies have helped us get used to 'big school'. They have come to visit us in the classroom and take us into the playground at recess and lunch.

THANKYOU BUDDIES! We all think YOU are FANTASTIC!!!

Mrs Richardson and Ms Kortekaas are teaching us how to work together in small groups.



Literacy: handwriting



Literacy: Speaking & Listening



Mathematics: Numeracy groups



## Library News

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to those returning! We have some exciting events coming up for the library including **Library Lovers' Day on February 14th**. Here is a great Library Lovers' competition:

**How many of Australia's top 100 children's books (2012-2013) have you read?**

**Check them out in the table below** (I have jumbled them up) and the list is on the library door. Take home a list and tick them off.

**There is a prize** for the student who has read more of these books than any other (**Open to Years 5 and 6**).

Prize for the correct guess i.e. Can you guess the top two most read over the past year? (**Open to Years 3 and 4**).

Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2, can you guess the most popular book? **There is a prize.**

Students in years K-4 - **ASK YOUR PARENTS! ASK BROTHERS AND SISTERS! TALK TO THEM ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE CHILDREN'S BOOK!**

Teachers and parents prize also!

*Mrs Murphy-Haste*

Teacher Librarian

Window	Hattie and the Fox	Dragonkeeper	The Best Pet
The Secret Garden	Girl Underground	Cavern of the Fear	Queen of the Universe
Animalia	The Forests of Silence	City of the Rats	Arthur
Rowan of Rin	The Rabbits	Time for Bed	Looking for Alibrandi
The Cabbage Patch Fib	Finders Keepers	Space Demons	Dread Mountain
Just Crazy!	The Paw Thing	Edward the Emu	Just Stupid
The Lake of Tears	Once	Boy Overboard	Truck Dogs
Who Sank the Boat?	The Shifting Sands	Belonging	Our Granny
Shoes from Grandpa	Wombat Stew	Blueback	Unseen
Tomorrow, When the War Began	Unbearable! More Bizarre Stories	Unreal! Eight Surprising Stories	Lockie Leonard, Human Torpedo
Boss of the Pool	Round the Twist	Lester and Clyde	Just Shocking!
Two Weeks with the Queen	Sebastian Lives in a Hat	There's a Sea in my Bedroom	Quirky Tails: More Oddball Stories
Playing Beatie Bow	The Burnt Stick	Hitler's Daughter	Mutt Dog
Misery Guts	A Year on our Farm	The Maze of the Beast	Elephant's Lunch
Uncanny! Even More Surprising Stories	Who am I? The Diary of Mary Talence	Uncovered! Weird, Weird Stories,	John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat
Hating Alison Ashley	Koala Lou	Pigs and Honey	The Monster Fish
Blabber Mouth	Just Tricking	The Eleventh Hour	My Girragundji
Wombat Divine	Penny Pollard's Diary	The Valley of the Lost	Someone Like Me
Possum Magic	Toad Rage	Dog Star	Shadowgate
Just Disgusting	Too Loud Lily	The Key to Rondo	Dragon's Nest
Where the Forest Meets the Sea	How the Birds got their Colours	Enora and the Black Crane	Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal
When the Snake Bites the Sun	Rowan and the Travellers	The Wind in the Willows	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge
I Want Earrings!	Return to Deltora	Rowan and the Zebak	Jade McKade
Just Annoying	The Isle of Illusion	The Barrumbi Kids	Fuzz the Famous Fly
Unbelievable! More Surprising Stories	Undone! More Mad Endings	Unmentionable! More Amazing Stories	Wombat Divine

### Keyboard lessons at school



Come and join us learning keyboard at lunchtime!

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Please email queries to Barbara on bsayce@gmail.com.

## Enliven in the evening

As the sun goes down, the fun starts up

### Outdoor cinema

15 February 2014, 8pm  
Village Park, Mona Vale

Showing  
**FREE**  
"Life of Pi"

Bring along a rug and picnic  
(alcohol permitted until 10pm)



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